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Promoting health a Saturday affair

Many people took advantage of Saturday's Health Fair at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Police warn of possible phone scam

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is asking area residents to keep their eyes and especially their ears open for a possible scam infiltrating the area.

On Friday, the police department received a phone call from a resident reporting a suspicious call.

"He received a call from some-

"What bothers me, is people are so generous and give with heartfelt intent of helping, but they don't often check into the details."

Sgt. Roger Sweatt



one claiming to be raising funds for the police department," said Big Spring Police spokesperson

Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "When he began to question the caller for information like where he was

located and to send the information through the mail, the caller quickly hung up."

Sweatt said the police department is not associated with any fund-raiser at this time and especially one which uses phone solicitations.

"We hear about these phone scams two or three times a year,"

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MASTER THE MOUNTAIN



Richard Sorenson of Big Spring stretches before the annual Master the Mountain Fun Walk and Run Saturday morning while his daughter, Naggy observes. Around 40 people attended the Scenic Mountain Medical Center-sponsored event held at the Big Spring State Park.

Runners, walkers enjoy annual jaunt in Big Spring State Park

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Breezy, mild weather welcomed runners and walkers Saturday morning as they attempted to Master the Mountain.

"We're really pleased with the

turnout and especially with the weather," said Big Spring State Park Manager Ron Alton, organizer of the annual Master the Mountain Fun Walk and Run. "For so many years, we've had cold and rainy weather. It's been a while since the weather has been this nice."

Around 40 people participated in the annual event, sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Some came for the competition, some for the challenge. Others came to enjoy the view

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Time to do some fishin'

After 39 years, Adams is retiring from BSISD; Neel will replace him

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A long-time Big Spring educator and administrator tendered his resignation Friday, ending a 39-year career in the field.

"The school business in Big Spring has been good for 39 years,"

said Tom Adams, principal over the Big Spring Independent School District's Alternative Education Program.

"I've worked with a lot of people like

Bill McQueary, Murray Murphy, Emmett McKenzie, Sam Anderson."

"I started at Goliad Junior High with S.A. Walker, started coaching there. From there I moved to the high school. I have taught some great kids over the years. Coached with some great people like Spike Dykes, Clovis Hale, Todd Burris. I've worked with some outstanding people."

Teaching seems to be in the blood of Adams and his wife, Karen, a Kentwood Elementary first grade teacher who will retiring in June after 36 years.

"My mother was a teacher in

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Tom Adams has tendered his resignation, marking the end of a 39-year career in education.

Fund-raiser Sunday to help send youth to MDA camp

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

A fund-raiser set in Big Spring on Sunday is being held for a single purpose — to help a whole lot of children go to camp this summer.

Youngsters and adults alike are invited to Skateland to enjoy some skating and fun while helping campers attend the Ceta Canyon Summer MDA Camp. Some 40 to 60 youth with muscular dystrophy are planning to attend the camp June 6-11.

"It's a time to just go and be kids. They get to do a lot of things that they never get to do in their normal day-to-day lives."



Barry Barnett coordinator

The fund-raiser, put together by local MDA Telethon coordinator Barry Barnett and his family,

will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The fee to attend is \$4 per person.

"We'll have door prizes, a silent auction, a 50-50 drawing and other things. We've got some really nice prizes," said Barnett.

Items include gift certificates for food, clothing, videos and games; a wrought iron cross; beauty supplies; limited-time health club memberships; massages; and a whole lot more.

"There are lots of items adults would like," Barnett stressed.

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday at Skateland

Half of the funds raised Sunday will go to the camp for supplies and awards while the other half is distributed among the camp's unit leaders to spend on items for the campers.

"All the money that goes in the

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Dewhurst says he wants immediate tax relief

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Friday he wants to give Texans immediate and significant property tax relief. Gov. Rick Perry's proposal to fix the state's troubled school system offers a more gradual tax decrease.

"We want as much local property tax relief as we can reasonably get for our homeowners and our businesses today," Dewhurst told The Associated Press, noting

that senators would be willing to negotiate. "And we want the assurance of it, not a wish for it at a later time."

Legislators will begin a special session on Tuesday to address the public school finance system. Leaders want to eliminate the so-called Robin Hood system of paying for schools, while reducing local property taxes and increasing the state's share of funding.

Dewhurst, a Republican, said

most senators still want a 50 percent property tax decrease, similar to one passed by Senate last year but rejected by the House.

Perry's plan, which he'll introduce to lawmakers Monday, offers homeowners an immediate 17 percent property tax reduction. The rate would be gradually "bought down" with future state budget surpluses until rates are cut by 50 percent.

"I'm not opposed to anything,"

Dewhurst said. "What I'm simply saying is I think the Senate remains consistent in wanting to see significant local property tax (reductions) today."

Dewhurst declined to critique specifics of Perry's plan, saying only "I don't want to negotiate against myself."

Dewhurst said senators are united behind the principles of

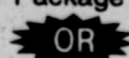
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Burkett for about 40 years," Adams said. "My wife's parents were both in the school business. We've been involved in school districts all our lives."

And that love has passed down to two of their children, daughter Shauna, who teaches at Coahoma Elementary and son Shay, a coach in Copperas Cove. The couple also have a third child, son, Matt, a mechanical engineer in Houston.

After his retirement is official, Adams said he plans to spend more time on his ranch, to hunt and fish and enjoy his grandchildren.

As he looked back on his journey, Adams said he has no regrets of his time spent at BSISD and in teaching.

"Seeing the kids being successful, the kids that learn, the kids you save that you think aren't going to make it, but you see them make it through, the parent that walks in with his or her kid and tells you how much they appreciate what you did many years ago — those

are many examples that has made this an enjoyable experience," he said.

On Friday, Superintendent Michael Downes announced another long-time BSISD employee will fill the void left by Adams.

Big Spring Junior High School Principal Ben Neel has been selected as the new AEP principal and textbook coordinator for the district.

"We're excited that Ben is taking over AEP," Downes said. "One thing we all know about Ben is that he cares and he has a big heart. He cares for kids and the students we



NEEL

Neel, who has served as the junior high principal for the past two years, will take over the position sometime in June, Downes said.

"I am very fortunate to be surrounded by an outstanding group of teachers and co-workers at the junior high school," Neel

said. "It's been a wonderful experience. I've made many friends, and I've even taught some of them."

BSISD will begin taking applications for the junior high school principal's position on Monday, Downes said, and added the focus will primarily be on candidates with campus administrative experience.

"We'll probably leave it open for about three or four weeks," Downes said. "We expect to have some very good applicants for the job."

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Milton Thomas "M.T." Johnson, 87 died Wednesday. Graveside Services were at 10:30 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Julian Bustamante, 82, died Friday. Vigil Service will be at 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Army Staff Sgt. Olivarez returning home from from Iraq on Wednesday

Army Staff Sgt. Jamie Olivarez, son of Freddy and Amy Olivarez of Big Spring, will be returning home from Iraq on Wednesday.



OLIVAREZ

Olivarez graduated from Big Spring High School and joined the service in 1996. He is a section sergeant for an infantry mortar platoon stationed out of Ft. Riley, Kan. He was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to the northwest town of Kadymia, Baghdad for 364 days.

He and his wife, DaniBelle, have two daughters, Yzabele, 5, and Jisele, 2.

MDA

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door Sunday, all of the donations, will all go to the camp and the kids," Barnett said.

"We'd like everyone to come. The snack bar will be open and it should be a lot of fun. This is a great camp."

Barnett should know. For years, the former Harley Owners Group president, has led a gathering of motorcycle riders to the camp south of Amarillo on visitor's day. Ever since that first year, he's helped raise funds for items such as camp T-shirts for the children who attend from all over Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

"It's a wonderful time for them," said Barnett. "It's a time to just go and be kids. They get to do a lot of things that they never get to do in their normal day-to-day lives. Plus, they are not treated

as 'special' because all the other kids are the same as them."

Barnett's passion for helping the MDA camp has spread to his children. This will be daughter Tiffany's ninth year to help, first as an attendant, then a unit leader and then a senior counselor. Joshua will be going back for his fifth year — his first as a senior counselor. And Ashley will be helping as an attendant now that she has turned 16.

"She's real excited. She's been helping for several years now, but this is the first time that she's old enough to be an attendant," Barnett said. Skateland is located at 2908 W. Eighth.

Anyone who has a child that might be eligible to be a camper at Ceta Canyon Summer MDA Camp is asked to call the Lubbock MDA at 1 800 793-5632. Anyone interested in volunteering as a camp attendant may call Tiffany at 432 263-6855.

SCAM

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Sweatt said. "It varies. Sometimes we'll get six to eight reports and sometimes only one to two."

Sweatt warns residents to be cautious of any phone solicitations, particularly those whose numbers come up on the caller ID as out of the area.

"Some will say all the money stays in Big Spring or Howard County but the person could be calling from Dallas or

somewhere else, so if your caller ID comes up with a number out of the area, that could be a red light."

Unfortunately, Sweatt said, phone scams are an under-reported crime.

"Some people are embarrassed because they felt they should have seen through something like this, but these guys are good," he said. "They make their living convincing people to do things they wouldn't normally do."

"What bothers me is, people are so generous

and give with heartfelt intent of helping, but they don't often check into the details," Sweatt said. "Sometimes the money doesn't go to the organization but to the guy on the other end of the phone."

To report a suspicious call, contact the police department at 264-2550.

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Rabies clinic slated for Sunday

Western Hills Animal Clinic and Debra Hill, DVM, are sponsoring a rabies clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Forsan Fire Station on

Main Street. Prices will be: rabies, \$6; booster, \$10; bordetella, \$10; parvo, \$8; DM, \$5; Feline cvr, \$10; and feline cvr and leukemia, \$18.

JH report card pick-up Tuesday

Big Spring Junior High early report card pick-up night will be Tuesday, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

Atmos Energy
needs a lesson
in being honest

It seems that the more things change these days, the more they stay the same. And that seems especially true when it comes to the way in which public utilities seek rate increases in the wake of Atmos Energy's most recent bid for a 7 percent increase.

For some reason, it seems that these businesses that our communities give a virtual monopoly to find it impossible to be "up front" in their dealings with the public.

They always ask for an increase apparently expecting the communities they serve to oppose the proposed hike and wind up settling for less.

Such was the case with Atmos' most recent rate hike request.

Instead of a 7 percent increase, Atmos will get a little less than half that amount — a 2.93 percent rate hike.

The compromise came as a result of negotiations between Atmos and a coalition of more than 60 West Texas cities, aided by a consultant, that began in September of 2003. Lubbock and Amarillo settled their rate cases outside of the coalition for 54 percent of Atmos Energy's original request, or a 3.78 percent increase. In January, the coalition members, including Big Spring, declined that settlement.

While city officials admitted being pleased the coalition was able to get a better price, they said they wished this weren't the normal procedure in the future, because such efforts come with a hefty price tag.

Indeed, we must agree with Mayor Russ McEwen and City Manager Gary Fuqua that it would have been best for all concerned if Atmos had come to the cities it served with a reasonable request in the first place.

Instead, Atmos and each of the communities that joined the coalition had to spend a great deal of time, energy and money before they could agree on much smaller increases.

To our way of thinking, McEwen was correct when he opined that Atmos' tactics are simply "not a good way to do business."

It cost the coalition's member cities \$100,000 to hire a consultant to help weed through Atmos' request and arrive at an acceptable rate — \$100,000 that our community and others in West Texas could have better spent on water lines, streets and other services.

Our city fathers should be commended for going the extra mile to keep our gas rates within reason.

But Atmos, we believe, owes each of the communities it serves an apology and a solemn vow it will conduct its business much more honestly in the future.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Working for you, Lord, is the best work there is.

Amen

Flexibility is no a pejorative word

My, what a full plate we have here as a result of President Bush's primetime press conference. Most importantly, the president believes in freedom. Also, we are trying to change the world (did we sign up for that? did the rest of the world? I thought we were trying to catch terrorists). And glorious news: We may yet find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Someone unearthed 50 pounds of mustard gas on a turkey farm. Oh, and another thing, some of the president's critics say "brown-skinned people" can't create democracies.

Who are those dreadful critics? They're in the famous category of "some." Just like the Republican National Committee ad that says, "Some are attacking the president for attacking the terrorists." Oh, those awful "some."

There are always moments of cognitive dissonance in listening to President Bush, when you realize that what he is saying simply does not accord with any known version of reality. By way of good news, he proudly bragged that "we" created the Department of Homeland Security — that would be the department whose creation he opposed all those months. Also, he is looking forward to the report of the 9-11 Commission — that would be the same commission he so vigorously opposed for all those months.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, the administration has announced its intention to make John Negroponte our first ambassador to postwar Iraq, to take up residence in what will be the world's largest embassy after June 30. Negroponte was one of the key figures in the Iran-Contra scandal, the cockeyed plot that sold American arms to Iran and used the money to finance an illegal war in Nicaragua. So, our first ambassador will be a man who

armed Iraq's enemy during that war.

Negroponte speaks no Arabic, he is a specialist in covert operations in Latin America, and he has no Middle East experience aside from the Iran-Contra insanity. He is, however, a bona fide, certified, chicken-fried neo-con. Is anyone else appalled?

I find this appointment terrifying, and it leaves me afraid the administration is contemplating something I have heretofore dismissed as a loony-left conspiracy theory. Could it possibly consider handing over Iraqi sovereignty on June 30 to any combination of Iraqis that includes Ahmad Chalabi? Chalabi is the convicted crook, demonstrated liar, purveyor of false intelligence and con man who so charmed Dick Cheney and the other neo-con hawks that they still half-believe him. He is now on the Iraqi Governing Council, earning an enviable reputation for corruption.

