Howard County man dies after bee attack

WEDNESDAY

July 28, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Debose retirement reception slated

A retirement reception for 30-year veteran fireman Dick Debose will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at city council chambers. The public is invited.

College office closed Thursday

Howard College will be closed to the public Thursday to prepare for the fall semester which begins on Aug.

Summer business hours will resume Monday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and continue weekly, Monday to Thursday through Aug. 12. Registration for the fall semester is Aug. 23-24

Salvation Army taking donations for school needs

The Big Spring Salvation Army is accepting donations for its annual "Back to School" program, which provides school supplies for area lowincome students. Donations can be made in the form of supplies such as pens, pencils and other items, or monetarily, and can be made at the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth Street. Corps officials expect to help more than 400 students with their back to school items this year. For more information, call 267-

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By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A 48-year-old Luther man died Tuesday night after being attacked by a swarm of bees at a Howard County home.

The condition of a second victim was unknown at press time.

According to Gary Pritchett, chief deputy with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Johnny Darden died at the Scenic

Mountain Medical Center intensive care unit after he was stung hundreds of times by bees earlier in the day at a residence in the 5600 block of Midway Road.

A hospital spokesperson, citing hospital policy, refused to release the condition of the second victim, Shirley Day, who was also stung multiple times.

Darden was hired by the

"The bees came from. the victim to us. They were very

aggressive." Castillo

owner of the residence, an elderly woman, to remove a hive of bees located in the eaves of her

outside roof, Pritchett ing Darden's body, presaid.

"Apparently the male victim climbed up on a ladder and I'm not sure how he was planning to get the bees out from underneath the eaves, but while he was on the ladder the bees apparently swarmed him," Pritchett

The ferocity of the insects, which according to witnesses were swarm-

vented emergency personnel from immediately treating the victim, Pritchett said.

"We were probably about 40 yards from the victim," said Big Spring firefighter Castillo, one of the first EMTs on the scene. "The bees came from the victim to us. They were very

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Texas National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Gregory Ripps A Big Spring resident, Col. Eddie Spurgin, commander of the 72nd Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry

Division, addresses the soldiers in his brigade after administering the oath of reunlistment to them. Texas Guardsmen reenlist at Alamo

Big Spring man commander of 72nd Brigade Combat Team

By TECH. SGT. GREGORY RIPPS

Texas National Guard

SAN ANTONIO - Eightytwo members of the Texas National Guard took the oath of reenlistment this week at the "cradle of Texas liberty."

Although these Texans weren't preparing to take a last stand in an old stone mission, their action was steeped in symbolism.

The Soldiers are from the 72nd Brigade Combat Team, including Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 72nd Brigade; the 536th Forward Support Battalion; and the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 141st Infantry Regiment.

"Both the 1st and 3rd battalions hold the lineage of the 'Washington Guards' and carry the streamers for the Alamo," said Lt. Col. Alan Huffines, 1st Battalion commander. "They were organized in the spring of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos."

Colonel Huffines, who served as the military advisor to the Disney movie "The Alamo" released earlier this year, explained that the militia unit became known as the First Texas Volunteer Guards after the Civil War and received the current designation along regular Army lines in 1917.

The 1st Battalion still refers to itself as "First Texas" and the regimental motto is "Remember the Alamo," the battle cry that led "Texians" to victory over the army of President-General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna six weeks after he had wiped out the Alamo defenders.

In reenlisting at the Alamo, today's Soldiers proclaimed their heritage.

"We thought it would be fitting for them to reenlist in front of the Alamo," said Col. Eddie Spurgin, 72nd Brigade commander, who hails from Big Spring. "We wanted to emphasize the strength of retention in the unit and to

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Tethering ban gets approval; begins Nov. 1

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

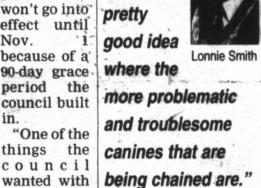
The Big Spring City Council voted 6-0 in favor of a ban on the chaining and tethering of dogs within the city limits Tuesday evening, putting its final approval on an ordinance that has drawn a great deal of fire from the community.

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton wasn't present during the meeting as the remaining council members adopted the

"We new law. Although already approval is complete, have a the new law won't go into pretty effect until Nov. because of a 90-day grace.

where the period the council built

"One of the things the council ordi-



nance was an effective date 90 days from now," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "That will put this ordinance in effect on Nov. 1. Between now and then we'll be getting with the media and trying to make the public aware of what the ordinance is and what the restrictions are. That way they'll have between now and Nov. 1 to come into compli-

"If they want to maintain their dogs. they will have between now and then to get things ready. If they don't want to comply, then they will have

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Big Spring woman among those arrested in Healing Touch bust

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was arrested Tuesday on a charge of Class B prostitution following an investigation into a possible prostitution ring in Odessa. Crystal Ann Burchett, 23, of

1104 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Tuesday following a bust that netted 61 people involved with an alleged prostitution ring being operated out of the Healing Touch Massage Parlor in Odessa. Arrest warrants had been issued for 74 people, most of makeshift booking station set up in a community center at an Odessa park, Odessa police officials said. All were arraigned and released on bond by late Tuesday.

All except seven of those named in warrants were men. Three of the women have been charged with a felony charge of aggravated promotion of prostitution, allegedly using two massage therapy locations as a front for their operation, Odessa police Deputy Chief Lou Orras said.

which turned themselves in at a One man was charged with promotion as well as prostitution.

Those charged come from "all walks of life," Orras said. One is a former school board member and others include teachers, attorneys, accountants, and a journalist, he said.

Those charged with prostitution, a Class B misdemeanor, face up to 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

He declined to comment on whether additional arrest warrants will be sought.

"We're going to leave all our See ARREST, Page 5A

options open," Orras said.

Those with warrants outstanding were either out of town on business or on vacation and have contacted authorities, he said.

Others have told police they will not turn themselves in so officers will attempt to track them down to arrest them, Orras

The investigation has been ongoing for about a year, about when one of the massage therapy locations opened.

Sheriff anticipates arrival of thermal imaging camera

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As technology continues to grow, so does the arsenal of tools law enforcement has to save lives and crack tough cases.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker can attest to the importance of technology in law enforcement, having spent a week in Baltimore, Md., learning the ins and outs of thermal imaging cameras and their many uses in everything from search and rescue operations to apprehending suspects who manage to slip into the shadows.

"The thermal imaging training was phenomenal," said Walker. "It was provided by the Electronic Proving Grounds, which is a service provided through the U.S. Army out

"It's being used in law enforcement for life safety issues such as search and rescue of a missing child or even an Alzheimer patient."



of Arizona. The federal government paid training for 300 law enforcement officers from all over the nation."

With the thermal imaging camera expected to be delivered to the HCSO sometime this week, Walker said it was important to learn how the new instrument can best serve him

"Most of the public is aware of them through the fire departments and their use to find a downed person in a burning house or structure," said Walker. "But they have gone way beyond that type of use.

"The particular camera that we will receive through the grant is worth \$15,000 and came at no cost to the county. We've been waiting two years to be approved for the grant and the training came as a part of it."

While there are similarities between the way a thermal imaging camera and night vision cameras display their targets, Walker said that's where the similarities end. "A thermal imaging camera doesn't recog-

Obituaries

Leola M. Edwards



Leola M. Edwards passed away Sunday, July 25, 2004, in Houston at the age of 88. She was born Oct. 14, 1915, in Dallas to Leon Pete and Iva Mae Moffett.

Leola married her husband, L.B. 'Bill" Edwards in 1934. They resided in Big Spring, where Leola was involved in many local organizations. She was a member, elder, choir director, organist and Sunday school teacher at the First

Presbyterian Church. Leola was also a founder of St. Paul's Presbyterian in Big Spring. Leola was a talented musician, enjoyed playing bridge with her friends, and was known for her love of flowers - many came to her family home every year during Christmas just to see how she had decorated it.

