

WEDNESDAY

June 30, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY
TONIGHT 67°-70° TOMORROW 92°-94°

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Most entities to celebrate 4th by closing Monday

According to the United States Social Security Office, July 5 will be observed as a federal holiday. All federal, county, and city offices will be closed Monday in observance of July 4.

The post office will be open Friday and Saturday, but there will be no postal service on Monday and the window will be closed. The post office and the social security office will both resume business on Tuesday.

The VA Medical Center will be closed Monday, but the emergency room will remain open.

On the county level, the Howard County Clerk's Office said the courthouse and all county offices will be closed Monday, but will open again on Tuesday. This includes the Howard County Library.

The Big Spring city manager's office reported that all city offices will be closed, and the city pool will be closed.

The Spring City Senior Center is cancelling its dance Friday because of the long weekend, and will be closed Monday. The senior center will open again on Tuesday.

The Big Spring Independent School District summer lunch program will end Friday, so there will be no lunches provided Monday.

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Council majority agrees on tethering ban

Could take months for Big Spring city ordinance to be approved and inacted

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

After struggling with the issue for nearly two months, the Big Spring City Council decided to move forward with a ban on tethering and chaining dogs Tuesday evening. Mayor Russ McEwen proposed to the council that it accept the Animal Control Committee's recommended ordinance, which is nearly identical to an ordinance adopted in Lawton, Okla., in 1992. Council member Stephanie Horton was the

"You feel sorry for the people that can't afford a fence, and your heart goes out to them but we're looking at safety and animal welfare, and I think what the council did was the best thing that could have been done."



Scott Burt, DVM

only member to disagree, sticking to her resolve to go against any ban on chaining and tethering.

McEwen said a great deal of time and research went into the decision and he believes it is the most humane and safety-conscious approach to the problem.

"It's something that we needed to look at and had to address," said McEwen. "As you look at all sides of the issue — you're looking at humane treatment of animals and you're

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SIGN OF THINGS TO COME



Above, Randy Jones of Pat Gray Towing helps with the placing of a new sign at the Best Western Motel on Tuesday. At left, Glen Ferguson, foreman for Dixie Electric, Skip Burcham, owner of D's & Burcham's Signs, and Jack Harvell of Dixie Electric watch as a new sign is put up at the motel, east of Denny's on Third Street. The business is expected to open in the near future.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma community ready for annual Freedom Parade

Vic Vickers named marshal for event

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Patriotism will once again serve as the backdrop for the annual Coahoma Freedom Parade Saturday, as area residents shine up their cars and tractors to celebrate the Fourth of July.

While the number of years the annual event has been in existence is something of a mystery, parade organizer Quail Dobbs said the reason for it certainly isn't hard to figure out.

"We have no idea how many years the Coahoma Freedom Parade has been going on," said Dobbs with a laugh. "We want to invite everyone out

This is something special for our veterans. We like to honor all of our vets in Howard County. Jack Cathey is going to be furnishing a big truck and we're going to load it down with vets. So if you're a vet, whether you've been through a war or not, this is all dedicated to you."

The parade is expected to get under way Saturday at 10 a.m., starting at the Coahoma High School Football Stadium. Dobbs said the parade will proceed south down N. First Street to the Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road, where it will make a left turn. The route will again turn left on Broadway and on to Sixth Street, where it will proceed to

Coahoma City Park.

"We'll end the parade at the park," said Dobbs. "There will be a car show and a tractor show, and there will be food booths and games for the family — and it's all free.

"People are going to see a great parade. Every year we try to have a bigger and better parade, and I think this will be something that everyone will want to see. The Six White Horses from Hardin-Simmons will be here and we're going to have a lot of fun."

According to Dobbs, one of the most coveted positions in the parade is that of marshal, and this year's honoree is a highly distinguished veteran.

"There's a parade committee of about 10 or 11 of us," said Dobbs. "It was unanimous

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Police investigate attempted robbery of good samaritan

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating an aggravated robbery that occurred Tuesday afternoon in the 300 block of Swords.

According to Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the robbery occurred when a motorist stopped to offer assistance to someone who appeared to be stranded.

"The victim, a female in her early 30s, was driving on Swords near the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial when she observed a car with the hood up," said Sweatt. "She stopped to offer assistance, but the driver told her that he was OK.

"The woman turned to walk back

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Child pornography charge lands TDC officer in lockup

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Texas Department of Criminal Justice corrections officer was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possessing child pornography.

Jerry Glenn Dickey, 45, of 1904 E. 25th Street, was taken into custody Tuesday morning at approximately 10:45 a.m. by the Big Spring Police Department as part of an ongoing investigation.

Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt said the pictures were discovered on Dickey's computer, which was confiscated during the arrest.

"Mr. Dickey was taken into cus-

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BISID board ends budget discussions

Hires assistant principal for Goliad Intermediate School

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees hired an assistant principal at Goliad Intermediate School and wrapped up two days of budget talks on Tuesday.

After meeting in a lengthy closed session to discuss personnel issues, trustees unanimously approved the administration's recommendation of Don Dulin as the assistant principal at Goliad.

"The interview process included meeting with a teacher committee as well as the principal and Mr. Dulin came through as the No. 1 candidate for the Goliad assistant

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Police blotter

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

- RICHARD MARTINEZ JR., 19, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local traffic warrants.
- JERRY GLENN DICKEY, 45, of 1904 E. 25th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possessing or promoting child pornography.
- RICHARD HERRERA, age unknown, of 2404 S. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- JACKIE WAYNE ACUFF, 24, of 1107 Jeffery, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported:
 - in the 3300 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- FORGERY OF CHECK/CREDIT CARD was

- reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 3000 block of Swords.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- JERRY GLENN DICKEY, 45, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possessing/promoting child pornography.
- CHRISTOPHER WADE CLARK, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a building.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the area of the Coahoma Ball Field.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 400 block of Thompson Road.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1500 block of Hilltop.
 - in the 6800 block of the Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road.

Support groups

- 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.
 - The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.
 - Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.
- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

- SATURDAY**
- Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
- 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. 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.

Take note

- A MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE FAMILY OF TERRY STRICKLAND, who died June 15, 2004, has been established at the Big Spring Educational Employees Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1110, Big Spring 79720.
- MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB are looking for area children with diabetes 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.
- BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.
- LIFETIME BIG SPRING resident Mary Lancaster has been diagnosed with cancer, and is in need of several scans that are not covered by her health insurance. Lancaster's family is asking for donations to cover the cost of the scans, which range in the thousands of dollars. Donations can be made at Wood Forest National Bank, located in Wal-Mart, in the name of Mary Lancaster.
- A FUND HAS BEEN established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Texas Workforce Commission Open House from 1-3 p.m. to introduce the Work-In-Texas program. Free and open to the public.
 - 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.
 - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
 - Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

- FRIDAY**
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

- SATURDAY**
- Highland Fourth of July parade begins at 10 a.m. Those planning to participate should arrive by 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven Drive and Highland Street.
 - Pops in the Park in the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater opens with food vendors at 5 p.m. The pre-show is set for 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at dusk. Admission is free.
 - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
 - Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

Weather

Tonight - Isolated thunderstorms ending early, becoming mostly clear after midnight. Low around 70. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Tomorrow - Mostly sunny skies. High 94. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

Tomorrow night - Clear skies. Low 71. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday - Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday - Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Sunday - Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Rainfall for Tuesday, 0.70 inches
2004 rain to date, 9.94 inches
Normal for year-to-date, 8.74 inches
Rain received for the month of June, 2.34

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-14-15-17.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$33,903.
Winning tickets sold in: La Joya.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-3

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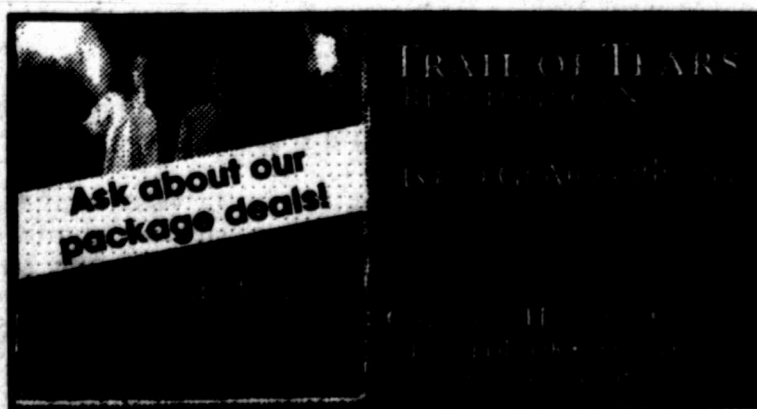
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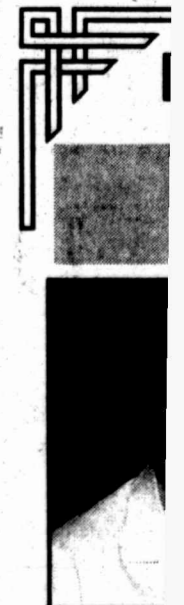
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looking at protection of the public. There are volumes of information that says tethering dogs is inhumane at best. You have to come to a point where you say we've allowed tethering and every one of us has had instances where we've seen inhumane tethering of animals, and we have to prevent that.

"If we are a humane society then we need to be in a position where we step out and say we're not going to allow that. What we're saying to our citizens is if this ordinance passes is if you have a dog you're going to have to have an enclosure that will restrain that animal where it can't get out, and if it does get out and cause havoc, then you're going to be fined. But you cannot do that by using a tether or chain."

Local veterinarian and Animal Control Committee member Scott Burt said he believes the council's decision is in the best interests of everyone, and although it might cause hardship on some dog owners, safety and the treatment of the animals has to win out over money.

"I believe this really will help protect the community and the dogs," said Burt. "I'm really proud that they stood up and

did that. You feel sorry for the people that can't afford a fence, and your heart goes out to them but we're looking at safety and animal welfare, and I think what the council did was the best thing that could have been done."

The ordinance that has been proposed by the Animal Control Committee would, if adopted by the city council, ban the use of tethers or chains as a means to confine a dog altogether. The ordinance reads:

"No person shall, at any time, fasten, chain or tie any dog or cause such dog to be fastened, chained or tied while such dog is on the owner's property or on the property of the dog owners landlord. (Exception — A dog may be tethered to allow for the cleaning of the dog's enclosure or while the owner is outside with the dog and is in visual contact of the animal at all times to prevent injury to the dog.)

"Any dogs confined within a fenced yard must have adequate space for exercise based on a dimension of at least 100 square-feet. Provided, further that where dogs are kept or housed on property without a fenced yard, the owner of such dogs or persons having custody of such dogs shall provide an enclosure for such dogs meeting the 100 square-foot dimension. Such enclosure shall be constructed of chain link or

similar type materials with all four sides enclosed. The enclosure shall be of sufficient height to prevent the dog from escaping from such enclosure. The top of the enclosure shall be covered with materials to provide the dog with shade and protection from the elements.

"Shelter to allow the animal to remain dry and protected from the elements. Such shelter shall be fully enclosed on three sides, roofed and have a solid floor. The entrance to the shelter shall be flexible to allow the animal's entry and exit, and sturdy enough to block entry of wind and rain. The shelter shall be small enough to retain the animal's body heat and large enough to allow the animal to stand and turn comfortably. The enclosure shall be structurally sound and in good repair."

Former Animal Control Committee member Bebe McCasland spoke during the hearing, describing a conversation she had with Lawton Animal Control Superintendent Rose Wilson. McCasland said the ordinance has been an immense success in Lawton, and according to Wilson, several other cities in the U.S. are fashioning their anti-chaining laws around theirs.

