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## She's up for the challenge

**B**ig Spring's own **Kandi Campbell** successfully juggles several roles daily, including wife, motherhood and branch manager of Western National Bank.

"Success, to me, is about hard work and seizing opportunities. When those opportunities present themselves, it is important to apply, to persevere, to do the best you can," she said.

She said she started in the banking business with Wood Forest National Bank five years ago, beginning as a teller and ultimately advancing to assistant manager. She was hired as the branch manager for Western National Bank when it opened in July 2003.

"I really love people, I'm very customer-service oriented, and that is one of the assets I find working in the banking industry — I get to work with peo-

### WOMEN IN BUSINESS

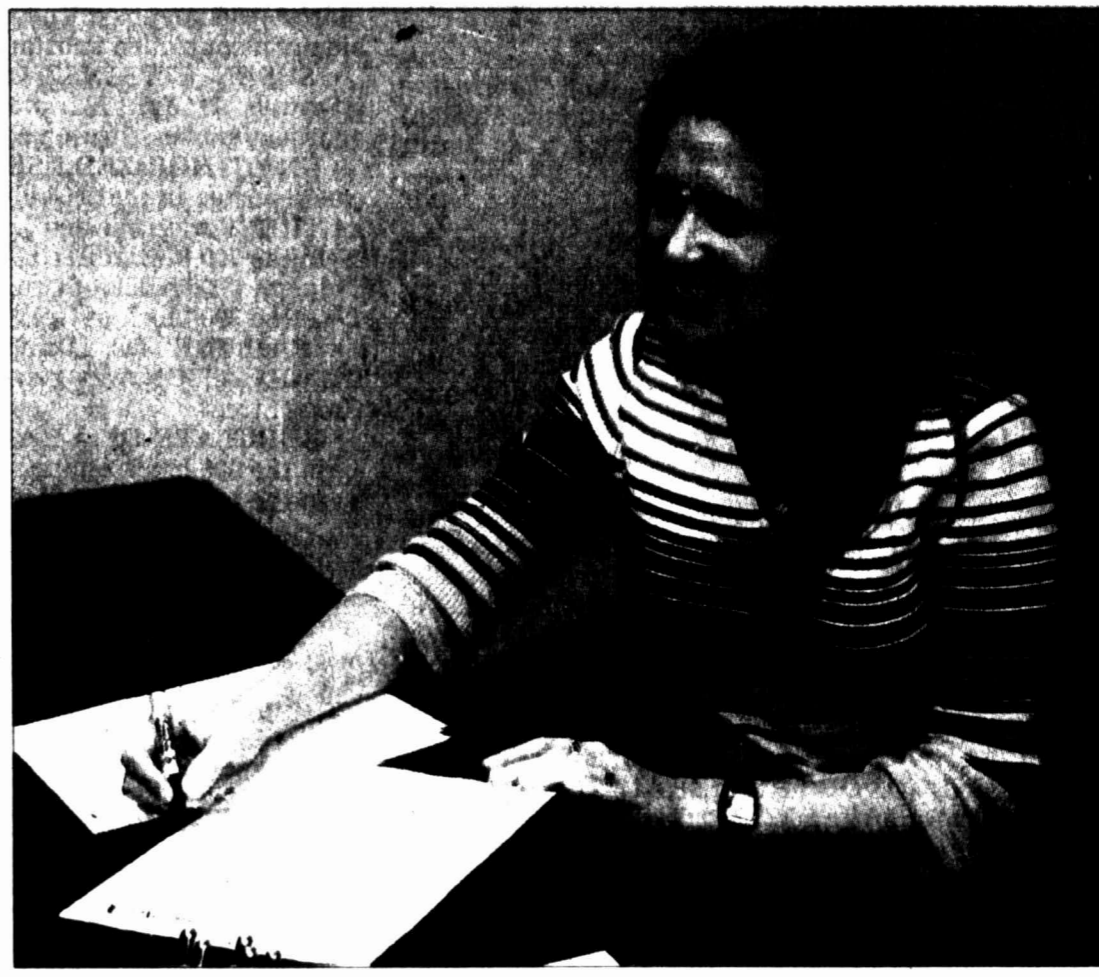
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ple. "The impression of working in a bank is usually that it's all about mathematical configurations, but there's much more to it than that, like regulations and policies and procedures. It really depends on the position, because different banking positions require different skills," she said.

Being a "people person," comes naturally to Campbell. Her mother, Anita Cline, is the director of Senior Circle and her father John is the owner of Cline Construction.