She was a member of the Big Spring Country Club, the Big Spring Garden Club, the Hyperion Club and the Rosebud Garden Club. Leola was very proud of being appointed to judge international flower shows, which gave her the opportunity to travel throughout the world.

She gave guest lectures in Houston at many garden and neighborhood clubs on her knowledge and travels. Leola had a sense of humor, which was ever so prevalent when she was given the name "The First Lady" of Parkway Place, since she was their first resident.

Leola was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Cordelia "Billie" Moffett; an infant son; and her beloved husband of 43 years, L.B. "Bill" Edwards.

She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Edwards Lawrence and husband, Kelley Edward Lawrence II; her grandsons, Dennis Edward Lawrence and wife, Kimberly Brice Lawrence and their daughter, Jennifer Layne Lawrence; Donald Leon Lawrence; David Arch Lawrence and wife, Karen Andrew Lawrence, and their children, Austin Edward Lawrence and Sidney Katherine Lawrence.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at Parkway Place, 1321 Park Bayou, Houston, with The Rev. Neil F. "Scotty" Innes, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Houston, officiating.

For those so desiring, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the charity of choice. Arrangements were under the direction of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons Funeral Directors in Houston 713-789-3005.

Paid obituary

Marlin H. Gibson

Marlin H. Gibson, 86, of Ruidoso, N.M., died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at his home. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2004, in the Gateway Church of Christ, with burial in the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Memorial Park, Ruidoso N.M.

He was born May 22, 1918, in Walker County and married Juanita Davis Dec. 23, 1939. He was a farmer in Ackerly for 30 years and attended Gateway Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Cordellia Gibson, six brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita, of Ruidoso, N.M.; a son, Don Gibson of Lamesa; a daughter, Marlene French and her husband, Tommy, of Ruidoso, N.M.; five grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Presbyterian Hospice Service of Lincoln County, N.M.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, N.M. 505-257-7303.

Johnny Darden

Johnny Darden, 48, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Take note

☐ A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

□ CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant car seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ MANNA RELIEF, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

□ 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.

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

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Police blotter

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

 MELISSA NICOLE BEATY, age unknown, of 1403 Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

· CLEBORN CIRCY WARFORD JR., 20, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a capias warrant and a Midland County warrant.

 RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.

 INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell.

• FAILURE TO IDENTIFY was reported in the 2500 block of 16th Street.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 4100 block of Bilger. - in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.

in the 800 block of FM 700.

- in the 2500 block of Hunter.

1- in the 1400 block of Marijo

Sheriff's report

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

· JOSE ANTHONY NIETO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a parole vio-

· RICARDO VICTOR RAMIREZ JR., 39, was arrested Tuesday on three counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

 MARTHA MONTOYA MARTINEZ, 41, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

· BEE ATTACK was reported in the 5600 block of E. Midway Road.

Support groups

THURSDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

☐ 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 informa-

☐ 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.

□ BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15year 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.

□ 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.

□ 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.

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Bulletin board

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TODAY

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

· Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

· Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

· Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

· West Texas Pachyderms meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club. A representative from Congressman Randy Naugebauer's office will present information on the upcoming election. All interested persons are invited.

SUNDAY

· Hang gliding competition at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

MONDAY

 District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

· Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call

· Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

· Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St. · Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the

TUESDAY

· Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-

Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

· Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-18-20-33-36. Number matching five of five 1. Prize per winner: \$38,766. Winning tickets sold in: Conroe. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-0

Weather

Tonight - Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms mainly during the evening. Low around 70. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Thursday - Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms mainly in the morning. High'84. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40 per-

Thursday night - A mostly clear sky. Low 68. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s. Saturday - Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and

lows in the upper 60s. Sunday - Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Howard County received 1.45 inches of rainfall during the past 24 hours, bringing the total rainfall for July up to 2.79 inches. Rainfall for July 2003 was 19/100ths of an inch.

Rainfall total for the year is 12.73 inches, about 2.09 inches above the yearly average of 10:64 inches. Normal expected rainfall for July in Howard County

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MyDoom not dead, of air just dormant for awhile; this one has new twists

ust when you thought you'd heard the last of MyDoom. A peskynew variant of the MyDoom worm slammed four popular search engines Monday and continued to clog email accounts around the world.

The new version, variously dubbed MyDoom.M MyDoom.O, was first detected early Monday morning and quickly went on a

rampage, flooding mailboxes with hundreds of messages. It also slowed Google, Yahoo, AltaVista and Lycos search engines to a crawl, because once it infects a PC, the virus automatically performs Web searches on those search engines.

THOMAS

JENKINS

Bet they never saw that one coming.

E-mail screening company MessageLabs said it had intercepted more than 23,000 copies of the variants in the first five hours of their existence. McAfee Alert, the virustracking squad at the antivirus software maker, rated the worm a "medium on watch," or right below a high-risk vulnerability. Tens of thousands of PCs have been infected by the worm, which was first detected just before 6 a.m. PDT. The biggest impact, however, has been on the search engines.

Google, Lycos and AltaVista were sporadically out of service Monday morning, while Yahoo remained very

That's a function of how the worm spreads, said Craig Schmugar, a virus researcher at McAfee. Once installed, the virus searches for email addresses on the host computer's hard drive, and then it looks for more by running queries on all four search engines.

"It is kind of an inadvertent (denial-of-service) attack," he said, because the search sites are being knocked out in the quest for more e-mail addresses. This is a twist on MyDoom - earlier variants looked for e-mail addresses only on the host hard drive.

The worm uses the search sites to find any published e-mail addresses with the same domain name as the main e-mail address on the infected computer, said Vincent Weafer, senior director for security company Symantec's security response center. If you're infected, and your main e-mail address ends with "@mycompany.com," for example, the worm will mainly attempt to propagate itself to other "mycompany.com" addresses.

The technique offers several evolutionary advantages, Weafer said, most significantly the psychological advantage

of having infected messages look as if they come from co-workers. "It's really the special engineering aspect of making you think it's coming from someone inside your company," Weafer said.

Keeping infections inhouse may also be a technological advantage, Weafer said. "We've seen from other viruses that if you propagate on the local network, it's just faster," he said.

Among other antivirus firms, McAfee explains one way to remove the virus from an infected computer.

Security experts said the new variants first surfaced in Europe and spread quickly, thanks to several factors. Messages sent by the variants pose as either a "returned mail" message from a postmaster or an alert from an internal IT administrator. Although the bounced mail spoofs weren't likely to prompt a second look, said Joe Telafici, director of operations McAfee, those posing as a corporate IT missive were realistic enough to fool some workers.

"It appears close enough to something your IT department might send you that it could fool some people," Telafici said.

The worm also delivers a mixed payload, with only a handful of messages going through with a .zip attachment, a recently popular technique used by virus writers to avoid corporate security systems. MyDoom.M mainly arrives as a simple executable program file, Telafici said, making it more damaging for anyone who gets fooled into opening a message. "It takes fewer steps to infect yourself, which is helping it spread," he

said. Individuals may not notice a huge performance hit on their own PCs if they are connected to broadband and have a computer that is only a few years old, Schmugar said

"Once infected, a machine might send thousands of requests," Schmugar said. If a computer is only a few years old and connected to the Internet via broadband, the user probably won't notice the slight decrease of his machine's performance, he speculated.

The queries are fairly low-impact events. However, only a few medium-on-watch risks come up a year, he said, and the search engines

are feeling the pinch. The original MyDoom surfaced early this year and quickly ranked as one of the worst e-mail pests ever. The original worm has since spawned numerous offshoots, including one specifically programmed to attack the Linux antagonist

SCO Group. Marty Lindner, senior member of the technical staff at the Computer **Emergency Response** Team (CERT) at Carnegie Mellon University, added

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that the virus also comes with a back door that potentially enables a hacker to take control of an infected system. Several worms open back doors and harvest e-mail addresses. Doesn't that just sound wonderful? The novelty of this latest variant is that it appears to be able to launch

queries. Linder, however,

stated that CERT has not

fully confirmed the query

function as yet.