While the ordinance would have no effect on fenced dogs that aren't chained, dogs that will be housed in kennel-style

enclosures due to a lack of a fence will face a much brighter future, according to Burt.

"I haven't seen any negative effects from kennels, and we've had some animals that have been boarded for more than a year," said Burt. "We have four-foot by 10-foot kennels. Of course we take the animals out and run them and play with them at the office every day, but those dogs showed no aggression whatsoever."

"I think there's a lot of difference between a dog that's been housed in a kennel type enclosure and a dog that's been on a chain or tether. It really makes all of the difference in the world."

McEwen said the new ordinance will take some time to prepare and he fully expects a grace period to be established to help stem the shock of the change to dog owners that have tethered and chained their animals for years.

"Being realistic, it's going to take the city attorney a period of time to take care of that," said McEwen. "I would expect to see it brought to the city council for approval within a month to six weeks — two months at the most."

"We haven't discussed a grace period for the ordinance yet, but obviously we will. If someone had done business a certain way for a number of years you have to give them a period of

time. What that's going to be, I don't know. I would be in favor of a longer period of time opposed to a shorter grace period to give people time to comply with the ordinance."

While the ordinance may still be months from being enacted, dog owners may find the leash that they're on has grown a little bit shorter.

"We're already stepping up our enforcement on the city ordinance concerning animal control," said Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "It will be treated the same way as the citations that the police officers issue for violation of state law. When we have complaints or an item that is safety oriented, we take a stricter enforcement view on that."

"I've instructed each of the animal wardens that each time or day that they have to go back, that's another violation and should be treated as such. When it comes to an issue of safety we're not going to give any leeway. If we have an animal that we believe is dangerous or violent by its propensity, we're taking immediate action to get the dog picked up and start the process to have it deemed a dangerous animal."

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principal position," said Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal.

Dulin comes to Big Spring area after serving as a middle school principal in the Greenwood Independent School District.

His career in education includes employment at the University of Texas at the Premium Basin, Region 18 Education Service Center, Midway ISD and a school in Jal, N.M., where he served as a computer instructor.

Dulin was hired on an 11-month contract for a yearly salary for \$54,005.

Following the personnel items, trustees hit the books again to review a \$24.4 million proposed budget for the 2004-2005 financial school year.

The board settled on four top priorities to be funded if money becomes available:

- \$94,500 in raises for 92 teachers with more than 20 years of experience and 18 administrators.

- Included in the proposed budget is the district's local increment above state base of \$2,500 for teachers with a bachelor's degree and \$3,000 for teachers with a master's degree.

This was erroneously reported in an article which appeared in the

Herald's Tuesday edition as across-the-board raises.

- An estimated \$93,000 to resurface the track at Blankenship Field, add curbing for the inside and outside of the track to help with surface degrading and making the track all-weather ready.

- An estimated \$40,000 to remodel the boys' locker room at Steer Gym.

"These will be added into the budget in order of priority when money becomes available," said Business Manager Sandra Waggoner.

The district expects to have more than \$250,000 in savings above the proposed budget and currently projects a \$20,000 surplus if those savings

become a reality.

After meeting with Technology Director Corey Wood, Superintendent Michael Downes recommended to trustees that instead of hiring two technology specialists, as was listed in the top four priorities after Tuesday's meeting, to hire a secretary for the department.

The change was based on the fact that the district will receive more than 800 new computers by the Christmas break with a standard three-year warranty, Wood said, so the additional specialists are not as much a priority.

Trustees will also continue to review additional

raises to auxiliary staff over the \$56,000 included in the budget which would total \$84,000.

One thing taxpayers will most not likely see is any tax relief. The budget is based on a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

A public hearing is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on Aug. 12 in the high school board room.

In other business, trustees also hired Susan M'lys Lloyd, a special education teacher at Goliad and Casey L. Pacheco, a social studies teacher at the high school.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Anthony "Tony" Del Bosque, 34, died Monday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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ROBBERY

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to her car when the man ran up behind her and grabbed her. He told her to give him her money and she told him she didn't have any. The man cut her several times on the side with an unknown weapon then fled the scene."

The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 25 years old, approximately 5-foot, 7-inches tall and weighing 130 pounds. He was wearing a Dallas Cowboys baseball cap,

blue and silver in color, a gray T-shirt and blue jeans.

The car the man was in is described as a gray colored hatchback, similar to a Honda Civic.

After the suspect fled, the woman drove herself to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room, where she was treated and released. Sweatt said the cuts she received were superficial and non-life threatening.

Anyone having information on this crime can contact the Police Investigation Division at 264-2554, or

Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477).

Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest or conviction of individuals involved in criminal activity and you may remain anonymous.

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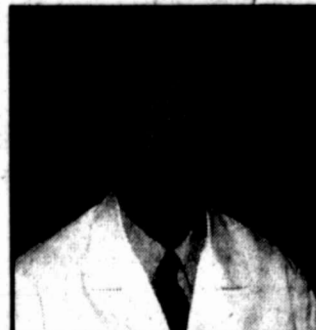
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looking at protection of the public. There are volumes of information that says tethering dogs is inhumane at best. You have to come to a point where you say we've allowed tethering and every one of us has had instances where we've seen inhumane tethering of animals, and we have to prevent that.

"If we are a humane society then we need to be in a position where we step out and say we're not going to allow that. What we're saying to our citizens if this ordinance passes is if you have a dog you're going to have to have an enclosure that will restrain that animal where it can't get out, and if it does get out and cause havoc, then you're going to be fined. But you cannot do that by using a tether or chain."

Local veterinarian and Animal Control Committee member Scott Burt said he believes the council's decision is in the best interests of everyone, and although it might cause hardship on some dog owners, safety and the treatment of the animals has to win out over money.

"I believe this really will help protect the community and the dogs," said Burt. "I'm really proud that they stood up and

did that. You feel sorry for the people that can't afford a fence, and your heart goes out to them but we're looking at safety and animal welfare, and I think what the council did was the best thing that could have been done."

The ordinance that has been proposed by the Animal Control Committee would, if adopted by the city council, ban the use of tethers or chains as a means to confine a dog altogether. The ordinance reads:

"No person shall, at any time, fasten, chain or tie any dog or cause such dog to be fastened, chained or tied while such dog is on the owner's property or on the property of the dog owners landlord. (Exception — A dog may be tethered to allow for the cleaning of the dog's enclosure or while the owner is outside with the dog and is in visual contact of the animal at all times to prevent injury to the dog.)

"Any dogs confined within a fenced yard must have adequate space for exercise based on a dimension of at least 100 square-feet. Provided, further that where dogs are kept or housed on property without a fenced yard, the owner of such dogs or persons having custody of such dogs shall provide an enclosure for such dogs meeting the 100 square-foot dimension. Such enclosure shall be constructed of chain link or

similar type materials with all four sides enclosed. The enclosure shall be of sufficient height to prevent the dog from escaping from such enclosure. The top of the enclosure shall be covered with materials to provide the dog with shade and protection from the elements.

"Shelter to allow the animal to remain dry and protected from the elements. Such shelter shall be fully enclosed on three sides, roofed and have a solid floor. The entrance to the shelter shall be flexible to allow the animal's entry and exit, and sturdy enough to block entry of wind and rain. The shelter shall be small enough to retain the animal's body heat and large enough to allow the animal to stand and turn comfortably. The enclosure shall be structurally sound and in good repair."

Former Animal Control Committee member Bebe McCasland spoke during the hearing, describing a conversation she had with Lawton Animal Control Superintendent Rose Wilson. McCasland said the ordinance has been an immense success in Lawton, and according to Wilson, several other cities in the U.S. are fashioning their anti-chaining laws around theirs.

While the ordinance would have no effect on fenced dogs that aren't chained, dogs that will be housed in kennel-style

enclosures due to a lack of a fence will face a much brighter future, according to Burt.

"I haven't seen any negative effects from kennels, and we've had some animals that have been boarded for more than a year," said Burt. "We have four-foot by 10-foot kennels. Of course we take the animals out and run them and play with them at the office every day, but those dogs showed no aggression whatsoever."

"I think there's a lot of difference between a dog that's been housed in a kennel type enclosure and a dog that's been on a chain or tether. It really makes all of the difference in the world."

McEwen said the new ordinance will take some time to prepare and he fully expects a grace period to be established to help stem the shock of the change to dog owners that have tethered and chained their animals for years.

"Being realistic, it's going to take the city attorney a period of time to take care of that," said McEwen. "I would expect to see it brought to the city council for approval within a month to six weeks — two months at the most."

"We haven't discussed a grace period for the ordinance yet, but obviously we will. If someone had done business a certain way for a number of years you have to give them a period of

time. What that's going to be, I don't know. I would be in favor of a longer period of time opposed to a shorter grace period to give people time to comply with the ordinance."

While the ordinance may still be months from being enacted, dog owners may find the leash that they're on has grown a little bit shorter.

"We're already stepping up our enforcement on the city ordinance concerning animal control," said Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "It will be treated the same way as the citations that the police officers issue for violation of state law. When we have complaints or an item that is safety oriented, we take a stricter enforcement view on that."

"I've instructed each of the animal wardens that each time or day that they have to go back, that's another violation and should be treated as such. When it comes to an issue of safety we're not going to give any leeway. If we have an animal that we believe is dangerous or violent by its propensity, we're taking immediate action to get the dog picked up and start the process to have it deemed a dangerous animal."

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principal position," said Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal.

Dulin comes to Big Spring area after serving as a middle school principal in the Greenwood Independent School District.

His career in education includes employment at the University of Texas at the Premium Basin, Region 18 Education Service Center, Midway ISD and a school in Jal, N.M., where he served as a computer instructor.

Dulin was hired on an 11-month contract for a yearly salary for \$54,005.

Following the personnel items, trustees hit the books again to review a \$24.4 million proposed budget for the 2004-2005 financial school year.

The board settled on four top priorities to be funded if money becomes available:

- \$94,500 in raises for 92 teachers with more than 20 years of experience and 18 administrators.

Included in the proposed budget is the district's local increment above state base of \$2,500 for teachers with a bachelor's degree and \$3,000 for teachers with a master's degree.

This was erroneously reported in an article which appeared in the

Herald's Tuesday edition as across-the-board raises.

- An estimated \$93,000 to resurface the track at Blankenship Field, add curbing for the inside and outside of the track to help with surface degrading and making the track all-weather ready.

- An estimated \$40,000 to remodel the boys' locker room at Steer Gym.

"These will be added into the budget in order of priority when money becomes available," said Business Manager Sandra Waggoner.

The district expects to have more than \$250,000 in savings above the proposed budget and currently projects a \$20,000 surplus if those savings

become a reality.

After meeting with Technology Director Corey Wood, Superintendent Michael Downes recommended to trustees that instead of hiring two technology specialists, as was listed in the top four priorities after Tuesday's meeting, to hire a secretary for the department.

The change was based on the fact that the district will receive more than 800 new computers by the Christmas break with a standard three-year warranty, Wood said, so the additional specialists are not as much a priority.

Trustees will also continue to review additional

raises to auxiliary staff over the \$56,000 included in the budget which would total \$84,000.

One thing taxpayers will most not likely see is any tax relief. The budget is based on a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

A public hearing is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on Aug. 12 in the high school board room.

In other business, trustees also hired Susan M'lys Lloyd, a special education teacher at Goliad and Casey L. Pacheco, a social studies teacher at the high school.

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Anthony "Tony" Del Bosque, 34, died Monday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



ROBBERY

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to her car when the man ran up behind her and grabbed her. He told her to give him her money and she told him she didn't have any. The man cut her several times on the side with an unknown weapon then fled the scene."