"My mother always had positions of responsibility when I was growing up

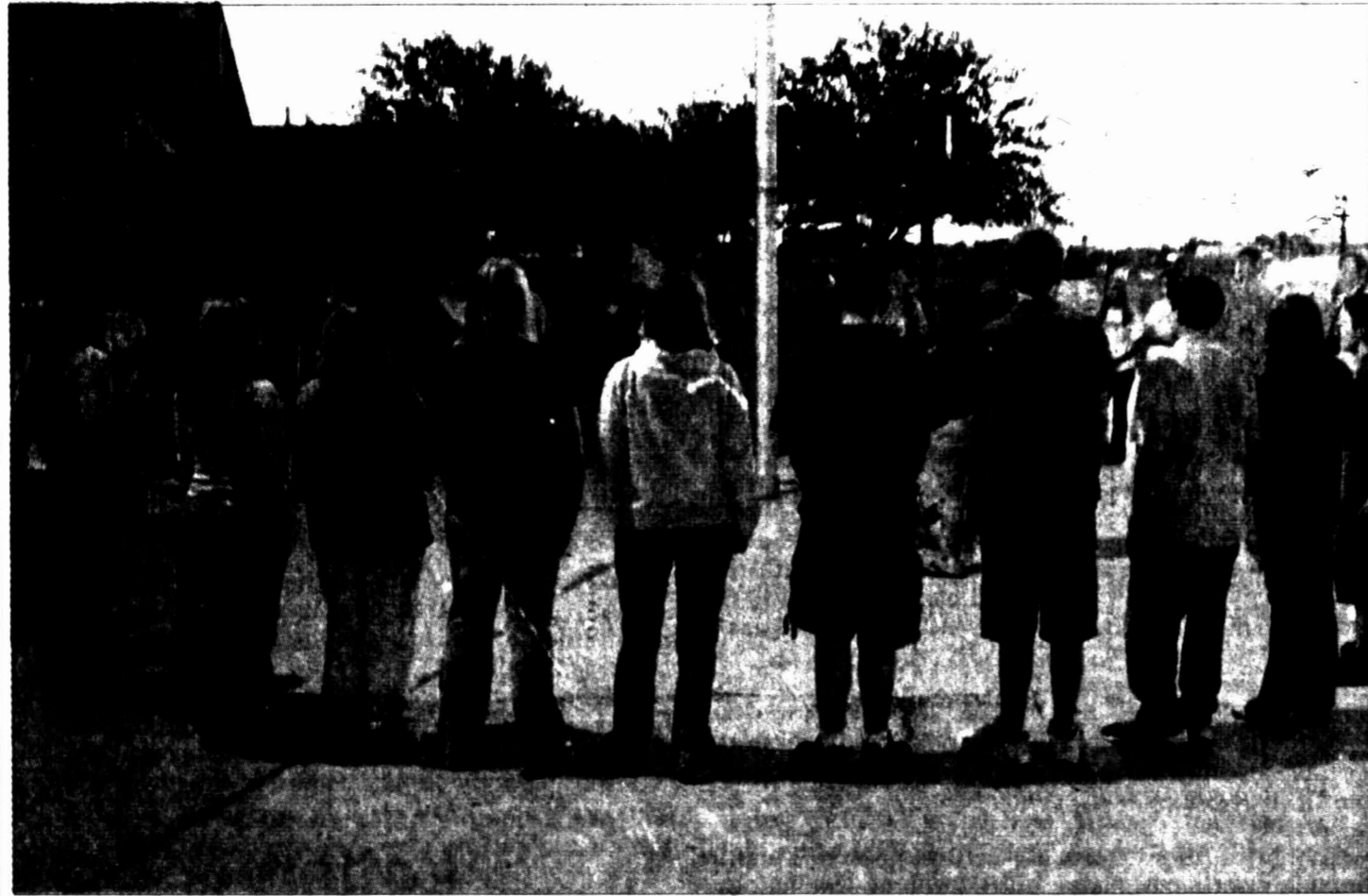
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Kandi Campbell wears multiple hats each day of newlywed, mother and branch manager of the Western National Bank.

## SEE YOU AT THE POLE



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

A group of Big Spring High School students gather around the flagpole in front of the school early this morning for the annual See You at the Pole prayer meeting. About 30 students gathered for the event.

## Death spurs health officials to conduct tests across county

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

State health officials are conducting tests in Howard County this week in the wake of a resident's death from a rare viral illness.

The county resident died in August after developing hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS). The Texas Department of State Health Services declined to identify the resident, citing personal privacy and medical confidentiality concerns.

This is the first recorded case of HPS in Howard County, and one of only 11 reported in Texas during the last three years.

Dr. Charles Gaiser, deputy regional director for DSHS, said hantavirus is carried by certain species of rats and mice,

*"Early on, it's a lot like the flu, but then it progresses very, very rapidly after that. If you develop any of these symptoms, you need to see your doctor real soon."*

—Dr. Charles Gaiser,  
DSHS deputy regional director

including deer mice and cotton and rice rats.

Humans can contract HPS when the rodents' droppings or nesting materials are stirred up, temporarily aerosolizing the virus, which can then be breathed in by people.

Gaiser said this was

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## Recent area rains have CRMWD officials smiling

Special to the Herald

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has seen a marked improvement in water quantity and quality over the past year, and August inflows helped to continue the trend.

For the month of August, rainfall totals across the District's service area ranged from 1.6



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to 11.2 inches, with the larger amounts falling on the watershed of Lake J.B. Thomas and the E.V. Spence Reservoir. As a result, Lake Thomas rose about 6 vertical feet and Spence rose more than 7 feet, bringing an increase

of more than 58,200 acre-feet (AF) to the drought-lowered reservoirs.

"To put those rises in perspective," said General Manager John Grant, "you need to look at the annual inflows to Spence and Thomas from 1993 through 2003. August alone brought almost 15,000 acre feet more to Spence and Thomas than the annual average of

	Elevation	(Acre-Feet)	Contents % Full	Full Capacity	Chlorides
Thomas	2,233.78	67,693	33.75	200,600	90
Spence	1,855.13	03,362	19.98	517,270	160
Ivie	1,535.83	305,035	55.03	554,340	280
Total	476,090		37.42	1,272,210	

43,296 acre feet for all those years."

He said there were only two years out of those 11 when inflows for the entire year were signifi-

cantly more than the gain for the single month of August.

"We were hopeful when 2004 brought inflows of more than 123,000 AF to

Spence and Thomas but we knew one good year would not be enough to replenish them after 11

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### UW DINE OUT DAY

The Spanish Inn at 200 NW Third is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way.

The following Friday, Sept. 30, the Dine Out Day restaurant will be Domino's.

Other restaurants participating include Christene's, Oct. 7; Greg's Grill, Oct. 14; Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Oct. 21; and La Posada, Oct. 28.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County serves 15 local agencies.



### WEEKEND EDITION

Cover Story: Andy Griffith, one of the nation's most beloved television icons, discusses the role faith has played in his life, as he's gone from a North Carolina boy to the star of "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Matlock." Griffith recently released a CD and companion book, "Bound for the Promised Land," that contains his favorite hymns.



### WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

—Harvest Festival: Heart of the City Park; Friday, 6:30 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 7 a.m. to midnight. Music, food, farmer's market, games and more.

—Alzheimer's Memory Walk; Old Settlers Pavilion, Comanche Trail Park. Saturday. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The walk begins at 9 a.m.

