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Hamburgers are as American as Mom, baseball and apple pie. How did the hamburger become such an American culinary sensation and what makes a great burger? That all depends on whom you talk to.

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County A&M Club schedules meetings

The Howard County Texas A&M Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and again Tuesday, July 13, at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 215 W. Third St., to finalize plans for the upcoming 2004 Aggie Auction and Reunion.

The annual auction raises scholarship money to support county youth attending Texas A&M in College Station and is scheduled for July 24, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

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Hunnicuttt indicted in wife's death

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A 44-year-old Big Spring man has been indicted by a Howard County grand jury for murdering his wife.

According to the grand jury indictment, which was handed down Thursday in 118th District Court, Timothy Mark

Hunnicuttt "intentionally and knowingly caused the death of...Catherine Hunnicutt, by shooting her with a firearm."

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson has taken himself off the case. Attempts to reach Adrienne M. McFarland or Laura Bayouth Popp of the Texas Attorney General Prosecution Assistance Division were unsuccessful.

According to police, a family friend found Catherine

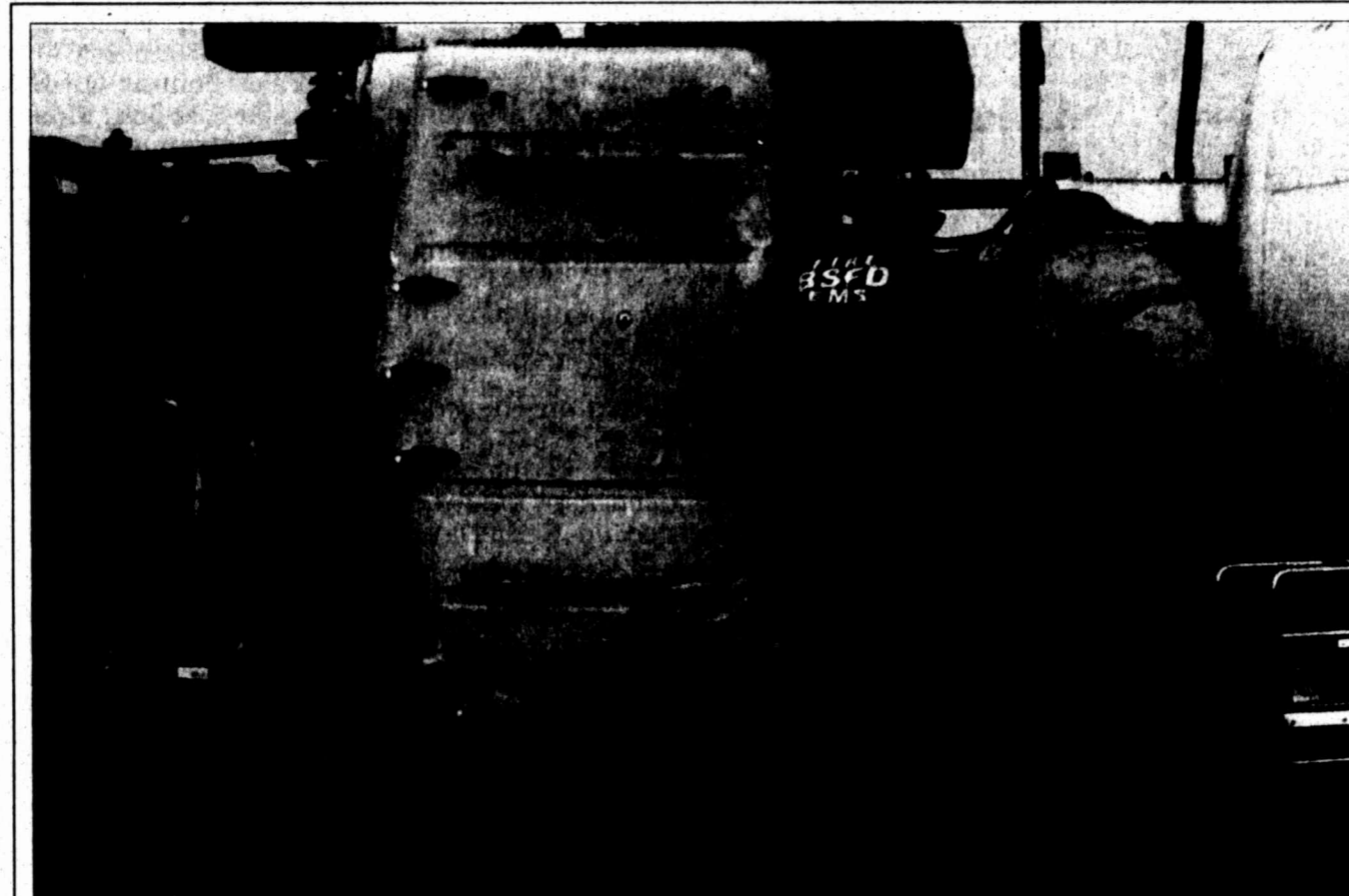
Hunnicuttt's body in the master bedroom of the couple's Indian Ridge residence on the morning of March 9. She had been shot in the back of the head one or more times.

The friend, who police said had come to the residence to do some work, then found Timothy Hunnicutt unconscious on a bathroom floor before calling police. A 20-gauge shotgun was propped up against the wall of the bathroom.

Timothy Hunnicutt was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was unresponsive for days, police said. He was arrested on March 25 by members of the Lubbock Police Department after he was released from a Covenant health care facility and taken into custody by the Big Spring Police Department that day.

Catherine Hunnicutt had been

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Emergency personnel assist the driver of a Transmix cement truck following a one-vehicle accident in the west bound lane of Interstate 20 Friday evening. The driver was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and later released that night. Rain may have played a part in the accident which sent two people to the hospital.

Cement truck wrecks on I-20

Rains may have played part in accident, trooper says

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Friday evening rains may have played a factor in a one-vehicle accident involving a Transmix cement truck that sent two people to the hospital with non-incapacitating

injuries Friday night.

"The driver was slowing down to take an exit," said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Kneel Stallings. "When he applied the brakes and begin to shift down, the vehicle began to skid onto the medium and overturned."

Michael Martinez, the driver of the truck, was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center Friday night, Stallings said. Clarence Foreman, a passenger, was also taken to Scenic Mountain

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Confused grandma's fairy tales make for humorous play

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Favorite fairy tales become a little twisted when grandma retells them in the Howard College version of the comedic play "Grandma's Bed Story."

"It will be a lot of fun," said Cheryl Shults, who plays the title role. "The play is going to be a little wild."

The play begins when a granddaughter requests grandma to tell fairy tales.

"Grandma becomes a little confused while she's telling the stories," Shults said. "She

What: "Grandma's Bed Story," a comedy.

Where: Practical Arts Building, Howard College.

When: 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

gets a dragon in Little Red Riding Hood. The Three Little Pigs has a king and a wicked witch. One of the stories has a midget giant. Prince George's squire is a dachshund who turns into a frog. There is a Rumpel-something who can't remember his name."

Performances for the play are scheduled at

7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Practical Arts Building, Room 105.

The cast includes area children between the ages of 6 and 12. There is no charge for admission but a donation box will be set up.

"The play is really going to be a lot of fun," Shults said. "The kids are working really hard to make it enjoyable for everyone."

Cast members are Sean Boren, Zack Ball, Zack Gilliam, Tandace Gilliam, Will Currie, Jake Rhoton, Hailey Elliott, Adrian Aguilar, Erin Wolf, Tanner Ballard and Shults

The play is directed by Clay Grizzle.

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Commissioners to consider forfeiture funds, annual look at county retirement system

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet Monday morning to consider several issues, including the use of forfeiture funds and the annual review of the county's retirement system.

County Auditor Jackie Olson said a budget amendment allowing the use of forfeiture funds — money seized in the course of criminal investigations — is a rather routine matter.

"Any time we spend forfeiture

funds we're required to get approval from the commissioners," said Olson. "Right now we have about \$9,500 in forfeiture funds and we'll be requesting approval to use \$300 of that for office supplies for the district attorney's office."

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will make her annual report on the Texas County and District Retirement System, as commissioners are expected to put the finishing touches on the

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BSISD trustees to hit the books on finances

Hiring a new principal also on Monday's agenda

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will meet Monday to review a proposed \$24.4 million balanced budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year and consider hiring a new elementary school principal.

Monday's workshop will be the first of possibly two sched-

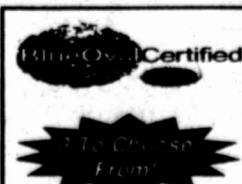
uled for the beginning of the week at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room, 707 11th Place. The second workshop, if needed, will be held Tuesday.

On the agenda, trustees will review revenue, expenditures, the tax rate, district employee health insurance and salary considerations for staff, as well as several "wish list" items including the replacement of the high school cooling tower, purchase of school buses and

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Obituaries

Caroline C. Gregg



Caroline C. Gregg, 86, died Friday June 25, 2004, in San Angelo. Services will be 1 p.m., Monday, June 28, 2004, at Robert Massie Riverside Chapel in San Angelo. Committal service will follow at 3:30 p.m. in Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring with Dr. Kenneth G. Patrick officiating.

Caroline served in World War II as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps stationed at Eglin Air Base.

Survivors include her son Peter Gregg and wife, Gloria, of San Angelo; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Caroline's obituary can be viewed online at www.RobertMassie.com

Support groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Spanish Inn. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

Police blotter

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

- WALTER WILLIAM DAVIS, 63, of 1001 S. Main was arrested Friday on Ector County warrants for theft.
- JULIE ANN MARTINEZ, 23, of Midland was arrested Friday on warrants for traffic.
- BARNEY KIP EDENS II, 24, of 801 E. 14th St. was arrested Friday on Midland County warrants for forgery.
- BRENDA PUGA, 20, of 1203 Wood was arrested Friday on a Howard County warrant.
- TRACY LYNN GONZALES, 18, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- PAUL VIERA JR., 18, of 1907 S. Main was arrested Saturday on charges of minor in consumption and failure to identify as a fugitive.
- CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ, 21, of 913 Moore School Road was arrested Friday on a charge of assault, Class C and on local warrants.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 900 block of Willa, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 2300 block of Wasson, the 300 block of Owens and the 100 block of Third Street.
- ASSAULT, CLASS C was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- RECKLESS DRIVING was reported westbound on Interstate 20 and eastbound on Interstate 20 by mile marker 174.
- LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported on Highway 350.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the westbound lane of Interstate 20 by mile markers 192-193.
- INJURED HORSE was reported on West Davis Road.

Take note

A FUND-RAISER FOR CORNERSTONE CHURCH is set at Brenda's Barbecue and More, 904 E. Third, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday. Barbecue plates are \$6, which includes drink and dessert.

A FUND FOR ALAN AND MITZI KNIGHT, whose house on Oasis Road burned Monday, has been established at the First Big Spring Banking Center. The home and all the family's belongings were lost.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB are looking for area handicapped and disabled children who would like to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

Children eligible for the camp include those who are amputees or have asthma, cerebral palsy, lupus, muscular dystrophy, scoliosis, sickle cell anemia, stroke, partial paralysis, heart problems, epilepsy, cancer, or are deaf or hearing impaired.

Ineligible conditions include attention deficit disorder, Down's Syndrome, mental retardation, emotionally disturbed, autism and hemophilia. For information on the camps, contact Bob Noyes at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 267-5811, or visit the Lion's Web site at www.lionscamp.com

Lions provide funding for the camp as well as transportation, if necessary.

POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

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SUNDAY

- Brenda's Barbecue and More, 904 E. Third, opens from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. for a fund-raiser for Cornerstone Church. Barbecue plates are \$6, which includes drink and dessert.
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

MONDAY

- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 263-4948.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

Weather

Sunday - A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High 87. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.  
Sunday night - A mostly clear sky. Low 71. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph.  
Monday - Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.  
Tuesday - Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.  
Wednesday - Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Lottery

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 1-8-11-13. Bonus ball 33.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-14-25-30.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$42,099.

Winning tickets sold in: Duncanville.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-8-0

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# HC students gain key recognition

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

While attending Howard College, Leonora Johns, Melissa Kukoty and Marissa McCartney were among 88 community college students named to the Phi Theta Kappa's 2004 Texas All-State Academic Second Team. "We are very excited and thrilled," said Javier Flores, administrative dean of student services. "For students to be recognized at the state level, they have to be very involved in the community as well as keeping a high academic standard. This shows the caliber of students we have at Howard College."

A 2004 Howard College honor graduate, McCartney was involved in a number of activities, including the Student Government Association, Baptist Student Ministries and Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She served as a member of the Howard College

Diplomats, representing the college at numerous campus, community and events throughout the state.

She was recently selected to the 2003-2004 Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges, and in April she participated in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars Program.

"I was really surprised (to learn about being named to the all-state second team)," McCartney said. "I found out as I was going across the stage (at graduation) and then I thought, 'Oh cool.'"

She plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and major in education.

Kukoly, a Howard County Sheriff's Department part-time dispatcher, is a December 2003 honor graduate and currently attends the University of Texas at the Permian Basin where she is majoring in criminal justice.

"I'm a non-traditional student and this was a great honor," Kukoly said. "I was really pleased to know that my hard work and dedication was



KUKOLY

paying off and it gave me even more incentive to go on with my bachelor's and come back to be productive in the community." While at Howard College, she served as president of the Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa where she headed a project that collected more than 700 pounds of food for the West Texas Food Bank. She was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

She continues to be actively involved in the parent committee at Howard Cottage, the college's early childhood development center, where her 2-year-old son attends.

A student at the San Angelo campus, Johns is pursuing a degree in computer information systems, with a specialization in PC maintenance. She was named to the

president's list in the fall of 2002 and spring 2003.

The top 88 students from community college districts across the state were named to the team in May. The top 25 earned first-team status, while 63 were named to the second team.

Rankings are based on academic success, college and community involvement and plans for completion of future aspirations. Students are profiled on the Texas Association of Community College's Web site, [www.tacc.org](http://www.tacc.org).

"The students enrolled in Texas community colleges include some of the brightest in the nation," Dr. David Daniel, president of the Texas Association of Community Colleges and Midland College, said in a written statement. "These recipients are to be congratulated for their hard work, their academic success and community involvement."

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# Educators take advantage of changing retirement law

DALLAS (AP) — They paid about \$360 apiece to work one day in the Lindale school district in East Texas, and they soon were scrubbing lockers, scraping gum off hallway floors and moving classroom furniture.

This was how about 300 principals, teachers and other school workers from across Texas recently spent their final day before retiring.

"I would scrub their toilets if that's what they wanted us to do," Melanie Nolan, 60, said in Saturday editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Nolan quit the Humble school district near Houston so she could work her last day in Lindale and claim \$1,700 a month in Social Security survivor benefits in retirement.

Statewide, more than 16,000 school employees have paid fees — some as much as \$700 — to work their last day at a district or university that pays into both Social Security and the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

The temporary job

allows them to take advantage of a loophole in federal law that lets school employees claim hundreds of dollars' worth of Social Security benefits a month that would otherwise be denied to them.

About a dozen districts offer such jobs.

Texas school administrators say their districts are losing veteran educators who are leaving early to use the loophole before it closes on this Wednesday.

It is uncertain exactly how many educators will retire before next week's deadline, said Howard Goldman, spokesman for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

"This is one of the primary reasons for public education teachers to call in to ask about retirement," he said.

The exemption has allowed some Texas teachers and government employees to get around a law that reduces spousal benefits available under Social Security for government retirees who were exempt from paying Social Security taxes.

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Lawrence Mathis, 47, both of 100 Broken Bow, were indicted on possession of a controlled substance and two counts each of possession or transportation of certain chemicals with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance. According to the indictment, the offenses took place June 2, 2003.

Others indicted were: Clifford Leon Anglin, 20, of 538 Westover, Building 5, Apt. 229, on an Oct. 8, 2003, charge of burglary of a building, a state jail felony.

— Josie Rodriguez, 21, of 5010 Wasson Road, on an Oct. 8, 2003, charge of burglary of a building and an Oct. 10, 2003, charge of forgery, both state jail felonies.

— Rosemary Chavera, 39, of 1108 W. Sixth, on an Aug. 9, 2002, charge of tampering with a governmental record, a third-degree felony.

— Robert Lee Evans Jr., 22, on a charge of possession of marijuana on Jan. 11, 2003, a state jail felony; a charge of possession of a controlled substance Feb. 1, 2003, a second-degree felony; and a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon Sept. 13, 2003, a second-degree felony. He is currently being held in the Howard County Jail.

— Beatrice DeLeon, 43, of 1301 College St., on a charge of possession of a controlled substance on Aug. 3, 2003, a state jail felony.

— Roberto G. Franco, 44, of 1600 State St., on a charge of possession of a controlled substance on Dec. 5, 2003, a third-degree felony.

— Tom Guzman Jr., 20, of 1415 Sycamore, on a charge of evading arrest on June 21, 2003, a state jail felony.

— John Paul Pantoja, 33, on a March 27, 2004, offense of driving while intoxicated, a second-degree felony, enhanced: He is currently residing in the

county jail.

— Sandra Herrera Rodriguez, 24, of 3304 W. Highway 80, No. 6, on a June 10, 2003, charge of possession of a controlled substance, a third-degree felony.

— Janet Leslie Sherrod, 46, address unknown, on two counts of forgery, June 27, 2003, and June 29, 2003, state jail felonies.

— Chad Everett Warren, 25, of 1015 Milburn in Odessa, on a June 8, 2002, charge of possession of marijuana, a state jail felony.

— Cynthia Jean White, 39, of 501 Union, on a Sept. 20, 2003, charge of forgery, a third-degree felony, enhanced: — Abe Austin III, 21, of 6410

S. Service Road, on a Nov. 8, 2003, charge of indecency with a child, a third-degree felony.

— John Kenneth Guzman Jr., 18, of 905 Sgt. Paredes, on a Dec. 23, 2003, charge of evading arrest with a vehicle, a state jail felony.

# HUNNICUTT

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a life-long resident of Big Spring and was an employee at Leonard's Pharmacy at the time of her death.

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program for the coming year.

"We've adopted almost everything that needs to be adopted, so all that's really left is for the com-

missioners to decide if they want to make any changes," said Thomas. "Right now, if no changes are made to the plan, our matching rate, which was 10.58 percent last year, will go down to 9.91 percent, saving the county some money." Thomas said the lower

rate will only go into effect if the commissioners accept the current program as is, which will keep the amount being paid to retirees at the same rate as last year.

Also on the agenda, Olson is expected to make presentations to the court concerning invoices and

purchase requests, in addition to holding a budget workshop. Thomas is also expected to present personnel considerations to the court.

Sheriff Dale Walker will speak to the commissioners about an inmate telephone contract for the county jail. Road and

Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will be present for reports concerning pipeline crossings and road maintenance.

Local architect Phil Furqueron is also expected to discuss renovations being made to the courthouse and county library. The meeting will begin

at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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facility renovations.

According to Superintendent Michael Downes, several other wish list items originally included in the budget were cut when recently released figures for the district's uncertified taxable value showed a drop from last year.

Trustees will have their chance to discuss the items and make changes

to the budget during the workshop, Downes said.

Although values are predicted to fall, the district may again gain a little revenue through a contract to sell attendance credits to the Austin Independent School District.

"We will start the preliminary work to sell WADA (weighted average daily attendance) to Austin again this year. We just received the paperwork today," Downes said on

Thursday.

Under the state's educational equalization funding system dubbed "Robin Hood," wealthy school districts such as Austin must disperse some of their wealth to poorer school districts.