The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 25 years old, approximately 5-foot, 7-inches tall and weighing 130 pounds. He was wearing a Dallas Cowboys baseball cap,

blue and silver in color, a gray T-shirt and blue jeans.

The car the man was in is described as a gray colored hatchback, similar to a Honda Civic.

After the suspect fled, the woman drove herself to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room, where she was treated and released. Sweatt said the cuts she received were superficial and non-life threatening.

Anyone having information on this crime can contact the Police Investigation Division at 264-2554, or

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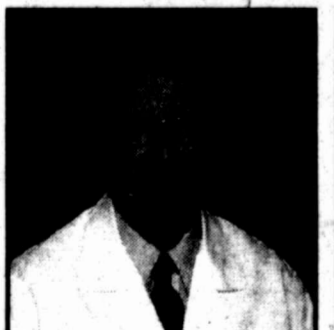
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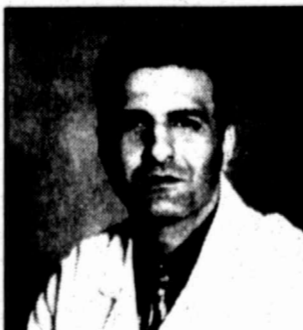
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OUR VIEWS

Help Big Spring come up with promotional slogan

Live large. Think big." No doubt by now you've heard that phrase as Dallas' new slogan. Civic promoters hope it will help enhance that city's image, or at the very least, help it shed itself of the old J.R. concept.

You may also know that the city of Big Spring is looking for a slogan to boost both recognition and civic pride, but have you thought about participating? If you haven't, you should. Why? Well, there's the aforementioned civic pride. That alone ought to be enough. As extra incentive though, the winner will pocket \$200.

Already, more than 300 entries have been received at the *Herald*. While we won't list any of them here verbatim, we will let you know that they run the gamut. Suggestions have eluded to our terrain, friendliness, size, location and attributes. Others sent in are more on the order of Dallas' "Live large. Think big." In other words they have little to do with actuality, but more with perception.

The whole purpose, as we've mentioned, is to promote our community to others as well as build pride here at home.

The slogan search is being conducted by the Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI), an effort funded by the Ford Foundation that partners community colleges with local interests to foster economic development.

Slogans should be turned in to the *Herald* office at 710 Scurry. They can also be mailed to the *Herald* at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721 or sent by e-mail to publisher@bigspringherald.com

Don't forget to put your name, address and telephone number on each entry or list of entries. The last day to enter the contest is July 15.

Consider joining us in promoting our city. It's a fun contest and you just might walk away a \$200 winner.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be worthy, Lord, when you call.

Amen

West Texas Cowboy worth his salt

Bonnie Thorne of Huntsville was returning home from a trip to California when she stopped at the Dairy Queen in Big Spring for some refreshments. She was traveling with her sister, Ida Belle Moore and a visitor from France, Michel Daisson.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Mr. Daisson had shown some of Bonnie's family members around France and Bonnie was showing him around the US.

After sharing conversation with some local men having coffee at the next table, the trio left to continue their trip east. When they got into their car, Ida Belle said she would drive, but needed a pillow that was in the back seat. Bonnie put her purse on the trunk, retrieved the pillow and climbed in the car, completely forgetting about the purse.

Soon after their car got back on the interstate, a passenger in a

passing car held up a purse and pointed to the back of Bonnie's vehicle. It was then she realized she was missing her purse, which had all the trip money in it.

They returned to Dairy Queen in hopes of finding it there. Bonnie was told that one of the regulars having coffee, John Day, saw the car drive off with the purse on the trunk and he was going to try to find it. "If John Day finds that purse, you'll be sure to get it back," one of the waitresses told Bonnie.

Bonnie and her traveling companions resumed their trip. "I felt stupid and upset," says Bonnie, "but we continued on, somehow feeling that things would work out okay."

John Day found the purse in the middle of the Interstate a couple of miles east of the Dairy Queen. It was completely empty except for a little pair of scissors. "No telling how many vehicles had run over it," says John. He had no way of finding out who owned it.

He woke up the next morning with a new realization: "No woman would carry around an empty purse." He returned to the

Interstate and searched the area where he had found the purse. In weeds along the interstate he found her billfold containing her driver's license, credit cards and \$200 cash. He also found other cards and items from the purse and a money belt with \$800 in it.

John got his daughter to look up Bonnie's phone number on the internet. Bonnie says when he called her he said, "Bonnie, do you know where your purse is?"

He then identified himself and told her he was sending her the purse. "I told him to keep half the money, but he didn't do it," says Bonnie. He did keep some, which he gave to his grandson. "They were tickled to death to get that purse back," says John.

Bonnie sent John a couple of thank you notes, telling him what a good man he is. She told him the man from France was also impressed with the type of people in West Texas.

John said he didn't think he did anything real significant. "I did what any other old West Texas cowboy would do. I'd do the same thing again."



Religious politicians do not walk the walk

When it comes to religion, I've always believed it's more important to walk the walk than to talk the talk. I come from a tradition (Episcopal) that considers it rather in bad taste to wear your religion on your sleeve, presumably from Matthew, Chapter 6, Verses 5 and 6:



MOLLY IVINS

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward."

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Of course, I also had some Baptist input and so am fond of making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Texans even like to sing hymns around campfires while drinking beer — I'm not sure if that counts.

I long ago learned to shy away from the stink of sanctimony. We are all familiar with pietistic hypocrites and spiritual humbugs wearing dog collars. I doubt the clergy is more afflicted with canting Pharisees than the legal profession is with sleazy chiselers, but neither type is exactly rare.

When you throw politics into the religious mix, or vice versa, you get some real beauts in the hypocrisy department. Just to take a recent example, Jack Ryan of Illinois, the one who had to drop his campaign for the Senate after his divorce papers revealed he had forced his wife to go to sex clubs

with him, was one of the "family values" crowd who opposes gay marriage because it's such a threat to the institution. Please. And although Bill Clinton was too polite to mention it in his book, quite a remarkable number of Republican leaders who were hell-bent on impeaching him for his folly were themselves adulterers.

Back in the 1950s, when the late Rep. Bob Eckhardt was still in the Texas Legislature, a bill to cut off all state aid to illegitimate children was under debate. After listening to some of his "Christian" colleagues explain why illegitimate children should be left to starve, Eckhardt rose and said, "I am not so much concerned about the natural bastards as I am about the self-made ones." I consider that one of the most Christian things I've ever heard said during legislative debate.

I sometimes think we've gotten ourselves into a pointless argument in this country, as we rather often do, by exaggerating the extremes. We are not faced with a choice between imposing some Christian version of Sharia law on the one hand, or "driving religion out of the public square" altogether on the other.

Two hundred years of not terribly rigid separation of church and state has given us one precious gift. As a quote attributed to James Madison (never been able to find the correct citation on it) put it, "The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe with blood for centuries." Religious strife is still soaking the soil with blood, isn't it, in Kosovo and elsewhere.

To the extent that politics should be based on moral and ethical considerations, of course it has religious foundations. But dragging

God into partisan politics is, in my view, a sin.

Is it Christian to cut money for Head Start? Is it Christian to cut poor children off health care? Is it Christian to cut old people off Medicare? Is it Christian to write memos justifying torture? Is it Christian to cut after-school, nutrition and AIDS programs so multimillionaires can have bigger tax cuts?

Historically, the Bible has been used to justify some stupefying crimes, including slavery and genocide. I see no indication we are any better at divining the Lord's intent now than we ever were.

As regular readers know, I call upon the Lord rather frequently myself, often for patience in dealing with those who presume to speak in His name. To whatever extent each of us is affected by religion, I suppose we inevitably bring that into the public sphere. But I seriously question the wisdom of doing so in any organized or deliberate fashion. Drag God into politics, and you'll ruin His reputation in no time.

Again, this may be a matter of taste, but I have seen too many Psalm-singing, Bible quoting, Holy Joe hypocrites in politics to think these frauds improve the moral tone of our public life. Getting snookered by some canting humbug is even more depressing than getting snookered by a plain old crook.

Beware those who make a show or a parade of their piety: Keep watching for the ones who walk the walk.

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Legal custody of Hussein and 11 others transferred to Iraqis

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 others was transferred Wednesday to the Iraqis, a first step toward the ousted dictator's expected trial for crimes against humanity.

In a one-line announcement, Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's office said that the Iraqis had assumed legal — but not physical — control, "today, 30th June, at 10:15 in the morning."

They are to appear in court Thursday for a reading of the charges.

"The first step has happened," Salem Chalabi, the director of the Iraqi Special Tribunal that will try Saddam, told The Associated Press. He refused to elaborate.

"I met with him (Saddam) earlier today to explain his rights and what will happen," Chalabi said.

The defendants were informed individually of their rights, said an international official who spoke on condition of anonymity. An Iraqi judge witnessed the proceedings.

Saddam will remain in a U.S.-controlled jail guarded by Americans until the Iraqis are ready to take physical custody of him. That is expected to take a long time.

The legal transfer means that Saddam and the others are no longer prisoners of war but criminal defendants whose treatment will be in accordance with Iraqi law.

L. Paul Bremer, the former U.S. administrator, said it would be months before Saddam and others would come to trial before an Iraqi tribunal, but he said he was confident that the Iraqis would handle it well.

"He will get the kind of justice he denied his own people," Bremer told ABC's "Good Morning America." "It's a wonderful day for the Iraqis to get him under their direct control. It will be a major event."

The crimes against humanity for which Saddam is expected to be tried include the 1988 chemical weapons massacre of Kurds in Halabja, the slaughter of Shiites

Army planning to dip deeper into reserve pool

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in more than a decade, the Army is forcing thousands of former soldiers back into uniform, a reflection of the strain on the service of long campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Army officials said Tuesday that about 5,600 former soldiers — mostly people who recently left the service and have up-to-date skills in military policing, engineering, logistics, medicine or transportation — will be assigned to National Guard and Reserve units starting in July.

Many of them will find themselves in Iraq by the end of the year.

They are in a rarely used pool of reservists

known as the Individual Ready Reserve. They are distinct from the National Guard and Reserve because they do not perform regularly scheduled training and are not paid as reservists, but they are eligible to be recalled in an emergency because their active duty hitches did not complete the service obligation in their enlistment contracts.

The Army planned to announce details of the call-up on Wednesday.

It is the first sizable activation of the Individual Ready Reserve since the 1991 Gulf War, though several hundred people have voluntarily returned to service since the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

legal team to work in Iraq, whether to televise the proceedings, and whether to reinstate the death penalty, which was suspended by Bremer.

Mouwafak al-Rubaie,

Iraq's new national security adviser, said the tribunal would be able to impose the death penalty. He said Saddam would not be allowed to turn the trial into a political game, by calling witnesses such as President Bush or British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"Saddam Hussein will be under the legal control of Iraqi law," he told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

"He is going to be tried according to the Iraqi criminal code."

The process of preparing for Saddam's trial come at an extremely difficult time. U.S. administrators turned over power to a sovereign Iraqi government only Monday. Allawi's government faces a relentless insurgency, and 160,000 U.S.-led foreign troops will remain.

Iraqi officials insist Saddam and the others will get fair trials. Hamid al-Bayati, Iraq's new deputy foreign minister and a leader of the main Shiite Muslim party, said there was "no chance at all" that Saddam might

walk out a free man, perhaps on a legal technicality.

"The whole world will see this," said al-Bayati, who said he was tortured in Saddam's prisons in the 1970s. "He won't be able to walk free."

He noted that Saddam's victims are estimated in the hundreds of thousands or more, which means a huge segment of the 26 million Iraqis want to watch him answer for those crimes.

But the trial could contribute to the upheaval in Iraq by polarizing Saddam's supporters and detractors, said Walid Mohammed al-Shibibi, a Baghdad attorney and editor of a legal journal.