—Harvest Saturday at Scenic Mountain State Park. Hay rides for children and the young at heart. Saturday at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Park entrance fee: \$2 adults.

—Fund-raiser for Vietnam Memorial. Eagles Aerie No. 3188, 703 W. Third. Saturday at 6 p.m. Hot dog and hamburger supper, silent auction.



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what apparently happened in the case of the Howard County resident. The incident occurred in mid-August in a rural portion of the county, he added.

HPS is much more prevalent in New Mexico, but more cases are being found in Texas.

"With plenty of rain, the natural (rodent) population is exploding," Gaiser said. "We've been conducting tests across the county, especially in the schools."

HPS initially presents itself as a case of the flu, Gaiser said. Early symptoms include fatigue, fever and muscle aches, then progress to more severe respiratory problems.

"Early on, it's a lot like the flu, but then it progresses very, very rapidly after that," he said. "If you develop any of these symptoms, you need to see your doctor real soon."

The biggest danger for contracting the virus, Gaiser said, is in enclosed areas such as small rooms. Well-ventilated areas where rats or mice might nest, such as barns, pose a much smaller threat.

Gaiser added the risk of infection can be reduced greatly if people follow the following precautions:

- Remove brush, wood-piles and other items that may attract mice or rats.
- Tightly close garbage cans, pet food containers and other food sources for rats and mice.
- Seal openings that may allow rodents to enter residences and workplaces.
- Wear protective gloves if it is necessary to handle dead mice or rats or clean nesting areas.
- Before cleaning nests or droppings found inside, open windows and ventilate the area for at least 30 minutes. Do not stir up nests by sweeping or vacuuming.
- Spray dead rodents, nesting areas and droppings with a disinfectant or a 1-to-10 bleach-water mixture until wet. Allow to stand for five minutes before cleaning up using paper towels.
- Double-bag any dead rodents or nesting material in plastic and dispose of in trash.
- Before removing gloves, wash in warm, soapy water, or spray with a disinfectant and wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water after removing the gloves.

For more information, contact DSHS at (512) 458-7400.

A SHORT VISIT



Herald photo/Susanne Reed  
State Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, visits with Shelley Smith, CEO of West Texas Centers for MHMR at a showing of Susan Smiley's documentary "Out of the Shadow," which was shown Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. It was sponsored by West Texas Centers and the Howard County Mental Health Center.

VMC getting help from familiar source — Eagles

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

Anyone looking for something to do Saturday evening need only look to Big Spring's Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie, No. 3188 lodge to find an opportunity to enjoy a good meal and help benefit the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

The Eagles Lodge will team with Eagles Bingo to hold a hamburger and hot dog supper starting at 6 p.m. Saturday to raise money for the Vietnam Memorial Committee's latest project — placement of an "All Veterans Monument" at the memorial.

The All Veterans Monument will be approximately nine feet tall and constructed of black and white granite — a six-sided cone with a lighted prism on top. Each branch of the armed forces — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and the Merchant Marine — will be honored with their emblem placed on one of the six sides.

According to VMC

spokesman Jerry Groves, the monument "will honor all veterans of all branches of all conflicts and wars — past, present and future."

As was the case earlier this year when the Eagles held a dinner and dance to provide funds for the memorial's maintenance and operation, members of the VMC are already expressing their thanks for the Eagles' support of the project.

"We really are excited about this project because it's an opportunity to place a monument that honors veterans of all wars," said VMC President Gene Wilson. "And fact that the Eagles are wanting to do this again — to help raise money so that we can expand the memorial — is just overwhelming. We really can't thank them enough for their commitment."

The Eagles will be serving hamburger and hot dog plates during the event. The meal will be \$5 per plate for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12.

In addition, a silent auction and donation prize drawings are also planned. A number of Big Spring businesses and individuals have already donated items ranging in value from \$10 to \$500.

Both Wilson and Groves admitted that the way in which the community shows its support for the Vietnam Memorial is nothing short of humbling.

"The way Big Spring supports us never ceases to amaze us," Wilson said. "Time and time again, whenever we start a project to expand the memorial or need to raise money for maintenance, the people and businesses in Big Spring come through. And words simply aren't enough to let people know how much we appreciate the way they back us."

Anyone that will be unable to attend the Sept. 24 event but would like to make a tax-deductible contribution can mail them to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

Authorities await autopsy results

Investigation continues into death of 3-month-old twins in Howard County

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Answers to the mysterious Sept. 11 death of 3-month-old twins may be slow in coming, as investigators wait on several key autopsy tests to be completed.

Howard County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett said there have been no new developments in the investigation since the release of the preliminary autopsy results, with little else expected until toxicology, histology and several other reports can be compiled.

"We're still waiting on the results from the toxicology and other tests," said Pritchett. "That's where we are with the investigation at this time."

Three-month old twins Christopher Ryan Petree and Nomi Michelle Petree were found dead at their home on Dawson Road in south Howard County.

At approximately 9:27 a.m. on Sept. 11, dispatchers at the Howard County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from "frantic" woman saying that her babies were dead, accord-

ing to information released by the sheriff's office.

HCSO deputies and Emergency Medical Service technicians responded to the home, where the infants were found dead.

Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman pronounced the infants dead at the scene at 11:50 a.m. and immediately ordered an autopsy to determine cause of death. The autopsies were performed the following morning at the Texas Tech University forensics center in Lubbock, according to Wiseman.

In a statement issued last week by the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the preliminary autopsy report on the infants ruled out blunt force trauma, but by no means ruled out foul play.

"Autopsy comments are as follows," reads the HCSO release. "Twins both found dead, highly suspicious deaths. Death of two infant twins is suspicious for foul play; no significant trauma suggestive of blunt force."

The remainder of the preliminary autopsy document, which was pre-

pared by Dr. S. Natarajan of the Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office, is not currently being released to the public because it's part of an ongoing investigation, according to Wiseman.

"Both preliminary reports show no obvious signs of trauma or abuse," said Wiseman on the preliminary autopsy results. "That means we'll have to wait for the toxicology, histology and several other reports before we can determine the cause of death."