On the matter of Bush's chronic inability to admit mistakes (we have a crude expression for this in Texas that was used about Bush years before he became president), I think he and Rove are making a mistake-mistake. I've never thought apologizing for errors was a mistake (I make them with some regularity myself). Former New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia's most famous line is probably, "When I make a mistake, it's a beaut." Janet Reno didn't sound weak when she said, "I take responsibility" for the longstanding communications failures with the FBI. The FBI sounds like Dysfunction City, by the way.

Meanwhile, over at the 9-11 Commission, you may recall there was a difference of opinion between former Clinton honchos and the CIA as to whether Clinton had issued an order to kill Osama bin Laden or merely capture him. Lo and behold, what should turn up in the Clinton documents that were being withheld by the Bush White House but the very order to assassinate bin Laden. Perhaps the most impressive witness this week was the former director of

the CIA's counterterrorism section, Cofer Black, clearly a spook's spook. You could tell he was furious when he said quietly, "We didn't have enough people to do the job, and we didn't have enough money, by magnitudes."

I think this is where the disconnect between Bush's strategy and reality is the most critical. He has been led astray by his own rhetoric about the war on terrorism: War is conducted by the military — ergo, send in the Marines. Actually, fighting terrorism is closer to a cross between a criminal investigation and traditional spook work. What we need most is good intelligence married to good detective work married to undercover penetration and then precise military strikes. We also need, most critically, international cooperation, which is precisely what has been damaged by Bush's contemptuous treatment of our allies.

One trouble with Bush's "stay the course" rhetoric — he never changes his mind, he never backs down, what a macho guy he is, etc. — is that he does change his mind, often. (why do you think Condi Rice testified?), but you can't tell if he realizes it.

Maybe he thinks rigidity is reassuring, but anyone who doesn't change strategy when the facts change on the ground is going to wind up toast. Flexibility is not a pejorative word, whereas the neo-con ideological fixations are a real handicap.

As long as we're playing the blame game, the Republican Congress might want to step up to the responsibility plate. It spent more time in the '90s trying to bring down Bill Clinton than trying to bring down Osama bin Laden. Cofer Black sure could have used the \$64 million Ken Starr spent investigating Whitewater.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I was saddened and dismayed watching the ABC Primetime investigative report on Thursday, April 8. As a concerned citizen, I was distressed by the reports of inadequate care for our veterans at a few Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

There is no excuse for the poor treatment of these veterans and the untimely deaths of veterans cannot be tolerated under any circumstances. VA health care professionals who ignore their duties and responsibilities, or act to the detriment of veterans should not be allowed to remain a part of the VA health care system.

I condemn the poor treatment of these veterans. It was gratifying, however, to learn from the program that the VA had corrected these discrepancies long before this program was broadcast.

I also was dismayed that Primetime chose to indict the VA's outstanding health care system based on three isolated medical centers. Primetime failed to report the outstanding service given to nearly all of our veterans in highly professional and creditable VA medical centers.

I agree that the VA health care system has been chronically underfunded for decades and annually receives less than needed to sustain current levels of health care services. That is the major reason why the DAV and all major veterans service organizations support legislation before Congress calling for mandatory funding for VA health care, rather than relying on the discretion of Congress and the Administration to provide adequate funding.

Overall, the VA health care system is the finest in America, and easily superior to the health care offered in most private and public hospitals. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) has determined that all VA hospitals exceed its quality standards — the same standards the watchdog agency applies to private health care facilities. In fact, VA hospitals score higher than private facilities on

the JCAHO's quality of care rating scale.

Additionally, results from the 2003 American Customer Satisfaction Index demonstrated that for Inpatient and Outpatient Care Satisfaction, VA bested both the public and private sectors. On a 100-point scale, VA scored 81 for inpatient care satisfaction and 80 for outpatient care satisfaction. These were the third and fourth highest scores in all of government.

What is disturbing about the Primetime program was the examination of only three of 163 VA medical centers and a handful of isolated discrepancies out of more than 8 million patients. The report was tantamount to examining an elephant with a microscope. It is very easy to find discrepancies using only a narrow and isolated view. Primetime effectively ignored the quality health care provided by the entire VA health care system.

ABC News' use of hidden cameras and ruses to obtain access to the three VA medical centers cited in the report shows a macabre and distorted view of VA health care and a presumption that VA would not be forthcoming in interviews. Distorted images and comments by disgruntled VA workers conveyed the impression of criminality within VA health care. The decision to use this method of reporting clearly shows that Primetime producers deliberately wanted and expected to find horrific discrepancies at VA medical centers and deliberately ignored evidence to the contrary.

The facts are that VA health care has dramatically improved and overall ranks among the best in the nation. VA health care professionals are compassionate and provide the best health care to veterans. It was interesting that ABC supported its premise of inadequate care by noting that doctors and nurses sometimes work double and triple shifts. That proves the remarkable dedication of VA health care professionals to offer the best health care for our veterans in the face of inadequate federal funding.

Primetime has done a disservice to our nation's veterans and the

tens of thousands of VA health care providers who diligently care for our veterans.

I would like to express my heartfelt sympathy to the families of those who died or needlessly suffered as a result of these very rare cases of poor VA health care. It is our hope that their legacy is that the discrepancies they encountered have been corrected, and full and compassionate health care is given to all our veterans. We will also continue to pursue mandatory VA health care funding so that the health care professionals in the VA system have the resources and tools necessary to provide the finest health care our nation has to offer.

PAUL AGUILAR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am an Army veteran. I have visited the hospital in Big Spring and I have received care from the VA Hospital in Dallas.

I know many other veterans who depend on the care they receive from the VA Healthcare System in other locations. My own experience, and that of others I know, has been very positive and my observations while visiting veterans at the hospital in Big Spring indicate that the level of care there is good, too.

Politicians seem to have a habit of forgetting the promises made by our government to those who serve. When a war or conflict is officially ended for them, it is only just beginning for many veterans who will continue to pay the price exacted of them for their devotion to duty and country. Most deserve more than they will ever get from an ungrateful citizenry and government.

How do you replace a limb, an eye, or sanity?

Sadly, it can't be done, but we can keep our commitment to their care until their misery ends.

God bless those few who are willing to sacrifice so much for the freedom and prosperity of so many.

BILL REID
FORNEY

DEWHURST

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the bill they ing the regula session. That would have e sales tax base services.

Dewhurst said he is committed to replacing property taxes with the "the fairest system possible."

One option Dewhurst said are considering reforming the tax to broaden Perry, who Republican, I that any law could harm j ment in Texas.

Perry's includes a m would separa dential and property tax commercial p a statewide re

"To date, I'm a lot of suppo Legislature, b and see if h Monday and change any Dewhurst said

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McKINNEY Police say a confidential led to the arry men in the de people who w McKinney ho a month ago.

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the bill they passed during the regular legislative session. That measure would have expanded the sales tax base to include services.

Dewhurst said he is committed to replacing property taxes with the "the fairest system possible."



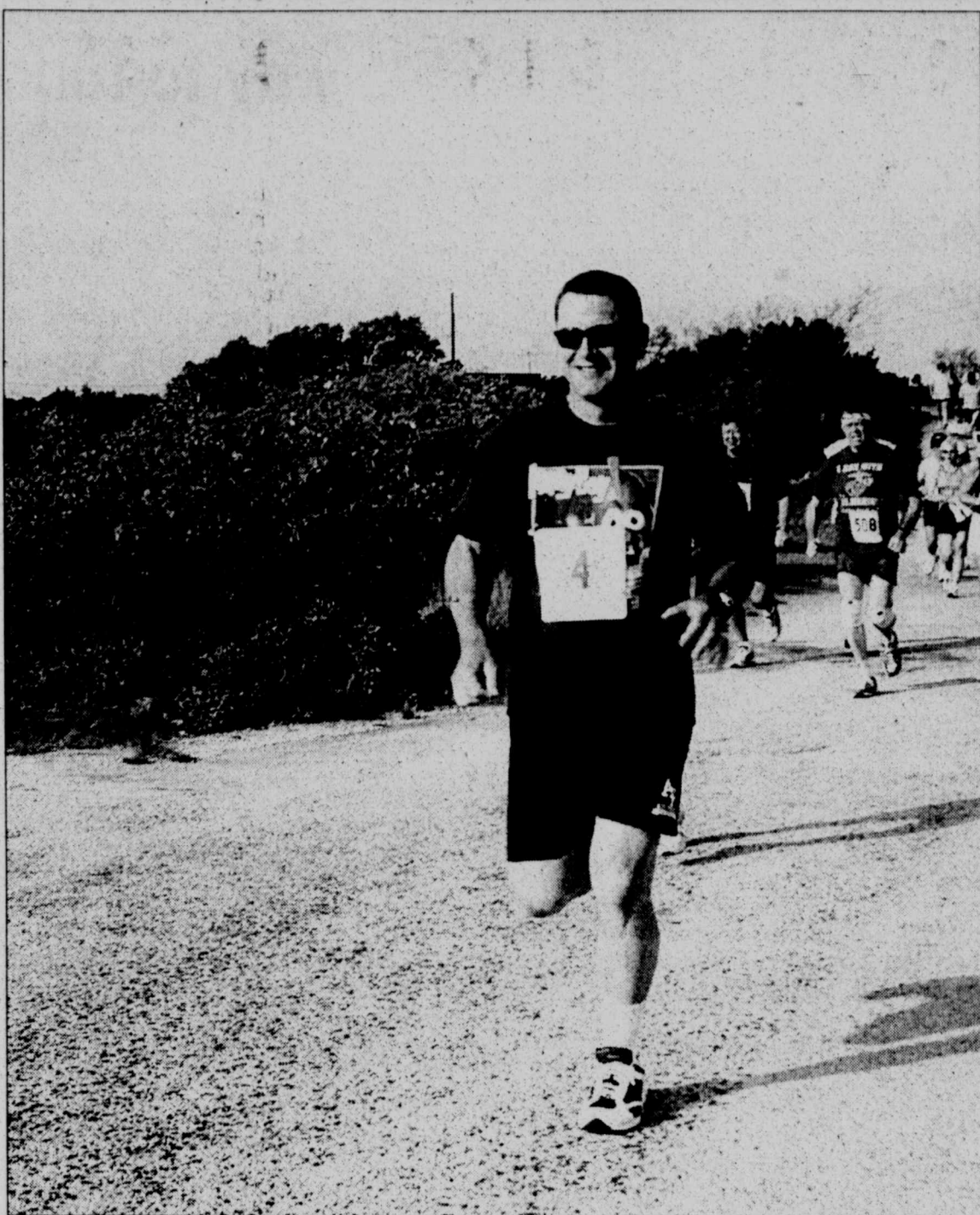
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One option Dewhurst said senators are considering involves reforming the franchise tax to broaden its base. Perry, who also is Republican, has warned that any large tax bill could harm job development in Texas.

Perry's plan also includes a measure that would separate the residential and business property taxes, making commercial property tax a statewide revenue.

"To date, I'm not seeing a lot of support from the Legislature, but let's wait and see if hearings on Monday and Tuesday change any of that," Dewhurst said.

The Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance has scheduled public hearings in the Capitol early next week.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Craig Felty, pastor of Cornerstone Church, heads out on the annual Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk Saturday morning held at the Big Spring State Park.

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from the 200-foot bluff. More came for camaraderie.

And for one Big Spring man, the competition marked another stepping stone to a greater goal.

"This is part of a fitness goal for me," said Craig Felty, pastor of Cornerstone Church. "Last year was the first time I ever ran the Fun Run, and my goal is to get back in shape by the time I turn 50. I turn 50 in

August, so I've got to keep doing this."

A former high school and college track competitor, Richard Sorenson of Big Spring just wanted to see how well he could perform in the competition.

"I ran this a couple of years ago," he said. "They should have more events like this and maybe a track event. It's a good way to stay healthy, and I enjoy the camaraderie."

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Three arrested in quadruple slayings at McKinney home

McKINNEY (AP) — Police say a tip from a confidential informant led to the arrests of three men in the deaths of four people who were shot at a McKinney home just over a month ago.

Rosa Barbosa, 46, her nephew, Mark Barbosa, 25; and a family friend, Austin York, 18, died March 12 at Rosa Barbosa's home, where the shootings occurred. Another family friend, Matthew Self, 17, died at a hospital the next day. All four were shot in the head.

Police Chief Doug Kowalski said at a news conference Friday night that Rosa Barbosa was the initial target in the shooting and the secondary target was Cliff's Check Cashing, where she worked.

Police charged Jecory May, 22, of McKinney; Calvin Walker, 28, of Dallas and James Jones, 33, of McKinney. Each man was charged with four counts of capital murder and was being held on bond of \$4 million.

Police said a confidential informant's tip led them to a home in McKinney. A search of

the home Thursday led to the arrests, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Jones was arrested earlier this week on an unrelated matter and was being held at the Collin County jail when police identified him as a suspect in the slayings. May and Walker were arrested in McKinney on Friday.

Police said one of the suspects gave a voluntary statement that he was involved in the shooting and implicated the others.

The chief would not say which suspect made the statement, but said the statement included details known only to police and participants in the crime, the newspaper reported.

Lori Wilson, Austin York's mother, told Dallas television station WFAA that the arrests were a good first step.

"I need a conviction, and at this point tonight, I need three convictions," she said.

The killings stirred uncertainty and fear in this quaint city of 70,000, where Self and York were members of McKinney North High School's football team. Police said they apparently were at

the wrong place at the wrong time.