Google representatives confirmed that the MyDoom worm affected performance of the search engine, but, despite numerous e-mail complaints and a foray of users complaining through the company's various forums and

groups, said the attack

had a limited impact. "At no point was the Google Web site significantly impaired, and service for all users and networks is expected to be restored shortly," the company said in a statement. Tell that to all of us that sat at our computers and just watched the little hourglass until we got an error message.

A Lycos representative

said the company is

aware of the problem and is working to block the performance obstacles. A Yahoo press release said the effect on Yahoo was . limited due to the company's backup procedures but acknowledged that AltaVista, a search engine that Yahoo owns but relies on different technology, experienced

more problems. Internet performance management company Keynote Systems said it noticed on Monday morning a dip in the average performance of the top 40 most popular Web sites it measured.

The availability of those sites rarely dips below 97 percent, according to Della Lowe, a Keynote representative. However, those sites' reliability dipped 1.5 percent Monday morning, and the company said it believes that the MyDoom variant was causing the overall slowdown.

"That suggests there could be some wider Internet problem, but we're still researching the data," Lowe said.

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

DOGS

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between now and Nov. 1 to find a new home or owners for the dog."

While the ordinance is still approximately three from being months enforced, Smith said the police department and Animal Control are already doing the "footwork" in preparation for the deadline.

"We already have a pretty good idea where the more problematic and troublesome canines that are being chained are at," said Smith. "We'll be checking those areas and taking a strict enforcement on those. We'll also be receiving complaints that are called in. Neighbors are going to see it and with the education process, people are going to be aware of it. We'll be answering those calls and taking the same action."

Smith said once the ordinance goes into effect it will be strictly enforced.

"If they're not in compliance come Nov. 1, then they will be cited for violation of the city ordinance," Smith said sternlv. "The dog won't be taken from the residence at that time, but every day after the citation that they are in violation of the ordinance will be a separate offense. Animal control will do follow up to make sure."

Municipal Judge Tim Green said they are still working out the finer points of the fine that will be enforced with the ordinance, but law-breakers can expect to pay up to \$500 for each citation.

The danger of chained and tethered dogs was first brought before the council by Councilman Woody Jumper, who said he feels good about the ban and what it will do for the community.

"I feel good about it." said Jumper. "What we've done we've done for the citizens of this town because of safety first, and it's a humane thing to do for the animals. It's just part of a progressive road that Big Spring is going to be going down. This council cares about the people of this town and this is going to be a very progressive council doing some very positive things."

Animal Control Committee Chairperson Melanie Gambrell was also present for the meeting and said she couldn't be happier about the passage of the ordinance and what it will mean for man's best friend.

"I'm tickled to death," said Gambrell. "I have to give kudos to the council and kudos for Chief Smith, who brought it before our Animal

Control Committee. It to the shelter shall be takes guts to do what they did and it's a very positive move for our community. My passion is animals and I really think it's wonderful."

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 feet 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

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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 repair."

Smith said he's been in touch with the city's code enforcement office, which reported more than a halfdozen city residents have already applied for permits to build fences and kennels for their pets, a detail Jumper said he finds very encouraging.

"I think it's a great sign," said Jumper.
"People say they can't afford it. Well, I can't either, but I'm going to have to if I have a dog. We're going to give people three months to get ready, so if you can put a little bit aside each month I think it can be done.'

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OUR VIEWS

Cooperation will be the key to our success

ooperation ... that's the key. Perhaps no better example of what it's going to take to make our community attractive to newcomers and prospective business interests than the cooperative effort that is creatinga facelift to the outside perimeter of the VA Medical Center.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen noted that all it took was three different covernmental entities sitting down and seeking solutions that bettered all involved.

"The VA was in a situation where it wanted to dress that area up better for the benefit of the VA hospital," McEwen said, noting that VA officials contacted his office to see if the city could help. He, in turn, contacted the Texas Department of Transportation for help. "They (TxDOT) were very accommodating. We blended the three entities together to see what we could get done."

The result was a signed memorandum of understanding to spruce up the area along the outer. most perimeter of the VAMC property along the service road of FM 700 and U.S. Highway 87.

Although this area is not owned by the hospital, once work by the city to build sidewalks and by TxDOT to install an irrigation system and sod is complete, the hospital will to maintain the area as part of the agreement.

Investing in the project fits perfectly within the aim of the city's Clean and Green program.

We believe the mayor was absolutely correct when he noted this effort involves "a very visible area for our community. You drive by and see McDonalds and see how great they keep their area. You see how green our golf course is. You see our lake and you see our VA Hospital. If you have this large expanse of green grass, it makes a great first impression for those coming in from the south."

And with the hospital facing a feasibility study concerning its viability in the near future, this cooperative project can be used by local officials as an example of how much the city supports the hospital.

We here at the Herald not only want to salute the city, VA Hospital and TxDOT for their cooperative effort, but encourage all of us to look for similar opportunities where we can continue to make Big Spring and Howard County not only a more attractive, but better place to live.

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Kerry's fights for, won't back opinion

hat makes this **Democratic National** Convention look like the most unified such assemblage in the party's fractious history is a universal loathing for George W. Bush. That

is the very emotion that John Kerry's high command recognizes it must avoid playing to as the presidential nominee is presented to the nation this week. One of Sen. Kerry's

closest and most influential advisers put it to me this way

over the weekend: "We can turn this convention into a nonstop Bush-bashing rally, and everybody will be happy. But we already have those votes. If we do that, we end up with 42 percent of the vote and lose the election."

This situation points to needlethreading that will be necessary in Boston this week. Party activists at the Fleet Center would like nothing better than constant denunciations of President Bush. Indeed, Kerry's angry base will get plenty of that. But national convention delegates, who long ago were stripped of decision-making authority, are now not even active participants in this national pep rally. The Kerry campaign's message is intended to soar over their heads to that mysterious band of undecided voters who will elect the president.

The goal of Kerry's managers is to keep the convention energized and enthusiastic while not projecting a message that is obnoxious to the great mass of Americans. Nowhere does the delicacy of this

feat become more apparent than in the nominating speech for Kerry.

Kerry's acceptance speech Thursday night, a ritual that as recently as 1960 was not even part of the national convention procedure, will be the climax here. He will be fully scripted with a decisive but nonbelligerent address. It is the nominating speech to be delivered that night by former Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia that gets tricky.

Cleland has emerged from obscurity to become, at least temporarily, one of the Democratic Party's most beloved figures by virtue of his defeat in 2002 for re-election. Had he won, it is fair to say he probably would not have had a speaking slot, much less a featured, prime-time appearance.

Until 2002, Cleland had been treated gently by Republicans as a Vietnam War triple amputee veteran, and he never lost an election. This treatment enabled him to float in the Senate under the ideological radar, representing conservative Georgia while voting the straight liberal line. It ended two years ago with then Rep. Saxby Chambliss's Republican campaign, which pointed out that Cleland bowed to organized labor's demands to vote against the homeland security bill because of union representation questions.

The Georgia campaign suddenly made Cleland a new symbol of rage that has characterized the party ever since the 2000 Florida recount. Previously a Senate backbencher who seldom spoke, he now is engaged in steady denunciation of Bush. A recent sample of Cleland's rhetoric claimed Bush "concluded that Daddy was a failed president" because he cut

short the 1991 Gulf War "so he would be Mr. Macho Man by removing Saddam Hussein himself." When asked, Kerry declined to associate himself with those

While Cleland was listed a week ago as "introducing" Kerry to the convention, there was indecision whether to give him the higher profile role of delivering the nominating speech. The announcement of that role was made only Saturday. When I asked a senior Kerry aide whether Cleland's speech would be censored, he replied with a smile: "We don't censor in the Democratic Party. We do edit." Thus, Cleland's remarks will be tailored to the broad electorate rather than to his ardent listeners at the Fleet

Center. The delegates probably would love to hear from left-wing propagandist Michael Moore, whose current film, "Fahrenheit 9-11," embodies the party's Bush-bashing rage. While an uninvited guest at this convention, Moore has been officially welcomed by spokesmen for the Massachusetts Democratic Party and the Congressional Black Caucus. What the Kerry team does not need is a high profile here by

Kerry won't call for the immediate removal of U.S. troops from Iraq. He won't talk about gun control. He won't embrace Michael Moore, and he will "edit" Max Cleland. He won the nomination some time ago, and is now running for president.