Although Downes said it was too early to quote figures, the district stands a good chance of receiving more money this year than from last year's sale,

which netted about \$9.5 million.

Before tackling the budget, trustees are expected to hire a new principal for Kentwood Elementary School to replace Wayland Pierce.

Pierce was assigned to the Goliad Intermediate School earlier this month to fill the principal's position left vacant when

Brenda Gainey accepted a counselor's position at the high school.

Other personnel items will include a new assistant principal at the high school and possibly an assistant principal at Goliad Intermediate School.

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The two men were heading back from a job site and were exiting to meet up with relief drivers waiting at the 821 overpass, Stallings said.

Rain may have also been an added factor to the accident which occurred around 6 p.m. in the westbound lane of Interstate 20 east of Coahoma, Stallings said. "The wet road conditions, coming down an incline and slowing down to take an exit, all added up together," he said.

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The cost of the June 29th Worker's Compensation Insurance overview is only \$15.00.  
For registration information please contact TaNeal Richardson of the Howard College Risk Management Academy at 264-5130.

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## EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

## It's time we all consider giving to 'Pops' project

There are just six days left before the Big Spring Symphony plays the first notes in its performance at the Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park. Unfortunately, members of the Fourth of July Foundation say they haven't raised as much money to pay for the show as they would have liked.

The concert and fireworks show carries a price tag in the neighborhood of \$30,000 — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals. So far, only about two-thirds of that amount — a little less than \$20,000 — has been raised.

Heading into its seventh year, Pops in the Park is truly a Big Spring tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do those living in other communities. It is, in fact, the single largest one-time draw in our community each year.

Foundation members are still in the process of contacting previous donors, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources, seeking donations that make it possible to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

Presenters of the event include the *Big Spring Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony and KBST.

Presenters contribute donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services. For those unable to serve as "Presenters," the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Patrons" that donate \$3,000 or more; "Sponsors" donating \$1,000 or more; and "Friends" that provide \$100 or more.

There are many others who contribute in smaller amounts, however, and all are important.

We here at the *Herald* are proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and want to encourage others in the community to do the same.

Help us make sure Big Spring can keep celebrating our nation's birthday in impressive fashion. To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

We guarantee you that when Saturday arrives, you'll be glad you did your part as well, because it's going to be a fantastic show.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Let us always follow your example of love for our fellow citizens, Lord. Amen

## Voting machine: A call to arms

Heads up! team, the voting machine situation requires sustained attention, but not panic or paranoia. There is time to act, but act we must.

Yes, it is high time to "view with alarm" (an editorial page cliché rivaled only by "point with pride"), and with bipartisan alarm at that. It's in everyone's interest to have the cleanest, fairest elections possible — that's one of those things you can watch even the most partisan politicians serving on legislative elections committees figure out in no time. The only way to make sure nobody's ox gets gored is to keep it clean. If you don't think there are just as many bright, 14-year-old hackers who would rig a vote in favor of Democrats as there are who would rig it for Republicans, you've been neglecting the 14-year-old hacker set.

I suppose I've been calmer about the possibility/probability that electronic voting machines can be rigged than some others who are now looking at the bad news because it's an old story to me. Ronnie Dugger, a veteran Texas journalist (despite the fact that he's taken to living in, of all places, Cambridge, Mass.), has been on this case for years. I suppose I mentally assigned it to some "Ronnie's taking care of that" category.

But as Dugger's questions and predictions keep turning out to be more and more eerily prescient, it's clear this is something about which the general public needs be aroused and even plenty upset.

The problems with electronic voting machines are numerous

and grave, starting with the fact that the software which runs them is considered "proprietary information" by the companies that make them. In other words, they won't tell anyone what it is, how it works or anything else about the systems, meaning we have no way of knowing if they're clean, reliable or even functional.

That uncomfortable situation was rather dramatically underlined when Walden (Wally) O'Dell, chairman and CEO of Diebold Election Systems and a Bush campaign "Pioneer" (meaning he raised at least \$100,000), wrote in a 2003 fund-raising letter that he is "committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president." At the time, Diebold was trying to get on Ohio's "favored vendor" list and is now on it. Elections Systems and Software, the country's largest maker of the machines, also has a Republican pedigree.

It's a shame Diebold isn't a big Democratic fund-raiser who said he was committed to delivering Ohio for Kerry, so the Republicans could see how they like that. But I'm sure there are enough Republican conspiracy theorists to contemplate the happy proposition that, while chairmen and CEOs may lean Republican, there are any number of partisan Democrats lurking in engineering departments and liberal moles in software-writing offices.

Last July, a team of computer scientists from Johns Hopkins and Rice universities studied the Diebold machines and concluded they are "a threat to democracy." Bev Harris, author of "Black Box Voting: Ballot Tampering in the 21st Century," reports electronic voting machines are "designed for fraud." Apparently, you can rig these things so that Osama bin Laden can win an election. One experiment in how long it took to open one up and swipe its soft-

ware produced a record of 10 seconds.

Making the software for voting machines both bug-less and hacker-proof simply may not be possible, but as many have observed, the things as they stand are an open invitation to voter fraud. As The New York Times pointed out, slot machines in Las Vegas are held to far higher standards of transparency and inspection.

The simplest way to make sure the machines aren't miscounting is to require a paper trail on each ballot. In California, the Voting Systems and Procedures Panel recommended the machines be shelved, and then Secretary of State Kevin Shelley revoked certification of Diebold's paperless electronic voting machines.

Eight other states now require a paper trail, something that is not difficult to design or install, despite Diebold's initial protests that it is oh-so-hard. Florida, scene of so many painful voting memories in 2000, had a single race election in January in Palm Beach where the victory margin was 12, but the machines registered more than 130 blank ballots. You think 130 people came to the polls to not vote? There was no recount because the machines had no paper records.

There are bills in both the U.S. Senate and House to require paper trails in time for the 2004 election, but they're stuck in committee. Take pen in hand and write (or email) your elected representative, ASAP. Then bask in the benign glow of civic rectitude that follows. Well done.

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## Kerry and teacher unions get failing grade

School's out, but the nation's teacher unions will be working overtime this summer to help elect John Kerry president. The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) will host John Kerry at their convention next month, and the National Education Association (NEA) has launched a new ad campaign in several battleground states to attack President Bush's education record. The ads claim the president's No Child Left Behind Act "forces teachers to drill students for standardized tests," which, it contends, "hurts kids today and limits them in the future."

Teacher union members will be the biggest single contingent of delegates to the Democratic Convention in Boston later in July, just as they were in 2000, when more than 350 NEA members and 152 AFT members were Democratic delegates. In addition, teacher unions will donate millions to elect Democrats at all levels of government. Indeed, the NEA and AFT are two of the top 13 all-time donors to the Democratic Party since 1978, giving nearly \$12.4 million to Democrats as of June 2003, according to the Center for Public Integrity.

But this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to teacher union political activism. Much of what goes on is hidden from view, even from teacher union members themselves.

Like most unions, the teacher unions not only collect voluntary contributions from their members to donate to political candidates — some 95 percent of which goes to

Democrats — they also spend huge sums of their members' dues to register voters, run ads, print campaign leaflets, set up phone banks and turn out voters on Election Day. What's more, the NEA employs what Landmark Legal Foundation president Mark Levin calls "the largest army of campaign workers that any organization has" — the 1,800 NEA UniServ directors who are deployed in every Congressional District in the nation. The NEA, with its state affiliates, spent some \$90 million to underwrite its UniServ program in 2003, according to documents Landmark Legal Foundation unearthed in its extensive court filings against the union.

These UniServ directors are responsible for all political activities within their geographic area, including raising funds for the NEA's political action committee (cynically named the Fund for Children and Public Education), managing NEA's delegates to the Democratic convention, giving campaign support for NEA-endorsed candidates and coordinating the union's lobbying efforts. Yet despite the obvious political nature of these union operatives' work and the huge sums of money to support it, the NEA claims it doesn't spend a dime of the dues it collects on politics, or at least that's what it tells the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Both the NEA and the AFT claim they spend zero dollars on politics when they file annual returns with the IRS. Why? Because as tax-exempt organizations, they would owe taxes on that portion of their revenues that they spend on politics. Other non-profit groups report their political and lobbying expenses — the Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, for example,

reported almost \$20 million in such spending in 1996 — but not the teacher unions. So, not only are the unions ripping off their own members, they are defrauding the government of millions of dollars in taxes.

What makes this all the more galling is that teacher unions want the rest of us to pay higher taxes. When California experienced a \$35-billion budget shortfall in 2002, largely because of out-of-control spending by the Democrat-controlled legislature and then Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, the California Federation of Teachers proposed raising six separate taxes to close the gap and passing legislation that would make it easier to raise taxes in the future. Of course the teacher unions claim these higher taxes would benefit education, though more money has done little to improve education to date.

Funding on education has gone up exponentially in the last several decades — we're now spending more than three times as much per pupil in constant, inflation-adjusted dollars than we did in 1960 — but student test scores, as measured by the National Assessment of Education Progress, have shown almost no improvement over that same period.

Teacher unions deserve an "A" for their unwavering devotion to the Democratic Party, but they have failed miserably when it comes to improving education.

Linda Chavez is the author of the new book, "Betrayal: How Union Bosses Shake Down Their Members and Corrupt American Politics." To find out more about Linda Chavez and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# Bush looks to seal the deal with NATO on help for Iraq

By **TERENCE HUNT**  
AP White House Correspondent

ANKARA, Turkey — With European Union support in hand, President Bush looked to seal an agreement for NATO to help stabilize Iraq as its fledgling government takes over this week. He shrugged off lingering European resentment of the war, saying "We'll just let the chips fall where they may."

NATO announced an initial agreement to help train Iraq's armed forces hours after Bush won support Saturday from the 25-nation European Union. Nineteen of NATO's 26 members overlap in the EU.

As the path for NATO involvement appeared to open up, the EU took a gentle swipe at Bush over abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the hands of American soldiers.

The final communique declared, "We stress the need for full respect of the Geneva Conventions," an unstated but obvious reference to the Abu Ghraib prison scandal and the U.S. treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and elsewhere.

The conventions refer to

international accords setting out guidelines for the humane treatment of prisoners.

With Bush standing beside him, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern told a news conference in Ireland, "These things, unfortunately, happened. We wish they didn't, but they do. And what's important then is how they're dealt with, how things improve for the future."

Later aloft Air Force One on his way to the NATO summit in Ankara, Bush said U.S. armed forces are committed to complying with the conventions and that the acts of abuse at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq were wrong.

Bush issued the statement on a United Nations international day in support of victims of torture.

Bush is widely unpopular in Turkey, and his arrival Saturday in Ankara was preceded by a series of protests and bomb blasts, including one Thursday that injured three people outside the Ankara hotel where he will stay.

Another blast that day on an Istanbul bus killed four people and injured 14. On Saturday, Turkish police fired tear gas as

more than 100 left-wing demonstrators hurled rocks and used sticks to try and break down a police barricade during a protest ahead of Bush's arrival.

In Ireland a few miles from where he spoke, thousands demonstrated against Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq.

Bush asserted that the bitter differences with European leaders over the Iraq war are over, declaring "a common interest and a common goal to help the Iraqi people."

Bush bristled at ongoing European criticism of his decision to invade Iraq, saying "we'll just let the chips fall where they may."

Asked about his apparent lack of support in Europe, Bush said, "I must confess that the first polls I worry about are those that are going to take place in early November this year." The presidential election is Nov. 2.

The United States and the European Union agreed in a joint statement to back Iraq's request for NATO military help and support the training of Iraqi security forces, and to reduce Iraq's international debt, estimated to be \$120 billion.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said later that diplomats reached an initial agreement to respond positively to the Iraqi request. Nineteen of NATO's 26 members are in the EU.

Opposition led by France and Germany has prevented a NATO military role on the ground in Iraq. France and Germany have both gone along with the request to help training.

Officials said the NATO summit would also announce agreement on plans to extend the alliance's peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan which is currently limited to the capital, Kabul, and the northern city of Kunduz.

The plans to be adopted in Istanbul will extend the operation to five more northern cities through the deployment of small units to support civilian reconstruction.

Bush asked the EU to offer membership to Turkey, a key U.S. ally in the war against terror.

Iran's nuclear program was among the topics of concern at the summit in Ireland.

Participants said they were disturbed by Iran's intentions

and insisted that the country be in full compliance with its international obligations not to create nuclear weapons.

In other declarations and statements issued at the close of the brief summit, the United States and EU agreed to:

- Better combat terrorism by sharing data on lost and stolen passports, work more closely on hunting down terrorist financing networks and increasing cooperation between law enforcement agencies on both sides of the Atlantic.

- Expand cooperation to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.

- Back continued peace talks to end 20 years of civil conflict in southern Sudan, and advance efforts being made by the United Nations to bring peace to all Sudan and address humanitarian and human rights crises in Darfur in western Sudan.

On the economic side, the United States and the EU signed an agreement Saturday to make the EU's planned satellite navigation system compatible with the existing U.S. Global Positioning System.

# Bombing kills two Afghan women working on landmark elections

By **MATTHEW PENNINGTON**

Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomb tore through a bus carrying female election workers Saturday on their way to register women for the country's first post-Taliban vote, killing two of them and injuring 13 others.

It was the bloodiest attack yet in a string of violence targeting election workers, aimed at sabotaging the September vote. A spokesman for the Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing.

The killings add to the pressure on NATO leaders meeting in Turkey this week to send more peacekeepers ahead of the polls, amid warnings from the United Nations that security must improve.

U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai condemned the bombing and blamed "enemies of peace and prosperity" in Afghanistan. He urged voters not to be intimidated.

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said two women were killed, and 11 women and two

children were wounded in the attack on the outskirts of the city of Jalalabad, 75 miles east of Kabul.

The bus was taking a group of female election workers to register women voters in an outlying district.

Four of the injured were in critical condition, including a child who was traveling with his mother. The bomb was believed planted inside the bus.

The driver fled just before the blast, but was later arrested and was in Afghan custody, the U.N. spokesman said.

Abdul Hakim Latifi, who claims to speak for the Taliban, said the bomb was detonated by remote control and threatened more violence.

"We will not forgive any man or woman who is supporting U.S. policies. We will continue this kind of attack to make sure the elections fail,"

Latifi said in a telephone call from an undisclosed location.

De Almeida e Silva said the movement of female election staff was restricted after the attack as the security situation was assessed, but registration of women voters was continuing "wherever possible." He did not elaborate.

The United Nations is helping to organize the election that Karzai and his American backers are adamant should go ahead in September despite growing security fears.

Critics accuse Washington of pushing for a quick vote so President Bush, who ordered the U.S.-led invasion to oust the Taliban in late 2001, can claim a foreign policy success in

bringing democracy to Afghanistan before the U.S. election in November.

So far, only about half of estimated total of eligible Afghan voters are registered, and many of those live in relatively secure cities. Registration is lag-

ging in remote rural areas in the south and east where the insurgency is strongest.

About one-third of the 4.5 million people signed up so far are women.

Because of religious and cultural sensitivities in this deeply Islamic coun-

try, voter registration is segregated between the sexes.

In conservative areas of Pashtun-dominated southern and eastern Afghanistan female electoral staff sometimes go door-to-door to encourage women to register.

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## Two wreck victims in intensive care

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Two men remain in intensive care units in Lubbock following a one-vehicle roll over that occurred in Borden County Wednesday.

Four passengers traveling in a Monahans Nipple-Up Company commercial truck were injured when the truck left the roadway while traveling on County Road 1054 just inside the Borden County line.

Rob Robison, safety director for Monahans Nipple-Up, said the men are still coping with serious injuries, but at this point their prognosis looks hopeful.

"Two of them are still in intensive care units in Lubbock, but their injuries aren't considered life threatening at this point," said Robison Friday afternoon. "They have multiple fractures and other serious wounds but things are looking

much better at this point."

Lee R. Davis, who was ejected from the vehicle, is in the surgical intensive care unit at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Robison said Davis suffered multiple fractures, including several in his back, but hasn't suffered any paralysis.

Lance Gilbreath, who was also ejected from the commercial work truck, remains in the intensive care unit at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Robison said Gilbreath suffered multiple fractures as well, including several broken ribs near his spinal column.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Max Honesto investigated and said he believed it was caused by a combination of an over-correction and a high rate of speed.

"Based on the evidence at the scene, it appears the driver was north-

bound on 1054, went off of the west side of the road and overcorrected," said Honesto shortly after the accident.

Witnesses at the scene said Gilbreath and Davis were ejected from the cab of the truck when it began to roll. Both were transported to the Borden County ISD football stadium in Gail, where they were airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

"He's still in ICU, but I've been assured his injuries are no longer life threatening," said Robison.

The driver of the truck, Eleazar Rocha, is currently being treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for a fractured hip and bruised ankle. William Brown, the fourth passenger, was treated and released at SMMC shortly after the accident.

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

## Recipes

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY — Pork chops, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY — Chicken dumplings, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, crackers, fruited, gelatin.

### WEDNESDAY —

Catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk, cornbread, pudding.

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MONDAY — Hamburgers, salad,

French fries, ranch beans, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY — Pizza pocket, veggie medley, fruit, ice cream, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chicken rings, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, roll, milk.

## Who's Who

Kathryn Weissman, a student at Big Spring High School, has been accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. She is the daughter of David and Debra Weissman.



WEISSMAN

TAMS is a two-year residential program at the University of North Texas that allows talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning their high school diplomas.

Weissman will enter TAMS this fall, live in the UNT residence halls and attend UNT classes with college students. She should graduate in May 2006 with 60 hours of college credit and the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Nicole Marie Bright will attend the 2004 National Junior Leaders Conference in

Washington, D.C. She was nominated by school counselor Theresa Easton.

Bright, 12, is a student of Frankfort Middle School. She is the daughter of Robert and Mary Jane Bright of Fort Ashby, W.Va., and the granddaughter of Frank and Isidora Morphis of Sand Springs and Robert and Jacqueline Bright of



BRIGHT

Elkins, W.Va.

Bright was selected by the teacher coordinator to participate in the STOP Program (Students Taking On Projects). She is an active member of the Girls Scouts of American and has earned numerous badges during the last six years.

She has been a Little League cheerleader for six years for the Frankfort Colts.

She plays the clarinet and for three years has been a member of the school band.

### Attention customers:

Cigarettes pictured on the back page of the Sunday, June 27 insert ad were incorrect.

The items priced at \$19.99 are Doral, Pall Mall, Misty and Eve cigarettes.

Please note that Marlboro, Winston and Camel are not part of this promotion.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.



## CAP ROCK ENERGY CORPORATION

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### ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

On Tuesday, June 15, 2004 Cap Rock Energy Corporation held its annual shareholders' meeting at its Stanton Division offices. Subsequently, items appeared in print, television news, and on local talk radio, that have not been entirely accurate. While not as sensational, we think the truth is a much better story.

● Cap Rock Energy Corporation is a publicly held corporation with about 1.6 million shares outstanding. Of all shares voting, 99.5% voted in favor of re-electing our corporate leadership at our recent annual shareholders meeting. Considering that 70% of our customers are also shareholders, we believe this provides a clear mandate for Cap Rock's management.

● Cap Rock was founded as a cooperative in 1939, and in 2001, reorganized into a publicly held investor-owned utility, or "IOU". The purpose of the reorganization was to position the Company to prepare for and survive and flourish in a competitive "customer choice" business environment. Cap Rock was the first co-op in the nation to reorganize into an IOU and like the mutual savings and loans and insurance companies, we expect many co-ops to follow our lead.