"This will escalate into terrorist attacks," he said.

Chalabi said the trials of Saddam and other senior figures likely would not begin before 2005. Some suspects could be indicted in the autumn but "the senior ones will not be indicted for some time," he told CNN. "Then after that ... the trials would start maybe in a few months further down the line."

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today because it was alleged that he had some pictures of under

age kids to possibly gratify himself or someone else," said Sweatt. "We got the warrant for his arrest the day before it was served."

Dickey, who was arrested at his home in the Kentwood

Apartments, could face more charges depending on possible distribution of the material.

"There's always the possibility that when someone has pictures like this on their computer that they have been e-mail-

ing them or sending them to other people," said Sweatt. "It's not clear at this time whether or not that may have happened."

Sweatt confirmed that Dickey was an employee of TDCJ at the

time of his arrest.

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among us that Vic (Vickers) be the parade marshal."

"Elmer Lindsay came and told me that the parade committee had chosen me to be the parade marshal," said Vickers. "My first reaction was to ask 'why me.' I'm really impressed. It's quite an honor to be asked to marshal the Freedom Parade."

Vickers, a veteran of the U.S. Army's 96th Infantry Division, was born in Texas but grew up in Ada and Prairie, Okla. He retired from Coastal Oil and Gas after 40 years with the company, but only after surviving the last battle for a tiny island in the Japanese

islands. "I served in the Philippines and we ended up involved in the last battle of Okinawa," said Vickers. "We left Hawaii about three months before the last battle of Okinawa and spent 38 days at sea. We had to change course every 12 minutes to get off of the

Japanese submarines. It was a pretty good run from there to the Philippines.

"Once we secured the Philippines we went to Okinawa. We were there for about three months. We spent about two-and-a-half months of that in battle, and the rest doing mop up work."

Vickers said he was drafted into the Army shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a fact that didn't set well with him and his fellow soldiers.

"Well, I really didn't decide to join the Army.

The Japanese decided I would join the Army when they attacked Pearl Harbor," laughed Vickers. "We were pretty mad at them. It wasn't a fun thing to have to go and do."

The 96th Infantry Division was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its part in the Okinawa battle, an award Vickers proudly displays on his wall, and said he's proud to be a veteran and glad to see the parade pay homage to those who have served.

"I think it's nice that they're thinking of the

veterans. We kind of backed off when we came out of the service. It's just like that award," said Vickers, pointing to the Presidential Unit Citation for the 96th Infantry Division hanging on his dining room wall. "That didn't mean anything to

me then. Of course now we go to reunions every year.

"It's a family deal. We're down to about 800 members now, but these are just the ones that are registered. There's a lot of them sitting at the house and don't even know this

thing is going on. We all get together, but we don't talk about the war. We talk about our kids."

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Prisoner prominent in 'Thin Blue Line' case set for execution

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer David Ray Harris, who faced execution Wednesday night, may be better remembered for a crime that didn't earn him a trip to prison.

Harris, 43, was to be executed for a 1985 shootout that left a Beaumont man, Mark Mays, dead after authorities said Harris broke into Mays' apartment and tried to abduct the victim's girlfriend.

He would be the 10th Texas inmate executed this year. But the apprentice bricklayer from Vidor in the far southeast corner of Texas gained notoriety for his testimony in the trial of a Dallas police officer's slaying that put another man on death row.

Randall Dale Adams spent 12 years in prison for the shooting death of Robert Wood and in May 1979 came within three days of execution for a crime he insisted he didn't commit. The following year, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out his death sentence because of jury selection problems at his trial.

The case of Adams was detailed in a 1988 documentary movie, "The Thin Blue Line," that portrayed him as wrongly convicted. Adams, whose sentence was commuted to life, was released from prison in 1989.

Harris, who implicated Adams when questioned by authorities and never was charged in the officer's slaying, later recanted his trial testimony and attested to Adams' innocence.

Court appeals seeking to keep Harris from the Texas death chamber Wednesday challenged the reliability of testimony from psychologists at capital murder trials who advise jurors of the likelihood a convicted murderer will be a continued danger to society, one of the questions jurors must answer in deliberating a death sentence.

Another appeal challenged the drugs Texas prison officials use in lethal injections, with Harris' lawyers arguing the three-drug combination "likely cause an excruciatingly painful death" and violates Harris' constitutional protections against cruel and unusual punishment.

Vanessa Gilmore, a federal district court judge in Houston, issued a temporary restraining order Tuesday against the lethal injection procedure

that employs, in succession, sodium thiopental, pancuronium bromide and potassium chloride.

"At this point, we don't know how we're going to proceed," Texas prisons spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said. "We're going to continue to consult with the attorney general's office ... and see what would be the appropriate action."

Tom Kelley, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said state lawyers were appealing to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to get the order lifted.

Harris was 16 and had bragged to friends about killing a Dallas officer when he was questioned by police about three weeks after Wood's shooting. Harris said it was Adams, a hitchhiker he had picked up in a stolen car after Adams' own car had run out of gas, who killed Wood when the officer pulled them over.

Adams had no criminal record and recently had moved from Oklahoma to Dallas, where he was living at a motel. He always said Harris had dropped him off at the motel and he was not there when Wood was gunned down.

By the time Harris changed his story about the officer's death, he had built a lengthy criminal history. Records show he was a court-martialed Vietnam War soldier who was convicted of burglary and was on Texas' death row for the Mays slaying.

It was before dawn on Sept. 1, 1985, when Harris broke into Mays' apartment, records show. Armed with a .38-caliber pistol, Harris woke Mays and his girlfriend and led the woman outside at gunpoint toward his truck.

Mays, however, grabbed his own gun and the pair exchanged shots. Mays, 30, died in the gunfire. Harris fled and was arrested four days later. The woman escaped unhurt.

Harris declined requests for an interview in the weeks preceding his execution date.

Earlier Tuesday, a convicted killer sent to death row for a murder committed when he was 17 won a U.S. Supreme Court reprieve about four hours before he could have been executed.

Lawyers for Mauro Barazza, 32, had argued the lethal injection should be delayed because the high court plans later this year to review the issue of executing teenage killers.

Police unravel abuse case of foster parents with 18 children

By WOODY BAIRD

Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, Tenn. (AP) — A little more than a year after Tom and Debbie Schmitz were profiled in heartwarming news stories as religious, caring foster parents, 18 children have been removed from their home amid charges of abuse and neglect.

Police say some of the children — including those with physical disabilities and special behavioral needs — were beaten, left for long hours in a dark cellar and locked in a metal cage.

The Schmitzes stood silently at their first court appearance Tuesday. An attorney for Debbie Schmitz said she is innocent and will fight for the return of the children.

"She's not guilty of abuse as the law would define that," attorney Michael Robbins said as the Schmitzes and a handful of supporters arrived at court with yellow ribbons pinned to their clothes.

Judge James Webb set a preliminary hearing Aug. 17 and allowed the couple to remain free on bond of \$50,000 for Debbie Schmitz, 44, and \$25,000 for Tom Schmitz, 45.

A few miles away, at the driveway leading to the Schmitzes' farmhouse, a 3-foot-wide, heart-shaped marker was adorned with 18 yellow bows, one for each child now in state custody. The children range in age from infant to 17 years.

The Schmitzes, who had a reputation for taking in hard-to-place children in need, came to this northwest Tennessee town four years ago.

Sheriff Joe Shepard said that was shortly after they were investigated on child abuse allegations in the Green Bay, Wis., area, where they had 11 children in their home. No criminal charges were filed in Wisconsin.

"I don't think it's coincidence that right after they had an investigation there, they showed up here," Shepard said.

The allegations in Wisconsin were similar to the new ones, including that Debbie Schmitz drank heavily and most of the care for the younger children was provided by the older ones.

Shepard said the new allegations came from several of the children as well as two nurses who worked at the home.

Sheriff's Detective Don Curry said the children were required to clean the house and take care of two horses and other animals on the farm. He said one young teenager who needs a leg brace to walk told him she was beaten for not working fast enough and forced to sleep naked on the floor after breaking a ceramic vase.

Debbie Schmitz forcefully cut off a 14-year-old girl's hair when she refused to name a boy who had written her a note in school, Curry said he was told.

"She had long, pretty black hair, and she cut it off to nothing," Curry said.

Defense lawyer Frank Deslauriers, who represents Tom Schmitz, said the home was investigated by a private social services agency in December and no serious problems were found.

"It was at the request of our clients for adoption purposes," Deslauriers said. "I can't get more detailed than that."

Robbins said Debbie Schmitz has adopted 11 of the children and two are her biological children. He said he was unsure about the custody status of the others.

The Schmitzes refused to discuss the charges on the advice of their lawyers.

Investigators are still unsure how the couple got custody of the children, and why so many special needs children were placed in their home.

Former Midland cop gets 15 years for child sexual exploitation, explosives possession

MIDLAND (AP) — A former Midland police officer who helped in the 1987 rescue of "Baby Jessica McClure" was sentenced Tuesday to 15 years in federal prison on charges of sexual exploitation of a child and improper storage of explosives.

William Andrew, 44, pleaded guilty to the charges in February, admitting he used a hidden camera to film a 12-year-old girl undressing, and getting in and out of the shower last summer at his Greenwood home. He also admitted he received hundreds of images over his computer of child pornography during a three-year span.

Glasscock also admitted he stored 400 pounds of high explosives, 1,700 blasting caps, a detonator cord, an artillery shell, two pipe bombs and four homemade hand grenades at his Midland County home.

During his sentencing, Glasscock told the judge he was humbled, humiliated and embarrassed. The Midland Reporter-Telegram reported in its Wednesday editions. The former officer said his sexual obsessions destroyed his life.

"I got off into a sexual addiction like alcohol and drugs," he said. "I never meant to hurt anybody. I would never hurt a child. In my heart and soul, there is still good left in me."

The judge agreed by replying, "Absolutely."

Federal prosecutors wanted Glasscock's sentence lengthened, saying he wasn't entirely forthcoming in interviews with law enforcement authorities.

Glasscock's former wife also asked that he be dealt with sternly for using his daughter as a lure to bring her friend home.

"I have no excuse for what I did," Glasscock told the judge. "I'm deeply sorry. I never meant to hurt anybody. I'm not a sexual monster. I don't know why I did what I did," Glasscock said.

According to testimony during Glasscock's detention hearing, the explosives could have leveled Glasscock's home and neighboring houses.

Armed with a search warrant, authorities found the child pornography and some explosives items at Glasscock's home in December. The search came a day after a woman filed a police report accusing Glasscock of sexual assault at an Odessa residence. More explosives were found at Glasscock's home when he was arrested on federal charges in January, the release states.

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By MARIELLA SA...
The Morning Call
ALLEN TOWN, Done right, you're up and breezin' al But one false m ... you're a sopr worse.
Riding a Victoria wheel bicycle is from the past a workout and a puzzle. It's a fad a very popular short, window during the Gild between the r and 1890s.
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Modern daredevils perfect the balancing act of riding high

By MARIELLA SAVIDGE

The Morning Call
ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Done right, you're 8 feet up and breezin' along. But one false move and ... you're a soprano. Or worse.

Riding a Victorian high-wheel bicycle is a blast from the past, a healthy workout and a logistical puzzle. It's a fad that had a very popular, very short, window of fame during the Gilded Age, between the mid-1870s and 1890s.

Within the past year, modern daredevils Donnie Serfass of Tamaqua, Pa., and Dennis Schafer of Jim Thorpe, Pa., have taken up the sport. They began shaking off their winter lethargy right after the snow melted, to stay balanced and in shape for the festivals in which they will ride this summer.