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Reality irrelevant in current campaign

K. here's my brilliant Insider Insight du jour: The D's aren't going to get much of a bounce out of this convention because this race is already so tight there just ain't enough swing votes to bounce anywhere.

The popular selection of John Edwards for veep didn't provide much of a bounce, and neither will the Beantown Bash. Aside from that, everyone is having a wonderful time.

Marty Nolan, a scholar of Boston, quotes T.S. Eliot on "Boston doubt,"

defined as a readiness to yield "to all suggestions which dampen enthusiasm or dispel conviction." That could account for a lot about John Kerry.

President Bush's slightly alarming claim to the Amish July 9 that God speaks through him — that's what he said, God speaks through him - raises some troubling prospects. First of all, I think God has a better grasp of subject-verb agreement than George W. Bush does. Also, when Bush changes his mind, as he frequently does, do we think God has had to rethink things after the polls have come

Nice to see President W. employing the tactic Texans got so familiar with under Governor W.: the "Gee, I'm really for it, but I can't be bothered to expend one iota of political energy trying to help it pass." (He also frequently uses the reverse ploy by announcing he opposes something he can't be bothered to spend an iota of energy on.)

This is the game Bush is playing on the assault weapons ban, which he officially favors renewing (soccer mom vote there), but - surprise! - since he won't do anything to get it renewed it will be allowed

what we need in this country, more automatic assault rifles.

A more subtle play is the White House decision to oppose a two-year extension of the Bush tax cuts on the grounds that it's not a five-year extension. This dubious ploy, from the right's point of view, sacrifices a tax cut in the hand for a political issue in the bush, as it were. I'm not sure they can run would only vote for a two-year tax cut instead of a five-year tax cut," he pouted. "See, they just hate tax

Kind of hard, even in the funhouse mirrors of the campaign, to argue that Democrats in Congress have spent a lot of time successfully thwarting Bush on anything. But R's are much in the habit of seeing themselves as victims, so it will make them happy.

Meantime, those faithful political junkies following the festivities here on C-SPAN may need some reading material to tide them over during the boring speeches, and I have two pips to recommend. Hendrik Hertzberg (his friends call him Rick) has put out a collection called simply, "Politics: Observations and Arguments, 1966-2004," that is pure pleasure to read. The New Yorker editor and former editor of The New Republic has such a good mind, such a strong sense of ethics and honor. There is an almost physical pleasure, like having an itch scratched, in watching him come to grips with some of the thorniest, nastiest, most divisive issues of the past 40 years, and slice them cleanly into comprehensible form. Besides, he writes like a dream.

A book that is both more dense and more important is David Cay Johnston's "Perfectly Legal." The obligatory, explanatory subtitle is "The Covert Campaign to Rig Our Tax System to Benefit the Super Rich — and Cheat Everybody Else." This, too, is like having an INC.

to lapse (NRA vote there). Just itch scratched, in that one keeps saying, "Aha, so that's how they do it." And it is fascinating. And horrifying. The ease with which corporations evade taxes is well known, but finding out just how much money their cute little tricks are worth will curl your hair.

I suppose if one were as rich as Bill Gates, one would be tempted to save a billion or two in taxes, but it seems kind of pointless when one that one: "Those nasty Democrats is sitting on that many billions. Seriously, the super rich have been allowed to accumulate so much money that one finally has to ask what they think the point is. Those far more detestable are the congressmen who sneak special tax advantages and exemptions into the law in exchange for campaign contributions and then lecture the rest of us on patriotism.

Government really is about who benefits and who pays. Who gets screwed and who's doing the screwing. And there is no point at which that can be seen more clearly than in our tax system. Johnston, a superb reporter for The New York Times, has broken one story after another about how the system really works, and it's all here.

That so much of what passes for debate about our tax system is gross misinformation is not, unfortunately, the result of accident or ignorance. There are a lot of people blowing smoke in your ear who know much better. They get paid to lie. Happily, Johnston gets paid to find the truth, and he does so in this book with admirable tenacity. This is the real story of what is happening in America.

Too bad we're watching a political campaign in which reality is considered irrelevant. Happy warm

and fuzzies.

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Bees stung two of the EMTs before they reached safety and began to don their firefighter suits for protection. Firefighters began spraying the area and the male victim with soapy water to knock the bees to the ground.

Once the EMTs were able to get Darden to safety, they immediately began administering drugs and intravenous fluids to counteract the anaphylactic shock, Castillo said.

"His condition was serious," Castillo said. "He was conscious but drifting in and out. He did know what happened to

Darden's face and head were red and swollen

from multiple stings, Castillo said. He was wearing a thick jumpsuit and gloves but apparently didn't have protective head gear on when emergency personnel found him, Pritchett said, but he did notice protective head gear at the scene.

"His head was covered with stingers," Pritchett said. "It was unreal. I've never seen anything like that."

Both Pritchett and Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen said they've never seen such a severe bee attack.

The condition of Day was unknown this morning, Pritchett said.

'She was not in near the distress that he was, and I didn't see near the injuries (to her) that I did on the male victim," he said.

Although the majority

GUARD

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recognize these soldiers who reenlist during a time of war."

After administering the oath of reenlistment to the assembled troops, Col. Spurgin presented his commander's coin to each of the reenlistees.

The reenlisting soldiers had been training at Camp Bullis, north of San Antonio, for the past two weeks. Following the day's ceremony, some of

immediately them returned to the camp where Tiger Balm '04, a perennial exercise with the Singapore Armed Forces, was already under way. Others had an opportunity to tour the altar of Texan independence.

Col. Spurgin acknowledged that many brigade soldiers will deploy overseas next year in the

Global War on Terrorism. "It's a credit to you as Americans and Texans to reenlist," he said to his fellow Guardsmen.

Car bomb explodes outside Iraqi police station, kills 68

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) A suicide car bomb exploded outside a police recruiting center in cen-Baqouba Wednesday, killing 68 Iraqis and turning the busy city streets into a bloody tangle of twisted metal and dead bodies.

The attack, which killed 21 people inside a passing bus, was the deadliest bombing in Iraq since the United States transferred sovereignty to an interim government June 28.

The bombing came amid an intense surge in violence: 35 insurgents and seven Iraqi police were killed in clashes southeast of Baghdad, a U.S. soldier was killed in a bomb attack and a police officer was assassi-

nated. Iraqi officials have said they expected attacks to intensify as the country tries to edge toward democracy, and they worried a key national conference scheduled for Saturday will be a major target.

ARREST

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Investigators were not surprised at the ring's existence, only at its business volume, Orras said. Officers have arrested up to 20 people for prostitution during a six-hour shift, he said.

"But this is the first time we've had any volume at a massage parlor,' Orras said. "I think in any town our size the potential for prostitution is there. I don't think we're any different."

Thomas said authorities chose the park's community center for the booking site because it was close to the Ector County **Detention Center.** "For efficiency purpos-

Police Capt. Harold

es, we're using the community center to process the people," Thomas said in a story in Wednesday's Odessa American. "We did it here so as not to overburden them. We wanted to make the process easier."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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nize light at all. explained Walker. "It has nothing to do with light. All it receives is heat. One of the things that we learned that was a real eye-opener for me was that everything on Earth has a relative surface temperature. Everything we see and look at has some type of a temperature to it and nothing on Earth is an absolute zero in temperature.

"When you look through a thermal imaging camera, it will give you an effect similar to a night vision camera, but night vision is easily blocked or distorted by light. These thermal imaging cameras can see

of dealing with terrorists

bomber attacks in Israel.

Tuesday.