● The Company's stock is traded on the American Stock Exchange. About 97% of our employees and about 70% of our customers are also shareholders in the Company. We are very proud of those figures. One should also note that none of the stock awards have even been included in our rates, and they are not included in our proposed rate increase pending before the Public Utility Commission.

● Cap Rock is a profitable company, having reported profits each year since reorganizing into an IOU. In addition, our stock has tripled in value and we have vastly improved our balance sheet since becoming an IOU.

● The Company fields an experienced team - our workforce is about 120 loyal men and women averaging over 15 years with Cap Rock. That number also says Cap Rock is a good place to work. We're proud of this too.

● Cap Rock's rates are comparable to other utilities, usually within about 10%. We serve primarily the rural customer; our electric distribution system has an average of less than three meters per mile of line. That we can keep our rates comparable with much larger utilities that have up to sixty meters per mile is a testament to our ability to deliver the highest quality service at the lowest possible price.

● Cap Rock's service is not comparable to other utilities - it's much, much better. Downright legendary. When a customer calls Cap Rock, they talk to a real live person and we are enroute to solve the problem within minutes. Our service teams are required to live within close proximity of the division offices and in the communities they serve. We regularly receive letters and calls describing the fast, efficient, friendly and professional service received by customers. Cap Rock has electrical outage rates among the lowest (best) in the southwestern United States. That means that a Cap Rock customer simply has more reliable power. More reliable from Cap Rock than nearly any other electric utility.

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● Cap Rock has created over \$80 million of value for our stockholders and former electric cooperative members. This is real money which consisted of "unlocked" co-op capital credits and subsequent stock value increases. This is value added to the local economy. No other electric company can make that claim.

● Our annual shareholders meeting was a "good news" meeting, and there are many more good things to say about Cap Rock Energy - too numerous to list here - perhaps in a subsequent writing. Yes, like most companies we have our dissidents that have been opposing every move Cap Rock has made for decades, but that's another story. It's time to focus on the positive rather than the clamoring of a few individuals.

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In the other item we published, we mentioned a dissident group: "...about a dozen individuals that have been whining for a decade and opposing every move Cap Rock has made, but that's another story."

Okay, here is the first installment of the "other story":

There is no vast groundswell of anti-Cap Rock sentiment on the part of our customers, our employees, or our shareholders. For the most part, they feel we're doing a pretty good job thank you very much. Of course, we would all like electric rates to be cheaper, but most understand that we are doing the best we can to keep rates as low as possible.

The "ire" we drew over our rates at our annual meeting was from about a half-dozen individuals. Connie Hargrave had 0 shares, Glenda Southerland had one share, Rodney Gully had six shares, and Harold Hoelscher had 10 shares of Cap Rock stock. The latter two are wealthy subsidized irrigation farmers and long time Cap Rock antagonists, the first two are new recruits. The annual meeting resulted in an overwhelming mandate in favor of management - votes in favor in excess of 99.5%.

The "picket line" consisted of three women and a little boy holding signs and waving at passing cars.

Just like the cowardly terrorists who scream into the camera for the 10 o'clock news, these people attempt to create the illusion of massive demonstrations and support with hype, noise and misinformation, when in truth there are very few involved. In this case, it's a few wealthy subsidized irrigation farmers creating the illusion. Ms. Hargrave has attempted to incite and scare our customers in the name of fair energy costs, while her real cause is to get lower rates for the wealthy subsidized irrigation farmers by charging higher rates to everyone else.

Our proposed rate increase is less than 7% for residential customers, which is less than the increase these customers would have had if they had been TXU customers this year.

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# Monica Lewinsky rebuffs Clinton's claims in autobiography

By SUE LEEMAN  
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Monica Lewinsky begs to differ. The former White House intern scorned Bill Clinton's explanation that he had an affair with her "just because I could," and accused the former president of failing to correct the record and make clear their relationship was mutual in his new memoir.

In her first public comments on the book, "My Life," Lewinsky accused Clinton of trying to destroy her with his characterization of the affair as something dirty and wrong, and argued the liaison was one of mutual affection.

"I really didn't expect him to go into detail about our relationship" in the book, the 30-year-old Lewinsky said in an interview with The Daily Mail.

"But if he had and he'd done it honestly, I wouldn't have minded. ... I did, though, at least expect him to correct the

false statements he made when he was trying to protect the presidency."

"Instead, he talked about it as though I had laid it all out there for the taking. I was the buffet and he just couldn't resist the dessert," she was quoted as saying.

In an interview with Independent Television News broadcast Friday, Lewinsky said she was especially upset by Clinton's assertion on CBS' "60 Minutes" that he embarked on the affair "for the worst possible reason. Just because I could."

"I was really upset when I first heard it," Lewinsky said.

Clinton, in an interview Thursday on CNN's "Larry King Live," said he realized the comment could sound harsh but that it was not intended to offend Lewinsky.

"When I say I did it because I could, if you take it out of context it sounds jolting and sniping and arrogant and unfeeling toward Monica Lewinsky or

my family," he said, according to a CNN transcript.

"That is not what I meant ... Anybody who's lived a certain time has made some mistakes. If you look back on your life and you think about the things that you did wrong that you knew at the time you shouldn't do, about the best explanation is you did it because you could. Not just in this context — in many contexts."

Lewinsky said she had spent the past several years trying to "move on" and build a life.

"It has been so difficult because of so many of the lies that he has told about me and about what happened," she told ITN.

"I can understand someone wanting to save his presidency. But I don't accept that he had to completely desecrate my character, which not only affected me, but my family, my friends and my future."

Lewinsky noted that when prosecutors began pressuring her about her affair with the

president, she was the same age as his 24-year-old daughter, Chelsea, is now.

"How would he feel if (Chelsea) was trashed by the person she had had the relationship with — a person who has denied it to save himself — if she was called a liar, a stalker, crazy, stupid?" the Daily Mail quoted Lewinsky as saying.

She said Clinton, 57, has tried to rewrite history in his book.

"Having read some accounts of what was in this book, I was already disappointed, but curious," she said. "Probably still a bit naive, thinking, well, maybe there's a surprise, maybe he'll be a different, more mature person than what we have seen in the past few days. But I was wrong," she told ITN.

"I really didn't expect him to talk in detail about the relationship, because he is a married man and he has worked hard to stay married and it would be inappropriate, I think, to discuss the details."

"But what I was hoping, and did expect, was for him to acknowledge and correct the inaccurate and false statements that he, his staff and the DNC (Democratic National Committee) made about me when they were trying to protect the presidency. His strategy to try and defeat (former special prosecutor) Ken Starr was to debase my character."

"In the process he destroyed me."

Lewinsky said her relationship with Clinton had been mutual, "from the way it started, all the way through."

"My memories of it were much more positive. I think that I had enjoyed someone being so happy to see me, and certainly the gifts that were exchanged were touching."

The broadcaster declined to comment when asked whether it had paid Lewinsky for the interview. The Daily Mail did not immediately respond to an inquiry from The Associated Press.

# Officials urge calm following suspected mad cow case

By HOPE YEN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — An initial test of one animal has failed to rule out mad cow disease, but people who eat U.S. beef should not be alarmed because the animal never entered the food chain, agriculture officials say.

The Agriculture Department said the result was "inconclusive" for the brain-wasting disease. The carcass was being sent to the USDA National Veterinary Laboratory in Ames, Iowa; results were expected in four days to seven days.

"No matter how the confirmatory testing comes back, USDA remains confident in the safety of the U.S. beef supply," John

Clifford, deputy administrator of USDA veterinary services, said in announcing the finding late Friday. "This animal did not enter the human food chain or feed chain."

Clifford declined to identify the animal or its location until testing is complete. It is "very likely" final testing could turn up negative, he said.

Norman Schwartz, president of Bio-Rad Laboratories in Hercules, Calif., said the initial test was performed at one of his labs.

"They are designed to catch everything. You are catching every possible suspicious sample," Schwartz said Saturday.

In the first case of mad cow discovered in the United States, a Holstein on a Washington state

farm was found to have the disease in December, leading more than 50 countries to ban imports of U.S. beef. Japan and South Korea, two of the biggest export markets, have their bans in effect.

The department this month expanded national testing for the disease in response to that mad cow scare. More than 7,000 cattle have been tested under the program, which seeks to check about 220,000 animals over the next year to 18 months.

Agriculture officials and representatives of the U.S. beef cattle industry quickly sought to play down a potential threat to consumers.

"This is not at all unexpected," Clifford said. "Inconclusive results are a normal component of

most screening tests, which are designed to be extremely sensitive so they will detect any sample that could possibly be positive."

At the American Meat Institute, a trade group, spokeswoman Janet Riley said: "Regardless of the test outcome, beef is safe because the infectious agent is not contained in beef and the tissues that can contain the infectious agent are removed, and do not enter the food supply. Consumers can continue to enjoy beef in safety."

Bill Bullard, chief executive officer of R-CALF USA, a cattlemen's group, urged calm in the live cattle markets, which dropped 20-percent after U.S. officials reported the first mad cow case in

December. Mad cow disease, known also as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, eats holes in the brains of cattle. It sprang up in Britain in 1986 and spread through countries in Europe and Asia, prompting massive destruction of herds and devastating the European beef industry.

A form of mad cow disease can be contracted by humans if they eat infected beef or nerve tissue, and possibly through blood transfusions.

Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the human form of mad cow disease, so far has killed 100 people in Britain and elsewhere, including a Florida woman this week who was believed to have contracted the disease in England. The government last year conducted mad cow tests on tissues from 20,543 animals, virtually all of them cattle that could not stand or walk and had to be dragged to slaughter. After the December case, the government initially doubled the number of animals to be tested this year to 40,000. With many foreign governments still reluctant to ease bans on U.S. beef, the testing program was expanded at a cost of \$70 million to include as many as 220,000 slaughtered animals, following recommendations from an international scientific review panel. About 35 million cattle are slaughtered each year in the United States.

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# Advocates go to ballot box to boost schools, services

By ROBERT TANNER  
AP National Writer

Trying to funnel money toward long-starved programs, ballot questions in several states hope to persuade voters to bypass reluctant lawmakers and free up cash for emergency medical care, education, services for the poor and more.

The uptick in voter initiatives comes after three years of economic straits. Most states now report an improving economy and healthy revenues, but advocates for many causes say spending, especially for social services, hasn't kept up.

"These programs, they've been sacrificed for the states' budget woes," said Mike Melanson, campaign manager for a Colorado effort to raise tobacco taxes by 64 cents per pack, with the money to be devoted to poor children's health care.

Washington state voters could decide whether to raise the state's sales tax by 1 cent per dollar to pay for K-12 education. Initiative drives in California hope to make the state spend more on mental health pro-

grams, emergency hospital care and children's hospitals.

Other ballot questions that would increase spending — some already on the ballot and some still gathering signatures — are brewing in Arkansas, Nevada, Oklahoma and Utah.

The turn to the ballot box, among the 23 states that allow citizen initiatives, doesn't surprise state leaders. The improving economy does ease pressures, they say, but it also raises unrealistic hopes among advocates.

"You've got to hold people's expectations down," said Republican Joseph Varella in Washington state, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. "For some people, there's never enough spent in certain areas."

For states, the economic downturn of 2001 pushed revenues off a cliff. After the late 1990s boom, state spending grew only 1.3 percent in fiscal 2002 and 0.6 percent in 2003, according to the National Governors Association.

Spending is rising faster now, though at just a fraction of the 6.2 percent average of the past

25 years — up 2.8 percent in the fiscal year that ends this month, and an estimated 2.8 percent next year.

Tax revenues, however, are showing signs of healthy growth — up 5.5 percent from the year before for the fiscal quarter that ended in March, after adjusting for inflation and tax changes, according to the Rockefeller Institute in Albany.

That was the third straight quarter of growth, with each quarter bringing bigger gains following several quarters of decline, the institute found. Personal income taxes, sales taxes and corporate taxes all saw strong growth.

But stronger revenues aren't translating into cash for programs that need it, at least in the eyes of supporters.

"There's a real inability to have any forward progress ... (lawmakers) are fearful of doing anything major," said Natalie Reber, working on the Washington state initiative for primary education. "We kind of felt like we were pushed up against the wall."

Washington state in particular has had bruising fights over

taxing and spending, with voters in past years approving initiatives that increased salaries for teachers on one hand, while also approving initiatives limiting tax increases.

A similar squeeze has left Colorado in a fix, as voter-approved limits on spending and taxes have been strained by another voter-approved mandate to increase student spending as inflation rises.

"It's a double whammy," Melanson said. "Whenever there's a budget crunch, it's these health programs that are the first on the cutting block."

Some groups in Colorado are considering another initiative to ease the spending limits.

Dramatic tax increases have been passed in some states, as leaders argue it's time to pull back the pendulum after years of tax cuts.

New Jersey raised taxes on the wealthiest; Virginia, with a coalition of Republicans and a Democratic governor, raised taxes by more than \$1 billion; others, like Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, have proposed sweeping tax restructuring that would lower property taxes by

expanding gambling.

Still, anti-tax sentiment hasn't subsided. Initiatives in Florida, Nevada and South Dakota, among others, aim to cut taxes. And voters in recent years have forcefully rejected big-dollar tax increases in Alabama and Oregon.

Perhaps the balance has shifted after years of complaints that government services have withered, said Kristina Wilfore, executive director of the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center in Washington.

"Have (voters) felt the pain enough to eat their peas?" she said. "We'll see."

Tax cuts are always an easier sell than higher taxes, said Varella. "Everyone's a closet conservative when it comes to raising taxes. The majority of folks, when it comes time to vote on taking money out of their paycheck, are going to say no."

On the Net: Initiative and Referendum Institute: <http://www.iandrinstitute.org/>  
Ballot Initiative Strategy Center: <http://www.ballot.org/>

## Driver killed in head-on collision with bus

FORT STOCKTON (AP) — The driver of a pickup truck was killed early Saturday after he collided head on with a bus full of teenagers in West Texas, authorities said.

The man was driving the wrong way in the northbound lanes of U.S. Highway 285 near Fort Stockton, Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Fernando Guajardo said.

The bus driver swerved to miss him, but the truck driver swerved the same direction and they collided.

The victim was identified as Rogelio Estrada Mendoza, 25, of Fort Stockton.

Four of the 22 teenagers on the bus had minor injuries and were treated and released at a hospital, Guajardo said. No one else was hurt.

The teenagers were members of a church group that was returning to New Mexico from a camp in Harlingen, Guajardo said. Two adult chaperones were with them.

The department was continuing to investigate the accident, but alcohol appeared to have been a factor, Sgt. Robert Losoya said.

## Emergency slides on planes often don't work, safety officials say

By LESLIE MILLER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — American Airlines Flight 1128 was pushing back from the gate at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport last fall when fumes and smoke filled the cabin.

The captain declared an emergency and ordered an evacuation. Flight attendants rushed to deploy four slides so passengers could exit safely to the ground. The tail slide failed to inflate, however, and eight of the 94 people aboard were injured during the evacuation.

Faulty emergency

chutes brought trouble this month to another carrier, United Airlines, when the government recommended a \$1 million fine for operating a Boeing 777 on 263 flights when the plane did not have working slides.

Inspectors from the Federal Aviation Administration found that United's maintenance workers failed to remove a pin from the slides despite an attached streamer with instructions to "remove before flight." The pins made the slides inoperable.

Federal safety officials say it is an all-too-common occurrence: planes leave the gate with slides

that would not work if they were needed.

Passengers and crew have about 90 seconds to evacuate a plane in an emergency, said Paul Hudson of Aviation Consumer Action Project. Any longer, he said, and "there's a strong probability they'll die of fire or smoke inhalation."

The National Transportation Safety Board estimates that slides fail in about one-third of all evacuations. A board study four years ago found that at least one slide failed to deploy in seven of 19 evacuations during a 14-month period.

"We need to find out why so many slides fail

during actual evacuations," said the board's chairman, Ellen Engleman Connors.

The board, which makes safety recommendations, wants the FAA to require the airlines to test 10 percent of all evacuation slides to identify common problems. The FAA has been reluctant to do that.

Each carrier now must test some of its slides, though the rate is much lower than one in 10.

Testing would be more costly for airlines and

would require that more planes be taken out of service.

"We are actively working to develop an alternate approach that would satisfy the intent of the safety recommendation," FAA spokesman Les Dorr said.

The agency recommended last year that airlines ensure maintenance manuals were updated and check parts of the slide assembly such as the pressure in the tank that inflates the device.

The family of Brandon Sumner would like to thank the community of Big Spring. Your love & prayers has kept us strong during this difficult time. We would like to give a special thank you to the Sheriff's Department, Wal-Mart, Life Church, Cornerstone, Temple Belen and Myers & Smith. We now know why he loved this town so much. Although he's gone to a better place, his memory will live on, cherished in the hearts of those he knew and loved.

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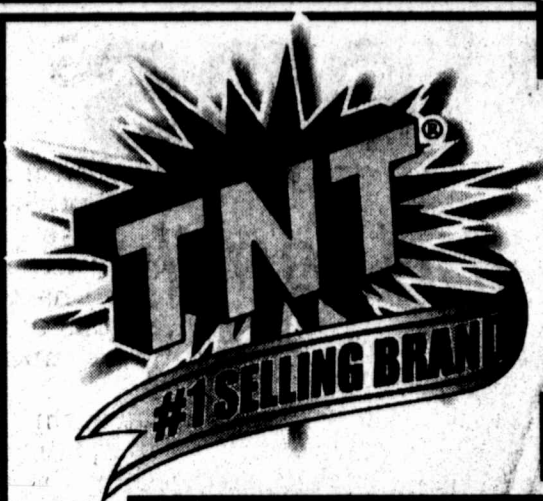
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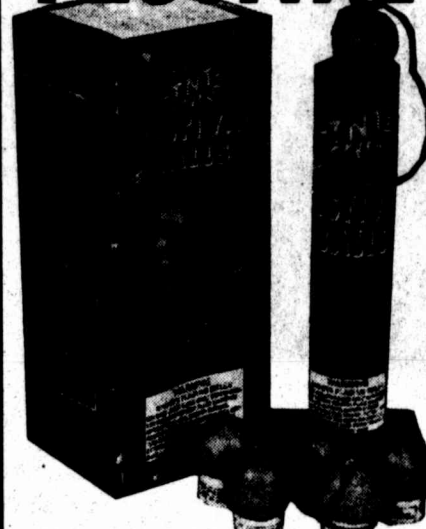
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# In his father's footsteps

The gift of creating legendary guitars runs in the family

By DARRYL E. OWENS

The Orlando Sentinel

WINTER SPRINGS, Fla. — Inside a Winter Springs business park, locked behind a glass door identified only by number, two men toil in near pin-drop silence.

At a workbench thick with sawdust, the older man takes into his hands a delicate curved piece of wood. His arms are mottled with age, but his fingers move with ageless grace as he gently rubs away the rough spots.

In the coming weeks, he'll assemble the soundboard he sands, a fingerboard, neck and sides into a masterpiece: a classical guitar of such impeccability that his name is mentioned among those of Torres, Hernandez and Hauser — among the greatest guitar makers ever.

An instrument that will bear the name Manuel Velazquez.

The master turns toward his apprentice, hard at work, a few feet away.