Also called a "penny farthing" or simply an "ordinary," the Victorian high-wheel enjoyed only about 15 years of popularity in the United States.

James Starley of Coventry, England, made the first one in 1871, and one of his colleagues brought the first one "across the pond" to the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876. By 1890, they were all but gone, replaced by the "safety" bicycle, so named because its two equal-sized wheels made it much safer to ride, says Sandy Haigler, head of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Wheelmen, a national group dedicated to preserving the heritage of cycles and cycling, particularly before 1918.

Within a year after its Philadelphia introduction, "America had fallen in love with the high-wheel," Serfass says, adding that it was easy to understand why the nation's heart was stolen from the high-wheel's predecessor.

Aside from drawings by ancient Egyptians and Leonardo Da Vinci, which were seldom if ever built, the high-wheel's ancestor was called a velocipede or boneshaker. Historians track its debut to around 1861.

There is no mystery as to how it got its teeth-rattling name — it weighed more than 100 pounds and the wheels were made of wood, they say.

So when the luxurious high-wheel was introduced with its much lighter steel frame, large shock-absorbing spokes, solid rubber tires and pigskin saddle suspended on springs, riders thought

they were in heaven, he says.

Serfass owns six of the cycles, a mixture of antiques and reproductions. The one he rode on a recent sunny Saturday afternoon was made by Daniel Rudge of Coventry, England, in 1886. An original, it has not been refurbished, he says.

It's in amazing condition at 118 years old.

Schafer rode another of Serfass's original cycles, a Columbia built in Boston in 1877, in similar mint condition.

Having been popular for such a short time, original highwheels are somewhat scarce, he says. The best way to buy one is from a retiring member of the Wheelmen, of which Serfass also is a member.

Serfass bought his Rudge from a man in Ohio who, at a somewhat advanced age, fell off his highwheel. The man's wife said he was done with it, Serfass says, and he was able to snap it up at an auction where prices run between \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Serfass taught himself to ride on weekends in an empty parking lot, he says. He fell many times, never seriously, always wearing a helmet and kneepads which he has since shed for authenticity.

Serfass taught Schafer, who has since become at least as big, if not a bigger fan, Serfass says.

The injuries and fatalities caused by falls from a highwheel are responsible for highwheel's short window of desirability.

Because the rear wheel is so small, there's little weight to it. If the front wheel stops for any reason — a stone, a curb or a shoelace caught in the spokes is enough to do it — the rear wheel will flip up and over the rider's head causing him to literally ride the bike into the ground.

"It's called taking a header," Serfass says, because that's what you land on, sometimes at high speed.

One revolution of Serfass's big tire will take him 15 feet, he says, and he once he gets going, it's not unusual for him to jazz up to 40 miles per hour.

Some models have a small spoon brake for the front wheel, some have no brakes at all, he says.

One cannot coast on a highwheel, as the pedals are connected directly to the wheel and turn whenever the wheel goes around. Turning on a

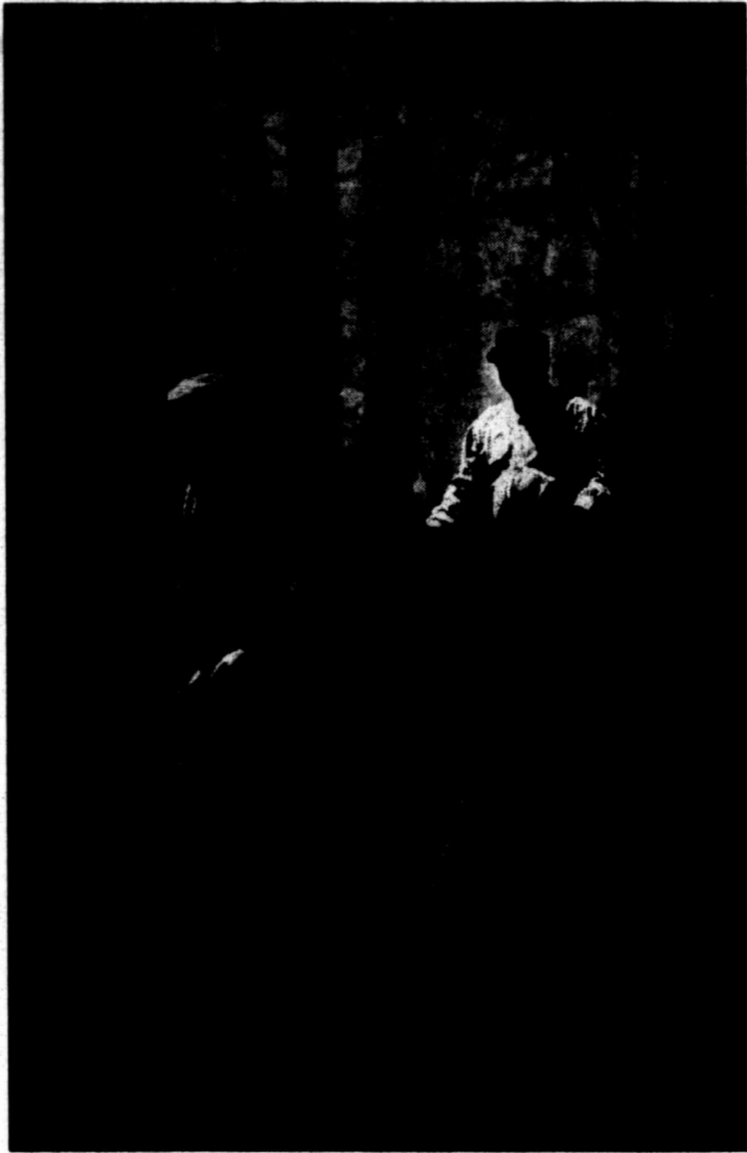


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Dennis Schafer, of Jim Thorpe, Pa., rides his highwheel bicycle in Allentown's Trexler Park. Also called a "penny farthing," the highwheel enjoyed about 15 years of popularity in the United States.

highwheel means the rider has to turn his body at the waist in conjunction with the turning of the handlebars and tire.

The big question, though, is how to get on and off.

On the left side of the

back of the frame, just above the small wheel, there's a peg — a small piece of metal barely visible unless you know it's there.

The rider gets behind the bicycle and, grabbing the handlebars, puts his

or her left foot up on the peg, pushing the bike forward with the right foot. It's a similar action to riding a scooter, only much more dangerous and uncomfortable.

"You ride the peg, leaning into the curved frame," Serfass says.

Then, much as a pilot must commit to becoming airborne, a rider must commit to stepping up on the peg and balancing himself as he gets himself up into the air.

"There's no landing, nobody holds it," he says.

To get off, a rider flips the reverse and lies up off the seat, pushing back to find that peg with his left foot without looking at it because if he turns his head, he'll lose his balance, he says.

"If anything causes you to lose your balance, you cannot have yourself. There's nothing you can do. Once you lose your balance, you're gone," Serfass says.

Once on, the rider will do everything possible to keep the front wheel from stopping, Schafer says.

Even a crack in the sidewall or a tree branch is enough to cause a header, as he well knows.

Schafer spent six weeks with his arm in a sling last year after he tangled with a branch and went over the handlebars. He considers himself lucky.

Staying safe includes wearing proper clothing with neither shoelaces nor pantlegs that can get tangled in the spokes.

In the spirit of the sport, Serfass and Schafer wear vintage clothing. But it's for safety, as well, they say, that they wear custom-made knickers with socks that fit fairly snugly against their calves and either some kind of loafer or lace that are firmly laced into the side of their shoes.

The clothing also fits in with the spirit of whatever festival in which they're riding. It's a lot of fun to turn heads, Serfass says, but there's more to it than that.

"This is art in motion," he says. "It's too important to lose."

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Fathers definitely play a pivotal role in development of sons and daughters

By CHERYL NEUBERT

The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Dan Hazard left his corporate job six years ago to spend more time with his only child, Brittany.

He was there to walk her to school when she was still young enough to occasionally need a hand to hold along the way.

He joins her on the father-daughter activities through the local YMCA. He cheers her at her soccer games.

And now that she's 13, he has pored over books to help him prepare for those often-tumultuous teenage years.

Hazard, 50, who has a business with his wife at their Huntington Beach, Calif., home, has been a willing and avid participant in raising his daughter. His involvement will pay enormous dividends throughout her life, experts say.

"There's an awful lot of cultural belief that fathers are second-class citizens," said Joe Kelly, who founded the national advocacy nonprofit Dads and Daughters. "We're not more important than moms, or less. We're different."

A father's impact and the role he plays are far more important than one might think.

Fathers are cited more than mothers in issues such as psychological maladjustment, substance abuse, depression and behavioral problems, according to research done by Ronald Rohner, director of the Center for the Study of Parental Acceptance and Rejection in the School of Family Studies at the University of Connecticut, and his colleague Robert Veneziano. They also found that a father's love helps prevent the development of these problems and can also contribute to a child's good physical health.

This influence is equally vital for daughters and sons, although how each are affected differs.

When it comes to girls, Dad is clearly the first man in her life.

"A daughter looks to her father, and there she sees the standard of what it means to be a man," Kelly said. "Girls are hammered thousands of times a day with outrageous messages that boil down to 'how you look is more important than how you are.' They think so much is based on whether or not a man notices them."

"I can be the most important force in her life to tell her that is a lie. What I value is what you have to say, what you do, what you think your spunk, your soul, your heart. That's what's important. We can show that about all women," Kelly said.

Girls notice the relationship their father has with their mother — even in families where the father lives outside the home. They see how their father talks about women, how he treats them, and that's her foundation for her future relationships.

The father's job is to show her the way.

"A lot of us don't expect ourselves to be involved parents," Kelly said. "I think it's changing with younger fathers, but it's not changing fast enough."

"We grow up with the idea that we are supposed to be providers. We have too narrow a definition of provider. We reduce it to

If you don't know what to do, give your son approval. It's like watering a plant. They're going to thrive. Don't blame him. Understand him. That takes time. At the end of the day, give him your time."



Photo by Ana Venegas/Orange County Register
Dan Hazard of Huntington Beach, Calif., traded in a corporate job for a home business so he could be with daughter Brittany, 13. He has kept a journal of his daughter's life since her birth.

the wallet. We have to provide time, strength, masculinity."

Hazard counts his father-daughter activities, including camping trips with the group from the YMCA, as among his favorite times. He does not want to forget a moment of the time he's spent with Brittany. He also wants to leave her a legacy, something for her to revisit over the years.

Since she was born, Hazard has kept a journal of Brittany's life. It is a book in progress in which Brittany is the main character. He has recorded the ordinary, every-day details along with the bigger moments of her childhood. He got the idea from his great-grandfather's diary of his daily life as a beat cop in Providence, R.I., in the 1800s.

"It's a story of her," Hazard said. "It's a family heirloom to pass on to generations to come, something so special and unique that few children ever receive this kind of gift from their parents. When she's older, and she's a mother, she can look back and see life was good."

Being a good father isn't important just to those with daughters. The father-son relationship also is critical.

"What your son gets is an emotional foundation that very few men have," said Dr. Stephan Poulter, a licensed clinical psychologist in West Los Angeles and author of "Father Your Son: How to Become the Father You've Always Wanted to Be."

"It's like giving your son gold bricks. He gets emotionally fluent. He becomes comfortable with showing love, hopeful, generous and compassionate."

Poulter has seen the results of what happens when there is no father or strong positive male influence in a boy's life.

"So many times, the guys I would see for violent crimes were always

fatherless sons," Poulter said. "And I mean always in the true sense of the world. A lot of men don't think they matter, but fathers matter to their sons."