Wilson said in Saturday's online edition that she recognized May's name as that of a former McKinney High School football player. May was arrested in 200 on a misdemeanor trespassing charge, the newspaper reported.

Self and York were friends of the Barbosas and played football with Mark Barbosa's younger brothers, Lynard and Alex, who lived nearby with their mother. A second brother, Robert Barbosa, 22, lived at the home where the shootings occurred and found the bodies that night.

According to police records, Rosa Barbosa had been bound and blindfolded with duct tape before she was shot in the head at close range. Police found her body face down on the floor of a back bedroom.

The three other victims were found in a front bedroom.

Self was mortally wounded but still breathing. York's body was found slumped over a bed a few feet away. Across the bed from him was Mark Barbosa.

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Sin taxes: political genius or unstable way to fund schools?

DALLAS (AP) — Sin is a politician's friend.

Politicians know that wrapping a tax around a societal vice — be it smoking, gambling or even topless dancers — is usually an easier sale than an across-the-board tax on everybody's home, income or groceries.

From that standpoint, Gov. Rick Perry's focus on taxing "unhealthy behaviors" as he seeks to fix Texas' school financing system is a brilliant move, experts say.

"Americans always talk about taxes as if they were a kind of sin," said James Morone, a Brown University political scientist. "So for a politician, the way to inoculate yourself is, you find a bigger sinner and you turn it on them."

In a special session that starts Tuesday, lawmakers will debate Perry's plan to eliminate the share-the-wealth system known as Robin Hood, which redistributes property tax revenue from wealthy school districts to poorer districts.

Among Perry's proposals for lowering property taxes: a \$1-per pack increase in the state's

cigarette tax, up from its current 41 cents per pack; a \$5 state tax on admissions to adult entertainment; and the legalization and taxation of video lottery terminals at race tracks and Indian casinos.

In the last few years, many states have looked to "sin" as a salvation for budget woes, from raising taxes on cigarette and alcohol sales to loosening restrictions on gambling. In Utah, lawmakers last year imposed a 10 percent tax on sexually explicit businesses — nicknamed the "topless tax" — to generate money for treatment of sex offenders.

"The electorate simply does not get as up in arms over a sin tax on the whole as it does on a one-tenth of 1 percent increase in the sales tax," said Verenda Smith, spokeswoman for the Federation of Tax Administrators, a Washington-based group of tax and revenue department officials from all 50 states.

Nineteen states increased cigarette taxes last year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. And liquor also has been a frequent target, as in Mississippi, where state

Rep. John Mayo last month said he wasn't proposing anything he wasn't willing to pay himself.

How can government officials condemn certain behaviors while at the same time depend on them to fund important programs?

"You are looking at a confirmed beer drinker," Mayo told a House committee.

Tennessee this year began a state lottery to fund college scholarships and education projects, becoming the 48th state

with some form of legalized gambling. The lone gambling-free zones are Utah and Hawaii.

Texas approved gambling on horse and dog races in the mid-1980s after the oil bust caused a state budget crisis. A state lottery, sold to voters as a boon to education, was passed in 1991 as Texas faced another budget shortfall. The lottery generated roughly \$900 million for Texas schools last fiscal year.

Perry estimates cigarette and tobacco tax increases could generate \$2.4 billion in Texas' two-year budget cycle, and the video lottery tax \$2 billion. The adult entertainment tax would bring in a projected \$90 million.

Overall, Texas spends about \$40 billion, or roughly \$10,000 per student, on K-12 education. State money accounts for about half of that. The rest comes from federal and local sources.

Still, Perry's proposal raises a tricky moral quandary: How can government officials condemn certain behaviors while at the same time depend on them to fund important programs?

"The thing you allegedly want to do with a sin tax is reduce

the activity," said William K. Black, a University of Texas public finance professor who has written about the "twisted morality" of sin taxes. "Of course, if you reduce it too successfully, you cut off your revenue stream. You end up with no money and then your fiscal projections go all to hell."

The unstable nature of sin taxes is what concerns Michael Quinn Sullivan, spokesman for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank based in San Antonio.

"What happens tomorrow if people stop smoking or people stop going to strip clubs?" Sullivan said. "What does that do to education?"

Perry acknowledged that scenario last week while speaking at a middle school in Sugar Land.

"The fact of the matter is I hope people quit smoking. It's a bad behavior," Perry said. "These are fees we are putting on people and they will choose whether or not they are going to smoke, whether or not they are going to use a video lottery terminal."

Man found insane in sister's death now accused in 6-year-old boy's death

BEAUMONT (AP) — A man found not guilty by reason of insanity in the death of his handicapped sister is now facing a capital murder charge in the death of his girlfriend's 6-year-old son, Beaumont police said.

Kenneth Pierott, 27, was arraigned on a capital murder charge Friday in the death of Tre-Deven Odoms. He was being held in the Jefferson County Jail.

Kathy Jo Odoms found her son's body inside an oven Friday morning, Justice of the Peace Paul Brown told The Associated Press. The burners on the stovetop were on, but the oven was not, he said.

The boy had no visible injuries, including burn marks, Brown said. He did not know what caused the boy's death and said he expected to have autopsy results by Monday.

Police removed the oven from the home and took it to their headquarters as evidence.

Odoms told police she woke up around 6:45 a.m. because she was hot and smelled gas. Pierott was pacing around her bedroom and ordered her to go back to sleep, Kathy Scott, Odoms' mother, said in a story in Saturday's Beaumont Enterprise.

Odoms instead went to the kitchen, where she found three stove burners alight, Scott said. She turned them off and went to check on her sons. Her 2-year-old son with Pierott was still asleep, but Tre-Deven, her child from a previous relationship, was missing.

Pierott, who did not live in the house, drove away while Odoms searched for Tre-Deven. She found the boy curled in a fetal position in the oven with his head resting in his hands, Scott said.

Relatives told the newspaper Tre-Deven was a happy kindergartner who loved basketball and crawfish.

Authorities found Pierott at his father's home in the Baytown

area, after they were called to the residence on a complaint that a mental patient wouldn't take his medicine, Jack Hagee with Harris County Constable Precinct 3, told The Enterprise.

The suspect has a long history of mental illness, according to Hagee.

Pierott was arrested on traffic warrants issued by the Baytown police and was later questioned by Beaumont police about the child's death.

Pierott spent six months in state mental hospitals after being found not guilty by reason of insanity in the December 1996 beating death of his 25-year-old sister, who was confined to her bed with severe cerebral palsy.

Court documents obtained by the newspaper show Pierott killed his sister by hitting her in the head with a heavy metal dumbbell. He was found covered in blood and body tissue in a nearby apartment. Police reports said that Pierott told police he had been fighting with the devil and killed his sister because she had been corrupted by evil relatives.

He was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Pierott was sent to

Vernon State Hospital for evaluation in July 1998. Two psychiatrists said he was psychotic and needed to be in a maximum-security hospital, according to court records. One said Pierott was likely to hurt others. He was transferred to Rusk State Hospital and released three months later when doctors said he was safe to release.

Pierott returned to Beaumont, where he was treated locally by

Spindletop Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Court records show Pierott hit Odoms with his hand while he was intoxicated in 2002. Later that year he was ordered to have no contact with her after a family assault episode, the newspaper reported.

But Odoms said she wanted to continue having a relationship with him and to let him freely see their child, according to court documents.

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Sharon disengagement plan published

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon plans to withdraw Israeli troops and settlers from Gaza by the end of 2005, but retain control of the coastal strip's border crossings and airspace, according to details of his "disengagement" plan published for the first time Friday.

Under Sharon's plan, evacuated settlements would not be destroyed — as they were when Israel evacuated the Sinai Peninsula in the 1980s — but Palestinian leaders and militants will not be allowed to live there.

Before Sharon can begin implementing his plan, he must persuade his Likud Party to support it in a May 2 referendum. Polls published Friday showed the plan garnering a slim majority among the 200,000 party members.

The proposal, which also includes an Israeli pullout from four West Bank settlements, received a huge boost this week when President Bush heartily endorsed it in a letter he gave Sharon during a meeting in Washington.

Bush also said Israel could keep some West Bank settlements and would not have to absorb Palestinian refugees in any final peace deal, giving Sharon a political victory on two of the most contentious issues in the conflict.

California OKs workers' comp overhaul

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Handing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger one of the biggest victories of his new political career, the state Legislature approved an

overhaul of California's workers' compensation program, the most expensive in the nation.

The bill passed the House 77-3 and the Senate 33-3. Schwarzenegger is expected to sign it quickly.

California's 91-year-old system has some of the nation's highest insurance premiums for employers and some of the lowest benefits for injured workers.

The bill aims to save employers billions of dollars by setting a higher standard of proof for workers claiming to be injured; requiring employees to use doctors approved by their employers and their insurance companies; and imposing stricter time limits on medical benefits.

Most workers' comp systems are more limited than California's, which covers all industries and all workers, including employees of small businesses and up to 900,000 farmworkers. California also covers many injuries and occupational diseases that other states do not.

Hunt pardoned after 18 years

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A man who served 18 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit has been pardoned by the North Carolina governor and could be eligible for \$360,000 in compensation.

"Finally, my innocence is recognized," Darryl Hunt said Thursday after Gov. Mike Easley issued the pardon.

"For so many years I have been trying to prove my innocence only to be told I was lying and to finally have it official means a lot."

Hunt was twice convicted of the 1984 murder of Deborah Sykes, who was raped and killed as she walked to her job as a copy editor at the now-defunct Winston-Salem Sentinel.

He was freed after 18 years in prison in December when DNA evidence led police to another man, who confessed to the killing and said he acted alone. A judge vacated the charges against Hunt in February.

Easley said in a brief statement that he gave the case "careful, extensive review and consideration."

Hunt's attorneys asked Easley almost eight weeks ago to issue a "pardon of innocence." People receiving a pardon of innocence are allowed to apply to the state Industrial Commission for \$20,000 in compensation for each year they are imprisoned.

Kerry courting the college crowd

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Democrat John Kerry, with rockers Jon Bon Jovi and blink-182 in tow, is courting the college crowd that typically shuns the voting booth, hoping unease about the Iraq war and jobs propels millions of 18-to-24-year-olds to the polls in November.

"We need you to become involved in this race as never before," the presumptive Democratic nominee implored a noisy crowd of more than 5,000 at the University of Pittsburgh Friday.

The rally was Kerry's fifth college appearance in a week and reflected the campaign's sense that a new activism is brewing on campuses nationwide, fueled by opposition to the war, concerns about postgraduate jobs and Republican-led efforts to curtail gay rights and change long-standing environmental rules.

Kerry dedicates his speeches to those issues, as well as college tuition and public service, while bringing along familiar musicians and sports legends. The Boston band Guster played at one event; famed Pittsburgh Steelers running back Franco Harris and Bon Jovi joined Kerry on Friday.

Tape shows American soldier, latest in upsurge of hostage-taking

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An American soldier missing for a week was shown unhurt but clearly frightened in video footage aired on Arab TV, surrounded by masked gunmen who offered to exchange him for imprisoned Iraqi fighters and claimed they had more hostages.

There was no sign of what happened to a soldier who disappeared with 20-year-old Pfc. Keith Maupin after their convoy was attacked April 9 outside Baghdad during a wave of kidnappings blamed on anti-U.S. insurgents.

In Fallujah, west of the capital, Iraqis and U.S. officials held their second day of direct negotiations Saturday aimed at stemming violence in the besieged city. About a dozen representatives of the city met with top U.S. and civilian leaders.

"Things were very quiet in Fallujah last night, which means we are succeeding," said Hashem al-Hasani, a representative of the Iraqi Governing Council who has been mediating between the United States and city representatives.

U.S. commanders moved forces from a key bridge across the Euphrates River that also controls access to the city's hospital.

"There are a lot of risks that we accept by pulling

away from the bridge so it will be a gradual process," said Col. Tom Toolan, commander of the 1st Marine Regiment.

The footage of Maupin, aired Friday, showed him in a floppy desert hat, sitting on the floor and nervously looking around. Men whose head were covered with keffiyeh scarves stood nearby.

"My name is Keith Matthew Maupin. I am a soldier from the 1st Division," he said, looking into the camera. "I am married with a 10-month-old son. I came to liberate Iraq, but I did not come willingly because I wanted to stay with my child."

The footage was aired during a day that saw several important Iraq developments.

In Washington, President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, lead allies in the coalition that ousted Saddam Hussein, endorsed giving the United Nations broad control over Iraq's political future.

In the video of Maupin, one of the gunmen was heard saying: "We are keeping him to be exchanged for some of the prisoners captured by the occupation forces."

"Some of our groups managed to capture one of the American soldiers, and he is one of many others. He is being treat-

ed according to the treatment of prisoners in the Islamic religion and he is in good health," the gunman said on the tape, a copy of which was dropped off at the U.S. Embassy in Doha, Qatar.

Coalition Provisional Authority spokesman Dan Senor said there would be no negotiation with the insurgents about releasing hostages.

Maupin, of Batavia, Ohio, went missing with Sgt. Elmer C. Krause, 40, of Greensboro, N.C., after their convoy was attacked.

They are assigned to the Army Reserve's 724th Transportation Company, based at Bartonville, Ill., and Krause's fate was unknown.

Maupin was the first U.S. serviceman and second American confirmed kidnapped in a recent wave of abductions in Iraq.

Two Japanese were freed Saturday after three days, Japan's Foreign Ministry said. But the capture of the human rights worker and freelance journalist had never been officially confirmed.