Velazquez, 87, peers over steel bifocals, knowing the young artisan has a ways to go to match the master. Knowing his mother was right when she said that the passion for the art burns in the blood. Knowing that even the \$20,000 guitars the master produces cannot compare with his greatest masterpiece, a life's work in progress, the apprentice who bears his name:

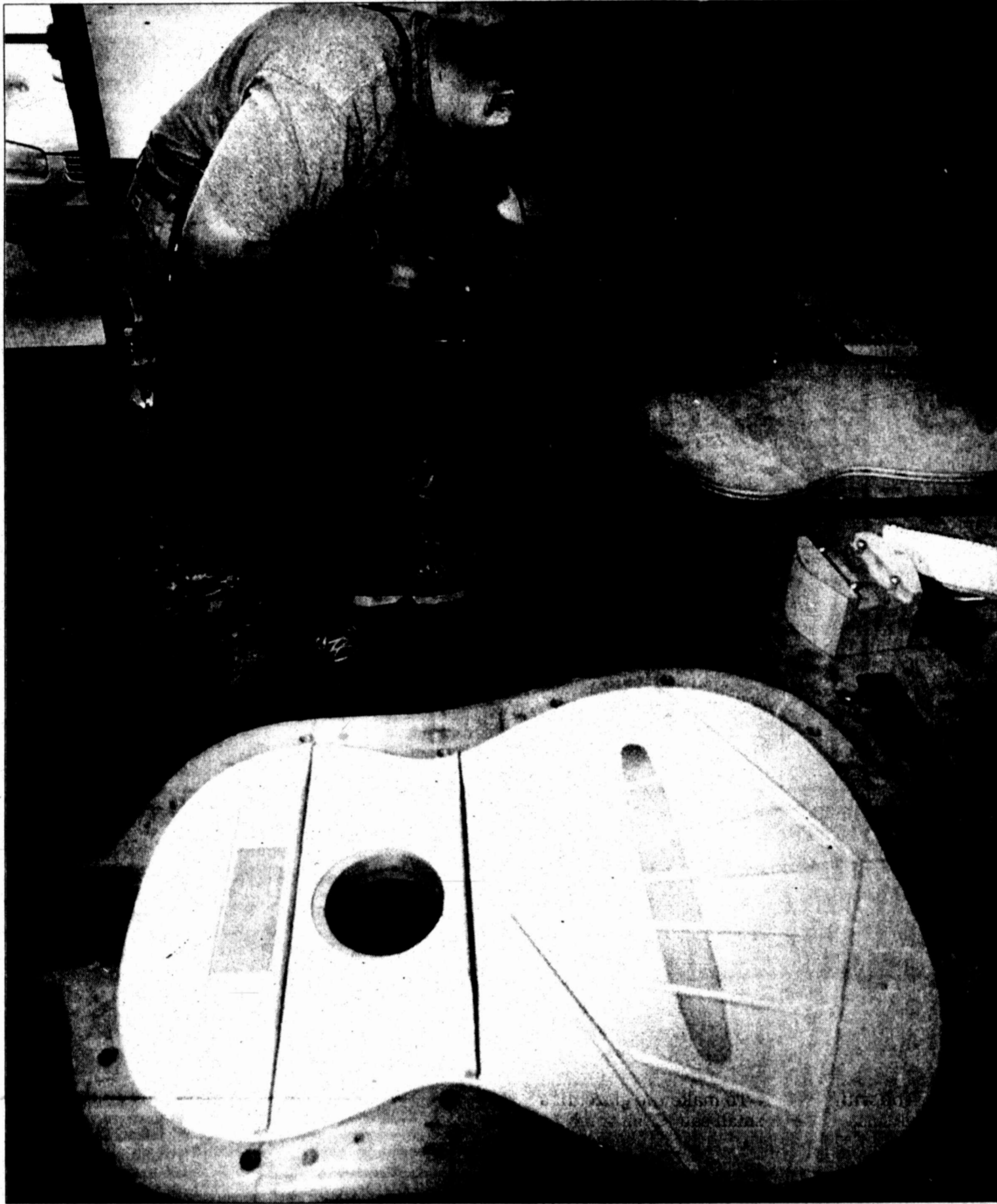
His son Alfredo. Becoming a luthier — a maker of stringed instruments — would be Alfredo's choice. Manuel Velazquez never pressured his son, nor did he push him away.

At age 3, Alfredo showed interest in the work, delighting in his father's workshop, "borrowing" tools. The vise that Manuel uses to clamp the sides of guitars still bears gouges from Alfredo's boyhood dabbling.

Still, Manuel could raise only a faux fuss: After all, Alfredo's fascination for the instrument was "like father, like son." Growing up in Puerto Rico, it seemed to Manuel that everyone played the guitar. His brother Teofilio, a cabinetmaker, learned to make them using instructions that a Spanish cousin — and a celebrated luthier — had enclosed in a letter. When he turned 13, Manuel told his mother he, too, would build a guitar.

"It's in the blood," she told him.

Manuel found a cheese crate, cut planks to size, soaked them in gasoline to remove the grease, and washed the wood in soap.



Alfredo Velazquez works on a guitar at the shop he shares with his father Manuel in Winter Springs, Fla.

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Three months later, he sold his first guitar for \$11.

In 1941, he joined his sister Virginia in New York. During the war, he worked as a cabinetmaker at the federal shipyards in Newark, N.J. There, in 1946, he rekindled his passion for guitar making. Sailors had tossed a Brazilian rosewood table into the Hudson River. Struck by its beauty, Manuel fished out slabs of it and made a guitar.

Three days after it was finished, he sold it. That moment, with \$250 crinkling in his hand, he realized he could make a life doing the thing he loved.

The master blows sawdust from the soundboard and fits the heart of the guitar into the body.

The fit isn't quite flush. He pencils marks on the wood and resumes sanding. Another fitting. Still off. He marks. He sands. Again. And again.

His demand for perfec-

tion creates a longing in guitarists such as Earl Klugh, Paul Simon, Keith Richards and Pepe Romero to possess a Velazquez. Stephen Robinson bought his first Velazquez six years ago.

"I am privileged to perform and record on one of Manuel's masterpieces," gushes Robinson, founding director of the International Guitar Workshop at Stetson University in DeLand, Fla. The guitars, he says, "are prized for their inimitable tone."

Given similar woods and construction methods, each luthier's guitar will resonate with a signature sound. Wherein lies the difference?

Some believe a guitar is the vessel into which the luthier pours his soul. That harplike, mellow, colorful sound that Robinson hears playing a Velazquez might just be Manuel whispering his passion for the work.

Manuel loves it all. The feel of the wood. The sweetness of vanilla that issues from shaved Brazilian rosewood. The 42 operations involved alone in constructing just the neck.

But he wondered whether that passion would ever resonate in his son's soul.

For a time, Alfredo, now 33, was more interested in playing guitars than building them.

He studied woodworking while attending high school in Arlington, Va. Father and son built a cabinet.

However, in 1988, Alfredo joined the National Guard and channeled his energies into serving his country. By the time they reunited in 1991, Manuel had moved to his Winter Springs studio, hopeful the Florida sunshine would ease his advancing arthritis.

For Alfredo, stepping into that workshop — the

wood, the vanilla, the passion — "It was like a drug." He would give it a shot.

Though Manuel had always kept his prayer quiet, Alfredo was "pretty sure, as a father, he wanted me to follow his footsteps, but he wanted me to find that out by myself, and for that I'm very thankful."

But "there was a lot of pressure," Alfredo says, "that I have to do this, have to be exactly like my father. I even told people, 'Don't expect my father's guitar.'"

Because of his name and because his guitars were cheaper — \$5,000 to \$8,000 — people were willing to bet on genetics. "I would get a lot of guitars back," Alfredo says.

Discontented buyers

would parrot his disclaimer: "It doesn't sound like your father's."

That bothered Manuel. "People don't understand," he says. "He needed more experience."

Alfredo realized he must ignore expectations and carve out his own sound. Already Stetson's Robinson is sold: His collection of Velazquez guitars is now up to five, including two fashioned by Alfredo.

Like his father, Alfredo focuses on the details but sometimes veers from the family recipe.

"At times, we're talking passionately about the guitar, how to improve it, how to make it better. Sometimes, we'll be wringing at each other's necks," Alfredo says. "He has certain standards and he has certain ways of doing things. I try to imitate him, but I usually go a different path. At the end, as long as we have the same results, that's what counts."

What counts most for Manuel is that his son found his path.

"I thank God that I am sure now that the name will be the same," he says. "This thing is in the blood."

Only soft strains of Beethoven and a thin scent of vanilla color the silence as two men continue the work of a lifetime.

Just after lunch, Manuel sets aside his tools and pushes away from the table. Red curls of rosewood beneath his feet scatter. He starts to rise, then thinks better of it. A boyhood encounter with a bull permanently injured his hip, and now, at his age, walking has become a chore. Once, he could build 20 guitars a year. Now, Manuel manages at most a dozen. He is weary.

"Yo encolare manana."

I'll glue it tomorrow.

The apprentice looks up briefly. On a hook hangs a strand of wooden circles — remnants of soundboards that he keeps as a count of the guitars he has made. So far, 35. The master, credited with some 800 guitars, has misplaced more strands than that.

He nods at the master and returns to the work. His work.

Alfredo has made his choice. He will carry on. Soon, he'll present another buyer an instrument that bears the Velazquez name.

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# Something different: Throw dessert on the grill

By MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Don't douse those coals once you've finished grilling the main course: Toss some dessert on the burner.

When cooking out this season, there's no need to go back inside the kitchen to prepare the meal's sweet finale.

More backyard cooks are opting to create desserts on their grills as technology advances and heat control becomes more exact, especially on gas appliances, said Jamie Purviance, author of "Weber's Art of the Grill" and "Weber's Big Book of Grilling."

"People think of it like an outdoor oven. You can actually bake cakes and cookies just like you would do in an oven," he said. "There's absolutely no reason you can't do an apple pie. You just have to have indirect heat."

For traditional dessert items such as cakes, pies, cobblers and cookies, Purviance recommends using a gas grill to create an oven-like environ-

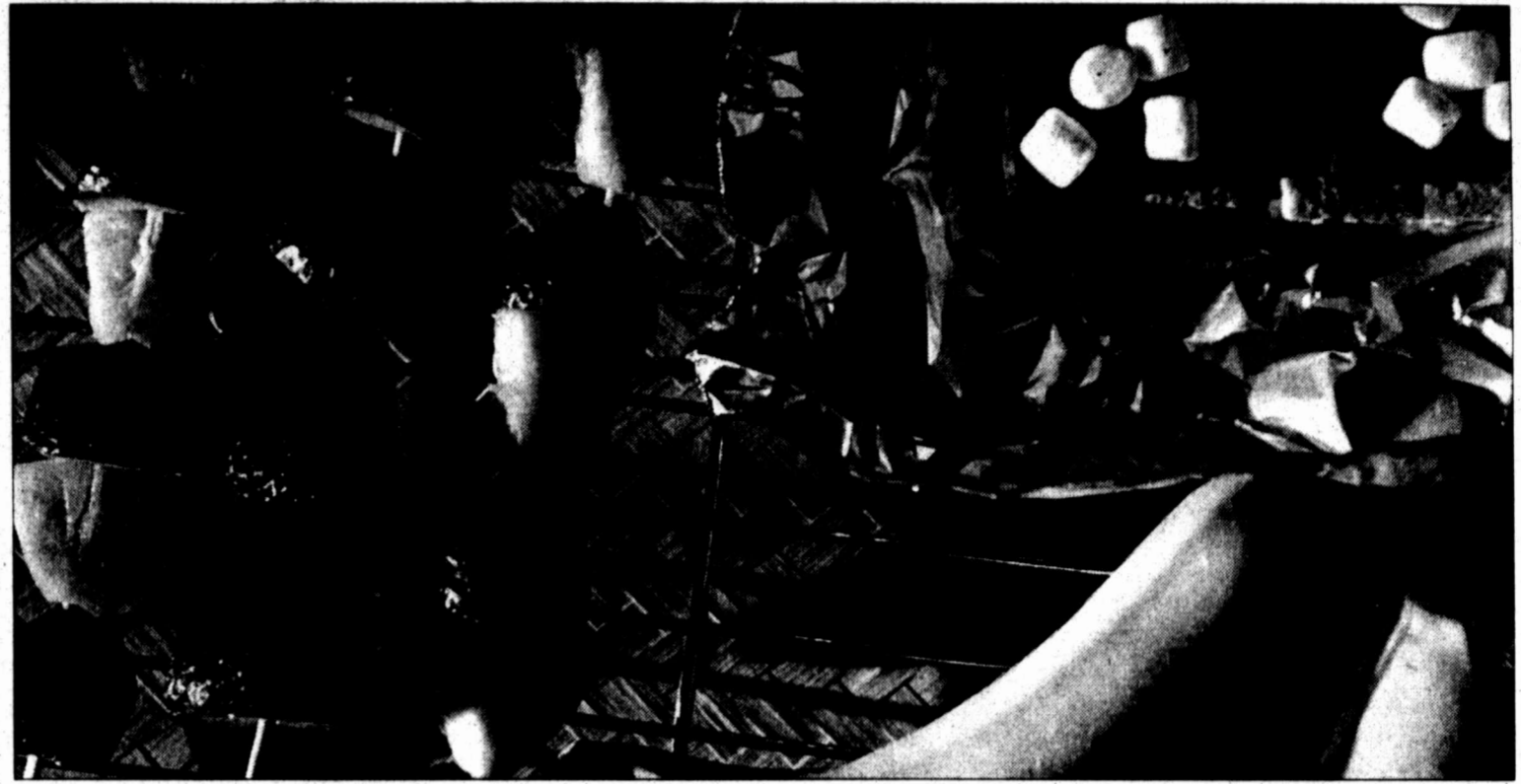
ment. Place your dish on an unlit burner and turn on the burners surrounding it to create a convection current. It's also a good idea to rotate your dish halfway through cooking.

When you're using the direct heat of charcoal, fruit is the best bet for dessert, Purviance said.

There are a variety of techniques for cooking fruit on the grill. Purviance offered some tips and suggestions:

**Firm fruits** — Choose fruits that won't turn to mush after sizzling over coals for a few minutes. Purviance recommends pineapple, peaches, apricots, nectarines and mangos. Slice fresh pineapple and mango, then place directly on the grill. Cut peaches, apricots and nectarines in half and take out the pit before grilling.

**Prevent sticking** — Brush oil or butter on the fruit before placing on grill. This will prevent the fruit from sticking to the grate. Purviance suggests using a neutral oil, such as canola, because it won't alter the fruit's nat-



After the burgers come off the grill, throw on some pineapple, strawberries, bananas and smores for a great finish to your grilled meal.

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ural sweetness. **Leave skin on** — Bananas will turn gooey if you put them on the grate, but there's one way to prevent such a catastrophe. Slice whole bananas in half lengthwise with skins on. Brush the cut sides with oil or a

butter and sugar mixture. Set cut side down on the grate and cook until well marked, 3 to 4 minutes.

"The beauty of this is the skin will hold the banana in shape," Purviance said.

**Remove from grill** with skin on, and peel before serving.

**Berry time** — Try whole strawberries on skewers to create a sweet, colorful kebob. Grill for a few minutes, remove from skewers, coarsely chop and serve over ice cream.

**Roasted treats** — Roast whole apples and pears the same way you would in an oven. Scoop out the core and add a sweet filling such as nuts and brown sugar or butter and some dried fruits. Set in a pan so you can continuously brush with butter as fruit roasts.

**Safety** — Always clean the grill's grate before putting on dessert, especially if you've cooked meat earlier.

**Foil** — Reynolds Kitchens advises using foil when cooking desserts on the grill. You can create foil packets or liners to prevent fruit from sticking.

"Fruit tastes better (cooked on the grill) than it would be raw," Purviance said. "The grilling concentrates the flavor of fruit, and it gets sweeter. It looks great too. If you're going to be outside anyway having a barbecue, why go back indoors to have dessert? If the flames are going, keep cooking."

**BASIC GRILLING TIPS**  
Save time — Eliminate extra trips to the kitchen.

Transport raw meat to grill on a plate lined with two sheets of foil. When you've put meat on grill, take off the top sheet being careful not to allow any liquid to touch the second sheet. Then you can put the done meat on the clean sheet.

**Stay safe** — Keep raw meats and ready-to-eat foods separate. Do the same for utensils. Use different spoons and forks to taste, stir and serve.

**Temperatures matter** — Use a meat thermometer to make sure beef is cooked to 160 degrees, chicken to 170 degrees and hot dogs reheated to 160 degrees. Never partially grill meat or poultry to finish cooking later.

**Don't forget sides** — Try vegetables grilled on skewers or in foil bags or pouches.

## ▶ Recipes

### EASY GRILLED S'MORES

Courtesy of Reynolds Kitchens

4 sheets (8-by-12 inches each) heavy-duty aluminum foil  
4 graham crackers, broken into halves  
2 (1.55 ounces each) milk chocolate candy bars, divided in half crosswise  
4 marshmallows

Preheat grill to medium. For each s'more, top one graham cracker square with one candy bar half, one marshmallow and another graham cracker square. Repeat with remaining graham crackers, candy and marshmallows.

Center one s'more on each sheet of aluminum foil.

Bring up foil sides. Double-fold top and ends to seal packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside. Repeat to make four packets. Grill 4 to 5 minutes in covered grill. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 194 calories, 9 grams fat, 105 milligrams sodium, 29 grams carbohydrates, 2 grams protein

4 teaspoons margarine or butter

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Milk chocolate morsels, mini marshmallows, nuts, whipped topping and cherries

Preheat grill to medium-high.

Center one banana on each sheet of foil. Top with brown sugar and margarine. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Top with chocolate morsels, marshmallows and nuts, if desired.

Bring up foil sides. Double-fold top and ends to seal packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside. Repeat to make four packets. Grill 4 to 6 minutes in covered grill. Serve with whipped topping and cherries. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 415 calories, 19 grams fat, 6 milligrams cholesterol, 56 milligrams sodium, 63 grams carbohydrates, 2 grams protein

### PARADISE GRILLED

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For the glaze:

3/4 cup fresh orange juice  
1 tablespoon honey  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

2 teaspoons cornstarch

Other ingredients:

4 slices fresh pineapple, about 1/2-inch thick each

1 teaspoon cracked, dried green peppercorns or cracked black peppercorns

4 scoops vanilla ice cream

To make the glaze: In a small saucepan, combine the glaze ingredients; and whisk until smooth.

Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, and cook until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Keep the glaze warm or reheat when ready to serve.

Season both sides of the pineapple slices with the peppercorns. Grill over indirect medium heat until well marked, 6 to 8 minutes, turning once halfway through grilling time. Serve each pineapple slice with a scoop of ice cream and some of the glaze drizzled over the top. Makes 4 servings.

### BANANA BOATS

Courtesy of Reynolds Kitchens

4 sheets (12-by-18 inches each) heavy-duty aluminum foil

4 firm, ripe bananas, peeled and sliced in half lengthwise

1/4 cup brown sugar

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### IN BRIEF

#### Dates set for Camp of Champs

Coach Ricky Long is currently conducting Big Spring High School's Camp for Champs at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center. The camp will run through July 7.

The weightlifting camp is open to males and females in grades fifth through eighth.

For more information, call Coach Long at 432-269-3662 or 432-263-0519.

#### Chaparral summer round ball classic set

A 14-and-under basketball tournament titled Chaparral Summer Classic will take place in San Angelo Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament is for boys and girls and costs \$90 per team to enter.

To enter, call 325-277-0628.

#### Forsan announces camp Buffalo dates

Forsan's Camp Buffalo will run from 8 a.m. to noon, July 19-23. The camp is for all boys grades five through eight and is designed to develop skills and fundamentals of football, basketball and strength conditioning.

Each student will be divided into appropriate age groups and all participants receive a camp T-shirt.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per student.

For more information or to register, call Terry McDonald at 432-267-7445 or Tommy Thompson at 432-457-0099.