He is not saying that all fatherless sons become criminals. It's just the criminals he's seen all have that element in common. That the father matters is a powerful idea that can help change a

father's behavior. "You're going to act differently," Poulter said. "You're going to take into consideration his feelings, your time commitment to him, your job."

The job as father begins the second the child is born. An emotional connection to the father helps with the development of cognitive and motor skills. It also helps with the child's ability to bond and attach to others.

But the crucial time is the teenage years. That's when the father teaches the son limits and rules. He shows him, literally, how to be a man.

Dave Wilcox, 36, of Yorba Linda is trying to set that groundwork with his three children. He has two boys — Brandon, 14, and Richie, 7, — and a 15-year-old daughter, Stephanie.

Two weeks ago, Wilcox took Richie on their first father-son fishing trip.

"We're so active with sports and school and church, a lot of times you wake up and realize you haven't had a real conversation with the kids," Wilcox said. "I always make it a point to take the sons and daughter away separately. It's kind of a bonding time."

"We had a lot of laughs. I could just see the look on his face. He hugged me a little tighter at night in the tent, stuff he wouldn't ordinarily do. The next few days after we got back, he wanted me in bed with him. So I'd lie there 10 minutes then say goodnight. It brings them closer. Otherwise, you could really get lost in the shuffle."

Men who aren't heavily involved in their son's lives at the beginning can still repair any damage. "It's never too late," Poulter said. "And that's

the truth. All men crave their father's approval. If you don't know what to do, give your son approval. It's like watering a plant. They're going to thrive. Don't blame him. Understand him. That takes time. At the end of the day, give him your time."

There was a time when Dad was, simply, the guy who came home from work. Raising the family fell on the shoulders of the mother. Dad was a peripheral figure, meting out discipline and perhaps tossing around the ol' pigskin on the weekend.

Now the role of the father has taken on an increased, if not equal, responsibility — and not just because men are becoming more enlightened.

"The reason men are having to do more is that the extended families have broken down," said Michael Gurian, author of "What Could He Be Thinking, How a Man's Mind Really Works."

"This stuff was done by the aunts and grandmas and grandpas. Social technologies were taught by extended families. Now, dad and mom have to do more."

That's a job Don Dormeyer, 58, of Orange, Calif., took seriously, even before it was fashionable. He and his wife, Mary, raised a daughter, Kelly, 30, and a 27-year-old son, Darin. His goal was to prepare them for life by giving them the basics — honesty, responsibility, curiosity and self-esteem.

"They have to be equipped with the basic judgment, attitude, respect, and desire to learn," Dormeyer said. "That's parenting in my opinion."

Splash

This summer, spotter's predict a burst of high-contrast combinations in coast-to-coast. Hot reds to cool blues, bold colors, and vibrant shades of low, orange, and purple.

"Color is the emotional explained Ferguson. I think people emotional about things these days. They put you. With these colors create an emotion that speaks to

very personal. The current for eye-catching the summer get be traced to suggests Ferguson. emotional nature of we surely play. "People want they're in control!" said Ferguson. Indeed, we blamed today soothing swa or looking for cohesive bloc exuberant col



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Splashes of color add zing The price of commodities

This summer, trendspotters predict an outburst of high-octane color combinations in gardens coast-to-coast. From red-hot reds to cool cobalt blues, bold colors are carrying the day.

"We're definitely seeing strong interest in strong colors for the garden-va-va-voom seems to be the prevailing mood," said Sally Ferguson, director of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in New York City, noting a surge of interest in vibrant shades of red, yellow, orange, pink, blue and purple.

"Color is the garden's emotional palette," explained Ferguson. "And I think people are pretty emotional about most things these days, including their gardens. Bold colors are not ambiguous. They put you in control. With these colors you can create an environment that speaks to you on a



Lilies, dahlias, crocosmias

such as pineapple lilies, elephant's ears, caladium, cannas and dahlias, as well as the broad mix of Oriental and Asiatic lilies.

Among the more extroverted exotics Ferguson says to watch this year are a host of summer bulbs. Her picks include kooky red-and-yellow gloriosa lilies, fragrant Polianthes tuberosa (tuberose), hot pink and red-and-green Dichelostemma (fire-cracker flowers), orange or red Crocosmia (montbrechia or sword lily), vividly multicolored Sparaxis (harlequin flowers), scarlet Sprekelia (Aztec lily), and triangular-flowered Tigridia (Mexican shell flowers).

"New introductions also have an impact on what gardeners go after," observed Ferguson. "You can't miss the emphasis on bold colors this season when at least five major mail-order garden catalogues sport red-and-yellow perennial Gaillardia 'Fanfare' (over 100 blooms per plant!) on their covers."

Bold Colors Cast Against Type

Energetic color combinations, such as yellow and purple, have long been used to add zing to a garden setting. But intense colors can also play against type to impart a calming effect when used in a technique called "color echoing." Here, the idea is to repeat similar but not identical intense colors in the same setting. The result can be unexpectedly subtle and sophisticated.

For example, consider a small patio planted with baskets of orange Asiatic lilies, red and yellow dahlias, red gladioli and orange crocosmia. This should absolutely shriek

with clashing colors. But instead the effect is cohesive and bright, but calming. The hot colors "echo" one another so they soothe but don't overwhelm.

In the same vein, you might plant a nook with purplish-sedum and red and purple gladioli. It might sound garish, but in reality it's not. The echo of colors and the contrasting textures of the plants combine to create an effect of shining jewel-tones in a simple setting.

Even without echoing, discordant colors can be used to inverse effect. A potentially oddball mix such as magenta-and-lime coleus with hot pink hydrangeas can be made to work if you skew the color dynamic by introducing a sprawl of huge white trumpet-shaped lilies.

For additional information on gardening and summer bulb flowers, visit www.bulb.com, the site of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center.

Well, it has been a while since I last wrote a column. Sorta took a sabbatical to refresh my mind and connect with the world again.

But you know what? If I had a shell to retreat into I think I would.

My gosh, have you seen the prices of gasoline lately? It's high enough to put an arsonist out of a job. Why, I remember when I was a kid, gasoline was like 50 cents a gallon and now it's like a \$1.87.

I remember something else that used to be 50 cents, a watermelon. Now watermelons are almost \$6. While I complain to myself about gasoline I am thankful the price is less than a watermelon.

Of course, some will say while the price of things today has gone up so has our pay. Well, I guess so. But a lot of us still struggle to get by.

Our pay goes up and the price of groceries go up, clothing, fuel, autos, insurance and a whole host of other items as well.

I wonder if someday our grandchildren will say "Boy they really had it good in the early part of the century. They would not believe gasoline is \$10 a gallon, milk is \$6 a gallon, bread is \$3 a loaf." Where does it stop?

One of the things I don't like is the outsourcing of American worker's jobs. I don't mind helping third-world countries by giving them jobs. They earn like, \$3 a day and take home for the month is like \$70, which is an improvement over the former \$10 a month take home.

But then the company sells their product to us at a higher rate than when we made them here in the U.S. of A. What's with that?

I think things are changing once again. I compare it with the early 1900s, when the industrial movement started in

America. Building cars that now take us places where once would take weeks or months to travel.

Because of this the "city" paid better than farm life. Those on the farm moved into the city to work. The farmer had it hard because those that might have continued the family farm are now gone and no one to carry on the family tradition.

But never fear, as farm equipment became better it enabled the small farmer to do more than if the whole family were there. But never the less, the dynamics changed.

Even the simplest of things get me wondering. For example, how do those dead bugs get into closed light fixtures?

And, why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them? If not, then what is the purpose of the bath?

Ahhh! Such are the mysteries of life.

Burr Lea Settles Jr. is a retired Big Spring fire marshal.



Asiatic lily

very personal level."

The current penchant for eye-catching color in the summer garden might be traced to many factors, suggests Ferguson. The emotionally-charged nature of world events surely plays a part. "People want to feel they're in control of something!" said Ferguson.

Indeed who could be blamed today for craving soothing swaths of blues or looking for a lift from cohesive blocks of upbeat exuberant colors?

Then there is the American gardener's continuing love affair for everything tropical. "Tropical is still very 'in,'" said Ferguson. "And that look is all about brightly-colored or flamboyant foliage and flowers."

The tropical tendency has turned a spotlight on the widening array of exotic summer bulbs

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Howard County Library

In brief

Large print westerns, comedian's biographies and science fiction Library receives books for every reader's interest

The library has received a new shipment of large print westerns from authors Luran Paine, Zane Grey, Bertrand Sinclair, Steve Frazee and many others.



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Did you know that the movie "Open Range" starring Kevin Costner and Robert Duvall was written by Luran Paine? The library has "The Open Range Men" by Paine. Look in the new book binder for a list of all the new westerns. The Olympic Games will return to Greece in 2004. The last time they were held in Athens was in 1894. The library has just received "The Olympic Games: Athens 1896 - Athens 2004" (796.48 DOR K).

It is a compilation of all the athletes, events and results since 1896. It has photos of some of the earliest competitions also. How many of you have the "perfect sister"? In my family, it is me. There are three of us women, bookended by brothers. Marcia Millman has written "The Perfect Sister: What Draws Us Together, What Drives Us Apart" (306.875 MIL M).

Millman examines that age-old bond of sisterhood. This book will help you work through feelings you may have for your sister.

George Lopez, comedian and television star, has penned (with co-author Armen Keteyian) "Why Are You Crying? My Long Hard Look at Life, Love and Laughter" (792.701 LOP G).

Deserted by his father at 2 months of age, his mother at age 10, George was raised by his grandparents. It is a heartening story of how he overcame his demons to become a successful comedian and television star.

A second comedian who "don't get no respect" is Rodney Dangerfield. Remember that old joke of his? "Take my mother-in-law, please?" He comes clean about his life and how he has triumphed over his adversity. "Rodney Dangerfield: It's Not Easy Bein' Me" (818.540 DAN R) is now available. On a strangely similar journey to that which George Lopez has traveled, so has Rodney Dangerfield.

Both books are certainly well worth reading.

A couple of new science fiction books have arrived.

Julie E. Czerneda's "Survival: Species Imperative No.1" is the first in a new series. She

successfully combines human characteristics with an appealing view of "alien" lifeforms.

This particular book introduces Dr. Mackenzie Connor, a biologist, to the sci-fi fan. A second book

The Howard County Library will be closed on Monday. It will reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

is in the works.

Larry Niven is also a well known author. "Ringworld's Children" is the story of Ringworld, a flat band three million times the surface of the Earth, home to trillions of inhabitants.

Explorer Louis Wu, an Earth-born human, becomes enmeshed in interplanetary and interspecies intrigue. The children of the Ringworld will be the ones who will save both themselves and the inhabitants of Ringworld.

All right, here is the latest book on the Kennedy's and Ari Onassis.

Written by Peter Evans "Nemesis: The True Story" (923.849 EVA P) uncovers the "shocking culmination of the

Kennedy-Onassis-Kennedy love triangle: Aristotle Onassis was at the heart of the plot to kill Bobby Kennedy."

That's a quote from the book jacket. I haven't read the book, nor do I think that I will, but really I do think that some people can find a conspiracy in a brown paper bag.

Do you remember taking the Salk vaccine (polio vaccine) on sugar cubes? I can barely remember doing so in Dublin.

Charles L. Mee wasn't so lucky. He was struck at the age of 14 by polio. "A Nearly Normal Life" (362.196 MEE C) is his story of his life. Polio affected his legs and he underwent all sorts of very painful treatments to regain the use of his legs. This is a powerful book.

Martha Mason has spent most of her life in an iron lung. You can read her story in her biography: "Breath: Life in the Rhythms of an Iron Lung" (B MAS M).

In 1985, Rotary launched the PolioPlus program to protect children worldwide from the cruel and fatal consequences of polio. In 1988, the World Health Assembly challenged the world to eradicate polio.