Wiseman said the reports investigators are currently waiting on can take as long as three months to complete.

"It's a very lengthy process," said Wiseman.

Child Protective Services has begun an investigation of the parents, 21-year-old Chris Petree and 27-year-old Lisa Riffe, according to Texas Department of Family and Protective Services spokesperson Marleigh Meisner.

Meisner said Riffe has voluntarily placed her other children with relatives pending the outcome of the investigation, which is expected to take

approximately 30 to 45 days to complete.

Investigations into the unexplained deaths are being performed by the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Texas Rangers and Child Protective Services.

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Sam Becker, 82, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Elnora Morrison, 87, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Species Act rewrite would cut critical habitat provisions

By ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is considering proposed changes to the 32-year-old Endangered Species Act that would get the government out of the business of setting aside critical habitat for threatened plants and animals.

That would eliminate a central element of the landmark law.

An overhaul of the Endangered Species Act, proposed by Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., was

going before the House Resources Committee on Wednesday. Pombo, the committee's chairman, wants his panel to vote on it Thursday and he hopes the full House will consider it next week.

Environmentalists fear that eliminating the government's ability to establish critical habitat would take away a key to species survival.

"Even a young school-child recognizes that every species needs a home," said Susan Holmes, senior legislative

representative at Earthjustice.

Pombo's bill also would compensate landowners if the federal government blocks their development

plans to prevent negative impacts on species, and would give political appointees the responsibility of making some scientific determinations.

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OUR VIEWS

# Memory Walk needing both money, effort

One step at a time. That's the way the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is doing it's part in the fight against Alzheimer's, as it makes final preparations for the annual Memory Walk on Saturday.

The vast majority of the money raised by the annual event, which includes both a 1-mile walk and a 2-mile jaunt, stays where its needed most — right here at home.

"The money we raise each year stays right here in Howard County," explained Nancy Jones, coordinator of the event for the Alzheimer's Association and a director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. "It goes to help the families that are dealing with the disease and offers them the education and group services they need. It funds the different services the Alzheimer's Association provides. A percentage of the money is also used to help fund research on the disease."

That percentage is important, because recent progress in research on Alzheimer's shows just how much can be accomplished with the money raised.

There are a lot of new drugs out that are used to treat Alzheimer's, including different drugs for the different phases of the disease. Plus, researchers have also been able to identify some of the genetics that factor in the disease, which also promises new avenues for treatment.

Those who want to participate in the Memory Walk can sign up until the very last moment.

A year ago some 400 people took part in the walk and Jones would like nothing better than to see 500 walking this year.

Late registration is set for 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. The walk get under way at 9 a.m. sharp.

And don't worry if you feel you can't walk an entire mile or two. While many will be walking the main courses, Jones said that doesn't mean anyone has to walk any particular distance.

More importantly, you can offer a financial pledge to someone already registered to walk.

Remember, it's all for a good cause. We should give it our complete support.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We worry less, Lord, when we zero in on You.  
Amen

# Niagara Falls a spectacular wonder

For this old boy who lives in dry country, seeing a million bathtubs of water a minute go over a cliff is a sight to behold. It's been happening for nearly 400 years.

Niagara Falls is a fun, exciting, beautiful place.

There are two Niagaras: one in New York, the other in Ontario, Canada. The Niagara River connects Lakes Erie and Ontario and provides a border between the two countries. To get the full impact of the falls, you must go to the Canadian side.

Our hotel in Canada gave us a full view of the two waterfalls (the American Falls, a straight line of water cascading down for 184 feet and the Canadian or Horseshoe Falls, which are 170 feet tall).

Niagara is an Indian word meaning Thunder Water.

And boy, does it thunder. The roar can be heard all over the area.

Casinos have been built on both

sides of the Niagara River and they have created a tourist boom, attracting 14 million visitors a year. Niagara, N.Y., has a population of 54,000 while Niagara in Canada has a population of 76,000. New hotels are being built on both sides of the river.

We saw beautiful flower gardens all over the place. Hanging baskets full of blossoms decorated light posts on the walkways on the north side of the river.

We watched a juggler perform to an appreciative audience on a grassy area near a restaurant by the falls.

Niagara has always been a romantic place known as a destination for honeymooners. We saw couples of all ages holding hands as they strolled along the walkway looking at the falls. We saw a wedding in a park and watched a man sitting next to us in a restaurant get on his knees and propose to his girlfriend.

Everywhere we went people were taking photographs. I don't remember ever seeing so many cameras in use.

Couples were handing cameras over to strangers, asking them to take their picture with the falls as

a backdrop. When we travel, we try to experience as much as possible.

We rode on the Maid of the Mist, the boat that circles the bottom of the Canadian Falls.

Passengers are issued blue plastic rain ponchos because the mist is like rain and the falls create strong winds. We went behind the falls wearing yellow rain parkas.

We also went to the bird aviary, the butterfly conservatory and Niagara-on-the-Lake, an upscale shopping city at the end of the Niagara River Parkway.

We walked through the nation's first state park on the New York side and got to within a few feet of the water at the edge of the falls.

Twice we watched the falls at sunset from a high vantage point and stayed until dark, when the falls are bathed in colored lights. We went to the Skylon Tower and watched a dazzling fireworks show at eye level.

But we missed the tightrope walker, who walks across a cable stretched between two buildings during the summer months (no net below).

We did not, however, miss the rainbows at the falls.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to thank KBYG for allowing me the opportunity to express my intentions regarding the proposal of a camping ordinance in Big Spring. This mini-Rush Limbaugh show is an excellent source for stirring the water.

If my desire for all businesses and persons interested in the value of their property caused but a ripple, it was successful.

I wish Big Spring the best of luck as it continues in its readiness for the bypass loop.

BONNIE LAMBERT  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Why it is that the children of Big Spring that are covered on Medicaid and CHIP cannot see an eye doctor or dentist? These children have to go to Midland or Odessa for such appointments.