Seven private U.S. contractors also disappeared after the convoy attack, including Thomas Hamill, a 43-year-old truck driver from Mississippi, the only other American known to have been captured.



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Club News

West Texas Pachyderm Club

The West Texas Republican Club completed affiliation with the National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs and will hereafter be known as West Texas Pachyderm Club.

In its first official meeting, President Scott McLaughlin announced that 29 entered as charter members of the reorganized group.

Affiliation with the larger group offers a greater political voice to West Texans and many resources to strengthen the foundation of the Republican Party in Howard and Glasscock counties.

West Texas Pachyderms will continue to meet at noon on the last Thursday of each month in the Big Spring Country Club and lunch is available if desired. All meetings are open to the public and interested persons are always welcome. Many informative speakers and programs are being planned for the remainder of the political year.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Ana Jones will present a program titled "Trivia Fun." All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Mary Jane Club

Mary Jane Club met April 8, 2004, for a luncheon in the home of Lucy Griffith with Frances Mason serving as co-hostess.

Twelve members and one guest, Blanche Wilmeth, were present for the business meeting and the election of officers for 2004-2005. Guest speaker was Logan Churchwell, who represented West Texas in February for Defense, Diplomacy and Intelligence at the National Leadership

Forum in Washington D.C. Logan spoke of his many learning experiences while in the Capitol and of his continuing respect of our country's president, military and leaders of government.

There were 300 students participating from the United States who were chosen by their campus and school administration for the National Leadership Forum.

Logan is a junior at Big Spring High School and will represent the Permian Basin and Panhandle area at the National Meet for Forsenic in Student Senate which will be in Salt Lake City, Utah, in June.

The next meeting is set for May 13, which will be the annual spring luncheon.

TOPS No. 21

Take Pounds Off Sensible (TOPS) No. 21 had two new members enrolled when they met April 12 at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third. Co-leader Genay Bertran called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer, followed by the TOPS pledge and fellowship song.

Gladys Russell read the minutes, and Olnee Menges called the roll. Members answered with their loss or gain for the week. Best loser of TOPS was Genay Bertran and the KOPS best loser was Lynne Criswell.

Linda Schmidt presented a program on the importance of eating regular, balanced meals, and not skipping meals. Anyone interested in TOPS, a non-profit, weight-loss support group, may call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information.

Caregiver seminar set

The Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will sponsor "Caregiving: Solutions, Support and Relief" Monday from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma.

This seminar will address needs and concerns family caregivers face. There is no doubt that caring for an aging, frail or disabled love one can be stressful, exhausting and often times overwhelming.

It is estimated that 74 percent of family caregivers are between 40 and 65 years of age, and 32 percent report having their own health problems.

Family relationships will be changed forever. There are, however, rewards that may be hard to see, especially when you are in the thrust of providing direct care, working through the maze of medical bills, dealing with challenges of handling complex legal documents, managing finances, attending medical appointments and looking for community resources to help. This seminar will provide available solutions to many of these concerns, support unpaid family caregivers and offer options for relief that give caregivers a break from their caregiving responsibilities. This seminar is free to the public, and is funded through the Texas Department of Aging.

Parents Who Care - Juniors

Parents Who Care, an organization of Big Spring High School junior class's parents dedicated to providing a safe and memorable prom for 2004, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the high school library. All junior's parents are encouraged to attend. Contact Teresa Warrington at 267-7884 or Varonda Vasser at 263-0497 for more information.

Parents Who Care - Seniors

Seniors' parents meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school library. Seniors' parents are responsible for the after-prom party. For more information contact Prissy Stanley at 263-1513 or 263-1238 or Varonda Vasser at 263-0497.

Cauble School reunion

The Cauble School reunion is set for 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, at the Spanish Inn Restaurant, 200 NW Third. The Toro Room has been reserved for the Dutch treat luncheon. Members are encouraged to bring photographs and other school memorabilia to share. Contact Ray and Sue Russell at (432) 398-5452 or Betty Findley at 267-8318 for more information.

Friends of the Library

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library was held April 15 at the

Howard County Library. Treasurer Sherri Anthony gave the monthly report. The summer meeting schedule was discussed. Consensus was to have no meetings in May or June.

A decision was made in prior meetings to offer some donated books for sale online. Gloria Hopkins has begun the data entry stage of this process.

Doris Huijbregtse, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's recommendations, which were unanimously approved. Officers for the coming year are Sherri Anthony, treasurer; Linda Holmes, secretary; Jean Rountree,

vice president; Jo Ann Staulcup, president.

Work is in progress on the FOL display for the Festival of Lights.

The FOL received thank you notes for a recent memorial donation.

Discussion of the Friends' participation in the Trash Off generated several suggestions for the future. Annual memberships expire this month; dues for the coming year may be given to Sherri Anthony, Treasurer.

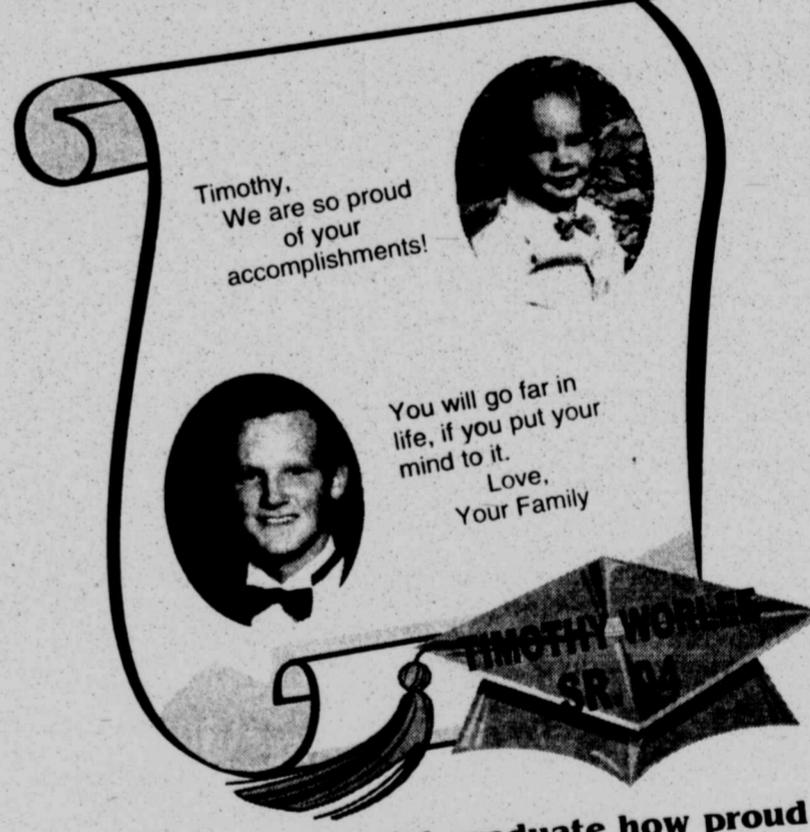
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TUESDAY — Spaghetti/meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, garlic bread, fruit-ed gelatin.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken & dumplings, peas & carrots, salad, milk, pie.
THURSDAY — Bar-b-q, sandwiches, potato salad, beans, milk, cobbler.
FRIDAY — Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cereal, Poptart, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Eggs, toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Corn dogs, pork & beans, pears, milk.
TUESDAY — BBQ sandwich, chips, corn, peach cobbler, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Tamale pie, salad, pineapple slices, milk.
THURSDAY — Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, orange smiles, crackers, milk.
FRIDAY — Chicken stir fry, egg rolls, rice, apricots, milk.

SANDS CISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Breakfast pocket
TUESDAY — Potato & egg burritos
WEDNESDAY — Rice pudding, toast
THURSDAY — Cereal
FRIDAY — Poptart
LUNCH
MONDAY — Corndogs, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans,

cake, milk.
TUESDAY — Chicken strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Tacos, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, bananas, milk.
THURSDAY — Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, jello, milk.
FRIDAY — Pizza, salad, pork & beans, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Waffles, sausage, syrup, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, sausage, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Pancakes, sausage on stick, juice, syrup, milk.
FRIDAY — Donuts, sausage, fruit, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Spaghetti (BBQ beef on bun), corn, fruit, bread, milk.
TUESDAY — Canoe dogs, baked beans, baby carrots, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, yogurt cups, milk.
THURSDAY — Cheeseburger pockets (corndogs), tater tots, oranges, milk.
FRIDAY — Pizza, salad, peaches, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD
MONDAY — Sausage wrap, fresh veggie medley, new potatoes, grapes.
TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, wheat roll.
WEDNESDAY — Mexican jambayla, salad, corn, orange wedges.
THURSDAY — Oven fried chicken, mac & cheese, mixed fruit, peaches, roll.
FRIDAY — Steak sandwich, salad, potato rounds, baby car-

rots, rainbow bar.
NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
MONDAY — Bologna sandwich, macaroni salad, macaron cookies, apple juice.
TUESDAY — Fish sticks, French fries, green beans, apple juice.
WEDNESDAY — Sloppy joes, salad & dressing, pineapple jello, pineapple bits, fruit punch.
THURSDAY — Mini pizza, salad & dressing, peaches, lemonade.
FRIDAY — Grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, jello w/fruit, lemonade.

STANTON ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Scrambled eggs, hash browns, buttered toast, cereal, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Biscuit, sausage, cheese omelet, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Breakfast burrito, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, hamburger salad, peaches.
TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, pears, hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY — Pepperoni pizza, pizza cheese sticks, carrots, garden salad, fruit cocktail.
THURSDAY — Chicken fajita or beef tamale, pinto beans, salad, pineapple, cornbread.
FRIDAY — Steak fingers or chicken patty on bun, potato puffs, sandwich salad, orange slices, French bread

Dear Prudie says...

Dear Prudence: I am a 17-year-old female high-school student. A teacher recently told me he has a crush on me. He is 10 years older, and I think he's having trouble with his marriage and wants attention. His class is my favorite subject, and while I previously enjoyed discussing the subject with him outside of class, I now feel as if my comfort as a student has been compromised. I told one trusted friend about the situation, one who will not gossip but will tell an authority figure if anything happens to me. I have stopped talking to the teacher outside of class, even though I wish I could discuss the subject because it interests me so much. But what to do now? Should I tell someone else? The teacher has not mentioned it since and has not hit on me. I realize that teachers are human beings, but I think he was in the wrong for telling me how he felt. Thanks for any advice you can give me; I'm still just a little startled by it all. — Uncomfortable
Dear Un: This man seriously stepped over the line. That he hasn't repeated his ill-conceived declaration means that he realizes he's done some-



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thing wrong. You are correct that you should not engage with him outside of class, no matter how "interesting" you find the subject. There is no need to tell anyone else right now, but should he make his feelings known to you again, then you tell him he's way out of line... at which point you tell an adult at school. If you think he has transferred his attentions to another girl, then you should tell an adult NOW. Although you might fear getting him in trouble, he is clearly in the wrong and deserves no protection. — Prudie, traditionally
Dear Prudie: I would like to get your opinion on lap dances. I am in a long-term, committed relationship with a wonderful, giving, extremely loving man. Recently, a friend bought him a lap dance on guy's night out before a wedding. He doesn't particularly like strip clubs and doesn't frequent them, but we are in disagreement about the harm a lap dance does to a relationship. He doesn't see it as a problem when it's not a regular occurrence and it never goes any further; but from my side (maybe naive), I never thought that a man who was crazy about me would get a lap dance. Am I being a prude? And where did this tradition of strippers at bachelor parties start in the first place? What's the deal with celebrating finding your soulmate by

getting a naked girl to sit on your lap? — Strait-Laced or Normal?
Dear Strait: Happily, Prudie didn't need to HAVE an opinion about lap dances until recently. Then the letters started to come. Let's put it this way: Your wonderful, giving, extremely loving man might not permit a lap dance to lead to anything else, but Prudie's (admittedly) female point of view is that first-rate men in committed relationships do not offer their laps — or anything else — to strange naked ladies in bars or "clubs." It is no less a sexual encounter just because there is fabric between them — maybe. (And the activity isn't "dancing," either.)
Regarding the origin of bachelor parties, one would assume the custom began when male friends of the groom decided to celebrate his last night of "freedom." It most likely evolved from a men-only party to sanctioned fooling around when society's mores loosened up. Prudie remembers when a girl jumping out of a cake was considered risque. Now it seems quaint. — Prudie, conservatively
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Mercury's retrograde status continues to create interesting obstacles, specifically in the path to clear communication. And it's wonderful in the long view. After all, David was just another little guy with a slingshot until Goliath put him on map. The Aries moon gives you an extra dose of the courage needed to face your own mean ol' giant.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's no mystery why you're popular at home now. You've nurtured a loving relationship, and now, you are rewarded with devoted loyalty. A family member makes questionable choices. Tonight is an exercise in tolerance.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Building relationship bonds simply can't happen unless you make the conscious effort to do things together. A joint venture requires more planning than a solo one, but excellent company is worth the trouble.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As long as you're into learning new things, you may as well soak in something unrelated to anything you've previously studied. Your diversity



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and unpredictable nature make you irresistible, even to the person you admire so much.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a lucky day for you. Make arrangements to do the thing you always wanted to do but secretly fear. Tonight, a small sacrifice ends up saving you big money. You'll do a friend a favor and end up helping yourself in the process.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Social happenings could shake you out of your comfort zone. Pretend you're confident, and remember what you already know. Your perception of how people see you and how they really do are two very different things.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a knack for finding the deal that everyone else misses. Being in the right place at the right time brings financial gain. Misunderstanding a loved one could result in hurt feelings. Make sure all is clear.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Boundaries are expanding to make room for a new person or responsibility in your life. Acknowledge your benefactors, and return favors, but realize that you are not indebted to people. You merely have much to give back.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Giving every hour of your day to others will

leave you tired and bitter. Be happy and grateful instead by allowing yourself more solitude. Art, music and literature will be like nectar from the gods to you. Use them to water your soul.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Socially, you're strong now, and your influence is felt. New people, particularly younger ones, want to befriend you. Entertainment for the whole family tonight makes everyone feel comfortable and cozy.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll feel a little bit of the "when in Rome" syndrome today. There are goals in the health and fitness area that are difficult to achieve due to the people around you doing something almost in opposition to your goal.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let your eccentricity show instead of trying to hide it — you're attractive because your action is so unexpected. Family gatherings are featured. You bring up the whole group with your playful energy.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Getting centered is challenging. Spend time in quiet thought to maintain your emotional equilibrium. A loved one may pull dramatic tricks because he or she needs attention. Avoid this by giving more attention than needed.

Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Approximately 15 years ago, when I was a teenager, my older sister told me a shocking secret that she learned from our father. She told me that one of our cousins is actually our sister. My mother apparently became pregnant out of wedlock, and my married aunt offered to raise "Melody" as her own. She made my mom promise never to tell Melody the truth.



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When my mother passed away, it upset me terribly to think that Melody never knew about her parentage. My older sister thinks Melody does know, but is too embarrassed or ashamed to bring it up. When we discussed it with my aunt (Melody's mother), she said we were not permitted to say one word to our cousin on the subject.
I have not seen Melody since my mother's funeral, seven years ago. She lives in another city, and we are not close. I think about her occasionally and would like her to know that she has sisters here. We are all adults now. Should I tell her the truth or keep it hidden?
— Confused in Canada

asked my brother's wife, "Marge," to stand up in the wedding, and now I am regretting the decision. Marge is less than enthusiastic about the event, has made wise-cracks about being a bridesmaid and does not feel she should have to pay for her gown. When I confront her, she backpedals, swears she really wants to do this and reassures me that it's all right. I don't think so. I'm becoming depressed over Marge's attitude, and the thought of her participating makes me queasy. How do I gently release her from this task without bringing down the wrath of my family? I want my wedding party to include only those people who are truly happy for me. — A Bride-To-Be in Alaska

Dear Alaska: Have a heart-to-heart with Marge. Let her know, gently, that weddings are stressful and her attitude is putting a damper on your plans. Ask if she can summon up a bit of happiness for you. Understand that if you drop Marge from the wedding party, you will not be able to avoid hurt feelings. But if you are determined not to have her walk down the aisle, tell her, "I see that this is difficult for you, so I'm releasing you from your obligation to be a bridesmaid. I wouldn't want you to do anything that makes you uncomfortable."
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Dear Canada: It is not your place to tell her. Your aunt should be the one to do so, but obviously she is unwilling. Talk to your aunt again, and encourage her to tell the truth, giving Melody time to come to terms with the situation. If she refuses, leave things alone.

Dear Annie: I am getting married in August. I

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Big Spring volleyball clinics announced

Big Spring high school volleyball coach Revis Daggett has announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming seventh-graders.

The clinics will take place Monday, April 26, Monday, May 3, Wednesday, May 5, Monday, May 10 and/or Wednesday, May 12.

Athletes may attend one or all five clinics.

Each clinic runs from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and takes place at the Big Spring Junior High School Gymnasium.

Each clinic costs \$10 to participate and those interested may pay at the door at any one of the clinics.

Checks should be made payable to the Lady Steers Booster Club. All fees collected will be used to purchase ball baskets for the volleyball program.

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 at 264-7777 or Don Booth at 263-6597.

BSCC schedules four-man scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for April 24-25 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player plus cart rental, but private carts are welcomed.

Play begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fees include barbecue on the course both days and players can play practice rounds on Friday.

For more information, call the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

All night softball tourney announced

A men's all-night softball tournament has been scheduled for May 7-8 at the UTPB Softball Complex.

There will be a three-game guarantee for \$150 per team. The league will also follow ASA Class D rules for stealing.

The deadline to sign-up is May 4. Contact Gabriel or Michelle at 552-7426 or Odessa Softball Association at 580-7811.

Texas Tech sets tennis camp dates

The Texas Tech Tennis Camps for boys and girls of all ability levels between the ages of 9 and 17 have been scheduled.

Day camp will be June 28 through July 1, while the overnight camp will be July 4-8.

For more information, call Efe Unstundag, assistant men's coach, at 806-742-3355.

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Howard College's Danny McDowell takes his turn during the bull riding competition at the Howard College Rodeo, which took place at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. McDowell received a no score in bull riding and bareback riding. However, the Hawks will have several athletes performing in titles final round, which begins at 7 p.m.

Freeman finishes third in bull riding at Rodeo



The rodeo isn't just for the riders as several fans came out to watch the event Friday night at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. Mike and Susan Yeater sit here with their nephew Blaze Yeater and enjoy the action. Mike is the former Rodeo Coach at Howard College.

By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

Several athletes represented Howard College in Saturday night's finals of the Howard College Rodeo, with Patrick Freeman leading the way in bull riding. Freeman turned in a score of 80 Friday night in the second part of the bull riding competition and landed himself third place overall on the night.

Lester Jourdan and Ryan O'Donnell also took part in Saturday night's events after turning in a time of 8.7 seconds in the team roping competition.

Also competing Friday night for Howard College was Danny McDowell, Bray Armes and Nick Bailey.

McDowell turned in two no scores in hull and bareback riding, while Armes had a no time in steer wrestling and a 25.4 second time in tie-down

roping. Armes originally scored a 15.4, but was given a 10 second penalty for breaking the barrier at the starting line.

Bailey, who is originally from Big Spring, turned in a time of 14.2 in tie-down roping, as well.

Ti Veach of Clarendon College led the way in the steer wrestling competition after turning in a 4.6 second time.

Clay Boney of West Texas College won the bareback riding field with a score of 72. Dustin Malrony of Odessa College recorded a 67 in bareback riding and also competed in Saturday's final round competition.

The Rodeo continued Saturday night with the finals in all events. Slack also took place Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Check out Monday's Herald for all of Saturday night's results and photos.

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Big Spring's Chad Heinis delivers a pitch to the plate during the Steers' 6-0 loss to rival Frenship Friday evening.

Frenship shuts down Big Spring

By ROB LOFTIS

Special to the HERALD
Friday, the Big Spring baseball team lost to District 4-4A rival Frenship, 6-0.

The Tigers drew first blood in the top of the first inning with one run. The Steers attempted to rally in their bottom half of the first, but could only manage to get Lee Gillihan to second base.

The next three innings were incredible defensive stands for both teams, as each squad allowed six hits between the two of them.

A portion of that great defense can be praised to pitcher Chad Heinis and his collection of five strikeouts.

It was in the dreadful fifth inning that lady luck seemed not to favor the Steers anymore. Frenship scored an impressive four runs in the fifth inning, mostly due to singles and loading the bases.

The Tigers put the icing on the cake with another run in the sixth inning.

"We put the ball into play and played very well to save that fifth inning," said Big Spring Coach Jason Phillips.

The Steers fell to 0-6 in District 4-4A and are now officially out of the playoff hunt.

Frenship improves to 3-3 in the district and are

now tied for third.

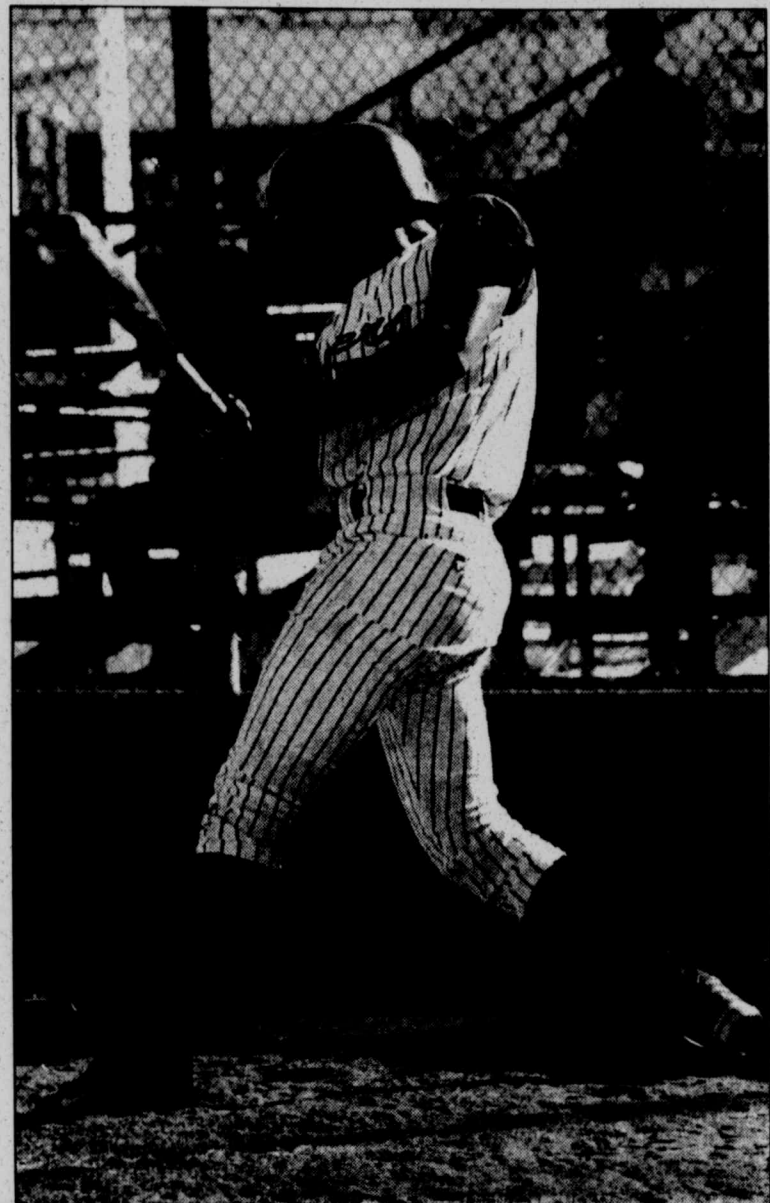
"I'm disappointed that we can't play for more, but there is still more baseball to play and we intend to play it," said Phillips.

Unfortunately, the Steers will have to carry on without injured catcher and moral leader Michael Shockley, who injured his back during the week and is expected to miss the remainder of

the season. Backup catcher Josh Caudill has taken over Shockley's responsibilities.

The Steers will have four more games to compete in and are hoping to end any District 4-4A teams on the brink of a playoff berth.

The Steers' next game is at home against Lubbock Estacado Tuesday, April 20, beginning at 5 p.m.



Big Spring's Justin Green connects on a pitch thrown by Frenship's pitcher during the Steers' 6-0 loss to their rival.

Big Spring wins district track title

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring girls track team claimed its 10th District 4-4A title in school history after edging out Lubbock Estacado and San Angelo Lakeview at the district meet in Andrews Friday.

Big Spring finished with 138 points, while Estacado and Lakeview finished with a 134 and 128 points, respectively.

The Lady Steers will send nine athletes to the regional meet, after claiming first and second place finishes at the district meet, but the team title wasn't decided until the very last event.

All the Lady Steers needed to do was claim second place or better in the race to secure the title from Lakeview and Estacado.

A very exciting race led to a second place finish for four Big Spring runners — Katy Abner, Carmen Lewis, Elida Rodriguez and Ja'leza Terrell.

Abner qualified in three different events, while Airianne Brown, Lewis, Elida Rodriguez and Cierra Butler each qualified in two events.

Brown won the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.17 and will also anchor the 4x100 meter relay

team, which also features Rodriguez, Abner and Lewis.

Butler will represent Big Spring at the regional meet in both the shot put and the discus, after securing first place finishes in both. Butler turned in throws of 38-6 in the shot put and 132-7 in the discus. It is Butler's fourth straight district title and she will try to secure her third trip to state at regionals in two weeks.

Besides the 4x100 meter relay, Abner also qualified in the pole vault and 4x400 meter relay, which also featured Rodriguez, Lewis and Terrell. The 4x400 meter relay team turned in a time of 4:08.32 and gave the crowd the most exciting race of the day, according to Coach Jay Kennedy.

Abner turned in a 9-6 in the pole vault, while Lewis also advanced to regionals with a leap of 35-9 in the triple jump.

Big Spring also quali-

fied two other athletes in the shot put and discus. Amisha Vanderbilt tossed a 36-8 in the shot put to claim second, while Monica Fierro came away with second in the discus after launching a 113-2.

Brittany Raney fell just short in the high jump, claiming third with a jump of 5-2. Raney equaled the winner's best jump, but was awarded third based on misses. Lewis also jumped 5-2, but took fifth overall.

Lewis also fell short in the 400 meter dash after claiming fourth overall with a time of 59.68.

Brown missed her chance at competing in regionals in three different events when she failed to qualify in the 200 meter dash, finishing in third, overall, with a time of 25.44.

Levelland, Andrews and Frenship rounded out the team standings.

The regional tournament will take place in San Angelo at ASU.



Big Spring's Chelsea Abner throws a pitch to the plate in sixth-ranked Big Spring's 11-1 win over rival Frenship Friday afternoon. Abner and Alex Watkins combined to throw a three-hitter. The Lady Steers improved to 28-3-1 overall and 7-1 in district play.

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Stanton third

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Stanton track team turned in a performance at the District 4-4A meet at High School Friday evening five individual relay team to the meet and claim overall as a top the girls team overall.