Muslim charity indicted, accused

charged with supporting terrorists by

funneling millions of dollars to Hamas,

a Palestinian terrorist organization

blamed for dozens of deadly suicide

The Holy Land Foundation for Relief

and Development, its president, chair-

man and five other men were named in

the 42-count indictment returned by a

federal grand jury in Dallas on

It claims Holy Land, based in subur-

ban Dallas, provided more than \$12.4

million to individuals and organiza-

tions linked to Hamas from 1995 to 2001.

Hamas is on the State Department's list of foreign terrorist organizations and is

described as using violence to try to

The group raised more than \$57 mil-

lion between 1992 and 2001 but reported

\$36.2 million on tax forms. Holy Land

said the money was legitimate aid to

orphans and others in need in Muslim

countries, but authorities said the

group provided only "minimal support"

to legitimate charities as a cover.

create an Islamic Palestinian state.

through any kind of light source shining at them because it doesn't see the beam - it only detects the heat."

Walker said the camera can become an invaluable tool when searching for a lost person, especially when combined with the mobility and height that can be achieved with a helicopter.

"It's being used in law enforcement for life safety issues such as search and rescue of a missing child or even an Alzheimer patient," said Walker. "You can use these cameras on the ground, in vehicles or even in the air. The particular camera that we'll be receiving has a field of vision of 2,500 feet when searching for a human. It's excellent in the air. such as in a helicopter ald.com

looking down."

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Although the thermal imaging camera can make a suspect trying to "hide out" in the dark glow like a light bulb, Walker said it does have some blind spots, contrary to popular belief.

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Pritchett said sheriff's

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"One of the things that I learned was it doesn't see through anything," said Walker. "A lot of people think it sees through walls and things of that nature, but it doesn't see through anything. It's strictly a receiver. It can't see through glass and it can't see through water. So if you have heavy fog or rain, the camera won't be able to see through it."

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"To those who exploit good hearts to secretly fund violence and murder, this prosecution sends a clear message; DALLAS (AP) - A group claiming to There is no distinction between those be the largest U.S. Muslim charity was who carry out terrorist attacks and those who knowingly finance terrorist attacks," Attorney General John Ashcroft said at a Washington news

> South African woman's passport prompts federal investigation

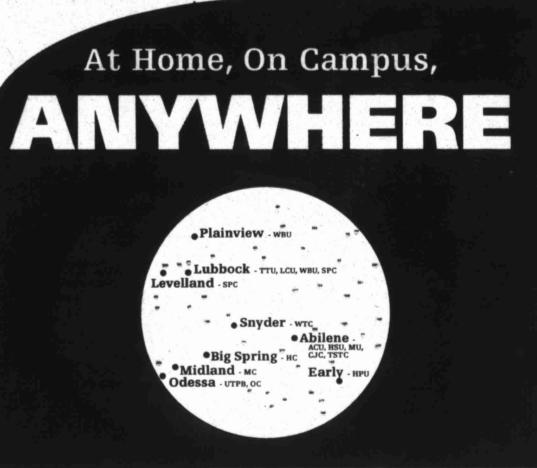
conference announcing the charges.

HARLINGEN (AP) - Federal authorities are investigating whether a South African woman they say tried to board a flight near the U.S.-Mexico border with a mutilated passport has ties to al-Qaida or other terrorist groups.

Farida Goolam Mohamed Ahmed, 48, was arrested July 19 at the McAllen airport and charged four days later with illegal entry into the United States, falsifying information and falsifying a passport. She was denied bond

on Tuesday by a federal magistrate. A senior federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that investigators were trying to determine whether the woman had ties to terrorists groups.





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Library News

Some new biographies have come in. In "Shut Up He Explained, The Memoir of a Blacklisted Kid" by Kate Lardner, she writes of her life with her

father author and newspaper-man, Ring Lardner.

It is hard for me to realize that a person can locked away merely for refusing to say

HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

yes or no to single = question. Kate Lardner brings to life Hollywood of the 1950s era. Her mother married Ring Lardner, a screenwriter in the early 1950s.

Shortly after that, Ring was called to testify before the House Un-Activities American Committee. When asked if he was a member of the Communist Party, he neiconfirmed

denied it. With that, he was blacklisted from working again and spent time in prison. This is the story of the personal and family costs of weathering this period in history. For those of you who remember the you might be interested

1950s in great detail, you in these two books. The might be interested in this biography.

It must be the month of musical biographies! The library has received three of them and all are about very different musical styles.

The first is "Elvis Presley, The Man, The Life, The Legend" (B PRE E) written by Pamela Keogh. I have leafed through it and while it may be a little disconnected, it seems to reveal the real Elvis.

Rita Marley married Bob Marley when she was 19 and Bob was 21. She took care of him as he died from cancer, she cared for their children and she took care of his girlfriend's children.

"No Woman No Cry, My Life with Bob Marley" (B MAR R) tells of their life together. A most interesting book.

An authentic R&B legend. Luther Vandross has thrilled millions of people with his music. Craig Seymour has written of this most private star in "Luther — The Life and Longing of Luther Vandross" (B VAN L).

If you have seen Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of Christ," then

first one is written by John Piper and the title is "The Passion of Jesus Christ" (232.96 PIP J).

Piper is a Baptist minister in Minneapolis, Minn. He attempts to answer the question of why did Christ suffer and die.

The second book is "Experiencing Passion of Jesus" (232.9 STR L) by Lee Strobel and Garry Poole. It is a study guide that is designed for small groups, Christian education, and one-on-one meetings. Its purpose is to help readers discuss the inspiring movie about the Passion of Christ.

Do you sometime wonder how some people seem to go through life in a positive, loving fashion? How do they come to terms with surliness and ugliness that confronts us each time we turn on the television or read the paper?

Marsha Marks has compiled some points of wisdom which to lead a more settled and serene life. ."101 Titled Simple Lessons for Life" (242 MAR M), these are short "devotions" that will ease the harshness of life.

Victoria Gotti is John Gotti's (Mafia mobster) daughter. She is going to

have her own television show on some cable channel. The Sopranos (television show) supposedly portray a true look at mobsters.

Now you can read about it (gee, what a concept). A new book is in that purports to tell the truth about life in the Mob. "No Questions Asked, The Secret Life of Women in the Mob" (364.106 LON C) was written by Clare Longrigg.

The life of a mob woman is not glamorous, but rather one of anger, intimidation and fear. This book does not gild the lily when speaking about what goes on in a mobster's family. If you like true crime books then, you will like this one.

Now for a couple of from books (gasp) Democrats -Jim Hightower was (I believe) at one time an official in the State of Texas. Currently, he is the mainstay of Hightower and Associates, located in Austin.

He is an unabashedly liberal Democrat. In Beating "Let's Stop the Bush' Around (973.931 HIG J) he offers up (in a contrarian fashion) why we should elect

Pat Williams, wife of for-

mer Herald publisher

Chuck Williams, writes

this column for the Big

George W. Bush to anoth-, find it most interesting. er term in office.

Another Democrat, Garrison Keillor, offers up his new book, "Homegrown Democrat" (320.973 KEI G). It is both a political tract and a reminiscence of why he is a Democrat.

Divers" 'Shadow (940.545 KUR R) by Robert Kurson is the story of a couple of deep wreck divers.

In the fall of 1991, they found a World War II German U-boat off the coast of New Jersey in 230 feet of water. With no identifying marks, it was a complete mystery. This is a real mystery and one that I think many will

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Book review of "Distant Shores" by Kristin Hannah Life's dreams can be fulfilled

Reality is often different Jackson from place to the person she used to be York, New York. dreams. our Elizabeth Shore felt that her dreams had disapeverything peared; seemed empty.

As a young woman, Elizabeth had dreams of beinga

great artist. but as the years quickpassed, she had put her visions away. Now it all seemed too late.

For many years, Elizabeth had focused

on supporther husband ing Jackson's drive for fame and fortune, as well as trying to assure success for her two daughters as they grew into young

WILLIAMS

Now her daughters were on their way to being independent; Jackson's career, while it wasn't fulfilling to him, no longer needed the support of his family.