To me this is not right or fair. There are parents that cannot afford insurance for their children and have them on Medicaid and CHIP to help with these costs.

The Medicaid and CHIP programs are very important and designed to help children get the treatment that they so desperately need. There was a time when there was nothing to offer these kids, but now there is. So why can't our dentists and eye doctors see these kids?

It angers me that they cannot help the kids that need help. But there are also adults that need help and they even get turned away.

Not everyone is well to do and can afford the medical attention

they need so much, so why is it like this?

At least we have good doctors here that do accept Medicaid and CHIP patients. Thank them for that. At least they can get medical help.

But bad teeth can cause bad health and bad eyes can cause horrible headaches. So what is the problem? What's wrong with this picture?

MARILYN MIEARS  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On Sept. 12 the Suez Shrine Circus was held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and it was a real success.

I would like to thank our nobles who worked so hard in distributing tickets, purchasing tickets and selling coloring books.

Thanks also go to the ladies for preparing food for the hospitality room which was enjoyed by our Shriners and their guests.

We also want to thank Stan Feaster and his staff at the coliseum for their continued assistance. They are a pleasure to work with.

Claudette Forward deserves our thanks for providing the National Anthem, as does Boy Scout Troop 16 for serving as the honor guard.

We also want to thank the Herald and KBST for doing a wonderful job of publicizing the circus and to all the businesses that gave away tickets, put up posters or donated bicycles for the drawing held during the circus.

But most of all we want to thank

all those who attended. We hope you enjoyed the Shrine Circus as much as we did and we look forward to a bigger and better circus next year.

JOHN KELLER JR.  
SECRETARY  
BIG SPRING SHRINE CLUB

TO THE EDITOR:

The Powwow Committee of Big Spring would like to congratulate all the winners in our donation prize drawings at the 2005 Howard County Fair — Lynn Tomar, Marilyn Montgomery, Chelsey Parker, Nancy Crenshaw, Mary Paredes, Barbara Carr and Ed Ware. And a special congratulation to Kaley Duncan for winning the blanket she wanted so much.

The committee would like to thank all those who stopped by our booth and offer a special thank you to all those who made donations to help support our upcoming powwow set for the last weekend in March 2006.

We would also like to invite individuals or local business to become sponsors for next year's powwow. To make a donation or join our organization, contact Robert Downing at 263-3255, Janice Bishop at 264-7790 or Darlene Bursch at 816-1084.

Again, the Powwow Committee would like to thank the people of our community for their support of the Big Spring Powwow. With your continued support we can make the powwow and annual event.

RANDY A. MCKINNEY  
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# Local real estate field dominated by women

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Special to the Herald

Real estate is a field that, locally at least, is dominated by women. But make no mistake, some working women said, it's as challenging as any male-dominated field out there.

"It's hard work," said Joe Hughes, a great-grandmother who started in real estate 20 years ago just to see if she could get a job. She's since been the top producer for Home Realtors many years running.

"I'm learning every day. It's an education every day," Hughes said, demonstrating her cell phone, lap top computer

**"Real estate gives women a lot of opportunities other professions don't."**

—Kay Moore,  
Home Realtors owner

retired teacher, took classes in real estate and finance before earning their licenses. They also need continuing education credits every year to remain current as they work with sellers, lenders and buyers.

Kay Moore, the owner of Home Realtors, has been in the business almost 30 years. She said it takes education, flexibility and good negotiating skills. For some reason, she added, women seem to enjoy and excel at the business.

Among the 14 employees of Home Realtors, 13 are women.

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From left, Joe Hughes, Shirley Burgess and Clovie Shannon discuss possible uses of a property listed by Home Realtors. The three women are among 13 on the staff of Home Realtors, which is also a woman-owned business.

## Donna Gannaway



Donna has been with Culligan since 1992. Richard Wright runs the business, but he says Donna crosses all the T's and dots all the I's!! If you want anything done, tell Donna because Richard says he will forget.

A famous West Texas philosopher in the water business says  
**"Never Make A Red Head Mad And Life Will Be Good"**



L-R: Cindy Podriguez, Lupe Moreno, Tracy Crockett, Donna Lasater, Jeannetta Ramey.

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## Meeting the needs of her customers

*Dakota's Flowers and Gifts owner strives to offer the best*

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Special to the Herald

Laura Murphree, owner of Dakota's Flowers and Gifts, has a pillow that says it all: It's not shopping, it's retail therapy. While the flowers and plants at Dakota's are therapeutic for those who receive them, Murphree also likes to think finding the perfect gift item for a friend or loved one might be a boost to one's self esteem. And if the price is right, that could really make someone's day.

Quality at the right price is the sales philosophy for Murphree and her husband, Duane, who bought the business

almost four years ago. "We realize we don't live in Dallas," she said. "People in Big Spring don't make that kind of money, but they want beautiful things they can afford."

Murphree, always a bargain hunter herself, now tries to give her customers the best bang for their buck.

"This is the best job for me because I love shopping," she said. "I love seeing what's new and finding things that are unique."

Besides the standard floral business of fresh flowers, plants and silks, Dakota's has two other "best sellers" in Circle E



Candles and Anita Goudeau jewelry. The former is a popular brand that is known for its long-

**Herald photo/Debbie L. Jensen**  
Laura Murphree, owner of Dakota's Flowers and Gifts, looks at a selection of handmade pottery from Mexico that she just added to the store's inventory. Murphree runs the business with help from her husband, Duane.

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Kim's knowledge and experience have helped guide The Karat Patch well into its second decade of operation, and her spirit of dedication is a beacon of hope for an even bigger and brighter tomorrow. The Karat Patch, Inc. and the entire Phinney family salutes **Kim Phinney**, a wonderful woman in business.

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## Harley Davidson Shop



**Marijo Walker**

Marijo has been in this business all of her life. Marijo's role at the Harley Davidson Shop is a little bit of everything. Howard says Marijo keeps the shop up and running and keeps everyone in line. He also said things have not always been easy, but Marijo has always done what she had to, to make ends meet. "Marijo is a great wife, mother and friend who loves her job and everyone around her."