Blake Anderson, Robert Suenz and Jeffery Suenz qualified for region events.

Anderson finished in the shot toss of 44-10 and home a first place in the discus. A discus throw won at 134-10.

Suenz dominated long distance and claimed first in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Suenz ran a mile and turned in a time of 10:48.54 in the mile.

Also qualified for regionals were Jeffery Suenz and Gonzales.

Coahoma out yet place

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Coahoma boys came in first in the year's District meet held in Friday.

However, they will send seven to the regional meet.

The boys' team included Andrew Brown, Holguin and Sarah Bartle Morelion, and Miranda H. Bartlett qualified in different events won the 1600 and took second in the 3200 meter run. They were recorded at 13:08.33, recorded Morelion finished.

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Stanton boys finish third at district meet

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Stanton boys track turned in a nice performance at the District 3-2A track meet at Coahoma High School Friday, sending five individuals and a relay team to the regional meet and claiming third overall as a team, while the girls team took fifth overall.

Blake Anderson and Robert Suenz each qualified for regionals in two events.

Anderson finished second in the shot put with a toss of 44-10 and also took home a first place finish in the discus. Anderson's discus throw was marked at 134-10.

Suenz dominated both long distance runs as he claimed first in both the 1600 and 3200 meter run. Suenz ran a 5 minute mile and turned in a time of 10:48.54 in the two mile.

Also qualifying for regionals was Barton Gonzales, Bobby

Gutierrez, Darryl Williams and the 4x200 meter relay team.

Gonzales took second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:07.43, while Gutierrez qualified in the 300 hurdles after turning in a time of 41.41. Williams also finished second in the triple jump. His regional qualifying jump was recorded at 42-11.

Stanton's qualifying 4x200 meter relay team finished in a time of 1:34.10.

Stanton's 4x400 and 4x100 meter relay teams just missed the cut as each team finished in third place. Also finishing in third place was Victor Hernandez in the 110 meter hurdles.

The girls' season ended as no one advanced to the regional tournament.

Ashley Gutierrez and Bonnie Kendall finished third and fourth in the high jump and long jump, respectively, to lead the way for the lady Buffaloes.

Coahoma girls round out year with fourth place finish at districts

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Coahoma girls took fourth overall and the boys came in fifth at this year's District 3-2A track meet held in Coahoma Friday.

However, the Bulldogs will send seven athletes to the regional meet.

The boys qualified Andrew Brown, Joe Holguin and Sam Tindol, while the girls will send Sarah Bartlett, Monica Morelion, Sterling Gee and Miranda Hester.

Bartlett qualified in two different events as she won the 1600 meter run and took second in the 3200 meter run. Her times were recorded at 6:05.68 and 13:08.33, respectively. Morelion finished just

behind Bartlett in the 1600 meter and qualified with a time of 6:07.09.

Hester took second overall, qualifying in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:05.38.

Gee qualified for regionals in the girls 100 meter hurdles after recording a time of 16.55. Gee also finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 300 meter hurdles and high jump.

Brown took second overall in the discus with a toss of 131 feet, while Tindol also took second in the 400 meter dash. Tindol's time was recorded at 52.73.

Holguin tied for second in the high jump with a jump of 5-11. Holguin also finished fifth in the 100 hurdles.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Stanton's Bonnie Kendall lands in the long jump pit during her final jump of the long jump competition at the District 3-AA track meet at Coahoma High School Friday. Kendall placed fourth overall with a leap of 15.25 feet. Crane's Destri Schul won the event as she jumped 16 feet even. Stanton place fifth out of six overall as a team, scoring 24 points. The Crane Lady Birds won the meet with 257 points.



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Coahoma's Joe Holguin clears the bar during the high jump competition at the District 3-AA track meet at Coahoma Friday. Holguin finished third overall, clearing 5-11.

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Burleson advances to regionals, records second fastest 100

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Both of Forsan's high school track teams found themselves at the bottom of the District 3-2A track standings when the day concluded Friday night in Coahoma.

The boys and girls team's each finished in sixth place out of six teams as the boys scored 24 points and the girls finished with just two points on the board. Brandon Burleson had the best day for Forsan as

he advanced to the regional meet in the 100 meter dash and finished in third place in two other events and fourth in another.

Burleson had the second-best 100 meter dash time to advance as he sprinted the finish line in 11.43, just 0.4 seconds slower than first place Jacobie Russell of Colorado City. He also claimed third place in both the long jump and the triple jump. Burleson's fourth place finish came in the 400 meter dash where he was clocked at 53.25.

Codee Barraza took 10th overall in the shot put with a throw of 35-5, while Mitchell Hooper claimed 12th in both the long jump and the triple jump.

The best finish for the girls was from Kayla Spence, who finished in seventh place in the 100 meter dash. Spence crossed the line in 14.06.

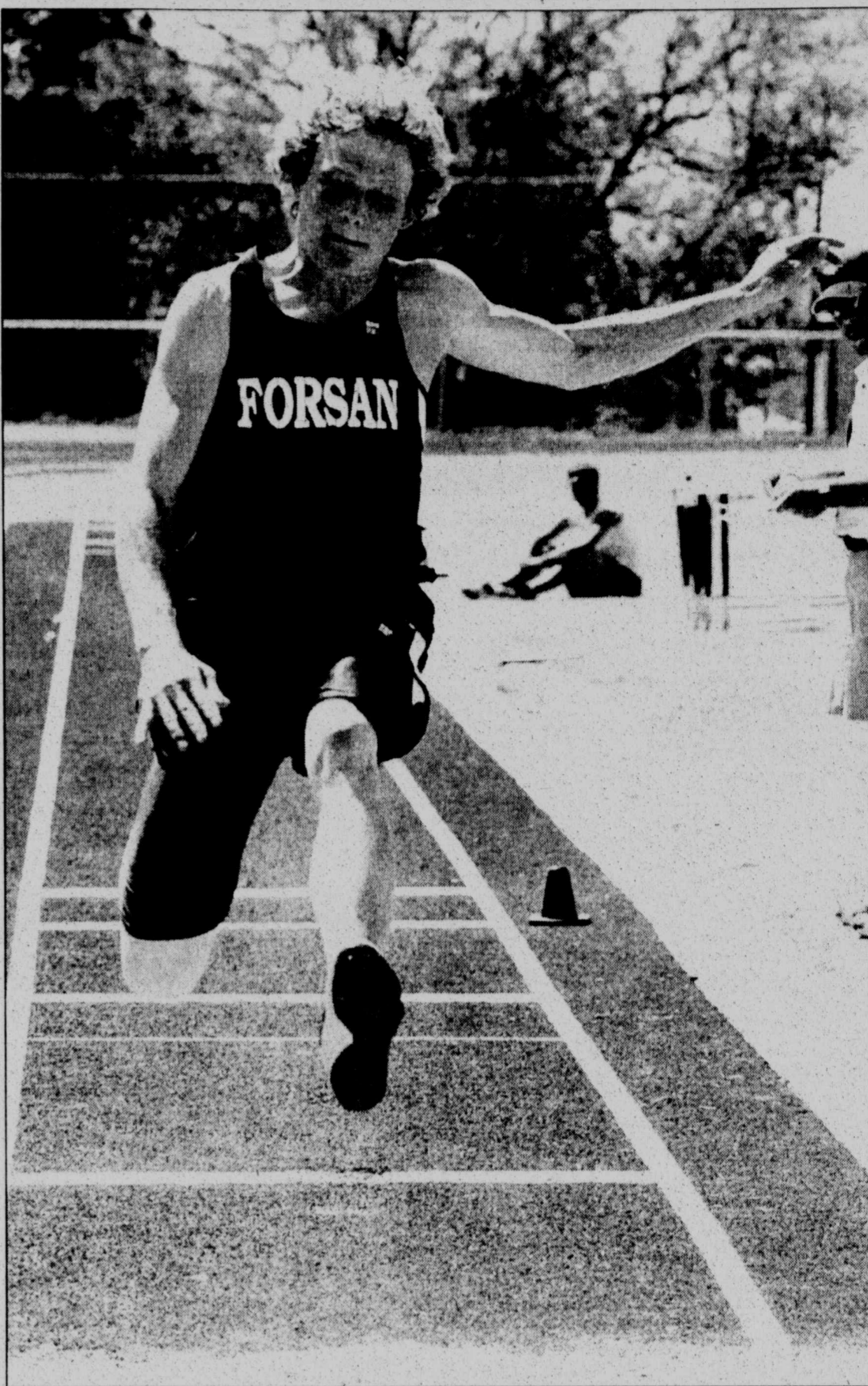
Also finishing in the top 10 was Kassi Wash, who turned in a time of 15:10.55 in the 3200 meter run and 6:45.27 in the 1600 meter run. Wash finished eighth in the mile and 10th in the two mile.

Carlee Barraza finished 12th in the discus and 15th in the shot put, while Kandis Snowden took 15th in the discus and 16th in the shot put.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Forsan's Carlee Barraza competes in the shot put at the District 3-2A track meet at Coahoma Friday.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Forsan's Brandon Burleson competes in the triple jump at the District 3-2A track meet held at Coahoma High School Friday, April 16. Burleson took third overall with a jump of 42-7.25. Burleson also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 20-4.50. Forsan took sixth overall out of six teams with 24 points.

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An energized, noisy bunch of teenagers gathered in a parking lot, listening to blaring music, and bouncing a hackysack ball off their feet might look like trouble waiting to happen.

But a group of YoungLife teenagers who gather every Monday night meet, mingle, sing, shout, hackysack and listen to the word of God.

"These kids are really great, and they are hungry for attention, for someone to listen to them. YoungLife is about making friends and building relationships with these kids," Shelly Warren, a YoungLife leader, said.

Matt and Shelly Warren became leaders of YoungLife, a Christian club for teenagers, nearly two years ago. The club meets every Monday at 7:59 p.m. in the YoungLife building on Owens Street, adjacent to Cornerstone Church.

But for the Warren's, the job is not confined to one day a week.

"We go to plays and ball games and we visit the high school every week. It feels great when they come up to me instead of me going to them, or when they yell to me down the halls at school. Then I know I'm getting somewhere," Matt said.

High energy and a message about God provide two constants in each YoungLife meeting. But the method of delivery changes as often as a teenager may change their hair color.

"The YoungLife organization gives us a lot of resources. They have a huge book we draw, skits and games from, and the kids love it," Shelly said.

Wearing outlandish costumes, Cornbread and Hacksaw (aka Matt and adult volunteer Able Carrillo) appear at club nearly every Monday night, whooping and hollering and playing pranks on each other and the club members.

Fun with duct tape, photograph puzzles, pin the tail on the cow, reading announcements while standing on your head and Bible give-aways kept the teenagers entertained and involved in the past several weeks. And knowing there's more fun in store keeps them coming back each week.

"Not all of them come back each week, and that's OK. But a lot of them do come back each week, and that's great," Shelly said.

Another constant at each club meeting is music. Christian heavy metal bands, as well as upbeat music with a Christian theme plays loudly over the club's stereo system. Matt and Jack Nixon also perform on guitar while the club members sing.

Matt delivers a message each week that is short but aimed straight at a teenager's point of view. He said he prepares several hours each day for club on Monday night.

"We've seen more kids come that need to be here in the past two years. Some of these kids have never heard of God, and we want to offer them information about God and a chance to make a choice and decision for their life," Matt said.

And Shelly added, "We love these kids no matter where they are. Our goal is not to compete, but to feed into their world."

As many as 100 teenagers, or as few as 20, attend club each week. YoungLife in Big Spring averages about 40 members weekly. Both the Warren's credit the power of God and prayer, and their board of directors for making YoungLife in Big Spring successful.

The YoungLife board is made of volunteers who meet monthly. YoungLife came to Big Spring in 1997, and today's board is comprised of Barbara Brumley, Craig and Cherise Felty, Steve and Karen Fraser, Gary and Kim Howell, Kent and Karen Ivey, Mike and Sheree Moates, Lynn Morris, Jay and Beverly Warren, Terry and Debbie Wegman, Tommy



and Teresa Welch, Kyle Wheeler and Russ and Laura McEwen.

"When we meet we discuss ways of getting more teenagers to attend, and what the club is doing, as well coming up with ideas for fund-raisers," Teresa Welch said.

And Mayor McEwen said he serves YoungLife as a volunteer because he enjoys working with teenagers.

"This is a wonderful ministry where we reach out to the kids who need it the most. I've always been involved with teenagers, and this is a great opportunity to help those kids," he said.

Matt said he and Shelly, with adult volunteers Able and Jocelyn Carrillo, Karen Ivey and Sheree Davis, work together to provide the right environment and stimulation for the teenagers.

"Shelly balances me out and helps me focus. This is really a team effort," he said.

Shelly leads a Bible study for teenage girls in her home each week.

"I really love the music," said Big Spring High School sophomore Tammy Broadus. "And I like the talks about God."

"And I enjoy belonging to Girls of Grace. We talk about the Bible and see how we can apply those things in our lives," she said.

An example Tammy shared of applying Bible principals to her life was one she had shared with Shelly at Bible study concerning her relationship with her sister Tracey.

"We were fighting and when we went to bed, neither of us could sleep. Shelly told us that guilt was what was keeping us awake. We finally went to sleep, but when we got up the next morning, we both said we were sorry, and we were friends again," Tammy said.

The teenagers gave other reasons for attending YoungLife, such as a chance to make new friends.

"This is an awesome experience," said Victoria Walker. She and other YoungLife

members hang around together during the week as well, talking, shopping or playing pool.