#### Martin County Hospital fun run set

The Martin County Hospital will be holding a 5K fun run/walk July 9 at 7 p.m. in Stanton. The race will start in the back parking lot of the hospital.

Proceeds from the race will go to the Dan Griffis Scholarship Fund, which will provide scholarships to Martin County residents choosing a career in healthcare.

Awards will be given for first, second and third place finishes in three different age groups. The cost is \$15 before July 6 and \$18 on race day.

For more information, call Norma Garza at 432-756-2816 or Kathy Dunn at 432-756-3345.

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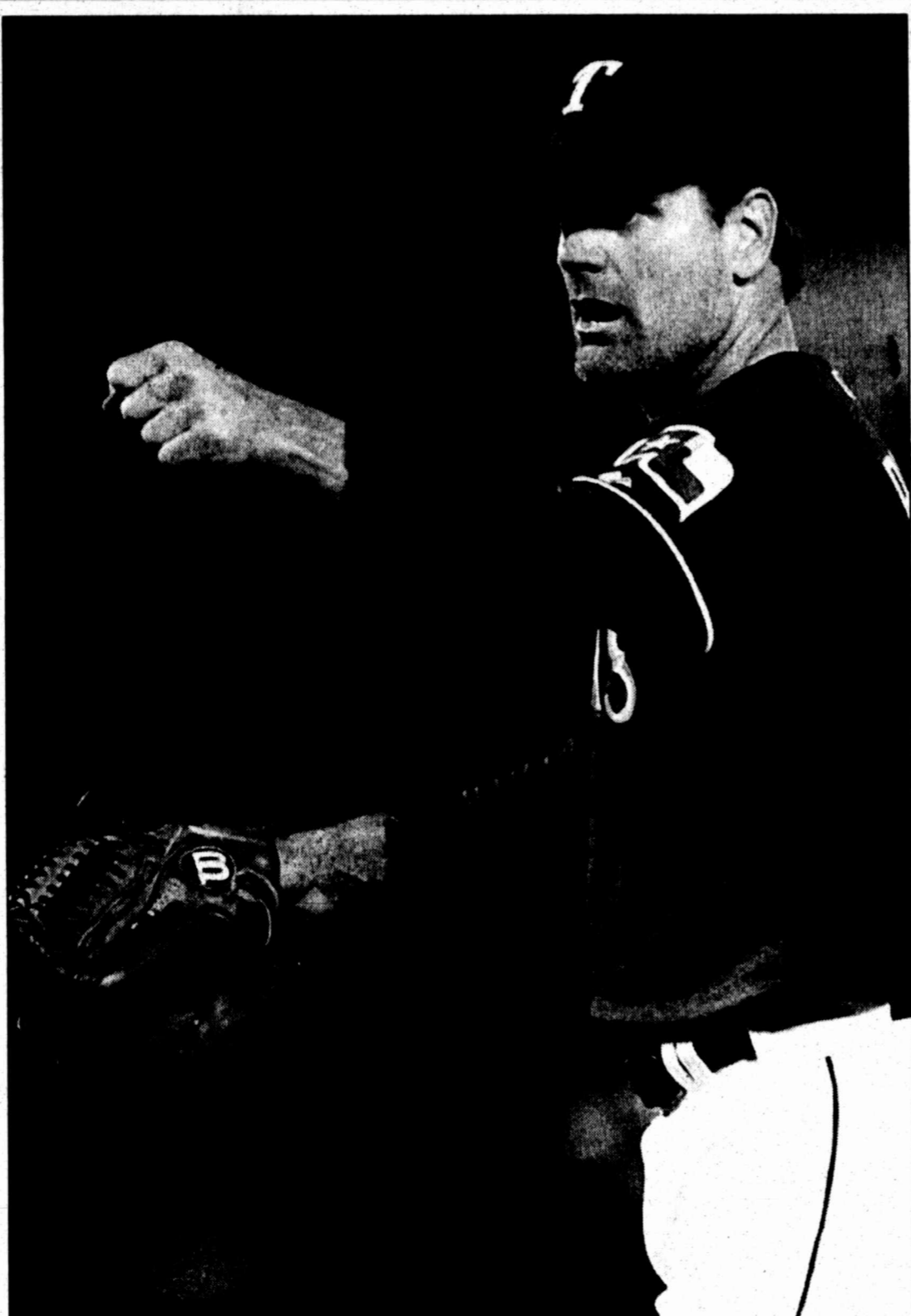
The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding a co-ed ragball tournament as a fund-raiser for Big Spring softball all-stars.

The tournament will be July 9, 10 and 11 and the team fee is \$125.

For more info, call Nicole at 432-264-2206 or 432-267-6391.

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AP photo/Tony Gutierrez  
Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers pumps his fist toward catcher Rod Barajas following the final out against the Houston Astros Friday in Arlington. Rogers pitched a complete game in the Rangers' 3-1 win.

## Rogers earns 10th victory, shuts down streaky Astros

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Kenny Rogers accomplished something even more important for the Texas Rangers than becoming the AL's first 10-game winner.

He gave the bullpen a night off.

Rogers threw a three-hitter and the Rangers won 3-1 to spoil Carlos Beltran's Houston debut Friday night, a day after seven Texas relievers were needed in an 18-inning win.

"You can't dial up any better than that," manager Buck Showalter said. "I don't know what more you can do to give a club what it needed than what Kenny did."

Rogers (10-2) threw 61 of 90 pitches for strikes in a game that lasted just 2 hours, 27 minutes — nearly 3 1/2 hours shorter than Thursday's 9-7 win over Seattle.

The 39-year-old left-hander joined Houston's Roger Clemens as the only 10-game winners in the majors.

It was Rogers' second complete game of the season and the 35th of his career.

After the 18-inning game, Showalter moved Rogers up from his scheduled start Saturday.

Just as planned, he preserved the bullpen — not even one reliever had to warm up.

"Without a doubt, that is the most rewarding thing," Rogers said. "It was just a game at the perfect time for us. I was more than happy to be the guy that went out and did it."

Rogers retired 13 straight batters before Beltran hit a leadoff dou-

ble in the seventh. After a fly-ball moved him to third, Beltran scored the Astros' only run on Jeff Kent's sacrifice fly.

Beltran went 2-for-4 a day after he was traded to the Astros from the last-place Kansas City Royals in a three-way deal that also sent reliever Octavio Dotel from Houston to Oakland.

"My first at-bat was almost like my first at-bat in the big leagues. I'm glad this one is over with," said Beltran, whose infield single in the first extended his hitting streak to 10 games.

Before Beltran's double, only one Houston runner had reached second base.

That was in the second, when Rogers got Brad Ausmus to ground into an inning-ending double play.

Rogers struck out two, including No. 6 hitter Jeff Bagwell to end the seventh, and walked just one.

He said he didn't throw a changeup and used only a couple of curveballs, relying instead on four-seam fastballs and sinkers.

"He threw a lot of strikes and hit both sides of the plate," Astros manager Jimmy Williams said. "Rogers was the key on the night, the way he pitched."

It was Rogers' third shot at his 10th win. He had given up just three earned runs over 13 innings in his last two

#### MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS: WINS

1. Roger Clemens, Houston — 10
2. Kenny Rogers, Texas — 10
3. Jason Schmidt, S.F. Giants — 10
4. Randy Johnson, Arizona — 9
5. Mark Mulder, Oakland — 9
6. Curt Schilling, Boston — 9
7. Eric Milton, Philadelphia — 9
8. Brian Lawrence, San Diego — 9

starts, but did not get a decision against Cincinnati or Florida.

Alfonso Soriano, whose two-run homer against Seattle ended the longest game in the majors this season, led off the seventh with his 11th homer for a 3-1 lead.

"What was great was when I gave up the run, we got one right back," Rogers said. "It was a huge momentum swing and took a lot from them."

The Rangers went ahead to stay in the second when Mark Teixeira singled and scored on David Dellucci's triple into the right-center gap. Beltran almost ran the ball down but had trouble seeing it. He was not charged with an error.

Beltran, who started in center, caught three flyballs.

He caught two in the bottom of the first, running down Soriano's long drive for the last out of the inning.

Texas added an unearned run in the fourth against Wade Miller (7-7), who walked six and struck out two in 5 1-3 innings.

Rod Barajas had a lead-off single and moved to second on a sacrifice fly before Michael Young hit a ball that ricocheted off second-base umpire Jack Samuels.

The ball was ruled dead, and Barajas wasn't allowed to advance.

## OFF the BENCH

Today is the final day of one of the most interesting interleague weekends in baseball this year. This was the weekend state

rivals meet for bragging rights.

The Cubs meet the White Sox in a north vs. south battle. The Mets travel across

town to meet the Yankees. The defending champion Marlins travel to Tampa Bay to face the all of the sudden red-hot Devil Rays, who won 12 games in a row recently and scored a team-record 19 runs Thursday. The Cardinals meet the Royals in a battle against Missouri teams.

And perhaps the most important, in terms of division races, lies in the four teams in California.

The Dodgers, who are the only National League team to host an interleague series this weekend, face off against rival Anaheim. Both teams are in much need of wins so they can remain close in the race for first place.

The Giants go across the Golden Gate Bridge to face the Oakland Athletics. Both teams find themselves in similar situations as the all-star game approaches.

The Expos and Blue Jays will meet in Toronto for a meaningless series, as well.

The final rivalry series will occur in Arlington this weekend when the Astros come to town to meet the first place Texas Rangers, who were winners of six straight heading into the series Friday night.

The Rangers sixth win came Thursday against Seattle, a series in which they took three from the Mariners. Thursday night's game was 18 innings long and 552 pitches were thrown. Alfonso Soriano ended the game in the 18th after he sent a shot over the fence for a walk-off two-run home run.

Houston entered the Texas series after taking a series against division rival Pittsburgh during the week.

Both teams are not where they were expected to be as far as the standings are concerned. Houston was expected to contend for the National League Central Division crown this year with the Chicago Cubs and the Rangers, who finished last in the division last year, were not expected to keep up with Oakland and Anaheim.

However, the Astros entered the weekend at 38-34, which place them fourth in the Central behind St. Louis, Chicago and surprising Cincinnati. Houston is currently six games behind the Cardinals in a division which has five teams above .500. The five teams, which also includes Milwaukee, are currently separated by six and a half games.

As far as this year goes? Houston is looking at the now with several veterans winding down their successful careers.

Texas wouldn't mind

winning now, but after not being expected to do well, the future is more important to them, I think.

The Astros made a step in the right direction Thursday when they acquired Carlos Beltran from Kansas City.

Beltran was the best player in the trade market, but Houston gave up closer Octavio Dotel in the process.

Beltran adds another "B" to the lineup that already featured a host of "killer B's." Beltran will play centerfield in Houston, which will force veteran Craig Biggio to again switch positions and move to left field. And, former left fielder Lance Berkman will move to right field. First baseman Jeff Bagwell makes up the final piece of a newly assembled "killer B's" team.

The Astros now believe they have what it takes to contend for the title.

Besides the "killer B's," Houston also has perennial all-star Jeff Kent, up-and-coming Morgan Ensberg, shortstop Adam Everett and a veteran pitching staff, which is led by 41-year-old Roger Clemens, who already has 10 wins this year. Brad Lidge moves to the closer role for now and once Andy Pettite returns from the DL and Roy Oswalt finds his stuff, Houston should be primed for another run.

The Rangers, who used to be known as Alex Rodriguez's team with no pitching, is now turning heads as they stand on top of the AL West. They entered the weekend with a 40-29 record and are currently two games ahead of second place Oakland.

So why the sudden ability to contend? No one really knows. The team's pitching hasn't really changed. Kenny Rogers is leading the staff with a surprising 10 wins and closer Francisco Cordero is pitching well, as well, but no one else has great numbers.

However, the team's offense is even better than last year. Michael Young, Hank Blalock and Soriano give the Rangers one of the most formidable top of the orders in baseball.

Trade rumors have surfaced recently that say Texas also might pursue Barry Zito, one of the Athletics' trio of aces, to anchor its pitching staff. But, the Rangers might have to part ways with Cordero and Mark Teixeira if they want the deal to go down.

Both teams look primed and ready for the second half of the season and fans can most likely expect Houston to make a run at the title. The Rangers just want to keep playing well and hope the wins continue to come. But, Texas will only go as far as the top of the order takes them.

By the way, Texas took game one of the three-game series Friday as Rogers earned his 10th victory on a complete game three hitter.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Crossroads football sign-up dates set**

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season.

Both football and cheerleading sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall June 18 through July 17 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

The league is for kindergarten through sixth grade.

The flag football league costs \$30, while football division 1 and 2 and cheerleading costs \$55 and \$65, respectively.

For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

**Coahoma's annual ragball tourney set**

Coahoma's annual ragball tournament has been set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Coahoma Softball Park, which is a change from past years.

The sign-up for the tournament has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday, June 25.

For more information about the tournament, call Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622.

**Two good friends meet in CWS final**

By JOE RUFF

Associated Press Writer OMAHA, Neb. - Two good friends are facing each other in the championship of the College World Series.

Texas coach Augie Garrido is up against his former top assistant Cal State Fullerton coach George Horton.

Both men say it will be difficult, but they will leave their personal feelings outside the stadium and meet the obligations of trying to win the best-of-three series.

"It's kind of an eerie feeling to be competing with my team with so much at stake," Horton said Friday. "Still, you're competing against somebody who is like your brother, or your father or best friend."

Horton coached under Garrido at Fullerton from 1991-1996 and they made three trips to the College World Series, winning the title in 1995.

Garrido, the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division I history and the coach for all three of Fullerton's national titles, moved on to Texas eight years ago and Horton took over the Titans.

"The relationship I have with George and his family is very important to me," Garrido said. "And I get emotional talking about it."

However, the players are the heroes and need to be the focus, not the coaches, Garrido said.

"This is what I was

afraid of when y'all won," Garrido said of the Titans. "This is about the wrong people. George and I are a product of our players, all coaches are. But we're not talking about the players. And they're the heroes."

The top-seeded Longhorns (58-13) will play for their second national championship in three years starting Saturday.

The Titans (45-22) have been to the World Series four times under Horton. They were on the brink of reaching last year's championship round after a 2-0 start in the CWS before being eliminated with two losses to Stanford.

Texas, which has been resting since Wednesday's 7-6 comeback win over Georgia, will have star pitcher J.P. Howell (15-2) to start Saturday's game.

Fullerton defeated South Carolina 4-0 Thursday.

The Titans will start Ricky Romero (13-4) Saturday.

Jason Windsor, who pitched three innings Thursday, was scheduled to start Sunday, but his status is in doubt because of a sore arm.

Windsor (12-4) will be getting deep massages. If the series goes to Monday, Windsor will pitch only if he feels strong, Horton said.

"We're not going to endanger his future to try to be successful in this series," Horton said.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

as of Saturday, June 26

**American League**

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**Glossary:**

W: Wins L: Losses

GB: Games Back

Home: Home record

Road: Road record

Streak: consecutive games won or lost

**Friday's Interleague scores**

Chicago Cubs 7, Chicago White Sox 4  
Boston 12, Philadelphia 1  
Colorado 10, Cleveland 8 (10 innings)  
Detroit 2, Arizona 1  
Anaheim 13, Los Angeles 0  
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees (ppd)  
Toronto 3, Montreal 1

**Friday's Interleague continued**

Texas 3, Houston 1 (Rogers earns 10th win)  
Tampa Bay 2, Florida 0  
Baltimore 5, Atlanta 0  
St. Louis 5, Kansas City 2  
Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 3  
San Francisco 6, Oakland 4  
San Diego 3, Seattle 2  
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 4 (NL)

**IN BRIEF**

**BSISD announces volleyball event**

Big Spring ISD has announced a volleyball tournament on all Monday and Thursday afternoons from 6-8 p.m. for the junior high players in seven through invited to participate.

There will be lifting and conditioning both Monday and Thursday afternoons at the gym from 8-9 p.m. makeup days Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 p.m.

Two skills clinics for incoming eighth-graders and ninth-graders and tenth-graders will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in July at the junior high.

The first camp will take place June 28. Eighth and ninth graders will participate from 8 a.m. to noon and seventh graders will go from 10 a.m. to noon for \$50. The camp is through July 1.

For more information, contact Daggett at 432-268-9634.

**Steer football tournament**

The Big Spring Football Boosters has scheduled an annual golf tournament for July 1 at Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-man team event and begins at 8 a.m. There is a fee, which includes cart and dinner.

For more information, contact Randy Ivers at 432-264-6600.

Big Spring Bubba Franks will make a special appearance at a three-time bowler, former all-American at University of Texas and current for the Gr Packers.

For more information, contact Randy Ivers at 432-264-6600.

Proceeds from the event will provide scholarships for students in need.

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**BSISD announces volleyball events**

Big Spring will hold a volleyball open gym on all Mondays and Thursdays for the summer from 6-8 p.m. at the junior high. All players in grades seven through 12 are invited to participate.

There will also be lifting and conditioning both Mondays and Thursdays after open gym from 8-9 p.m. The makeup days are every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Two skills camps for incoming eighth- and ninth-graders and seventh-graders will also take place from 8 a.m. to noon in June and July at the junior high.

The first camp will take place June 28-July 2. Eighth- and ninth-graders will go from 8 a.m. to noon for \$75 and seventh-graders will go from 1-5 p.m. for \$50. The second camp is July 12 through July 16.

For more information, contact Revis Dagggett at 432-816-9560.

**Steer football golf tournament set**

The Big Spring Steer Football Booster Club has scheduled its third annual golf tournament for July 17 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-man scramble and begin its shotgun start at 8 a.m.

There is a \$75 entry fee, which includes a cart. And, prizes will be awarded for first through fourth place.

Big Spring native Bubba Franks will make a special guest appearance. Franks is a three-time NFL pro bowler, former-college all-American with the University of Miami and current tight end for the Green Bay Packers.

For more info., contact Randy Phillips at 432-264-6600.

**Rangers shortstop Young makes everyone forget**

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer  
ARLINGTON — The bucket of fan mail in the Texas shortstop's locker overflows with baseball cards and other memorabilia awaiting his signature.

No, it's not leftovers from Alex Rodriguez.

Michael Young has replaced the departed AL MVP as the fan favorite in Texas. More importantly for the surprising Rangers, he has made sure A-Rod hasn't been missed on the field.

Young switched to shortstop and is still one of the league's top hitters. He's also taken on an expanded leadership role for a team that isn't on the bottom in the AL West anymore.

"He's really grown as a team leader," first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "He speaks out when he has to. But the best leader is someone who leads by example. The best example he sets is when he's on the field."

Through the first 69 games, Young played all but four innings and was hitting .331 (fifth in the AL) with a league-best 34 multihit games from the leadoff spot. He had 10 homers and 45 RBI, one more than Rodriguez had batting third in the New York Yankees' lineup. A-Rod hit .292 with 18 homers his first 69 games.

"He's having the same kind of year he had last year. He played Gold Glove second base and his production keeps going up," said Rodriguez, who doesn't believe his departure is the reason for the attention on Young.

"It's the fact that they're

winning," he said. "That brings more focus and attention to what you're doing."

Young refuses to call himself A-Rod's replacement. They were teammates and remain good friends, talking two or three times a week.

"I go out and try and do the things I know I can do well," Young said. "That's an added benefit of playing on a good team. I'm not really focused on what I'm doing."

When Rodriguez got his wish to be traded just two weeks before spring training, plenty of questions were raised for the Rangers:

Who would play shortstop?