Since 1988, Rotary and partner agencies, including the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund,

the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and governments around the world, have achieved a 99-percent reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide.

In September 1994, the entire Western Hemisphere was certified polio free. However, the most difficult battle is yet to be fought. Ten countries remain polio endemic.

These countries lack sufficient political and economic commitments, or are embroiled in conflicts. This is a great cause to believe in and you can contact any Rotarian in Big Spring for more information.

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Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian

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Forsan announce Camp Buffalo

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Martin County Hospital fun

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Dates set for Camp of Champs

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

For more information, call Coach Long at 263-7331 or 432-263-0512.

Large donation made to Crossroads youth

Steve Herrin of Harris Ace Hardware in collaboration with John Weeks of KBST Radio have made a huge donation of a 1,200-foot chain link fencing and accessories to the Crossroads Youth Football Association after the playing field's newly built sprinkler system was vandalized.

The league operates on a tight budget and is mainly run by donations and sign-up fees.

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.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt.

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 Griffith Scholarship Fund.

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.

Big Spring co-ed ragball touney set

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

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 Defending champion Serena Williams, right, is congratulated by Jennifer Capriati, after winning their women's singles, quarter-final match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon Wednesday. Williams won the match 6-1, 6-1, to reach the semi-finals of the tournament.

Houston, Orlando finalize McGrady blockbuster deal

By JOEL ANDERSON
 AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady is leaving his hometown team for Houston in a blockbuster trade that sends Steve Francis to the Orlando Magic and gives the Rockets one of the NBA's most intriguing duos.

The deal, which had been in the works for nearly two weeks, also sent forward Juwan Howard and guards Tyrone Lue and Reggie Miller to the Magic. The Magic will acquire guard Cuttino Mobley and forward Kelvin Cato.

"I just knew it was going to take time," McGrady told ESPN Tuesday night. "I'm happy and it's time to move on."

The trade was finalized after Francis' meeting with Magic general manager John Weisbrod and other team officials in Orlando on Tuesday.

McGrady, a two-time NBA scoring champion, now joins 7-foot-5 Yao Ming to form a combination that potentially could be as dominant as the Los Angeles Lakers' three-time title twosome of Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

"I sure hope so," McGrady said in the ESPN interview. "I can't predict the future, but it definitely would be nice. The ultimate goal is to win a championship for the Houston Rockets."

And with the Lakers splintering apart since coming up short in the

NBA Finals, Houston immediately looks like a serious championship contender in the Western Conference next season.

McGrady signed with the Magic in 2000, thinking he and Grant Hill could push an up-and-coming squad over the top.

But Hill's bad left ankle limited him to 37 games in four seasons, and McGrady's load grew heavier with each passing year.

Tired of carrying a mediocre franchise, McGrady vowed to exercise the opt-out clause in his contract that was to go into effect at the end of next season. But Orlando did not want him to leave without the team receiving compensation — like O'Neal did eight years ago.

McGrady, 25, becomes the fourth defending scoring champion in NBA history to be dealt away, and the first since the Buffalo Braves sent Bob McAdoo to the New York Knicks in 1976.

Francis, a three-time All-Star, averaged 16.6 points, 5.5 rebounds and 6.2 assists last season to join Oscar Robertson, Magic Johnson and Hill as the only players in league history to average at least 15 points, five rebounds and five assists in each of their first five years.

Francis, Mobley and Yao led the Rockets to the playoffs last season for the first time in five years. Houston lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the

first round.

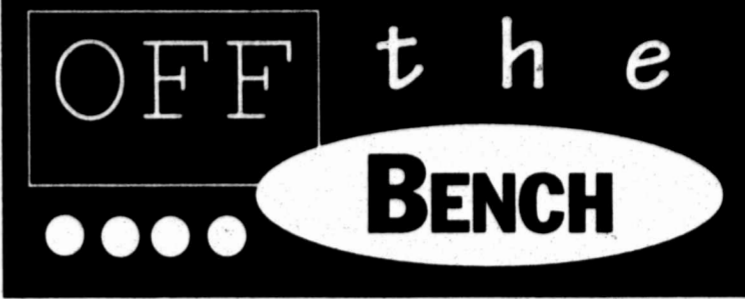
But Francis, who flourished in an up-tempo offense for the previous four years, was put on the summer trading block after posting the worst offensive numbers of his career in new coach Jeff Van Gundy's slower-paced scheme.

When the deal was first discussed last week, Francis balked at joining the rebuilding Magic. But Francis' agent, Jeff Fried, said a talk between the point guard and Weisbrod after Thursday's draft helped alleviate some of the All-Star guard's concerns about joining the Magic.

Fried said Weisbrod convinced Francis that the Magic could improve quickly with the additions of No. 1 draft pick Dwight Howard, a 6-foot-11 high school star from Atlanta, and point guard Jameer Nelson, the point guard from St. Joseph's who won virtually every college player of the year award last season.

Francis was also impressed that the Magic wanted to make him the centerpiece of the rebuilding franchise.

"I think that he certainly believes in what John is trying to build," Fried told The Associated Press Tuesday. The Magic "could well have gotten almost any player in the league for Tracy McGrady. Steve felt pretty pleased with their reasons for talking to him and what his role might be in the rebuilding process."



On Tuesday, ESPN continued its 25 years of excellence by counting down the top 25 sports movies of the last 25 years.

This is intriguing to me so I decided to come up with my own list.

I have not seen every sports movie made in the last 25 years, but making a list of 7-10 should not be a problem.

I don't know that I can rank them in any particular order, but rather just go over what makes my list and why. This sports topic will always be up for debate, but I tried it anyways and here is what I came up with.

Being an avid "Rocky fan," I would be a fool to leave this series off my list. I love everything about the Rocky saga. It truly shows you what that an underdog can possibly once get a chance.

Unfortunately, Rocky 1 and Rocky 2 were made before the 1979 cutoff date and weren't eligible to be on ESPN's list. However, the series is still on my list.

"Hoosiers" could be the best basketball movie of all-time. This movie again deals with the underdog and how a coach and his six, and eventually seven, players go through a season in hopes of winning a state high school basketball title.

This movie came in on the countdown at number one. My favorite football movies of all time are "Rudy," "Remember the Titans," "Varsity Blues," and "The Program."

I must like the underdog story because that is exactly what "Rudy" is. The final scene in this movie is truly priceless as Rudy finally achieves his goal and enters the game.

"Rudy" is based on a true story, as well. I think the movie got ranked a little low as ESPN voted it number 24.

And "Remember the Titans" is great because it is funny and based on a true story at a time in history when the white race does not get along with the black race. (setting: 1971 in Virginia) Needless to say, this movie proves that both races can get along and Denzel Washington puts on a great performance as the school's coach.

This movie deserved to be in the top 10 and ESPN listed it that way at 10.

"Varsity Blues" is the funniest football movie of all-time. This movie is not a true story, but it brings about a storyline that could be believed to be true. The only thing the town knows is football and everyone idolizes the football coach, who cares more about winning another district title than he does about the

guys who win the title. But, it takes just one locker room scene for the coach to pack his bags and the players to become "heroes."

This movie, along with "The Program," were not honored in the top 25, but ESPN got it wrong in my opinion. These are great sports movies.

"Bull Durham" and "The Natural" are great baseball movies. However, my favorites are "Field of Dreams" and "Major League."

Kevin Costner stars in "Field of Dreams" as a farmer that turns half his farmland into a baseball field for a reason he can't explain. The film also stars James Earl Jones and Ray Liotta.

Another reason I am biased toward this movie is because it is based in the greatest state in the world — Iowa. You remember the famous line, don't you? Liotta's character asks Costner, "Is this heaven," to which Costner then replies, "No, it's Iowa." Man, that is priceless.

I, to this day, still repeat lines from "Major League" to all my friends back home and the lines never stop being funny. It is, without debate, the funniest baseball movie ever.

It has a great cast (Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen and Wesley Snipes), as well.

"Field of Dreams" was voted as the third best sports movie of the past 25 years and "Major League" fell in at 14.

Costner had three movies in all that were listed in the top 25 ("Bull Durham" was four and "Tin Cup" was 15).

The best sports movie involving the female gender is definitely "A League of Their Own." The cast — Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Madonna and Rosie O'Donnell — makes this movie work.

It is about a women's baseball league that forms after the men are forced to go to war. This movie just missed ESPN's top 10 list as it fell in at number 11.

"Caddyshack" (number five) and "White Men Can't Jump" (number 13) are two more of my favorites that made the list.

Several made the list that shouldn't, as well. "Searching for Bobby Fischer" is about chess and should not be on the list. Others that shouldn't be included are "The Color of Money," "Finding Forrester" and "Bend It Like Beckham."

To me, "The Karate Kid," "Happy Gilmore" and "The Waterboy" are better sports movies than those three.

"Miracle" was ineligible for the list because it came out this past year.

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To: Rodney McCallister or any unknown, unnamed person claiming to be the father of Damlean Peterson.

A petition has been presented to this court by The Department of Social Services, seeking, as to the subject child, Damlean Peterson, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Social Services. The court may dispense the rights of the person named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on 08/04/04, at 9:00 a.m., for a PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE.

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

If you fail to appear, the court may proceed with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter.

For further information call the office of the Clerk-Magistrate at 508-999-9700.

Clerk-Magistrate
Ronald C. Arruda
DATE ISSUED: 06/02/04
WITNESS:

James M. Cronin
FIRST JUSTICE

#4250 June 23, 30 & July 7, 2004

Legals

August, 2004 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 25th day of June, A.D. 2004.
Judy Shrun - Deputy
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#4258 June 30 & July 7, 2004

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Andrew David Smith dba VIA Investment Group and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:

Lot Thirteen (13), Block Ten (10) Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,359.75, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to an including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, et al as Plaintiffs, against Andrew David Smith dba VIA Investment Group, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 26th day of January, 2004, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, et al vs. ANDREW DAVID SMITH dba VIA INVESTMENT GROUP, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 04-01-4647 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property herein above described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property herein above described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment an foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 9th day of August, 2004 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

Mercury passes Mars, bringing a wave of agitation with it. The odds of getting into a verbal sparring match are increased, but that's not the worst of it, since these things tend to escalate. Watch your words! The more positive side of this transit is that many have the passion to say what needs to be said and to initiate social change.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Tenacity is the name of the game. You might feel like a broken record repeating the same action, but that's what it takes. Couples: Experts agree that the essential component of a successful marriage is communication.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your basic needs are met, but happiness comes from expecting more. Paternal issues are part of the fabric today, and you may find yourself repeating an interwoven pattern because of deep-rooted feelings about your father.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stay productive, even if you don't leave the house. Don't do it because you should but because being productive is what will make your heart feel full. Water-sign influences turn up supernatural powers of intuition.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your quirky habits are featured — an outside

observer might declare that you've grown more eccentric. Pay no attention to what the "normal" people are doing. An encounter with an Aquarius starts something interesting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Bonds are strengthened with a little more effort on your part. You're thinking: Why not on theirs? Why do I always have to be the one to make an effort? In this case, you're stronger. If you lead by action, you'll like what happens next.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your wheels are turning in the direction of problem solving, sharing ideas and promoting tolerance in your corner of the world. Make sure you've got plenty of variety in your schedule and in the company you keep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The perfectionist in you wants to scream (or at least take on a louder voice than what's appropriate)! Don't let the critic shut you down. Pursue your talent without looking back. Act as if your enthusiasm is high, and it will return.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you think you're busy, five more tasks are added to the load. In the time it takes to ask for help or give instructions, you may as well have done it alone, so knuckle down and handle it. You'll be well compensated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're worried about whether you've got enough willpower to change a habit of yours, but self-discipline is not the issue. When your

perception changes, it's easy to change your habit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Personal development is simple: If you don't like what you're getting, change what you're giving. Tonight, your ears may be burning! Your confidence rockets when you hear what people think of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know what's best for the people in your care, so speak up. Be smart — don't let go until you've done everything you can to help. You needn't concern yourself with keeping up appearances. Just be real.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be the exception to the rule today, something you're used to by now. It's not that you set out to be special, but your unique circumstances lead you against the current. Embrace your oddball tendencies.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have two young adult daughters, a Libra and a Sagittarius, who have been living with their father and stepmother since 1995. It has been a long haul for me to heal after not being able to take care of them during that time, and I am just now for the first time in my life supporting myself. There are some real wounds between us, but I am determined to try and heal them so that the entire future is not based on the sadness of the past. Will it be possible for my daughters to forgive?"
For Leo, the sign of

family, this blow must have been as serious as life and death to you. When Leo is at odds with family, her mental state becomes fragile. Good for you for becoming stronger in spite of the obstacles. Your Libra daughter is likely to forgive you before the Sagittarius daughter is more like you and therefore afraid of becoming like the woman you were when you had to give them up. Continue to work on yourself, and make gradual steps toward healing the relationship. Don't make a plea for forgiveness now. Let your actions show that you've really changed.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jessica Simpson regularly lets TV viewers into the most sacred of Cancer places: her home. Simpson doesn't hold anything back on "The Newlyweds." At home, Cancer people's true personality comes out. Many Cancers like Jessica Simpson find their partners early in life — marriage is on the top of their list of life events. Her wedding book is a celebratory how-to of one of Cancer's favorite days.