And Amy Smith added she comes to club each week for the message.

"I come here to learn about God and I recommend this to my friends. They haven't come here yet, but I think they will," Smith said.

This eclectic group of teenagers will be peddling cakes and pies outside Wal-Mart next weekend. They are raising money to attend YoungLife camp in June.

"This promises to be a life-changing, once-in-a-lifetime trip. We have taken members of club the past two years, and the experience is just awesome. We hope to take 18 this year to the camp in Colorado," said Shelly.

YoungLife has set the 2004 camp for June 28 through July 3. Along with the bake sale April 23-24, a crazy car wash will find the teenagers working again in May.

"We are so blessed, because the kids that want to go will work, and we have people who are providing opportunities for them to earn money. If anyone has jobs they could do, just call me," Shelly said.

To arrange for a YoungLife teenager to earn camp funds by working call YoungLife leaders Matt or Shelly Warren at 264-1234. To learn more about YoungLife visit the web site at www.younglife.org.

To Contact Herald Features Editor Marsha Sturdivant e-mail life@bigspringherald.com



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YoungLife members might read announcements while standing on their head, pose for a photograph under the YoungLife banner that hangs on the club wall, learn to strum a guitar, listen to Matt Warren's talk about God, wear a blindfold while playing pin the tail on the cow, laugh as Cornbread harasses Shelly Warren while she's talking to the teenagers, sing songs with lots of hand clapping and dancing and assist Shelly giving away New Testaments, one in Spanish, or join Matt in leading music in any given week.

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► Anniversary

Tidwell's celebrate 60 years of marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Vonnie Tidwell in 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Vonnie Tidwell of Big Spring celebrated 60 years of marriage April 15, 2004, with a glass of tea and a cup of coffee, perhaps sharing the moment with

their Yorkshire terrier Babbs. Or Alfred may have taken Vonnie for a drive and they may have shared ice cream, ever remembering their vows of "in sickness and in

health."

Alfred Tidwell married Lavonna Anderson on April 15, 1944, in Memphis, Tenn. while they were both serving in the United States Navy.

Their children are Charles "Chuck" Tidwell and wife, Dottie, and Johnny Tidwell and wife, Darlene, both of Big Spring, and Sheila LaRochelle of Brookline, Vt. and Tanya Price of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. They have nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, including twin girls born in March 2004.

They were honored with a celebration on their 50th Anniversary at the Masonic Lodge Hall in Big Spring on April 15, 1994, and all their children were there except Tanya who was absent because of tax season.

Sheila LaRochelle wrote about her parents in an e-mail to the Herald.

"Dad worked for Mobil Oil for many years until

he started his own company, Preventative Maintenance, that he operated with his two sons. He is now retired, although busy as ever really. Mom was a stay-at-home mom and was always there for our activities such as baseball, softball and band.

"They were also involved with the Masonic Lodge, Beauceants, Rainbow Girls and the Methodist Church and my Dad still does most of that and helps prepare the meals at the senior citizen center.

"Other than being wonderful parents and wonderful people, I think the success of their long and happy marriage is due to their faith and the many, many ways they have given of themselves in service to others over the years. I love my parents with all my heart," LaRochelle wrote.

Charles Tidwell and



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Vonnie Tidwell in 1944.

Johnny Tidwell, Tanya Price and Sheila LaRochelle hope you will join them in wishing their parents happy 60th wedding anniversary.

Stovall's wed for 50 blessed years



Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Dorothy Stovall

Jack and Dorothy Stovall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, April 3, 2004. Their children Debbie and Mark Westfall of Odessa, Ray Don and Diane Stovall of Midland, Leta and Randy Henson of Stanton, Gary Stovall of Stanton, 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren hosted a reception for family and friends at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ in Big Spring at 2 p.m., followed by a family barbecue supper that evening.

Jack and Dorothy Essmeier were married Saturday April 3, 1954, in

the small town of Ganando. Jack and Dorothy, formerly of Midland, moved to the Big Spring area in 1977. Jack retired in December 1989 from Big Spring State Hospital and Dorothy retired in 1991 also from the Big Spring State Hospital.

Doris and George Schwartz plan mass celebration for 50 years of marriage



Mr. and Mrs. George and Doris Schwartz

Mr. and Mrs. George Schwartz will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 17, 2004, with a mass, reception, and dinner at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

George and Doris Glass were married at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall on April 20, 1954.

George and Doris had seven daughters Kathy

Wheat and husband, Larry, of Garden City, Becky Halfmann and husband, Roger, of San Angelo, Pam Wilde and husband, David, of Brenham, Linda Frysak and husband, Mark, of St. Lawrence, Jean who has gone to be with the Lord, Dorothy Denis and husband, Mark, of Vancourt, and Elaine Hinojosa and husband, Gus, of



Mr. and Mrs. George and Doris Schwartz in 1954.

Eldorado. They also enjoy their 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandsons.

George and Doris have lived in Laredo, San Angelo, Miles, Carlsbad, and currently reside in St. Lawrence, where George farms and ranches. He also is an Air Force veteran, having served with the 75th Air Wing Division in Korea. Doris is a homemaker, a

member of the St. Theresa Altar Society, and an election precinct chairman.

Both George and Doris actively serve on numerous activities with the church, 4-H, Community Center, and Senior Citizen Center within the county.

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Births



Soleda and Karicia Perez.

Soleda and Karicia Perez are twin girls, born March 26, 2004. Soleda at 9:26 a.m., weighing 3 pounds, 8 ounces and was 17 inches long, and

Karicia, born at 9:27 a.m., weighing 4 pounds, 3 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Their parents are Lionel and Juana Perez of Big Spring. Their grandparents are Daniel And Paula Perez and Maria Escobar, all of Big Spring.



Hannah Nicole Peckenpaugh, a girl, was born April 4, 2004, at 5:24 a.m., in Cleveland, Ohio, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

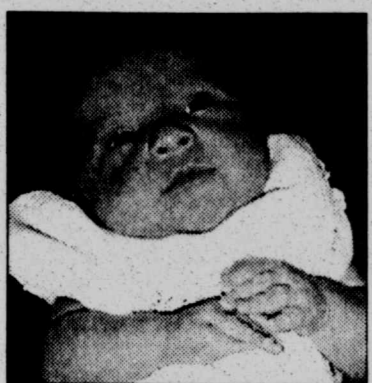
Her parents are Nadine and Harold Peckenpaugh, of Ohio, formerly of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Manuel Marquez of Colorado City and the late Precilia Marquez of Big Spring, and Ronnie and Beverly Peckenpaugh of Rapid City, S.D. Her great grandparents are Juanita Marquez of Big Spring the late Tiadosa Garcia of Haltom City and Dena Peckenpaugh of Brookings, S.D.



Alejandra Ann Gutierrez

Alejandra Ann Gutierrez, a girl, was born April 9, 2004 at 8:35 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Alex and Abby Zamora Gutierrez. Her grandparents are Manuel F. Saenz, Elvira Saenz and Josephina Gutierrez of Big Spring and Alvino Gutierrez of Austin.



Trinity Rae Galan

Trinity Rae Galan, a girl, was born March 3, 2004, at 1:06 a.m. in Scenic Mountain Medical Center weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Susan Overton and Fabian Galan of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Susan Overton of Big Spring and Raymond Overton of Coahoma and Mary Vissana of Big Spring.



Aiden LaJhuan Thompson

Aiden LaJhuan Thompson, a boy, was born March 27, 2004, at 3:47 p.m. in Odessa Regional Hospital weighing 6 pounds and was 18 3/4 inches long.

His parents are Larry and Tina Blankenship Thompson of Big Spring. His grandparents are Kent and Sharon Hardeman Easley of Big Spring and Eddie and Marsha Burke of Sylvania, Ala. He was welcomed home by siblings Coby, Chase, Cameron and Camry Daughdrill.



Riley James Jenkins

Riley James Jenkins, a boy, was born March 31, 2004, in Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus at 12:21 p.m. weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Justin and Koby Jenkins of Big Spring. His grandparents are Jim and Jeanine Proctor of Gainsville and Terry and Emma Jenkins of Big Spring. His great grandparents are Dick and Donna Polumsky and Barb and the late Ray Proctor, all of Walla Walla, Wash., Claudine and the late Johnny Ray Dillard, and Pete and the late Jean Jenkins of Big Spring.

Engagements



Paredez and Quintero

Paredez and Quintero to wed

Kareh Marie Paredez and Luis Matthew Quintero, both of Northglenn, Colo., will exchange wedding vows at 3:30 p.m. on May 15, 2004, at Templo La Biblia Abterta in Big Spring.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mary Paredez and Raul G. Paredez, both of Denver, Colo. and the granddaughter of the late Juan and Mary Ramirez and the late Martin and Angela Paredez.

She is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2000 graduate of PIMA College for Physical therapy. She is employed by Homestead Assisted Living.

The prospective groom is the son of Mary Quintero of Denver, Colo.

He is a 1997 graduate of North High School in Denver, Colo. and is employed as a warehouse supervisor for LK Plastic.

Mallory Shae Paul, a girl, was born on March 16, 2004, at 9:32 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Her parents are Lisa Rocha and Josh Paul of Midland. Her grandparents are Marcos and Ramon Rocha, Ervin Paul and Katie Bohannon, all of Big Spring.

Harrison and Vernon plan wedding

Melissa Mae Harrison and Daniel Isaac Vernon, both of Lebanon, Ind., will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on May 2, 2004, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James King in Midland.

The bride is the daughter of Rayford and Janie Harrison of Big Spring and the granddaughter of A.L. and the late Dollie Harrison of Big Spring, and the late Cecil and

Imogene Phillips. She attended BYU-Idaho and Tarleton State University and is employed by Express Personnel.

The groom is the son of Daniel Vernon and Martha Vernon, both of Lebanon, Ind.

He is employed by the Boone County Sheriff's Department in Lebanon, Ind.

Submit Church News to life@bispringherald.com Deadline is Wednesday at noon

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church plans four days of revival featuring Florida evangelist

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church has a revival featuring Evangelist Rick Reed of Victory Baptist Press beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday.

"He is a well-known evangelist, because of his affiliation with the Victory Baptist Press," said the Rev. Steve King, pastor of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Special music will also be performed for the revival, King said.

"We will have the revival Monday, Tuesday

and Wednesday at 7 p.m.," King said.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

Reed is traveling from Florida and does not visit West Texas more than a few times a year, King said.

A nursery will be provided.

If anyone needs a ride to hear Reed and attend the revival, call 267-8215.

The church telephone number is 267-7157.

Video and audio-visual materials available

Video and audio-visual materials available to schools through Region 18 Education Service Center may be requested for preview by parents and other interested adults during a one-day review session set for April 22. The session is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Center, which is located at 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport.

Parents and other citizens interested in requesting preview of particular films from the collection maintained at the Service Center should notify the Center at least five days in advance so the staff will have time to check on the availability of the films and set up preview rooms. In the event a film is not available on the date requested, the person making the request will be given a

date on which it may be seen.

Persons wishing to request previews of the films may call Mrs. Pam Winn, Media Supervisor of the Education Service

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Cleo Young, CEO of the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, receives a key to the city and other items from Mayor Russ McEwen. Young retired Friday after 30 years of employment with the financial organization. She and her husband Bernard will move to Fayetteville, Ga., to be closer to their two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Builder registration exceeds all projections

Special to the HERALD

Many more builders than anticipated have registered with the state under a new law requiring builders to be certified with the Texas Residential Construction Commission.

The commission has far exceeded projections with more than 11,500 builder registrations received to date. The commission began accepting registrations from builders in late February and fiscal projections originally anticipated builder registrations to reach 3,750.

Anticipated builder registrations were 3,750. However, more than 11,500 have been received.

"We are pleased to have exceeded expectations with builder registrations," said Stephen Thomas, executive director of the commission. "Builder registration boosts and protects the reputation of the residential construction industry, as well as enables consumers to learn more about a builder's integrity and workmanship prior to doing business with them."

Overseeing the registration of builders is one of the roles of the Texas Residential Construction Commission, created by the Legislature in 2003.

A builder is defined as any business entity or individual who for a fixed price, commission, fee, wage or other compensation constructs, supervises or manages the construction of a new home, a material improvement to a home, other than an improvement solely to replace or repair a roof of an existing home, or an improvement to the interior of an existing home when the cost of work exceeds \$20,000.

Beginning Jan. 1, all homebuilders in the State of Texas were also required to register new homes with the commission, as well as remit a \$30 fee for each registration.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

After 30 years, Cleo Young, Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union CEO, retired Friday to begin a new chapter in her life.

"It's a bittersweet feeling," said Young. "I hate to leave Big Spring. We love Big Spring and West Texas. At the same time, we're real excited about the new adventure and being close to our children."

"I've worked with fabulous employees and board members who have supported me throughout the years," Young continued. "I'm not retiring. I'm refocusing."

Family, friends, business colleagues, city officials and representatives of state lawmakers dropped by the credit union to say goodbye.

Young and her husband,

Time to Refocus

After 30 years, Young retires from Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union

Bernard will move to Fayetteville, Ga., on Tuesday to be closer to her two daughters and eight grandchildren. Tamera Barber of Big Spring has assumed the CEO position. "I'm overwhelmed," Young said. "The (Big Spring) Mayor

(Russ McEwen) presented me with a key to the city and a resolution making today Cleo Young Day. The Texas Credit Union League from Dallas presented me with a flag flown over the state capitol, and they said they will be sending me one that will fly over the United States capitol.

Also adding to festivities, a representative from U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, delivered a personal note of congratulations.

Young began her 30-year journey when she walked into a one-room office at the VA Hospital.