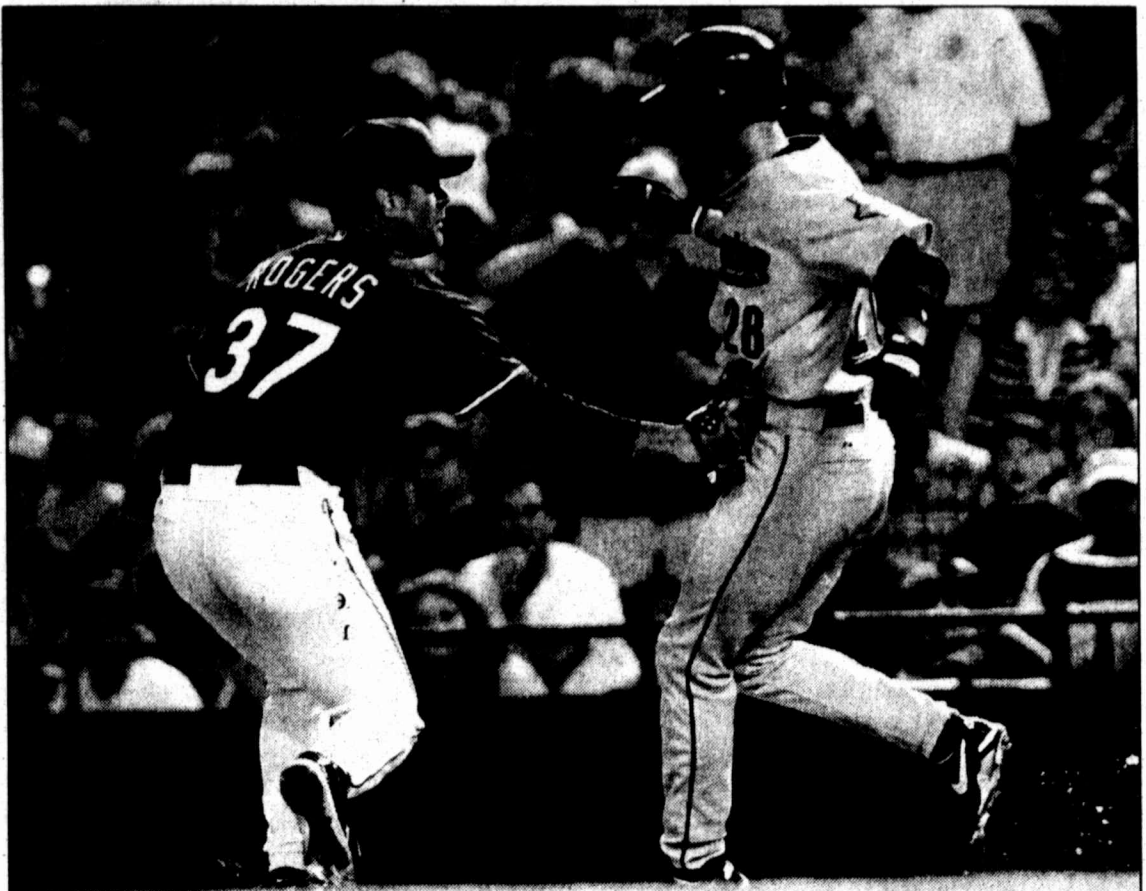
What to do with two top-notch second basemen? Young had established himself as one of the league's best playing beside Rodriguez, and Texas got two-time All-Star Alfonso Soriano from New York in the deal.

How would the Rangers respond after losing one of the game's best players, the one just tabbed the second captain in franchise history?

A day before the first full-squad workout at spring training, Young answered the first two questions.

He went unsolicited into manager Buck Showalter's office and said he'd play shortstop.

"That avoided a big stink for everybody. By doing so, he took a load off of a lot of people, but put a load on his back," outfielder Rusty Greer said. "I think his shoulders are wide enough to carry that load."



AP photo/Leigh T. Jimmie  
Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers (37) tags out Houston Astros' Adam Everett after Everett's grounder in the ninth inning Friday in Arlington. Rogers pitched a three-hitter in the Rangers' 3-1 win and became the first American League pitcher to win 10 games.

Young has since had a major part in the in-season response of the Rangers, who were alone at the top of the AL West in June for the first time since 1999 — when they won their last division title.

After Texas was swept last week in a three-game series at Cincinnati, Young sat with Showalter for part of the flight to Florida.

"He came up and talked for a while, it picked me up," Showalter said. "Talking to him and watching him play picks me up if I'm down."

Pessimists waiting for

the Rangers to collapse thought that was the beginning of the fall. Texas instead won a season-best six games in a row, sweeping the World Series champion Marlins and Seattle.

"There's a great chemistry on this club and that's probably the driving force," said Young, the only Ranger to start every game. "Winning is addictive. Once you start winning, that's all I care about."

A minor league shortstop, Young was moved to second when the Rangers got Rodriguez.

He started 102 games as

a rookie in 2001, and in 2 1/2 years became one of the AL's top second basemen.

Last season, his .987 fielding percentage (10 errors in 786 chances) was third among AL second basemen and his .306 batting average was the best. He led the Rangers with 204 hits.

With just a few days left in fan balloting for the All-Star game, New York Yankees' Derek Jeter led American League shortstops. Boston's Nomar Garciaparra, despite missing the first 2 1/2 months injured, was second ahead of Young.

**Dallas trades Bacashihua for Blues defenseman Belle**

FRISCO (AP) — The Dallas Stars Friday traded goaltender Jason Bacashihua to St. Louis in exchange for the rights to defenseman Shawn Belle.

Belle, 19, was the Blues' first round selection in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft. He scored nine goals and had 20 assists in 55 games

last season for the Tri-City Americans of the Western Hockey League.

Bacashihua, 21, was the Stars' first round selection in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft.

He played in 39 games with Utah of the AHL last season, earning a 13-19-5 record with a 2.66 goals-against average.



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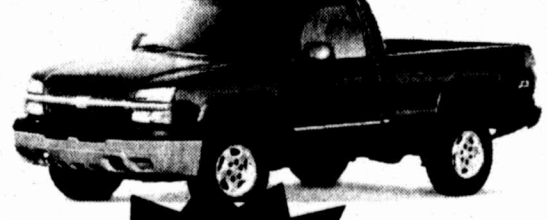


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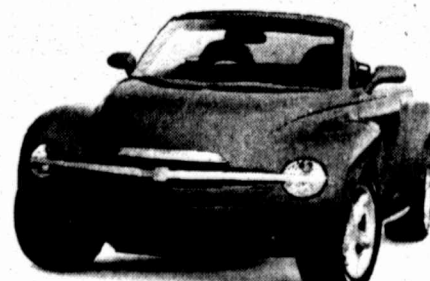


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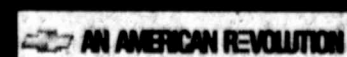
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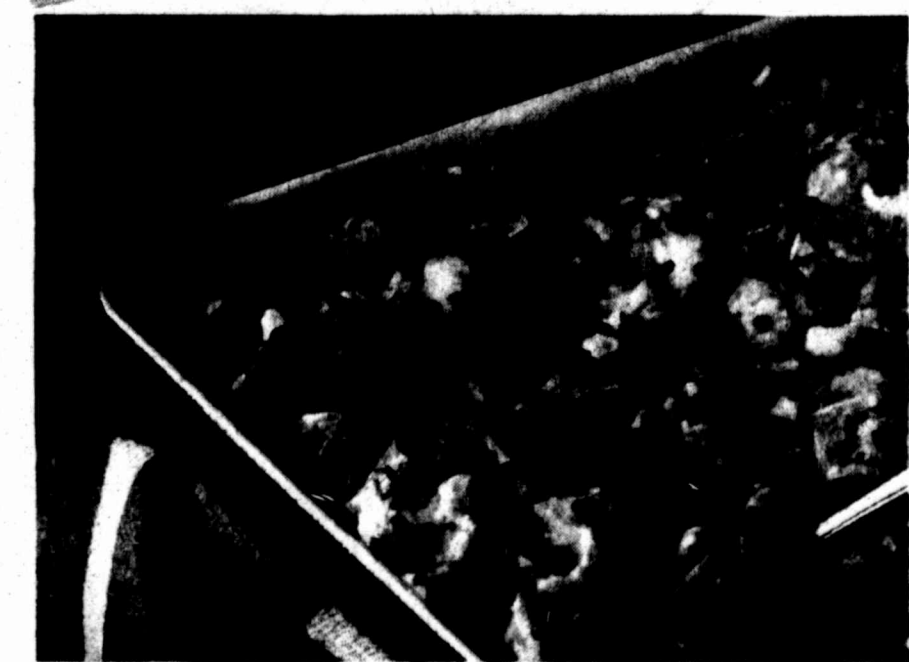
Press two rolls together. Using a rolling pin or your hands, flatten them into a 6-inch circle. Brush both sides with olive oil and sprinkle with seasoned salt or garlic salt. Also sprinkle with rosemary. Place on grill over medium heat and grill each side for about a minute, until golden brown lines appear.

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3 tablespoons lemon juice

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8 roma tomatoes, diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced

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6-8 large fresh basil leaves cut into pieces  
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3 tablespoons orange juice  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Mix grated orange rind with sugar. Roll each roll into a 9-inch rope. Tie in a loose knot. Roll each knot in melted butter and then in rind/sugar mixture. Place on baking sheet sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Cover with plastic wrap and let double in size. Remove wrap. Bake at 350°F 15-20 minutes. Remove from pan and place on a cooling rack. Brush with citrus glaze while still warm.



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The bride is the daugh-

## Mansfield and Mims exchange vows

Mysti Mansfield of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, and Jason Mims of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on Saturday afternoon, May 29, 2004, at College Baptist Church in Big Spring with Bro. Ken McMeans officiating.

The wedding reception was held at the fellowship hall of College Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Benny and Jayne Mansfield of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Mansfield of Big Spring, the late Peggy Mansfield, Chuck Meacham of Junction and the late Dannabel Meacham. She is the great granddaughter of the late Elouise McRae of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Alisa Chaney of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Mrs. Evelyn and

the late Bob Zellars, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mims, all of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown fashioned in a one-piece strapless style designed by Maggie Sottero. The gown featured a draped satin overlay with a gorgeous lace up back.

The bodice, accented with a beautiful floral-beaded design consisting of Swarovski crystals, pearls, and sequins, had lightly-beaded panels in the front and back that allowed the train to float softly into a mid length.

The bride carried a beautiful, hand-tied bouquet of hot pink gerbera daisies and hot pink roses that were accented by stephanotis.

The matron of honor was Cheryl Peckham of Coppel. Bridesmaids were Courtney Cochran of Abilene, Kassi

Meacham, cousin of the bride, of Alpine, Tish Milliken of Bastrop, Stephanie Mims, sister of the groom, of Big Spring and Sharie Ritchey of Colorado City.

The best man was Tony Zellars, cousin of the groom, of Denton. Groomsmen were Joey Lovoi of Georgetown, Mike Allen of Plano, Jeff Dekeyser of Lubbock, Toph Fleming of Lubbock and Bandy Rollins of Katy.

Flower girls were Bella and Sophie Zellars, cousins of the groom, of Pflugerville. Ring girls were Kaytee and Kelsea Hays of Lubbock.

Ushers were Seth Mansfield, cousin of the bride, of Big Spring, Ryan Peckham of Coppel and Ralston Coates of San Antonio.

Vocalist was Courtney Wilson of Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate

of Coahoma High School. She attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and earned a bachelor of science in early childhood education. She is attending graduate school at Texas Tech University, pursuing a master's degree in counseling. She is currently employed by Texas Tech University.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He is attending graduate school at Texas Tech, pursuing a master's degree in public administration. He is currently employed by J. Keith's Jewelry in Lubbock.

Following a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

## Fraser and Knocke unite in marriage

ter of State Sen. Troy Fraser and Linda Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, and the granddaughter of Jo Fraser Webb, C.W. Webb, and the late Harold Fraser of Abilene, Paul Sartwell and the late Mary Sartwell of Kerrville and the late Ennis Cochran of Midland.

The groom is the son of Richard and Jeanie Knocke of Big Spring, and the grandson of Emma Jean Johnson Hall, Harold Hall, and the late Jim Johnson of Big Spring, R.J. Knocke of Kerrville and the late Doris Knocke of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father in a horse-drawn carriage, the bride wore an elegant strapless corset gown designed by Vera Wang.

The silk organza gown featured a delicate silk lace train. To complement her gown, the bride chose

an ivory veil with ivory satin trim. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Serving as the bride's attendants were Kristi Beauchamp, Stacey Bernhard, Brooke Everett, Tina Fraser, Janna Fulfer, Jena Hattendorf, Stephanie Schier and Lee Wright.

Bridget Brady helped sign in guests and was a member of the house party. The bride's attendants wore black gowns and carried small bouquets of white roses.

Serving as groomsmen were Buddy Everett, Andrew Fraser, Chase Fraser, Trace Holcomb and Chad Wash. The groom's attendants wore black pants, white shirts, and red ties to complement the groom's black tuxedo accented with a red rose boutonniere.

The double-ring ceremony was held in an outdoor gazebo overlooking the Mexican Riviera. The

wedding party entered to the music of Canon in D composed by Johann Pachelbel and performed by a Mexican quartet. The ceremony, which was performed by a minister, was relaxed and personal, expressing the couple's love and friendship. Terry McDaniel, a long-time friend of the couple, sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Following the ceremony, a burro guided the wedding party to a cocktail reception where the bride's father offered a toast. Guests enjoyed toasts from handmade ceramic cups, while a Mexican quartet entertained with traditional Mexican music. During the picture ceremony, guests tossed red rose petals at the couple.

Afterwards, an intimate wedding dinner reception was held in a garden beside the beach. Strings of lights hung low from the trees and votive candles lit tables, fountains,

planters, and the perimeter of the garden.

White, cloth-covered tables were graced with colorful bouquets of flowers. The wedding cake was a three-tiered traditional Tres Leches cake topped with red roses. Following dinner, wedding guests joined the couple for dancing under the stars to music by the Coyote Band.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is co-owner of MarketQuiz, Inc.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University. He serves as a vice president at Brown Brothers Harriman and Company. After honeymooning in the Turks and Caicos, D.V.I., the couple will make their home in Dallas.

## Fino and Low married at sunset

Lori Anne Fino of Midland and Jimmy Brian Low, formerly of Big Spring, also of Midland, were married on June 5, 2005, at sunset in the home of the groom, with the Rev. Russ Hale of Kelview Baptist Church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Lucy Fino of Midland and the granddaughter of Apolonio and Maria Fina of Midland and the late Maximo and Otilia Munoz.

The groom is the son of Isaac and Glenda Low of Big Spring and Wally and Kay Johnson of Rankin. He is the grandson of

Mary and the late Burt Chenoweth, the late J.D. and Virginia Green and the late Jim and Mary Bolen.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Paul Fino, and wore a floor-length white gown of duchess satin with a chapel length train. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies and grape hyacinths.

The vocalist/instrumentalists were Scott Reed and Leslie Fino, sister of the bride.

The maid of honor was Amanda Rosales. The bridesmaids were Alice Perales and Leslie Fino,

sisters of the bride. The flower girls were Gabrielle and Andrea Perales, nieces of the bride, and the ring bearer was Zachary Johnson, nephew of the groom.

The best man was Brady Kolb. The groomsmen were Coley Johnson, brother of the groom, Jeep Calvert and Cody Griffin.

A reception followed in the home of the groom.

The guestbook attendant was Nita Kolb.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Midland Lee High School and a 2002 graduate of LeTourneau University, where she

earned a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies. She is presently employed by Odessa College as an academic advisor.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Rankin High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. He is employed by Midland Independent School District.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas and Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Midland.



Mrs. Jimmy Brian (Lori Anne Fino) Low

## Zellars and Sanders marry

Shaina Zellars of Odessa and Tanner Sanders of San Diego, Calif., exchanged wedding vows at 4 p.m. May 15, 2004, in the First Baptist Church in Odessa with Richard (Buck) Wheat presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Susan Zellars of Odessa. She is the granddaughter of Tuffy and Billie Zellars of Odessa and Jack and Linda Cloude of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Terry and Cindy Sanders of Big Spring and Robert and Cindy Pringle of Dallas. He is the grandson of Bernard and Shirley McMahan of Colorado City, Earl and Lucy Sanders of Maysville Okla., Barbara Sanders of

Dayton, Runt and Linda Pringle of Lamesa and the late Ruby Pringle of Lamesa.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Fred Zellars. She wore a beautiful two-piece, authentic Audrey Hart gown with a lace-up corset back. The design is a lovely combination of iridescent beading and rhinestones intertwined with gold thread and a chapel length train.

She carried a bouquet of red and pink assorted silk flowers with cascading flowers in the front.

The vocalists and instrumentalists were Aron and Tom Byford and Kathleen Chatham.

The maid of honor was Ashley Holligan. Bridesmaids were Shiloh Sanders, Ashley Harris, Shay Prothro and Erin Gavin. Flower girls were Abbi Prothro and Melanie Chandler.

The ring bearer was Gavyn Forrester. The house party served as candlelighters.

The best man was Logan Gamble. Groomsmen were Brad Gillihan, Terry Sanders, Robert Pringle and Ruben Pringle.

A reception followed at the Odessa Country Club, decorated in pink and white with pink rose petals and candles on the table. A D.J. provided entertainment while cake

and food was served.

The guestbook attendant was Kristen Harris.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Permian High School and is attending the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. She is currently employed as a customer service representative at American State Bank.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Forsan High School. He is a catapult machinist for the United States Navy aboard the USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74), now deployed in the Persian Gulf.

The couple took a wedding trip to San Diego, Calif., prior to the groom's deployment.



Mr. and Mrs. Shaina and Tanner Sanders

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Donnie Vaughn

### Vaughns married 50 years

Bill and Donnie Vaughn of Big Spring celebrated an early 50th wedding anniversary in Laughlin, Nev. Their son and daughter-in-law, Lacy and Linda Vaughn, hosted a two-hour cruise on the Colorado River with a prime rib dinner to celebrate. Those in attendance were Joe and Batello of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mac and Ginny McCarty of Prescott, Ariz. Bill was born in Hudspeth County and Donnie Spears was born in Motley County. They met at work. They were married on

July 4, 1954, at the home of Bro. Cecil Rhoads. They have three children, Pataricia of Midland and Billy Ed and Lacy of Big Spring. They have one grandchild and one great grandchild. During their marriage, they have lived in Alaska, Ecuador, and all points in between. Bill works in the oilfield and Bonnie works as a clerk. They are Baptists. They enjoy reading and travel. They say that communication and the ability to laugh at one's self is important to a happy marriage.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Donnie Vaughn in 1954.

### Britos celebrate golden anniversary

Jesus and Lupe Brito celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a ceremony at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 11 a.m. Saturday, hosted by their children.

Jesus was born in Midland and Lupe Gutierrez was born in Big Spring. They met in Coahoma when they were children serving as pages in a wedding.

He was 7 years old, she was 5 years old. They grew up together as friends.

They were married on June 26, 1954, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring.

They have six children, Andrea Alvarez of Wichita Falls, Sackie Brito of Sand Springs, Linda Brito-Smith of Houston and Connie Alvarez, Elvira Brito and Belinda Brito, all of Big Spring.