As a young football star and media darling, Jackson had been a talented player, handsome, and articulate. When his knee gave out, he suddenly was out of the limelight and an emotional agony; thus avoidance became his way of life. During these years,

Elizabeth remained faithwhile following place as he sought to regain his former popularity; however, the reputation he had earned after his playing years was the one people

reporter for a local radio son's motivation that the station in the Northwest. As Jackson plods through his daily tasks, he becomes aware of a star football player whose life has suddenly become filled with the evils Jackson knew from years of personal experience.

For all the right reasons, Jackson did the research and leg work, and broke the story on his radio program. The story was picked up by national outlets news Jackson's name was once again in the forefront. and an old friend who had found national success

The downside Jackson's happiness was this opportunity necessitated a move from Seattle to the New York area.

anchor.

Elizabeth grudgingly begins preparations to rent the house and leave the place she loves so dearly. As Jack's accomplishments become more apparent and he seems more self-assured and independent, Elizabeth makes a life-altering deci-

and follow her youthful dreams.

Kristin Hannah's smooth writing style trahsitions easily from one Spring Herald. character's point of view remembered. to another. The author
The best job he could gives such a delineated
get was as a sports perspective of each perempathize with main characters, as well as those that are on the periphery of the conflict.

> Author Hannah has a creative gift for developing unique characterizations that mirror something common in each of

The qualities with which she endows the characters is balanced by allowing each to have strengths, yet exhibiting weaknesses that cause pain and hurt as they wander their lives' paths.

There seems to be a plethora of fiction depicttapped Jackson as his coing conflict in women's lives, yet Distant Shores seems bright and more realistic than many others of this genre. The plot stays focused on the two main characters, giving it intensity as it moves to resolution.

The shores may be distant, but the rekindled feelings stay close to your heart.

"Distant Shores" by Kristin Hannah. Now her goal is to seek Ballantine Books, New 4th of July Special



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p.m.). The general may purchase tickets from through Aug. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m noon to 1 p.m. However, all sales are from to noon only. For question Kay Cook at 26

Crossroads sign-up dates The

Youth Association announced the dates for the ing season. Football will take place Big Spring Football playe sign up throug 21 on Friday p.m. to 7 p.n

Saturdays (9 a p.m.) only. The flag league costs \$3 football division 2 costs \$55, res

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For more i Comanche Tra Course at 264-2 Softball tour

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BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket

Previous season ticket holders may pur-chase 2004 season tick-ets starting today through Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

The general public may purchase season tickets from Aug. 9 through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.).

However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

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

Football sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall. Football players can sign up through Aug. 21 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

The flag football league costs \$30, while football division 1 and 2 costs \$55, respective-

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

BSISD announces volleyball open gyms

Big Spring will hold volleyball open gyms on all Mondays and Thursdays for the rest of the summer from 6-8 p.m. at the junior

There will also be lifting and conditioning both Mondays and Thursdays after open gym from 8-9 p.m.

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

Herald announces golf tournament

The Big Spring Herald has set its annual City Golf Championships for Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail

The tournament is open to all residents men or women - of Howard County and annual members of Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club. There is a \$35 entry fee, which includes green fee, but not

carts. For more information. contact Comanche Trail Golf Course at 264-2366.

Softball tournament in Snyder announced

A men's softball tournament in Snyder has been set for Aug. 7-8 at Winston Field. For more information, call Luis 325-573-

Dunn plays in Hawaii as part of select team

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

It is no secret that Coahoma and Clyde Eula do not like each other on the softball team. But, after one trip to Hawaii, Coahoma's Sarah Dunn now has someone from Eula that she calls friend.

Dunn, a junior-to-be, and about 23 kids from around Texas traveled to Hawaii July 14 and played eight games against five select teams from the island, including two games against the top two softball teams in the state.

Channing Morris of Eula was one of Dunn's teammates on the team. "At first, I thought we

would hate each other, but we just clicked and became really good friends," said Dunn. "Both of us remembered every part of the playoff game we were part of two years ago."

Coahoma defeated Eula in the state semifinal game in 2003 and went on to earn state runner-up honors. Eula has since dropped from 2A to 1A so the rivalry is over for

But the friendship is just beginning.

"We exchanged phone numbers and are going to stay in touch," said Dunn. "(Morris) said to me 'maybe we'll go back to 2A' and I told her 'maybe we'll go easy on you this

time."

Convincing Dunn's Coahoma teammates that players from Eula are friendly hasn't been so easy, however.

"They can't believe I got along with someone from Eula," added Dunn.

Of the eight games, the team from Texas won only two of them, but that wasn't at all bad for a team that had never played with each other.

"They never even got to have a practice together," said Sarah's mother Amy. "They got off the plane one day and played four games the next day."

Aside from Morris, Dunn also played with players from Sonora, Fort Stockton and McAllen, among others.

Big Spring's Leina Braxton played in Hawaii in 2003. Also, three additional Coahoma players Ashle New, Ruby Garcia and Andrea Amaro — were selected, but didn't attend this year.

"I was honored to go," said Sarah Dunn. "It was a lot of fun and it was cool to meet new people and make new friends with players from



Above: Coahoma softball player Sarah Dunn competed in Hawali with a group of select players from all over Texas this past week. Dunn, the only player wearing a hat, is shown here with her teammates. Left: The all-stars took part in a luau on the Island of Walkiki. From left: Sarah Dunn, Katle Dunn and Channing Morris of Clyde Eula.

around Texas."

Sarah, Amy and Katie Dunn, Sarah's sister, spent a total of 10 days on the island, but wouldn't have spent any if it wasn't for members of their family helping to fund the

"I am real grateful," said Sarah. "If it weren't for my family helping pay for this trip I wouldn't have been able to go."

Dunn was selected to go to Hawaii after the 2003 season. That year, she was voted to the all-tournament team at the state

playoffs in Austin. She was also voted first team all-district as a pitcher. This past season, Dunn played most of the year and the entire postseason at third base. However, she got to pitch again in Hawaii, along with playing some at third and first base.

"I was happy to be pitching," said Dunn. 'That was fun."

Morris ironically was a catcher at times in Hawaii.

Sounds like a friendship made in heaven.

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dominating his opponents in the mountains yet again. This year,

won the event by more than six minutes. But where does

Armstrong



stack up against other alltime great athletes?

It should be placed right up with the best if you ask me.

After all, his six titles came in six years. Roger Clemens. who Armstrong hails from Texas, has won six Cy Young's, but has only done so in a 15-year stretch. Barry Bonds, who could be regarded as baseball's all-time greatest hitter before he retires, has won six MVPs in 13 years. Eric Gagne's 80plus straight saves and Cal Ripken Jr.'s ironman streak are both truly amazing, as well.

But, do those streaks and feats stack up with Armstrong?

Pete Sampras, John Martina McEnroe, Navratalova and Steffi Graf dominated the sport of tennis for many years.

Sampras won 14 grand slam titles and McEnroe seven took slams. Navratalova won nine Wimbledon titles alone.

But, are they all better than Armstrong?

Without question, Jerry Rice is the greatest wide receiver of all-time and maybe the best player to ever to step on a football field. He has every major record that a wide receiver can have. Add to the records his three Super Bowl titles and Rice definitely makes a case for most dominant athlete of

His teammate for many

Lance Armstrong won years va Joe Montana. his sixth straight Tour de Although he doesn't hold France this past Sunday all the records, fans can't take away the fact that he dominated on the field.

Other recent football players that deserve mention include Emmitt Smith, Barry Sanders and John Elway.

Better than Armstrong, though?

Wayne Gretzky dominated hockey better than any other athlete, but were his accomplishments better than that of Armstrong's current streak?

Let's not forget about Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird.

Jordan only won six NBA titles and numerous scoring titles. The reason why he is probably above most other athletes for his accomplishments is because he won those championships with "several" role players and Scottie Pippen.