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# That's a girl on that motorcycle

Marijo Walker grew up working at the family's Harley dealership

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

Grandmother Marijo Walker, owner of the Big Spring Harley Davidson Shop, refutes the classic stereotype of a Harley Davidson motorcycle rider as a burly chested, leather vested, bearded man.

And she knows her career with the oldest family-owned Harley Davidson dealership in Texas often catches customers by surprise.

"Sometimes they just don't want to deal with a woman, and often they think a woman can't possibly know anything about motorcycles," Walker said.

That prejudice has not kept Walker from staying in the business, nor does it curb her enthusiasm for motorcycles.

"I rode a motorcycle to high school in the 1950s. I wore blue jeans every day and participated in drag races. Dad always said, 'I don't want to know what you're up to, but whatever you're up to, you'd better win.' I thought all these things were normal," she said.

Walker's father, Cecil Thixton, opened the Harley Davidson shop in 1929, specializing in sales and repair of motorcycles and Schwinn bicycles. He used the skills he'd learned in the Army's

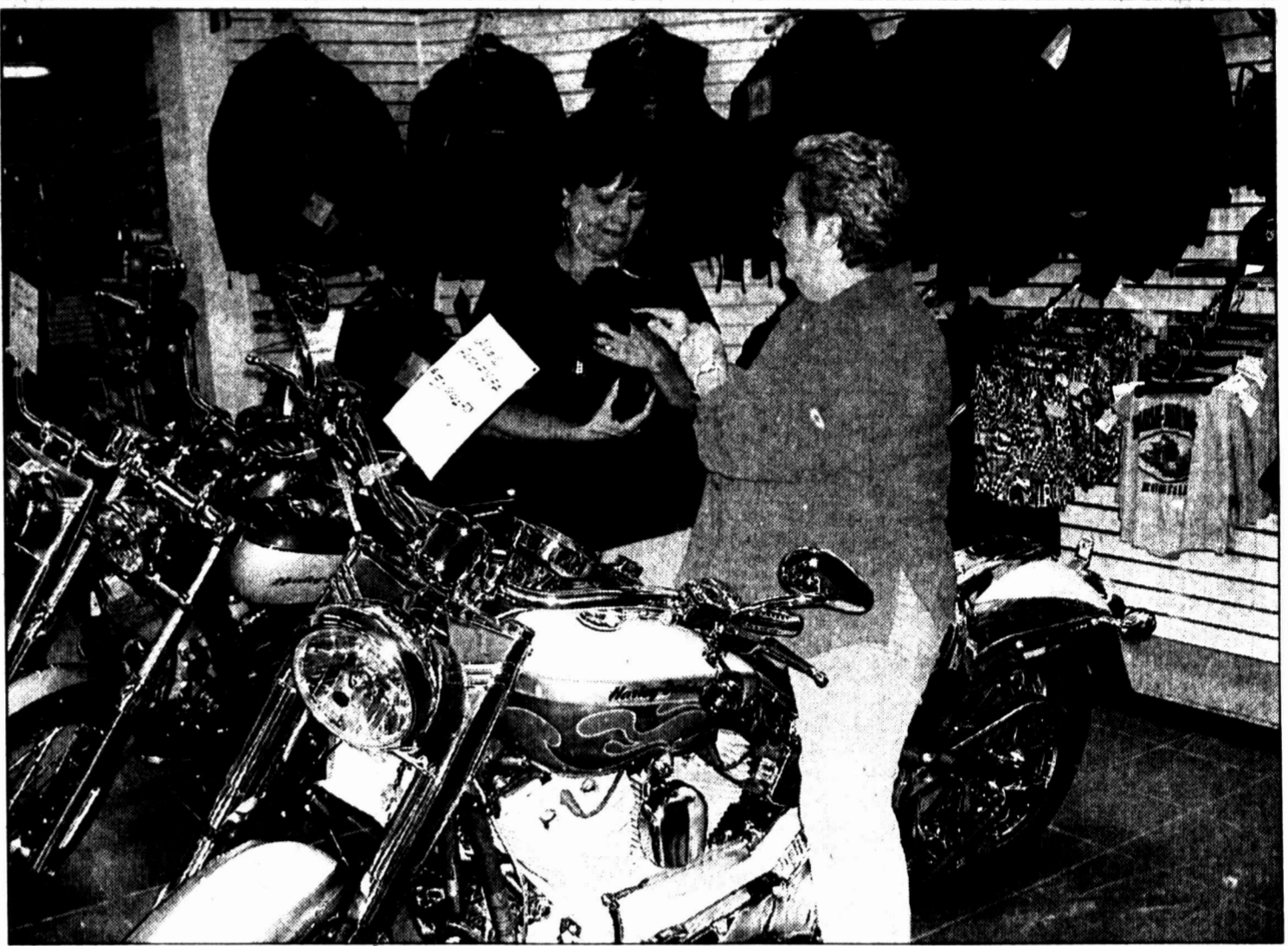
**"That's a girl on that motorcycle.' We went bowling after the skating rink that night and of course I beat the crap out of him. I told my sister 'I'm gonna marry him.'"**

motor pool to continue as a civilian. The first store front was on 15th Street, where the family owned a vast expanse of property.

"I figure the street Marijo is named for me, because it's spelled the same way I spell my name," Walker said. She pronounces her name "Myra-joe," rhyming with her twin sister's Carijo (Kyra-joe.)

Walker worked for the family business in high school, helping her father repair motorcycle engines, performing oil changes, changing spark plugs and filters and other mechanic operations.

"Daddy gave me '48 Chevy coupe and said I had to learn to take care of it myself. He would work with me, overseeing everything I did. Daddy was easy-going, but he had his own way of doing



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Vickie Walker, left, shows off her 8-week-old Brussels Griffon puppy, Lexie to her mother-in-law, Marijo Walker, owner of the Big Spring Harley Davidson Shop.

things and it had to be done his way. He was a good teacher," Walker said.