They have nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

They have lived their entire lives in Big Spring and are both retired. They are affiliated with Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Jesus is a member of St. Joseph Altar Association



Mr. and Mrs. Jesus and Lupe Brito in 1954

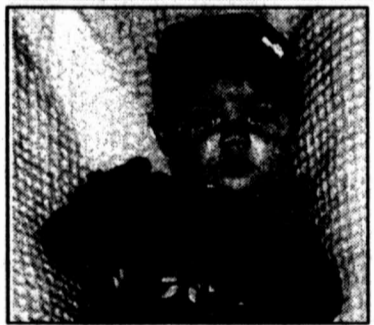
and was a baseball pitcher in Big Spring, Ackerly and Stanton. He worked for the Coahoma school district for 34 years.

Lupe is member of the Crusillista and Guadalupeana Associations. She currently manages St. Vincent de Paul and enjoys serving the community in Big Spring. She taught doctrina for

many years at Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph Church. She worked for Hall-Bennett Hospital for 17 years and has extended her care-taking services to many people in the Big Spring area.

Their special interests are fishing, hunting, sewing and church activities. They state that their

### Births



#### Reese Eryn Rutledge

Reese Eryn Rutledge, a girl, was born April 27, 2004, at 4:17 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Rusty and Heather Rutledge. Her grandparents are Steve and Gay Herren and Russ and Jeannie Rutledge. Her great grandparents are Ernestine and the late Burt Harris, Alfred and the late Mozelle Herren, Ann and the late L.G. Nix and the late Agnus and Woodrow (Woody) Rutledge.

Delaney Jo Chandler, a girl, was born June 3, 2004, at 11:08 a.m. weighing 5 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Michael and Jennifer Chandler. Her grandpar-

ents are Donnie and Roelyn Reid and Brenda Chandler of Big Spring, Roylee Metcalf of Coahoma and Larry Chandler of Forsan.

Diego Martin Dauphin, a boy, was born June 3, 2004, at 11:27 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. His parents are Derek Dauphin and Blanca Granados.

Xavier Zapata Jr., a boy, was born June 11, 2004, at 7:44 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. His

parents are Veronica Aguirre and Xavier Zapata. His grandparents are Tom Gutierrez Jr., of Big Spring, Pascuala A. Gonzalez and Victor Zapata of Midland and Margarita G. Zapata of Canton, Ohio.

Quetavian Yachau Lewis, a boy, was born June 13, 2004, at 1:44 p.m. weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces and was 17 inches long. His parents are Kirsten Lewis and Frederick Dotson. His grandparents are Carletta and Vernelle McKinney of Big Spring.

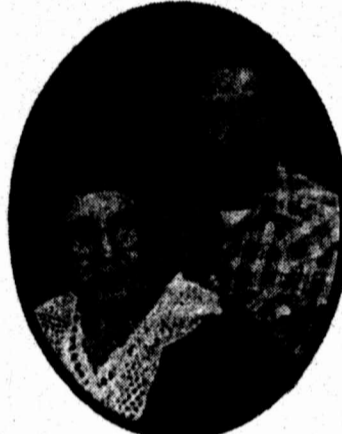


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## Excuse me, is that a Volvo?

### Marriage of automakers yields similarities and successes

By GREG SCHNEIDER

The Washington Post

As a 26-year-old law student, Michael Heyse is careful to spend his money on only the important things.

Such as Saabs. The Silver Spring, Md., resident owns three of the Swedish cars, all bought used and restored. He's even a founder of the Washington D.C. Saab Club. So it's a little odd that the next car Heyse would like to buy is technically a Subaru.

Or, as he calls it, a "Saabaru." The car Heyse covets is a Subaru Impreza that's been modified and repackaged under the name Saab 9-2X. It has a fancier interior than the Subaru version, a restyled front end and just enough Swedish accent to carry the Saab nameplate.

The crossbreed 9-2X is the latest example of how the auto industry is cannibalizing some of the most prestigious names in the business. Noble classics such as Saab, Jaguar and Volvo, having been bought over the past few years by commoners General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., are being dusted off and injected with some sturdy mass-market DNA.

Such marriages are tricky, as the push to cut costs in a competitive marketplace leads big companies to share parts with subsidiaries and risk diluting the appeal of a distinctive brand. Ford infuriated some purists by basing the Jaguar X-

### Automotive Cousins

Mazda and Volvo, both owned by Ford Motor Co., share several components but maintain separate brands

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**Volvo**  
\$24,190  
5-cylinder engine  
5-speed transmission  
168 horsepower  
3,062 lbs.



Type, starting in 2001, on the humble Ford Mondeo, a family sedan sold in Europe. The combination lowered the price of a Jaguar to within reach of the masses, and the car's all-wheel drive was a jarring departure for rear-wheel-drive loyalists.

But overall sales of Jaguars went up. The brand's quality ratings have gone up, according to the Power Information Network. And Ford has made other models that seem like "a Jaguar," as Edmunds.com said about Jaguar's S-Type, which shares a platform with the Lincoln LS.

"They're really all trying to find their footing in a new

world," said Art Spinella, an industry expert with CNW Marketing Research Inc. in Oregon. The new world demands that car makers crank out fresh, distinctive products far faster than ever before. Smaller, more eccentric companies often don't have the resources to keep up, so they get bought or go away.

"All the brands we're talking about were dying on the vine independently, which is why they ended up in the clutches of these major car companies," said Csaba Csere, editor in chief of Car and Driver magazine. "So however you look at the performance of these

brands ... now, the alternative probably would have been extinction."

Saab, for one, "exists today because of GM, and I'm not sure we would otherwise had they not bought us," said Saab spokesman Kevin Smith.

GM bought a 50 percent stake in Saab in 1989 and acquired the rest of the company in 2000. Saab's sales have soared. Last year was its best in the U.S. market, with 47,814 vehicles sold for a 27 percent increase over the year before.

For decades, Saab offered only two model lines. GM is going to double that in the coming year, with the debut of the 9-2X and

Saab's first SUV, the 9-7X, built on a GMC platform.

Developing such new products on its own would have taken years and hundreds of millions of dollars, Smith said. Instead, when the company's Swedish leaders decided they needed an all-wheel-drive to compete in the luxury compact market — against Acura, Volvo, Audi and BMW brands — they looked around the GM catalog and found a ready-made offering: the Impreza from Subaru, which is 20 percent owned by GM.

Saab was able to take the basic platform — the undercarriage and body of the car — and add its own suspension, turbocharger and various style cues to create a plausible new product.

Saab's other two models are also based on GM platforms — the 9-5 on a platform from the Opel subsidiary in Germany, and the 9-3 on a new platform called the Epsilon that GM uses on the Chevrolet Malibu and Pontiac Grand Am.

Ford is also sharing platforms among its prestige brands, and even borrowing from them. The new Ford 500 sedan and Freestyle sport wagon due out this fall are both built on the same platform as the Volvo XC90. "It allows us to save time, allows us to save money and allows us to control variability, which leads to improved quali-

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### More Vesicular Stomatitis found in Texas, New Mexico

Horses on three sites in Texas and four in New Mexico are known to be infected with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), a painful blistering disease of livestock, such as horses, sheep, swine and deer.

The viral disease appears spontaneously and sporadically in the southwestern U.S. and is thought to be transmitted by sand flies and black flies. The VS cases this spring are the first to be confirmed since 1998.

"The most recent confirmed cases in Texas



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involve three horses on a ranch near Denver City, in Gaines County, about 80 miles southwest of Lubbock, and one horse near Del Rio, in Val Verde County about 150 miles west of San Antonio," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state vet

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Big Spring Ambassadors joined the staff of Sav-On Office Supplies Wednesday for a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured are Big Spring Ambassador Clarence Williams Jr., front, left; Sav-On employees Sharon Moore, customer service representative; Jimmie Moore, area manager; Houston Rutledge, store manager; Tisha McCartney, customer service representative; Renee Fryer, customer service representative; and Big Spring Ambassador Lanelle Witt. Pictured on the back row are Big Spring Ambassador Angela Parks, Sav-On sales representative Tony Olivas, and Big Spring Ambassadors Raul Marquez, Amado Montalvo and Gloria McDonald. Sav-On is located at 1900 S. Gregg.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Workers' comp class planned Tuesday

On Tuesday, Texas Mutual Insurance Company and Howard College will host a workers' compensation coverage overview class.

The class is designed for employers, but it is open to employees, insurance agents and anyone who is interested in learning how to navigate the workers' compensation claim process.

The class addresses when claims are compensable, benefits, dispute resolution and TWCC-required forms.

To register, visit the Texas Mutual® Web site at [http://www.texasmutual.com/news/workshops\\_howard.shtm](http://www.texasmutual.com/news/workshops_howard.shtm), or call Terry Hanson at (432) 264-5171.

#### Wal-Mart, Rite Aid settle billing claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Rite Aid Corp. agreed to penalties Friday to settle U.S. lawsuits alleging they submitted false prescription claims to government insurance programs.

The Justice Department said Rite Aid will pay the United States government \$5.6 million and another \$1.4 million to more than two-dozen states.

The department said that from 1997 through 2001, Rite Aid billed three government programs for drugs that never were delivered to beneficiaries and later were returned to stock.

Wal-Mart will pay \$2.8 million for dispensing partial prescriptions due to insufficient stock, and then billing the three programs for the full quantities from 1990 through 2000.

In each case, whistleblowers will receive a portion of the settlement. Under the False Claims Act, private citizens who bring suits against companies can receive a portion of the recovery in a case joined by the government.

## Web infection could be aimed at stealing financial information

By ANICK JESDANUN  
AP Internet Writer

NEW YORK — A mysterious Internet virus being spread Friday by hundreds and possibly thousands of infected Web sites may be aimed at stealing credit card and other valuable information, security experts warned.

The infection appears to take advantage of three separate flaws with

Microsoft Corp. products. Microsoft said software updates to fix two of them had been released in April, but the third flaw was newly discovered and had no patch to fix it yet.

Experts said the infection, detected by Microsoft on Thursday, was unusually broad but wasn't substantially interfering with Internet traffic.

Security experts at Microsoft and elsewhere

worked Friday to pin down how the infection spreads across Web sites. It appears to target at least one recent version of Microsoft software for operating Web sites — called Internet Information Server.

The infection makes subtle changes to the Web site so visitors get a piece of code that's designed to retrieve from a Russian Web site software that records a person's key-

strokes and can send data back, experts say. Such software "Trojan horses" are routinely used to fish for credit card numbers, bank accounts, passwords and the like.

Now that the code is out, other hackers are likely to adapt it to distribute software for spamming and for launching broad Internet attacks against popular Web

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sites, said Alfred Huger, senior director of engineering at Symantec Corp. Any Web site, even those that may be trusted by the user, may be

affected by this activity and thus contain potentially malicious code.

Stephen Toulouse, a security program manager at Microsoft, recommended that computer owners obtain the latest security updates for Microsoft products and their anti-virus and fire-

wall programs.

Because one flaw has yet to be fixed, users should also turn up security settings on Microsoft's Internet Explorer browsers to the highest levels.

Users can use alternative browsers such as Mozilla and Opera.

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ty," said Phil Martens, Ford's chief of product creation for North America.

But at what point does a Jaguar made out of Ford parts cease being a Jaguar? For that matter, if customers realize they can buy a Ford 500 for substantially less than the same platform with a Volvo name on it, why buy the Volvo?

Martens said the company is conscious of those questions and is trying to keep parts-sharing on the prestige brands limited to "the things customers

don't see," such as engine control computers. "What you don't want to do is take, say, a door panel, or a trim section, and use it" on two very different brands. "Customers do still want to feel special about the purchase of an automobile."

Ford property Land Rover, for instance, is developing a new SUV platform that won't be spread among any other brands. Jaguar developed its own new V-8 engine a few years ago when it could have borrowed one from Ford.

Spinella said that as of last month, overall Jaguar sales were up 2 percent for the year compared with the first five months of 2003.

Saab and Volvo both took early hits from disgruntled loyalists, Spinella said, but both seem to be bouncing back. Many auto critics have praised Saab's 9-2X, primarily because they were already fans of the Subaru on which it's based.

But is it a Saab? "It's a very nice car. Is it a Saab? That's hard to say," said Csere of Car and Driver, which gave the 9-2X a glowing review. "I don't know that it's really a Saab. It's awfully hard to say that it's a Saab."

Whatever it is, it's close enough for Michael Heise. "I would love to have that car," he said. "I would drive it in a heartbeat."

**VS**

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erinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). The country's first VS cases this year were confirmed May 19, in three horses, which are con-

finned to their ranch in Reeves County, in far west Texas.

To prevent animal-to-animal disease transmission, the TAHC requires that the VS-infected animals and the other livestock on the premise remain quarantined until 30 days after all VS blisters or lesions heal, a

process that usually takes two or three weeks. Prior to quarantine release, the animals will be re-examined by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian.

*Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture for Howard County.*

**Public Records**

Hot Checks/Warrants issued:  
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Angela Burleson, 7647 Country Road  
146, Snyder  
Jennifer Rea Dugger, 6015 E. Midway  
Road, Big Spring  
Kathi Duke, 337 Greeson Street,  
Summersville, Ga.  
Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Dr.,  
El Paso  
Christopher George, 215 S. Third Apt.  
30, Laramie, Wyoming  
Frank Gibbs, 1102 Hwy. 176 or 1907  
Scurry, Big Spring  
Nicole Marie Ivie Gibson, 605 W. 17th  
or 1408 E. 18th, Big Spring  
Billy Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah  
Road, Hobbs N.M.  
Herlinda Gonzales, 100 Circle Road,  
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Blvd., Fort Worth  
Erin Jean Hernandez, 2901 Runnels,  
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Erica Marie Letnec Johnston, 3100  
Caldera Blvd Apt. 2314, Midland  
Amber Lynn King, 701 E. 15th Street,  
Big Spring  
Delfina Lopez, 2610 Ent, Big Spring  
Vaughn Lee Medina, 4000 W. Hwy.  
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Michael Lee Middleton, 2602 Carlton,  
Big Spring  
Kaela Vanveet Mize, 1315 Tucson,  
Big Spring  
Tammy Nicholson, 1104 Birdwell  
Lane, Big Spring  
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Cedar Park  
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Spring  
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or 3701, Connally, Big Spring  
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Evelyn Rodriguez, 5402 Lancaster,  
Odessa  
Patricia Rodriguez, 2201 CR 31,  
Lamesa  
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Janie Salinas, 301 23rd Street, Big  
Spring  
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Sycamore, Big Spring  
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Spring  
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Teresa Josephine Zarate, 1105 W.  
Kentucky Ave., Midland  
James Dean Zeigenbein, 9413  
University, Odessa  
Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg  
Street, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses:  
Fernando Rodnhuez, 37, and Leslie  
Gutierrez Gutierrez, 30, both of Big  
Spring  
Klint Wade Kemper, 29, and Monica  
Denise Casillas, 29, both of Big Spring  
Robin Andrew Barnes, 29, and Cheri  
Kaye Lindell, 23, both of Big Spring  
Frederick John Rosenfeldt, 53, and  
Joann Broussard Mearns, 56, both of Big  
Spring  
Ruben Lopez, 50, of Big Spring, and  
Adelita Albasado Torres, 52, of  
Palestine  
Steven Randel Obrien, 42, and Carrie  
Lynn Headrick, 29, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings:  
Guadalupe Patten vs. Mark Anthony  
Patin, divorce.

Shelley Ann Parker vs. Stan Allen  
Parker, divorce.  
Laticia Lanette Faglie vs. Brent  
Newton Faglie, divorce.  
Samantha Jane Burton vs. Michael  
Scott Burton, divorce.  
Carolyn R. Heyen vs. John E. Heyen,  
divorce.  
Lane Corley vs. Amy Leigh Lang,  
divorce.  
Robert Cates vs. Gudrun E. Cates,  
divorce.  
Josue Ponce vs. Bianca Ponce,  
divorce.  
Olga Fierro vs. Eloy Fierro Jr.,  
divorce.  
Ella Louise Hyden vs. Homer Gene  
Allen, divorce.  
Kimberly Ann Scott vs. Charles  
Windfield Scott III, family protective  
order.  
Warranty deeds:  
Grantor: Willie Mae Greenfield, Jerry  
A. Robertson, Donald Allen and Melva  
Swinney  
Grantee: Manuel Martinez Jr. and Lori  
King Martinez  
Property: Lot 2, Block 1, Williams  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 8, 2004  
Grantor: Fran Cullins  
Grantee: Henry Franco and Lisa  
Franco  
Property: The middle 50 feet of the  
NE/4 of Block 22, College Heights  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 9, 2004  
Grantor: Jose G. Trevino and Jovita  
Trevino  
Grantee: Midessa Television LP dbka  
KWES TV  
Property: A 7.5 acre tract out of the  
15 acre tract of the NW/4 of Section 31,  
Block 32; and a 30 foot wide road easement  
for the same tract, T-1-N, T&P RR  
Co. Survey  
Date Filed: June 10, 2004  
Grantor: Dale Anthony Brown and  
Sherry E. Brown  
Grantee: Jake Glickman and Vivian  
Glickman  
Property: Lot 1, Block 6, Highland  
South Addition  
Date Filed: June 10, 2004  
Grantor: Mary Maines kna Mary  
Gregg and Jackie Gregg  
Grantee: Jamie M. Nuno and Gracie  
G. Nuno  
Property: Lot 29, Block 26, College  
Park Estates  
Date Filed: June 10, 2004  
Grantor: Frank Morphis  
Grantee: David S. Mitchell  
Property: A 70 yard by 17.5 yard tract  
out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P  
RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: June 14, 2004  
Grantor: Ola Jean Munselle Williams  
Grantee: Lathy Kenn Williams  
Property: Lots 9 through 14, Block 3,  
South Haven Addition  
Date Filed: June 15, 2004  
Grantor: Horace C. Murdock  
Grantee: Jeffery Todd Land  
Property: E/2 of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4,  
Block 24, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
Date Filed: June 17, 2004  
Grantor: Stanley E. Partee and  
Melinda Sue Partee  
Grantee: Michael Henson and Misty  
Henson  
Property: Lot 3, Block 2, Caroline  
Court  
Date Filed: June 17, 2004  
Grantor: P.J. Leuschner  
Grantee: Joyce Nell Leuschner  
Property: Lot 4, Block 27, Monticello  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 18, 2004

Grantor: Pearl B. Shifflett  
Grantee: Jesse Garcia and Virginia  
Garcia  
Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 18,  
Washington Place Addition  
Date Filed: June 21, 2004  
Grantor: Joyce Davis  
Grantee: Helen M. Clanton Trust  
Property: Lot 4, Block 27, Monticello  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 22, 2004  
Grantor: Nilsa I. Torres  
Grantee: Barbara J. Hulsey  
Property: All of Lot 1 and the N/30  
feet of Lot 2, Block 11, Kentwood Unit 1  
Date Filed: June 22, 2004  
Warranty deeds with vendors lein:  
Grantor: Asa Von Reefschneider  
Grantee: Dana B. Wilkinson  
Property: A tract in the SE/4 of  
Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR  
Co. Survey  
Date Filed: June 4, 2004  
Grantor: Alberto J. Valdes Jr. and  
Greta Valdes  
Grantee: James C. Sikes and Judy M.  
Sikes  
Property: Lot 10, Block 3, Highland  
Caprock Subdivision  
Date Filed: June 4, 2004  
Grantor: Michael Naim  
Grantee: Jo M. Carruth  
Property: Lot 9, Block 27, Monticello  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 7, 2004  
Grantor: Sun Krull  
Grantee: John P. Hill and Sherri P.  
Hill  
Property: Lot 4, Block 29, Monticello  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 7, 2004  
Grantor: Daniel Mark Hendrickson  
Grantee: Buster D. Gairman and  
Carolyn G. Gairman  
Property: Lot 15, Block 4, Douglas  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 8, 2004  
Grantor: Claude N. Craven and  
Elizabeth Craven  
Grantee: Jeffery Davison and Alice  
Davison  
Property: Lot 11, Block 8, North  
Belvue Addition  
Date Filed: June 9, 2004  
Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum  
Grantee: Joshua Kerns and Deetra  
Kerns  
Property: Lot 4, Block 3, Stanford  
Park Addition  
Date Filed: June 10, 2004  
Grantor: Lori King Martinez and  
Manuel Martinez Jr.  
Grantee: Jon A. White  
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 1,  
Williams Addition  
Date Filed: June 10, 2004  
Grantor: Jake Glickman and Vivian  
Glickman  
Grantee: Dennis Etheredge