If you would like to write to Joyce Jillson, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Joyce Jillson page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Joyce Jillson and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am very close to my 12-year-old grandson, "Zach." He says I give good advice. I felt confident guiding him, until now.

Last night, Zach confided that for several months, he has been having "visions." One is of a man, whom he described in detail. The second is a dog, and the last is an animal that he says resembles a polar bear. Zach says the visions last only a second before disappearing. He doesn't hear voices or anything like that.

My grandson is articulate, intelligent, sociable and not prone to exaggeration. He has no extraordinary problems at school or at home, and he doesn't exhibit any symptoms of a medical problem.

Zach asked me not to tell anyone, and I don't want to lose his trust. But I don't want to ignore something potentially serious. What should I do? — Worried Grandma

Dear Worried: You are a caring and loving grandmother. We spoke with Dr. Carrie Freedheim, a child and adolescent psychiatrist in Tucson, Ariz. Here is her reply:

Visual hallucinations can be associated with serious psychiatric disorders in children. However, from your description of your grandson, his overall functioning remains good. He is socially adept and not showing any other symptoms, which means he most likely does not have a serious psychiatric disorder such as childhood onset schizophrenia.

Frequently, visual hallucinations are associated with medical problems — primarily neurological disorders. Despite your desire to keep this quiet, Zach needs to be seen by his primary care physician



KATHY MITCHELL
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and likely by a neurologist as well. Approach him about this as a medical necessity, not as if he is having a "mental" problem.

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Barry" for 20 years. Our marriage is a loving and supportive partnership, except when it comes to his mother.

Mom's passive-aggressive behavior toward me is the cause of most of our arguments. For years I've wanted to confront her about it, but Barry has asked me to put up with it and essentially shut up. He doesn't have the courage to confront her himself. The problem is, I cannot get beyond the fairness factor, and that infuriates me. How can I discuss this with my mother-in-law without alienating myself from the family?

— Tired of the Cheap Shots in Madison, Wis.
Dear Tired: First ask yourself what you will accomplish by confronting the woman, other than letting off steam. Do you expect her suddenly to realize how poorly she's treated you and do a complete about-face? That sounds unrealistic to us, with the end result being more hostility, not less.

It would help if your husband told his mother to knock it off, or if you could ignore her barbs. Since he won't, however, and you can't, please

consider consulting a counselor who will work with you on effective ways to deflect Mom's mental torture.

Dear Annie: This is for the young woman who had bruises on her breasts. I developed similar bruises at age 19 and ignored them until they spread all over. I finally went to the doctor and was diagnosed with morphea, a localized form of scleroderma (a chronic connective tissue disease). While there is no cure, it is not life-threatening.

Many doctors are unaware of morphea, but if the girl's physician thinks this may be the problem, she can get information through the Scleroderma Foundation at www.scleroderma.org. — Better Now in the Northeast

Dear Northeast: We hope she will take note. Thanks for educating us today.

Dear Annie: "B.S." wrote about the problems he encountered with his mother's prepaid funeral. You recommended checking with the Better Business Bureau and the National Funeral Directors Association, but I wish you had mentioned the Funeral Consumers Alliance (www.funerals.org).

As a consumer advocacy organization, we help people realize that there are better alternatives to prepaying. Our organization has no connection to the funeral industry but is made up of volunteers who want to provide accurate consumer information. Please check out the Funeral Consumers Alliance and add this organization to your arsenal of referrals. — Isabel Berney, Executive Secretary, Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge
Dear Isabel Berney: Many thanks for the

additional resource. Here's more:

Dear Annie: I believe that all states have "State Funeral Directing and Embalming Boards," and one reason that these boards exist is to protect the public. Your best bet is to contact them with your questions. — Herman E. Elstermeier, Nebraska Funeral Directing and Embalming Board Member, Saint Paul, Neb.

Dear Annie: Thank you for mentioning the National Funeral Directors Association. NFDA stresses that preplanning does not have to mean prepaying. If a family does choose to prepay, they should consider all of their options before signing a contract. We encourage people to visit us at www.nfda.org for tips on prearranging funerals. — Mark Musgrove, President, and Christine Pepper, CEO, NFDA

From Seattle: You were so right to warn people about the risks involved in prepaid funeral plans. A relative of mine purchased a policy valued at several thousand dollars. When I went to check on it at the funeral home, they denied such a policy existed and insisted I would have to purchase a new one. When I produced a cancelled check and the original paperwork, they changed their story.

Indiana: If someone feels they have been cheated by a funeral director, they should approach legal authorities to investigate whether judicial action is warranted. All too often it is the dishonest proprietor who garners all of the notoriety, and the reputable operators are dragged into the spotlight to suffer. Consumers need to file complaints and pursue charges against the violators.

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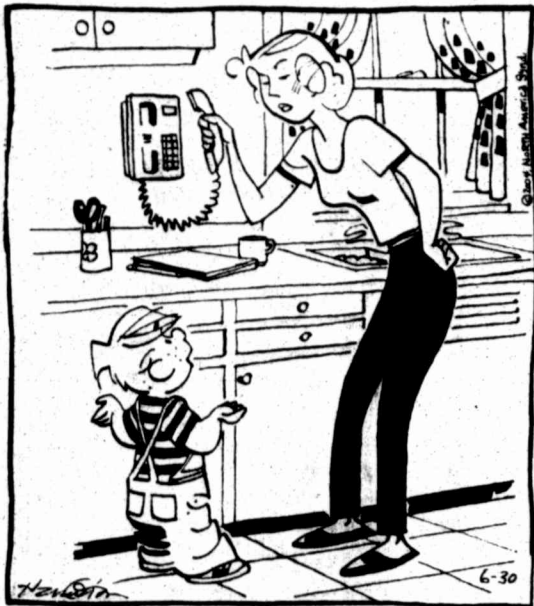
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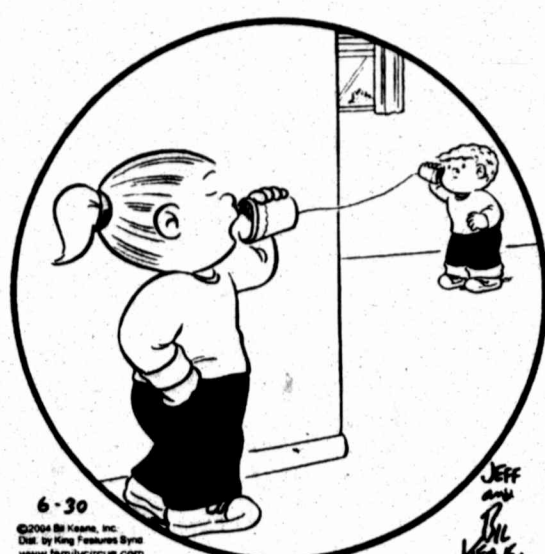
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 30, the 182nd day of 2004. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 30, 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

On this date: In 1859, French acrobat Blondin (born Jean Francois Gravelet) crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope as 5,000 spectators watched.

In 1906, the Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act became law.

In 1921, President Harding appointed former President Taft chief justice of the United States.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler began his "blood purge" of political and military leaders in Germany.

In 1936, the novel "Gone

with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was published in New York.

In 1952, "The Guiding Light," a popular radio program, made its T.V. debut on CBS.

In 1971, a Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz Eleven were found dead inside their spacecraft after it had returned to Earth.

In 1971, the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, lowering the minimum voting age to 18, was ratified as Ohio became the 38th state to approve it.

In 1984, John Turner was sworn in as Canada's 17th prime minister, succeeding Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Figure Skating Association stripped Tonya Harding of the 1994 national championship and banned her from the organization for life for an attack on rival

Nancy Kerrigan. Today's Birthdays: Singer Lena Horne is 87. Actor Tony Musante is 68. Actress Nancy Dussault is 68. Singer Glenn Shorrock is 60. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 53. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 51. Actor-comedian David Alan Grier is 49. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 45. Actor Rupert Graves is 41. Boxer Mike Tyson is 38. Rock musician Tom Drummond (Better Than Ezra) is 35. Actor Brian Bloom is 34. Actor Brian Vincent is 34. Actress Monica Potter is 33.

Answer to previous puzzle

A crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in, corresponding to the clues provided.

Newsday Crossword

STICKING POINTS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Takes hold of right size, 7 Is the right size, 11 Regular: Abbr., 14 Like a modern connection, 15 Job conditions agcy., 16 Luau staple, 17 Collegian's jewelry, 19 Rm. coolers, 20 Truth, 21 Snacks in shells, 23 Room prettifier, 26 "Help!", 27 Ms. Brockovich, 28 Airline to Israel, 31 Monopoly stack, 32 Kitchen gadgets, 35 Seinfeld character, 37 Goller Se Ri, 38 Genetic throwback, 40 Mini-albums: Abbr., 43 Pea or peanut, 45 "Not so fast!", 47 Get ready, for short, 49 Putin's refusal, 51 Actress Chase, 52 Dieting successfully, 54 Over-the-hill player, 57 Pet protection org., 58 Be boiling mad, 60 Deadlock, 61 Indian peace symbol, 66 Brewed beverage, 67 Double reed, 68 Maryland state bird, 69 Bobble the ball, 70 Coal holders, 71 In a chair, 12 Still ahead, 13 Insults, slangily, 18 Poop out, 22 Stratford's river, 23 Cop's catch, 24 Diva's delivery, 25 Sandwich extra, 26 Cut drastically, 29 Flood control, 30 Three-time heavyweight champ, 33 Joplin tune, 34 Attacked by jellyfish, 36 "Who am I say?", 39 Writer Tan, 41 He reached his peak in 1806, 42 Kenton of jazz, 44 Grand in scale, 46 Monrovia's land, 47 River of Omaha, 48 More optimistic, 50 You, to the Amish, 53 Fat cat, 55 Periodic table figs., 56 Brokerage unit, 58 Any minute, 59 out a living, 62 Stat for a slugger, 63 Go bad, 64 Bullring cry, 65 Tie the knot

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating the starting positions for the clues.

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