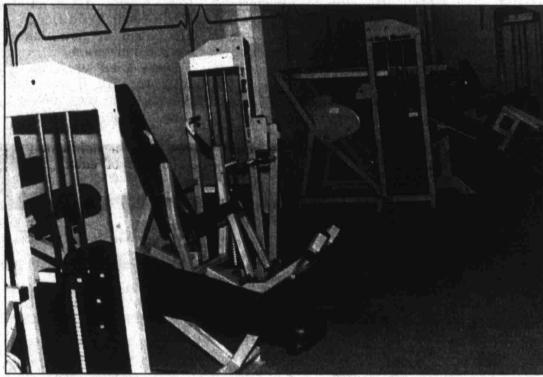
Johnson and Bird make cases as well, but unlike Jordan, they both had dominating centers and better supporting casts when their titles were won.

But, were their feats better than that of Armstrong?

No one will ever know for sure who the most dominating athletes in their sports are because several factors go into it. And even if someone thought they knew, it would simply be a matter of opinion. And that debate could last forever.

I do know this. Armstrong deserves to be in the company of Jordan, Rice, Tiger Woods, Bonds, Sampras Jordan, and other great athletes. What he has done in France the past six years is simply remarkable. I just hope he decides to go for seven.

Sports Editor Troy Hyde can be reached at 263-7331, 237 or sports@bigspringherald.com.



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The Harold Davis Fitness Center at Howard College has several different types of weights and cardio machines for all fitness needs. Several changes to the center will be made in early August courtesy of new Fitness Director Cory Pack.

Pack makes changes, sets goals for Harold Davis FC

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Local residents can expect several changes at the Harold Davis Fitness Center Howard College begin-

ning Aug. 2 due to the hiring of a new fitness director. Cory Pack, orig-

inally



PACK

from Gorman, took over for Jerry Dudley in July and has made it known that changes are in store. Dudley retired this past

"The first thing we are going to do is bring back the old hours," said Pack. "That was a big complaint by several of our current members."

The facility will now be open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Right now the center is not open at all on the weekends and it closes early both Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m.

Several other things hope to be changed and/or added before

long, but some of the other issues Pack hopes to deal with will take

In August, Pack hopes to provide members with fitness assessments such as body composition, strength and conditioning measurements and flexibility measurements.

"We also want to provide wellness information and nutrition advice to members," added Pack. "If I don't know the answer, I will either find it for them or point them in the right direction."

Long-term plans include updating the weights and cardio equipment and updating the circuit room. Pack would also like to eventually offer aerobic and spinning classes, as well.

"It won't happen right away, but it is a goal for the future," said Pack. "The main concern here is going to be the space.

"The dressing facilities need work as do some other areas in the facility. It is just going to take some time."

Pack got his bachelor's of science degree in exercise and sports studies from Tarlenton State University Stephenville before getting his master's degree in athletic training at Indiana State. He was previously athletic/sports trainer at Weatherford High School for three years and at Llano High School for three years before coming Howard College. Pack is a certified athletic trainer nationally. He is also licensed by the Texas Department of Health to

trainer in the state. Aside from being the fitness center director, Pack will also assist Howard College Head Trainer John Overton in his duties.

serve as an athletic

The Harold Davis **Fitness Center currently** has one full-time worker (not including Pack), three part-time workers and three work study students. The only fulltime worker is Brandi Stewart, who serves as the assistant to the director. Pack also hopes to increase the number of work study students from three to eight before the new school year begins.

BSYFL and Cowboy to host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football Leagu and the Cowboys will be hos the Pepsi/NFL punt, pa and kick competition Aug. 21, at the field north of the ATC.

The registration starts at 8 a.m. and the contest is free to boys and girls 8-15.

For more info, contact George Lopez at **264**-7313.

Softball benefit tourney set for Aug.

A softball tournabenefiting Richard Haro Jr. will take place Aug. 6-7. Haro was diagnosed with a brain tumor and all proceeds will go toward treatments and medical bills.

The tournament will take place at the Big Spring City Park and the cost is \$110 per team.

For more information, contact Roger at 264-7407 or Albert at 268-1646. The deadline is Aug. 4.

Big Spring Shrine Club sets tourney

The Big Spring Shriner's Club has moved its annual golf tournament to Sept. 25-26. The tournament will take place at the Big Spring Country Club.

Call 263-0234 for more information.

Oklahoma recruit leads South to huge win over North squad

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON -Rhett Bomar will cross over to the other side of the Red River soon. Probably not soon enough for the Oklahoma Sooners.

Bomar tied a record with four touchdown passes and Brendan Pahulu had two interceptions that set up scoring drives, leading the North All-Stars over the South 51-25 on Tuesday night in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star game.

Bomar, an Oklahoma signee and one of the nation's top three quarterback recruits, was the runaway winner of the game's offensive MVP honors after completing 12 of 15 passes for 214 yards.

"I came out here to represent Oklahoma pretty good," Bomar said. "I think I did all right. Hopefully they're excit-

The standout from Grand Prairie High School led the North to scores on five of his six possessions, dazzling the crowd with his strong arm and deft touch down-

Three of the touchdown passes were to Nathan Jones. Bomar equaled Houston Sam Houston quarterback Robert Armstrong's allstar game record, set in 1971, for touchdown throws.

Jones, a Texas recruit

Jones tied Pasadena's not hard to wonder why Bryan Willingham for the after Tuesday night. game's touchdown receptions mark, also set in

Pahulu, a linebacker from Euless Trinity, made it a sweep for the North, winning top defensive honors.

The 76 points and 884 total offensive yards between both teams set all-star game records, and Bomar played the biggest role in the offensive fireworks.

"He's got a tremendous deep ball," said North coach Todd Dodge, also of Southlake head Carroll's program. "He kind of started on that first drive and it just kept going the entire game."

Bomar and Jones, destined to be on opposing sides in the Red River rivalry between OU and UT for the next few years, made an unstoppable combination in their final high school game.

He completed his first pass attempt for 20 yards, rushed for eight yards on the next play and then lofted a beautiful pass right down the sideline to Jones for a 34-yard touchdown. The three-play drive took just over a minute.

"Well that's a nice little Texas-Oklahoma connection wasn't it?," said North coach Todd Dodge, also head of Southlake Carroll's program.

Jones tried unsuccessfully to lure Bomar to and Texarkana Texas Austin when they met as finished with five recepproduct, finished with six high school standouts tions for 104 yards.

receptions for 139 yards. during a camp at UT. It's

"I was trying to get him to come to Texas, but he chose Oklahoma," said Jones of Bomar. "I have to respect what he chose, and I wish him the best of

Bomar even demonstrated some grit, bouncing back from several tough shots by the overmatched South defenders. A couple of hits sent Bomar's helmet rolling around on the field.

Ennis' Graham Harrell threw the other touchdown pass for the North, finding The Woodlands receiver Danny Amendola for a 65-yard scoring play.

Amendola and Harrell, both Texas Tech recruits, flashed the school's "Guns Up" hand salute on the sideline after the score.

Buddy Hanson, of Tom Bean, scored on a 6-yard run, Ramonce Taylor, of Belton, had a 16-yard touchdown dash and Adam O'Brien, Crosbyton, added a 27yard field goal to propel the North to the game's top scoring total by one team since the South beat the North 65-0 in 1971.

The South was led by Brownsville Porter quarterback Billy Garza, an Illinois signee, who went 13-of-17 for 190 yards and two touchdowns.