Property: A 29.85 acre tract out of the  
N/2 of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P  
RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: June 10, 2004  
Grantor: P.V.P. Hotel Inc.  
Grantee: Dragon China Buffet of  
Snyder Inc.  
Property: All of Block 5, McDowell  
Heights Addition  
Date Filed: June 10, 2004  
Grantor: A.J. Patterson and Violet  
Patterson  
Grantee: Sirilo Nieto and Norma Alicia  
Nieto  
Property: Lots 9 and 10, Block 1,  
Buckner Place Addition  
Date Filed: June 14, 2004  
Grantor: Pink Grigg and Michelle  
Grigg  
Grantee: Robert K. Fowler  
Property: A 19.97 acre tract out of the  
NW/4 of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S,  
T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: June 14, 2004  
Grantor: Brandon Wooten  
Grantee: Shawn Harris  
Property: Lot 1, Block 8, Parkhill  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 14, 2004  
Grantor: Clyde B. McKimney and  
Jeannie McKimney  
Grantee: Tammie K. Gross  
Property: Lot 9, Block 12, North Park  
Hill Addition  
Date Filed: June 15, 2004  
Grantor: Billy Jack Darden and  
Jeannie Darden  
Grantee: Jason Hester and Leslie  
Hester  
Property: Lot 1, Block A, Bates

Subdivision  
Date Filed:  
Grantor: Annabell Barker and Delynda  
Barker-Reed  
Grantee: Jacob Leos  
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 13,  
Edwards Heights Addition  
Date Filed: June 16, 2004  
Grantor: Reville Mae Patterson  
Grantee: Curtis Kittrell and Imogene  
Kittrell  
Property: The S/2 of the north 100  
feet of the NW/4 of Block 26, College  
Heights Addition  
Date Filed: June 16, 2004  
Grantor: Barbara Eastland, Bonnie  
Dale Schropp and Mary C. Smith  
Grantee: Johnny Middleton  
Property: The N/2 of Section 15,  
Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: June 16, 2004  
Grantor: Leland Pierce and Marlene  
Pierce  
Grantee: John Osborne and Anna  
Osborne  
Property: Lot 2, Block 4, Worth Peeler  
Subdivision  
Date Filed: June 16, 2004  
Grantor: Honeya Barth  
Grantee: KCE Partnership  
Property: Lot 4, Block 3, Mittel Acres  
Date Filed: June 18, 2004  
Grantor: Honeya Barth  
Grantee: KCE Partnership  
Property: Lot 3, Block 3, Mittel Acres  
Date Filed: June 18, 2004  
Grantor: Ricky Joe Cluck  
Grantee: Daren Weatherby and  
Marina De Los Santos

Property: The S/10 feet of Lot 17 and  
all of Lots 18 and 19, Block 13,  
Washington Place Addition  
Date Filed: June 18, 2004  
Grantor: Edwin J. Blassingame and  
Joyce Rae Blassingame  
Grantee: Scott M. Tidwell  
Property: A 310.19 acre tract out of the  
E/2 of Section 28, Block 32, T-2-N,  
T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: June 21, 2004  
Grantor: Travis Halfman  
Grantee: Manuel Cervantes and  
Kayia Cervantes  
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 1,  
Sunset Place Addition  
Date Filed: June 21, 2004  
Grantor: Michael L. Seal  
Grantee: Emma Leos  
Property: Lot 5, Block 18, Monticello  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 22, 2004  
Grantor: Michael L. Seal  
Grantee: Jason M. Gonzales and  
Katrina K. Gonzales  
Property: Lot 8, Block 27, College  
Park Estates  
Date Filed: June 22, 2004  
Grantor: Michael L. Seal  
Grantee: Wanda F. Anderson  
Property: Lot 7, Block 2, Central Park  
Addition  
Date Filed: June 22, 2004  
Grantor: David Weissman and Debra  
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Grantee: G. Tommy Bastian  
Property: Part of Lot 2 and Lot 3,  
Block 6, Highland South Addition  
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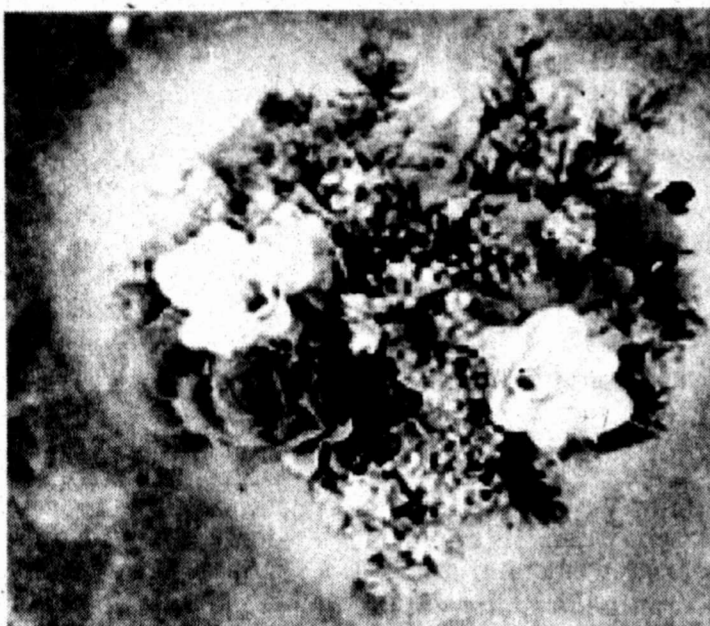
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#4254 June 27 & July 4, 2004

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For more information call the superintendent's office at 432-354-2230 or write PO Box 9, Garden City, Texas 79739. For technical information on the proposals call Steve Long, superintendent or Tony Gomez, maintenance director, or Kay Chandler, cafeteria director, at 432-354-2230. Proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m. July 12, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept, reject, or postpone any or all proposals. The district will consider each proposal's advantages to the district and will act in a manner that the board considers most advantageous to the district. All applicable laws, rules, and regulations take precedence. #4253 June 27 & July 4, 2004

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The moon goes void of course in the afternoon, making it harder to tap into strong emotions and easier to entertain different viewpoints.



Joyce Jillson

How can we make a decision when so many good reasons support both sides? The Cancer sun throws a light on domestic issues. It's lucky to start a home-improvement list, financial plan or relationship map.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You enjoy the company of a special person and feel a special zest for life when he or she is around. The attraction is powerful, but don't let it override your own inner chorus. Healthy living is an interest worth following.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Make sure your choices are supporting your true worth. You deserve the best in life,

so what is standing between you and that special something? Ask for workable solutions, and a few will drop seemingly from the sky.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You may start out feeling like you can't win, but you wind up feeling like you just did. There are minor eruptions as family members or friends squabble over the dumbest stuff. You know when to contribute and when to stay out.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The role you play in the big picture becomes clear. If you don't like it, the changes start now. You need time to yourself. Take as much as you can without letting children go neglected. An older family member would love to help you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The thing about a plan is, it's seldom right the first time. You've got to review it, revise it and rework it several times before it's a genius situation, but you're in this for the long haul. Being close to exciting and inspirational people

helps. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Loved ones need to be understood and will bend over backward for someone who just listens. Lucky for you, this is your specialty. Serious discussion leads you to rediscover deep, abiding passion.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It feels fantastic to get down to business. Self-expression has more to do with the goals you choose to pursue now than what you have to say. Let the voice mail answer some calls while you work on your to-do list.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're obsessed with unraveling a mystery! Twists and turns in the plot keep things interesting, so try not to be too frustrated by the pursuit. It turns better than actually getting what you want.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You find a niche and fill it with a brilliant idea. Extra money is best spent on an educational investment or one having to do

with technological advance. Also favored now: short expeditions and cultural events.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Moneymaking ideas are featured, and it's a lark to brainstorm with your intelligent friends (like Aquarius). You love mixing business with pleasure this way. One caution, though: Avoid re-inventing the wheel. Do your research.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Simple works best, though people around you make it harder than it should be. Step back, and observe for a while before getting involved. Be careful not to dominate what should be a cooperative situation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be dishing out some of your tough love. It's challenging to know when to help and when to lead strictly by example. You're incredibly wise, and you'll be able to figure this one out like nobody before you could.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a psychic who recently started

advising people other than my close friends and family. Sometimes, I don't know if I should tell the person I'm advising everything I see. Is it sometimes dangerous to know what's ahead for you? Are there some days you shouldn't look at your horoscope?"

There are no good or bad omens in the stars. It is our perception of the aspects that makes good news or bad fortune. Therefore, facts that are garnered from the application of astrology are neutral in a sense. When we take those facts and apply our own desires and prejudices, the facts take on the form of victories, setbacks and so forth. Is there a time it is better not to know? At certain points in our daily decision-making process, we may feel a resolve to act one way while we still investigate other methods of action. At these times, some people may be irritated by information that opens up too many options, confusing them further about how to act or what

step to take next. Holding off an astrological forecast until the individual is ready to be open to new ideas might be the best way to handle such circumstances.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Hip host Carson Daly sorts out all the new pop stars for us. His MTV show "Total Request Live" rakes in high ratings on the well-watched network. This year, he could be romantically linked with someone who happens to love the free publicity. The relationship doesn't come without its perks, though. Cancer stars really like promoting people — encouraging others gives them warm fuzzies.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been seeing a married man for two years. When we first got together, "Boyd" told me the spark in his marriage just wasn't there anymore. He also mentioned that before he met me, he had been seeing someone else. This Other Woman lived far away, and they would meet halfway. Boyd told me it became too inconvenient to see her and he and the O.W. were finished.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

Five months into our relationship, Boyd admitted he was still seeing the O.W., so I ended things immediately. Two months later, he wanted me back, and I gave in. I missed him, and I care for him so much. Since then, I have asked him a number of times if he is seeing anyone else, and his answer is always no.

Boyd and I work together, and I see him drive into the office parking lot every morning. He is always on his cell phone talking to someone. I know it isn't his wife, because she's at home and he just saw her. I have a gut feeling that he is still involved with the O.W., but I'm not sure.

I know the woman's name and phone number. I want to call her and ask about Boyd, but I don't want him to find out. Can you help me? — New York Lady

Dear N.Y.: Let's see. You're having an affair with a married man, and you think he is cheating on you. You want us to help you check him out on the sly. Honey, you have more problems with this relationship than we can count.

Here's our advice: If Boyd is cheating on his wife, he probably is cheating on you as well. If you call the O.W., she will know it's you and absolutely will spill the beans to Boyd. And no matter what you find out, you will never be able to trust him. Get out NOW, and don't look back. This relationship is going nowhere.

Dear Annie: My stepdaughter has been living with her boyfriend for two years, and they recently announced their engagement. Her father and I are thrilled. However, we have a dispute over who is financially responsible for the wedding.

Since my husband and the mother of the bride

are divorced, I think the cost of the wedding should be divided equally between the two of them. Also, the bride is 25 years old, and the couple has been living together. It seems reasonable to expect the newly engaged couple to contribute to the wedding expenses.

My husband says that as the father of the bride, he is responsible for the entire wedding, but our budget won't allow us to afford the wedding she wants. The ex-wife has no intention of contributing a dime. The bride informed me that this is "what daddies and grandparents are for." — Dreading the Nuptials

Dear Dreading: How sweet. Your husband is not as obligated as he thinks. Couples who have been living together should pay most of the costs of their own wedding. We say if Daddy wishes to contribute, the two of you should decide what you can afford and give his daughter a check in that amount. However, if your husband wants to pay for the wedding, no matter what, discuss what you can afford, but don't set yourself up as a barrier between your husband and his daughter.

Dear Annie: This letter is in response to "Never Been Kissed." I, too, am a 17-year-old girl who has never been kissed. I have been close to only one boy, and that relationship fizzled out before it went anywhere. I also wonder if I am normal and worry about the transition to college without any life experience. When I read the letter from "Never Been Kissed," it gave me hope, because now I know I am not in the boat alone. — Providence, R.I.

Dear R.I.: You'd be surprised how many others (boys, too) are sharing that boat. For all the

inexperienced high school kids out there — your time will come. Dear Annie: My elderly parents just left after an eight-day visit. I live 100 miles away from my folks, and invited them to stay with us while their bathroom and kitchen are being renovated. They will now be staying with my sister for a week.

After talking to Mom, I learned that the dust from the construction was so suffocating that my parents spent most of their days sitting in their car in the driveway. They did go for brief visits with friends, but still, the majority of the time was spent sitting in the car, from 7 a.m. until nighttime.

What upsets me is that I have a brother who lives two miles away from my parents and knew of their situation, yet never invited them to stay in his home for even a few hours during the day. I'm so mad at my brother right now I am seeing red, and I am tempted to call him up and give him a piece of my mind.

It also became clear during their visit that my father is ready for a nursing home. He can't see, hear or walk well; he forgets where he is and falls down frequently. My father, of course, won't acknowledge his problems. My siblings know Dad is not doing well, but they think Mom can manage him. In fact, I know that Mom can't take it much longer.

How do you get someone into a nursing home who doesn't want to be there? And should I call my brother and read him the riot act? — Angry Sister in Wisconsin

Dear Angry Sister: The decision about your father's care should be made by your mother, you and your siblings, together. It's possible your father can receive care at home, at least for a while. Your mother can contact Eldercare at 1-800-677-1116 ([www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov)) or seek guidance from a private geriatric care specialist.

As for your brother, you can read him the riot act, but it probably won't make any difference. If the construction is still going on, why not call your brother and suggest outright that he invite Mom and Dad over for

the afternoon on a specific day? He might surprise you. And if not, at least you'll hear it from his own lips.

Dear Annie: We have a cousin who feels entitled to say horrid, accusatory things to others, and then expects the target to forget her verbal blasts and be jolly chums when they meet again. "Nancy" doesn't understand that harsh words can never be unspoken, although a simple "I'm sorry" would undo much of the sting.

It's sad to see how many family members she has estranged and how isolated she is becoming. When we talk to Nancy about her behavior, she lashes out, blaming everyone else

for her unhappiness. Perhaps you will tell her that she is hurting herself by her rudeness and that apologies open doors to forgiveness. We want Nancy back in our family, but without the poison apple. — Life is Short

Dear Life is Short: Nancy's inability to recognize the destructive aspects of her behavior indicates she may be a couple of sandwiches short of a picnic. Since you want to salvage the relationship, you might say to her, "Sometimes you seem so angry. We love you and want you to be happy. Perhaps it would help if you talked to someone." If she seems agreeable, have the name of a therapist handy. If

not, you've done what you can to remedy the situation. The rest is up to her.

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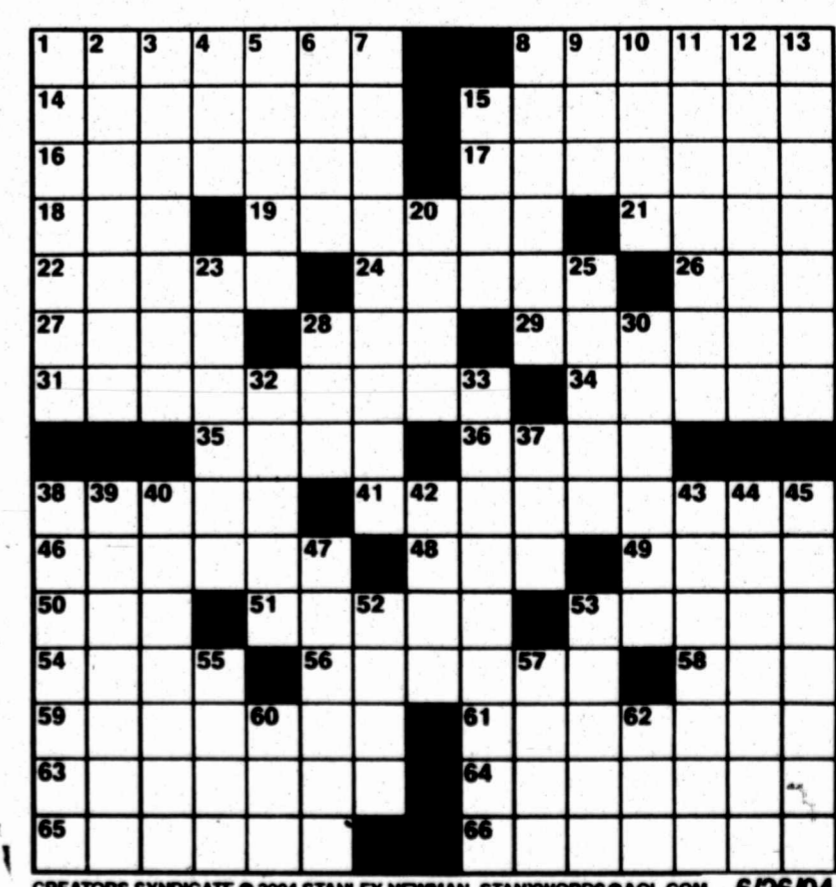
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| 36 Ancient Greek coin         |                         | 40 On a horse                  |
| 38 Signified                  |                         | 42 Motorcycle hero             |
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| 48 Café serving               |                         | 45 Heartfelt                   |
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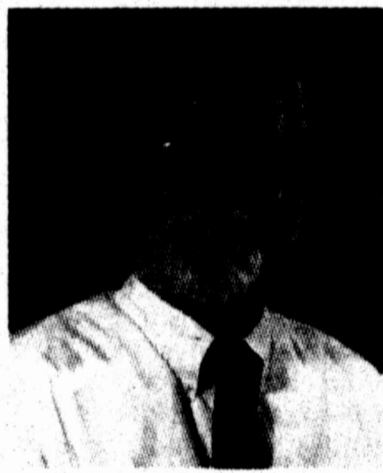
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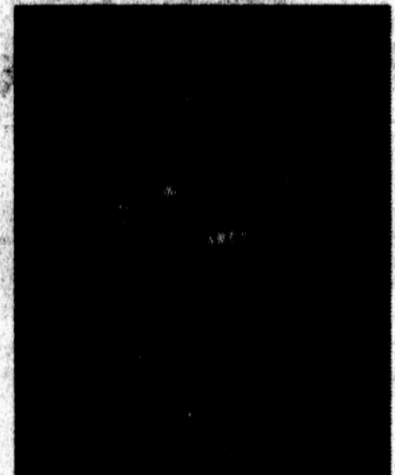
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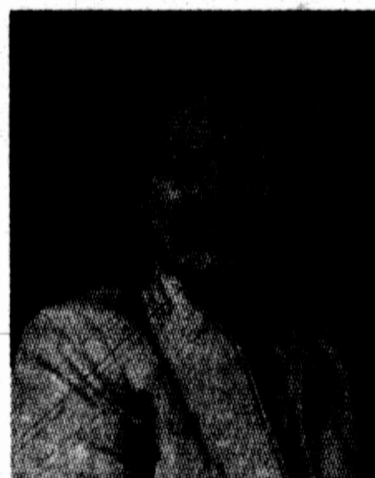
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