"We were only open a few days a week," she recalled. "There were two of us in the office. I had to learn how to use the calculator and learn everything from scratch. Back

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After putting off a career for 20 years, Martinez is loving social work at BSSH

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald

At 38 years of age and with a newly earned bachelor of arts degree in social work, Diann Martinez, LSW, was ready to embark on a career that she put off for 20 years while raising a family.

"I had never even worked with or known anyone with a mental illness," said Martinez, who recently was named Big Spring State Hospital's Social Worker of the Year.

"Since I've come to work here at Big Spring State Hospital, I really have enjoyed helping people with mental illnesses. I don't feel like there's enough resources for them."

One of Martinez' responsibilities as a social worker is to find

"...the best part is seeing them in the community and seeing them being productive."

Diann Martinez, LSW

what the patients need when they leave Big Spring State Hospital and help them obtain outside resources, such as housing, employment and continued health care.

"It requires identifying

what the patients' needs are," said Kathy Salazar, LMSW, director of the hospital's Social Work Services Department. "If they don't have money, we try to hook them up with Social Security. If they don't have a place to live, we might contact the local MHMR (Mental Health and Mental Retardation) center. Or if they don't have any family or friends, we will identify places where they can go, such as churches or community organizations where they can meet people and establish relationships."

When patients are admitted to BSSH, nurses, social workers, physicians, therapists and

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Members of the Wal-Mart Relay for Life team present a \$5,300 contribution to the American Cancer Society's annual fund-raiser. Pictured from left are Wal-Mart team members Barbara Morris, Melissa Rogers and Susan Williams, team captain; Relay co-chairman Phyllis Turney; and Wal-Mart co-manager Roman Weathermon. Employees raised \$4,300 while the company kicked in \$1,000.

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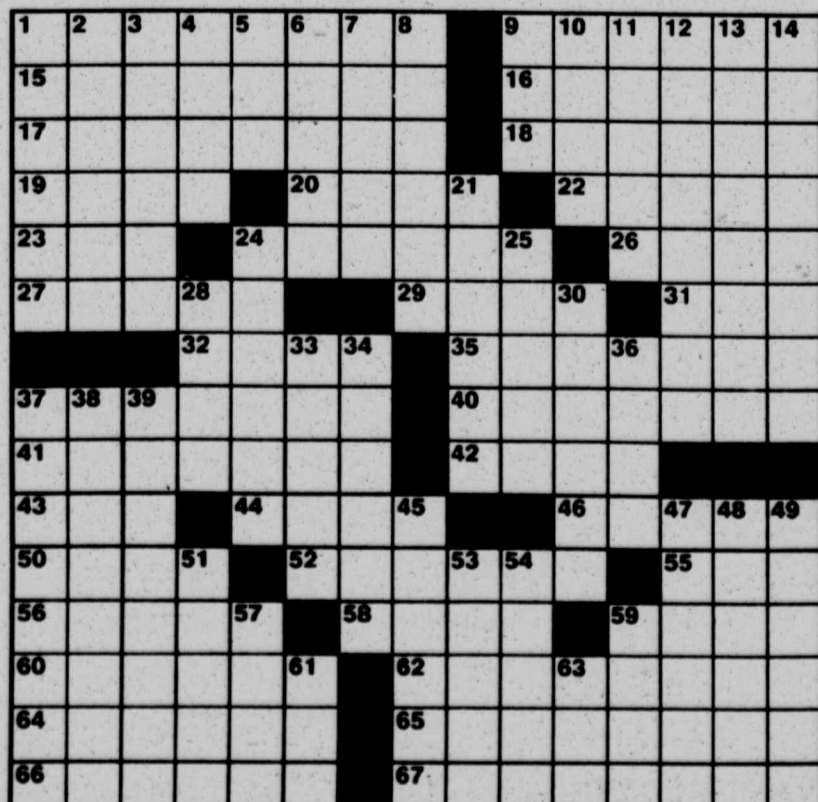


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SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
1 Redford film
9 Metal workers
15 Never
16 Sound of joy
17 Having a gift
18 Draw
19 Sounds of surprise
20 Open
22 Three-toed beast
23 Unprocessed
24 November surprises
26 Bunch
27 Boiled down
29 News
31 "I'll take that as ___"
32 Jib support
35 City near Kissimmee
37 Kennedy or Stevens
40 Catch words, in a way
41 Floor covering
42 Dee's father in A Summer Place
43 Ring org.
44 Part of QED
46 Blume in Love actor
50 Soak up sun
52 The Tempest king
55 Harem room
56 ___ knee (proposing, perhaps)
58 Singer from Donegal
59 Doctrines



- 60 Vikes rivals
62 Route 66
64 Handy
65 Pendulously
66 eBay participant
67 Chapter postscripts
DOWN
1 Doha native
2 Butch Cassidy, by birth
3 Nuptial group
4 Akins et al.
5 B&O stop
6 Cadge
7 Straws in the wind
8 Nuptial
9 A miss
10 High point of Québec
11 Bits
12 Sopwith
13 Camel predecessor
14 Idiot's Delight playwright
21 Henry II
24 Call 'em
25 Garnish unit
28 Net org.
30 Rio Grande city
33 Honda product
34 Delight
36 Gluck
37 Lobbies
38 Angeleno, e.g.
39 Not constant
45 Marquee word
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48 Want to emulate
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51 Sad sound
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61 Lady's man
63 Roadhouse

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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE RFB 04-010 Advertisement for Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

Legals

Micro Biology Equipment/Supplies Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu.. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2004 in the Howard College, Administration Building, A2, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.

Legals

Technical questions should be directed to Sara Wilkins, Instructor, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5151, e-mail swilkins@howardcollege.edu... and bidding questions should be directed to Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu.. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. #4180 April 11 & 18, 2004

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE The Forsan Independent School District will accept sealed proposals for Property and Casualty Insurance.

Legals

Specifications may be obtained from the Business Office. Sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9, 2004. Proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope: PROPOSAL-PROPERTY/CASUALTY. The proposals will be presented to the Forsan ISD Board of Trustees for action at a future board meeting. Questions should be directed to Dianna Walker, Forsan ISD, PO Drawer A, Forsan, TX 79733. The Forsan ISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. #4189 April 16 & 18, 2004

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL) To the Registered Voters of Howard County, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Howard County, Texas):

Legals

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2004, for voting in a general election to elect a Trustee to the Board of Trustees for the Howard County Junior College District. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales, sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 am. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 15 de Mayo de 2004 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir un Fideicomisario a la Tabla de Fideicomisarios para el Howard County Junior College District.)

Legals

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES)) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES) PRECINCT 1: ELECTION NOS. 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA; ELECTION NOS. 104, 105-KNOTT FIRE STATION

Legals

PRECINCT 2: ELECTION NOS. 202, 203, 204, 205- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA; ELECTION NO. 207-COAHOMA COMMUNITY CENTER; ELECTION NO. 208-FORSAN HIGH SCHOOL

Legals

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en) County's Clerk Office, Courthouse, Big Spring/ la oficina del ayudante de condado en Big Spring durante the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2004 (entre las 8:00 a.m. de las manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el Abril 28, 2004, and ending on May 11, 2004 (y terminado el Mayo 11, 2004.)

Legals

11, 2004.) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:) Donna Wright, County Clerk Box 1468 Big Spring, Texas 79721

Legals

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) May 15, 2004/Mayo 15, 2004

Legals

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: (La votacion en ausencia ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:) Issued this the 22th day of March, 2004 (Emitada este dia 22 de Marzo, 2004)

Legals

Dr. Charles O. Warren Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside) #4191 April 18, 2004

Legals

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL) To the Registered Voters of Big Spring Independent School District, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring, Texas)

Legals

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2004, for voting in a general election to elect one (1) School Board Trustee from District 5, one (1) School Board Trustee from District 6, and one (1) School Board Trustee from District 7. (Notifiquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el quince de mayo de 2004 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir un (1) patronato escolar del distrito cinco (5), un (1) patronato escolar del distrito seis (6), y un (1) patronato escolar del distrito siete 7.)

Legals

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES)) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES) Voting on Election Day will be conducted at (La votacion del Dia de Eleccion sera en) Big Spring High School Cafeteria, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720

Legals

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en) County Clerk's Office, Howard County Court House, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2004 (entre las 8:00 (ochos) de las manana y las 5:00 (cinco) de las tarde empezando el veintiocho de abril de 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004. (y terminando el once de mayo de 2004).

Legals

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:) Donna Wright, Howard County Clerk Howard County Court House, P.O. Box 1468 Big Spring, Texas 79721

Legals

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) May 7, 2004

Legals

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: (La votacion adelantada se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de las siguiente manera:) Issued this the 12th day of February, 2004 (Emitada este dia doce de febrero de 2004)

Legals

Mike Dawson Signature of Presiding Officer (Oficial que Preside) #4190 April 18, 2004

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MARTINEZ

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nutritionists meet regularly as a team to oversee their care. The social worker must discover what the patient needs during their hospital stay and what is needed once they depart.

Social workers spend a great deal of time talking to patients and visiting with their family about the community in which they live, Martinez said.

"We need to know how they did at home and how they did in the community and help the patient decide what their future is going to be," Martinez said. "The family can be very helpful in that also. The family may say he needs something to do during the day because he gets bored. It's very important to talk to the family."

"When you are looking at the whole person, social is a large part of that," Salazar said.

Martinez and the nine other social workers at Big Spring State Hospital make numerous telephone calls, often to places which they've never been to find resources for patients with whom they have grown to know quite well.

Martinez is very organized and strives to find the best solutions for her patients, Salazar said.

"She is a very caring person, and very good at attending to details and making sure that our patients are hooked up with the community

resources that they need when they leave the hospital."

"You make so many calls and work so hard to get people what they need. You get to know a lot of people over the phone."

The 10 social workers at Big Spring State Hospital choose the Social Worker of the Year. Once before, Martinez was in a tie for the award and lost. When Salazar was leading up to the announcement during a conference commemorating National Social Work Month, she told the group that this year's vote ended in a three-way tie.

"Kathy (Salazar) said it was a three-way tie, and I had been in a tie previous to this one and didn't get chosen then. So, I just tried not to think about it," Martinez said. "I was very surprised when she announced my name."

Big Spring State Hospital has been Martinez' home base two times. She interned on the Adolescent Unit in 1992 and was hired in 1993. Five years later, she left for community mental health work but returned in May 2001.

When she graduated from school, she wanted to work with Children's Protective Services but was discouraged about the high burnout rate of the agency's employees. Working with the adolescents in 1992 combined the best of both worlds.

"This is where my heart is — working

with the mentally handicapped," Martinez said. "It has become much more challenging, especially since so many programs have been cut. You have to be so much more creative about where they are going and how they are going to receive services in the community."

As programs are being cut, Martinez is finding more family support for her patients because the public is becoming more educated about mental illness. But the industry continues to struggle with the availability of services.

"I think the most difficult part at this point is that there's not many resources for the mentally ill, once they're discharged into the community," Martinez said. "We have patients who have mental retardation. They have lots of support. The mental health part has very little to offer. There aren't any group homes."

When Martinez sends off one of her patients after treatment at the state hospital, it's a bittersweet time.

"It's like sending them off to war," she said. "You don't know whether they will come back (to the hospital) or not. We see a lot of chronic patients here. But the best part is seeing them in the community and seeing them being productive. That's the best thing. Or having someone come up to me. Even though they may come back in, they remember you and the good things you've done for them."



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Home Hospice Relay for Life team members Rosann Joy, left, and Sherry Hodnett present a \$1,000 check to Relay for Life co-chair Phyllis Turney and underwriter Chair Elaine Talbot to help under write the cost of the annual American Cancer Society fund-raiser.

REFOCUS

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then we had \$1 million in assets. Right now we're at \$15 million.

"This has been a fabulous journey all the way through," she continued. "Credit unions are in my blood and the members who make a credit union are really something."

Young contributes much of her success to her employees.

"You're nothing without the ones around you," she said. "If you surround yourself with good people, no way are you going to fail. Managers can't do anything without their employees."

A resident of Big Spring for more than 40 years, Young has contributed significantly to the community.

She has served on the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board, the Big Spring Rotary Club, the Federal Correctional Institute—Big Spring board

and has been very active with her church, 14th and Main Church of Christ.

On a state and national level, Young has actively participated in the legislative system and served on both the Texas Credit Union League and the Credit Union National Association Board of Directors.

"We raised our children here, and we will always have memories," Young said. "Big Spring is a special place."

RECORDS

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Sam Houston, Odessa
Trevathan, Terr., 23, 103-2 Cr 175,
Colorado City
Ward, James M., 33, 1100 E. 18th
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District Court Filings:
Discover Financial Services Inc. vs.
Kevin A. Armstrong, accounts, note
and contracts.

MBNA America Bank N.A. vs. Lloyd
S. Hunnicutt, accounts, note and con-
tracts.

Michael Shankles vs. Wendy
Schleich Shankles, divorce
Rogelio Vela and Maria Vela vs.
Diana Hill, injuries, damage with a
motor vehicle
Jerry Myrick vs. Muriel Myrick,
divorce

Marriage Licenses:
Daniel Rivera Jr., 20, and Leslie
Ann Hernandez, 16, both of Big
Spring.

Brandon Kevin Shifflett, 26, and
Cassandra Jean Izzard, 30, both of
Big Spring.

Robert Allen Fleet, 32, and Felicia
Guadalupe Mendoza, 24, both of Big
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Jackie Lynn Thomas, 63, and
Sarah Ann White, 44, both of Big
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