In 1959, Marijo first saw Howard Walker as she was riding a side car motorcycle to a local skating rink. For her, it was love at first sight.

"I always kept my hair really short and he saw me riding and looked twice, saying, 'That's a girl on that motorcycle.' We went bowling after the skating rink that night and of course I beat the crap out of him. I told my sister 'I'm gonna marry him,'" she said.

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Kasey Richey, Sylvia Gaitan, Melanie Barrera (Teller Supervisor), Kandi Campbell (Branch Manager), Valeria Ontiveros (not pictured).

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Real Estate has been a love of Kay's long before she became Broker/Owner of Home Realtors. Her career in Real Estate began in 1978 as a part time agent with a small firm. In 1980 she joined Home Realtors and purchased the firm in 1985. With a well trained and professional staff, Home Realtors is a leader in the Big Spring market providing a 42 year "tradition of service" to both buyers and sellers.

Kay has actively contributed to the community by leading and participating in numerous volunteer organizations. Previously she served as president and as a director of the board of Realtors and a member of the Advisory Committee for the Texas Real Estate Center located at Texas A&M.

Kay and husband Max have two children, Mark Moore of Austin, Lea Kay Newsom and husband, Kent, of Flower Mound. They also have three grandchildren, Fallon and Morgan Young of Flower Mound, and Keeton Newsom of Ohio.

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## WALKER

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They were married Nov. 25, 1959, and after 46 years, their marriage is still going strong.

"Basically we like the same things. When we first married, Howard didn't know how to ride a motorcycle, so I taught him," she said.

The U.S. Air Force sent the couple to Saragosa, Spain, where their first son, Cecil, was born. Howard Walker served four years, nine months in the Air Force, and returned home to his wife and child in Big Spring from Montana in 1964.

"He pulled up in front of the store, walked inside and Daddy said, 'Get to work.' He didn't even give Howard a chance to change clothes, see his wife and child or unpack. Daddy had four sons-in-law, and he offered all of them a chance to come into the business, but Howard is the only one who took him up on it," she said.

The family business continued to make ends meet through the 1960s into the 1970s, and Howard applied for his dealers license in 1975 when Cecil's health failed. He died in 1977, leaving the business to Marijo's mother, Ora.

When Ora Thixton died in 1985, the Walkers received ownership. Walker learned the bookkeeping method her mother used and took over that role at the shop.

"She did all the ordering for

the store and back then, you were lucky if you could find a single hat or cap or jacket or sweater with the Harley Davidson logo. You just didn't have the accessories you see today," she said.

In 1983, while Howard and Marijo were attending an Aspencade Rally in Ruidoso, N.M., they received a telephone call that changed their lives forever.

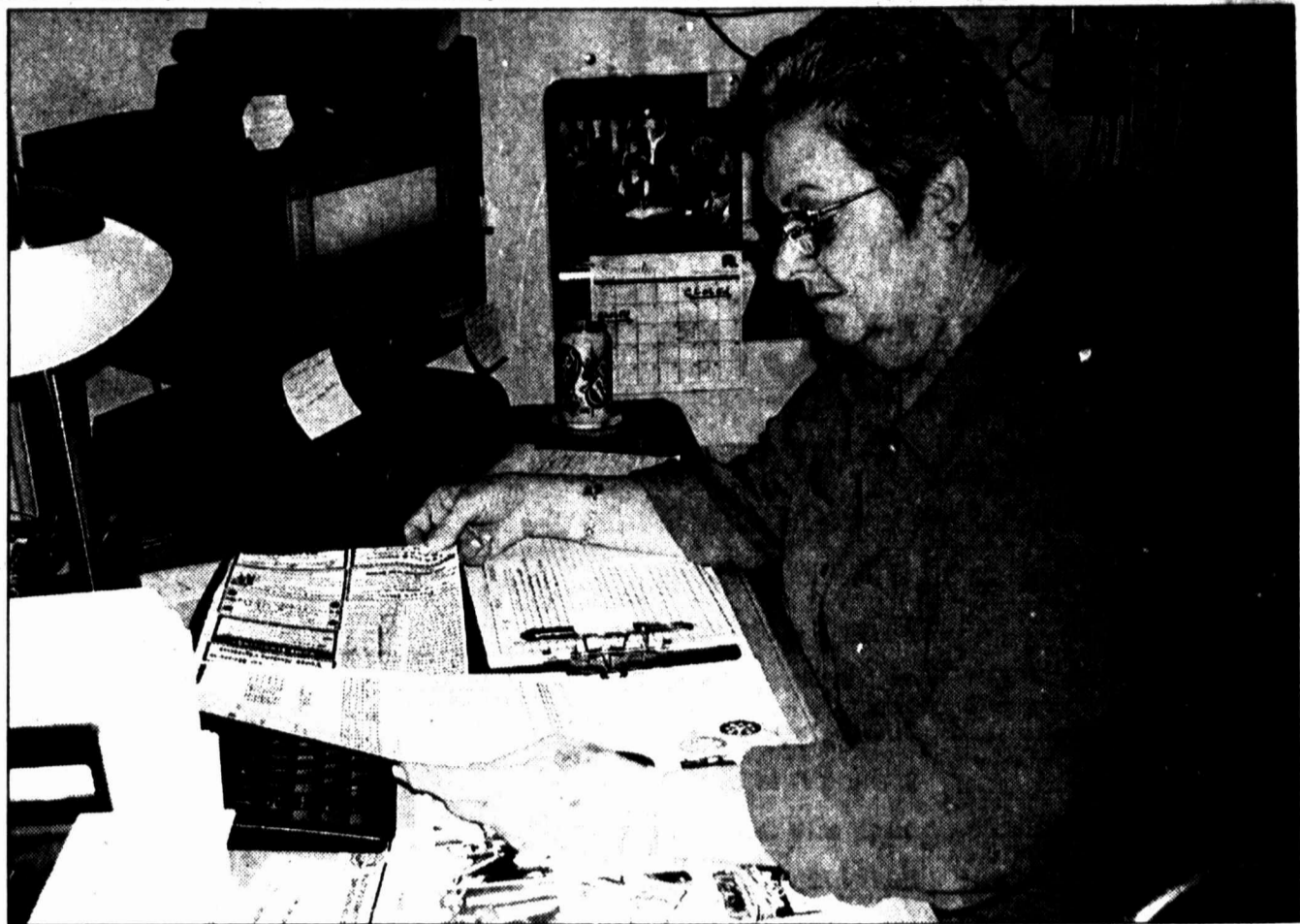
Their youngest son, 18-year-old Bruce, who was home from his first semester at Abilene Christian University, had been shot five times and was in the hospital, in critical condition.