Jordan Shipley, a Texas recruit from Burnet, caught both scores and

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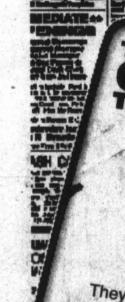
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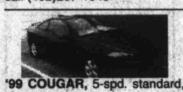
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today brings shows of affection, and some of these are public. With all of this societal stress, don't forget to breathe. Once you're calm and centered, you'll be able to interact graciously with whatever comes your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may find your immediate surroundings aren't providing the inspiration you need to conquer the huge obstacle before you. Outside resources are required. Check out a biography of someone you admire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have to lasso those pie-in-the-sky romantic notions and tug them down to Earth. Practical issues must be faced, but partners are more sensible than you think they'll be. Work calls for your most mature, evolved self. CANCER (June 22-July

22). Get rest because the

on your immune system. Dear friends may be going through problems, and you're the crying shoulder. Though you love to help, keep your exposure to a minimum.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll meet new people and be impressed by just how friendly and open the world can be. The key is entering environments that seem to be properly set up from the beginning. There's no reason for anybody to be disgruntled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Loved ones want to be involved in more of your life's activities than you thought would interest them. You're just a lot of fun to be around. For those of you going through turbulence on the road to love, this will be a pivotal day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're up to some exciting business and will need to take frequent breaks to calm yourself down between one conversation and the next. Plans are coming together brilliantly. A relationship close approaches telepathic heights.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Mentally, you are powerful even if you don't feel physically up to what you need to do. Take a kindergarten-style nap in the middle of the day. Let your body regenerate now, and you won't get sick later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being willing to look at problems from a new angle is your saving grace. So what if you and your partner have fundamental differences? little extras could wear Maybe this is the exact this, but it's never going

reason you're perfect for one another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to know the logic behind everything now. You've always thought that you just sort of fell into a certain groove with someone, but now, you may realize that you chose this person for a reason.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You not only act in harmony with your environment; some would say you're an instrument of peace. Without your contribution, the surroundings would be entirely different. Your personal ethics may need to be explored.

20). So much depends on your point of view. If you're doing something because you feel you have to, then your energy will inappropriately be drained. Take each of your duties, and view them as something you actually want to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born March 28, 1956, and need your thoughts. I have a love of photography and want to go into business for myself. This is what I believe is my passion. I also have a Capricorn man in my life who is not ready for marriage because his ex hurt him really badly. We've been together for three years. Before that, I was married for 22 years. I don't feel like I should lower my standards for him any longer. I know we could have so much of the past."

to get better than the best times you've already had with this man. If those good times don't measure aforementioned

"standards," then it's time to either drop your standards or drop your Capricorn man. I believe equally in either choice. By dropping standards, you are accepting and appreciating relationship on its own merits, and you will find that it actually has much intrinsic worth. By dropping the Capricorn, you will be free to find a better match. As far as your photography business goes, I suggest becoming an apprentice a successful photographer first. Then, think you'll do exceedingly well.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Oscar-winner Anna Paquin has gracefully made the transition from child star to gorgeous young adult. She recently appeared on stage in "The Distance From Here" in New York. I predict that a romance could develop between her and a film co-star. Leo love is the stuff of legends. As loves, Leo people are intensely romantic and fiercely loyal.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 15 years. We have a wonderful marriage, and

between us, we have five terrific children. Here's my question: When my husband was young and in the service (long before we were married), he came home on leave for Christmas and left after New Year's Day. While home, he ended up sleeping with a

girl he knew from the neighborhood. Six months later, he received a phone call that the girl was pregnant, and both sets of parents decided the "proper" thing was for the two of them to marry.

What concerns me is the pregnancy lasted 11 months. I have never heard of this, and it amazes me that no one in my husband's family ever questioned it. Annie, is it possible for someone to become pregnant in late December and give birth at the end of the following November?

This incident happened over 25 years ago, and the paternity no longer matters. What's done is done. My husband loves his son, as do I. I'm just tired of him sounding ignorant when he shows the baby pictures. He says, "My son had a red rash on his face because he was in the womb so long he dried out." That official the explanation given by the child's mother.

My husband is not an idiot, but he's rather about "female" issues. Can you please settle this nagging question once and for all? Perplexed

Pennsylvania Dear Perplexed: Doctors calculate 40 weeks from the last menstrual cycle until delivery. That translates roughly to nine months. It can be a bit longer, but 11 months is excessive. And babies do not "dry out." If there



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

were any danger to the baby, the obstetrician would have induced labor or performed a cesarean. Now that we've answered your question, here's our advice, even though you didn't ask for it: Your stepson, an adult, is entitled to know the truth about his medical and genealogical history, but this information should not come from you. discuss the Please situation with your and let him husband. handle it.

Dear Annie: I disagree using

with your answer to reception as a fundraiser "Offended in South Dakota." She was upset because the DJ at a wedding reception asked the guests to bid money in order to go to the buffet.

I have been to more than one wedding where this new tradition has taken place. It is simply a fun way to get money to the bride and groom for their honeymoon. To me, it's a lot better than the dollar dance, which I find repulsive. If you don't want to participate, you can just wait at the end of the buffet line. It was rude for "South Dakota" to walk out of the reception. After all, the bride and groom paid plenty for her meal, which she selfrighteously refused to eat. - Offended, Too

Dear Offended: We know we're fighting a losing battle, but here goes: There are some ethnic traditions that include a dollar dance. Otherwise, the wedding

is in poor taste: we don't care how you do it. The bridal couple is supposed to plan a wedding they can afford, inviting family and friends to join in their celebration. Guests send gifts to wish the couple well. That's it. No additional extortion to dance with the bride or be first at the buffet, so that the couple can have a fancier honeymoon, a bigger house or a cheaper reception.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Violated," who was embarrassed to undress for a prostate exam in front of a female practitioner. I also see a female nurse practitioner. It's like a mechanic looking at your car — it's just her job, and she's seen a million of 'em. -# Been There Pennsylvania

Dear Been There: We hope "Violated" is reassured by your words. Thanks.

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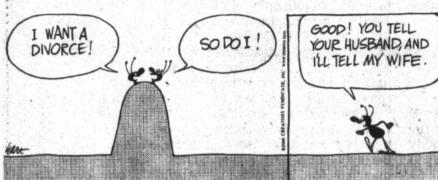
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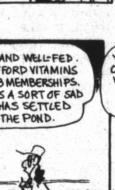
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 28, the 210th day of 2004. There are 156 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 28, 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

On this date: In 1540, King Henry VIII chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry marhis fifth

Catherine Howard. In 1750, composer Johann Sebastian Bach died in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain. the 14th In 1868, Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect. In 1896, the city of Miami, Fla., was incorporated.

In 1929, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis was born in Southampton, N.Y.

In 1932, Federal troops forcibly dispersed the Bonus Army of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

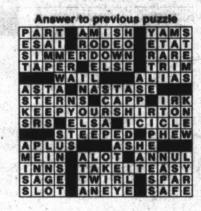
In 1943, President Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing. In 1977, Roy Wilkins

turned over leadership of the NAACP to Benjamin L. Hooks. In 2002, nine coal miners trapped in the flooded

Quecreek Mine Somerset, Pa., were rescued after 77 hours underground. Ten years ago:

Congressional negotiators agreed on a crime-fighting package that included hiring 100,000 new police officers, banning assault-style weapons, vastly expanding the death penalty and putting third-time felons behind bars for life.

Today's Birthdays: Movie Andrew director McLaglen is 84. Actor Darryl Hickman is 73. The former president of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, is 66. Former Senator Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) is 61. "Garfield" creator Jim Davis is 59. Rock musician Rick Wright (Pink Floyd) is 59. Singer Jonathan Edwards is 58. Actress Linda Kelsey is 58. Actress Sally Struthers is 56. Actress Georgia Engel is 56. Rock musician Simon Kirke (Bad Company) is 55. **Rock musician Steve Morse** (Deep Purple) is 50. Actor Michael Hayden is 41.



Newsday Crossword Money, Money, Money by R.J. Hartman

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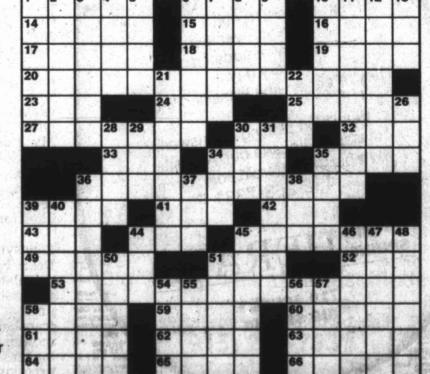
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