Walker said she spent the next nine months in hospitals, first in Lubbock and then in Amarillo, caring for Bruce, who was left a quadriplegic. Two of the five bullets were never removed; one lodged in his spine, which caused instant paralysis, she said.

"And I didn't go anywhere for the next 10 years. The boy who shot him received 20 years for attempted murder and assault, but was out of prison in just six years. Bruce was his seventh shooting victim," she said.

Her bitterness at the judicial system is overshadowed by her strength and love of family. She includes her customers as family, along with Bruce, Cecil, a sign painter who lives in Amarillo, and her middle son, Robert, who helps manage the shop.

"This really takes a toll on a family. The boys were always close, but this made them even



Marijo Walker at her desk at the Big Spring Harley Davidson Shop, where she performs bookkeeping duties, among other jobs, for the business that has been in her family for 76 years.

Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

closer. After 10 years, Howard told me I had to go somewhere, so I hired a nurse to stay and take care of Bruce and we went back to Ruidoso. Bruce is lucky to be alive and he has such a great attitude and a good outlook on life," she said.

Today, Walker's passion is her animals. She has five dogs and about 25 cats. She belongs

to the Order of Beauceant and is a lifetime member of the Harley Owners Group and the American Motorcycle Association.

She said she knows being a woman in business is tough, and one of the most demanding roles is serving the public.

"But if you want to be in business, just do your thing. And be

prepared to put up with the public, even those who don't think a woman can do a man's job," she said.

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## CAMPBELL

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and I received most of my inspiration for business from my dad, watching him own his own company. He is such a good role model; he started his own business from scratch," she said.

But that entrepreneur spirit actually goes back another generation as well. Campbell's grandmother, Faye Hobbs, worked for First National Bank from the time she was 15 until she retired. And her grandfather, Johnny Hobbs, owned Cowboy's Steakhouse for nine years, until her uncle bought the business last year.

**"My mother always had positions of responsibility when I was growing up and I received most of my inspiration for business from my dad, watching him own his own company."**

—Kandi Campbell

Her maternal grandparents, Clara and the late Johnny Cline — "yes, we have two Johnnys and a John also" — managed Rainbow Bakery.

"And my dad's sisters are really strong women and they encourage us a lot to succeed in business," she said, including her younger sister, Krystal Cline, who attends West Texas A&M University in Canyon, studying to be a special needs teacher.

Campbell's twin aunts are physician assistants in Lubbock. One of her aunts suffered a tragic loss in February when her husband and child were killed in an accident. Now the medical professionals are investing in housing development to create a fresh start for the widow that also allows the sisters to live close.

"She has been so strong through all of this, just showing incredible faith and they are so close and so supportive of each other. They are both incredible role models and an inspiration to the whole family," she said.

Campbell was a single mom of 5-year-old Bryson, who attends pre-kindergarten at Hillcrest. But in August, she married Nate Campbell, who works for Knowlton Automotive, specializing in exhaust systems. He is the son of Jim and Sammye Campbell.

"I am so lucky because I have a great family and I married into a really great family," she said. Campbell recognizes

how blessed she is with her professional life as well. She is currently a member of the Leadership Big Spring class and she attends Family Faith Victory Center. And she's anticipating joining the Greater Big Spring Rotary next year.

"I may be one of the youngest women here in Big Spring with a position of responsibility," the 26-year-old said.

She encourages other women to seek their dreams and to work to attain their goals.

"It really is hard being a woman in business. There are lots of challenges that we face every day. If your goal is to own your own business, I really support and encourage you. Just work hard and don't let anyone stand in your way or tell you can't succeed, because you can," she said.

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## MURPHREE

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lasting scents, while the latter is a Christian designer who offers a wide price range in a variety of styles.

"Each piece has a scripture that goes with it and a storycard telling about the design," Murphree explained. "They make great gifts."

Pocket pieces designed by Goudeau cost only about \$5 and make great "spirit lifters," Murphree said. "I have people buy these to give to co-workers and friends that might be going through a difficult time."

Dakota's also has pot-

tery, stuffed animals, baby gifts and another big seller for the store is its selection of crosses.

Murphree said she is seeing a new trend developing in Big Spring: Rather than just another flower arrangement or plant, many people are now sending crosses to funerals.

"This is something the family can enjoy for years to come, and always remember," she said. "I think it's a great idea."

While Murphree has some new business ventures on the horizon, she said she's perfectly content offering Big Spring shoppers the best, most reasonably priced gifts

she can find.

"It's just great to be here for people when they need something, whatever that need is," she said.

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## REAL ESTATE

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"Real estate gives women a lot of opportunities other professions don't," Moore said. "It takes a 'people person' to do well, and I have some working with me that have been very successful at it for a long time."

Burgess said when everything goes right, there's a great deal of satisfaction that goes with the job.

"The buyer and seller want different things," she said. "It's not always easy to make them both happy. But when everybody's happy and the job is done, it's a wonderful feeling."

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## Lessons from Mayberry

While growing up in Mount Airy, N.C., Andy Griffith never wanted to be an actor. He wanted to be a preacher instead. For many, TV's all-time favorite dad accomplished both in his role as sheriff Andy Taylor on the Andy Griffith Show. Plus, checking cholesterol and butternut squash soup.

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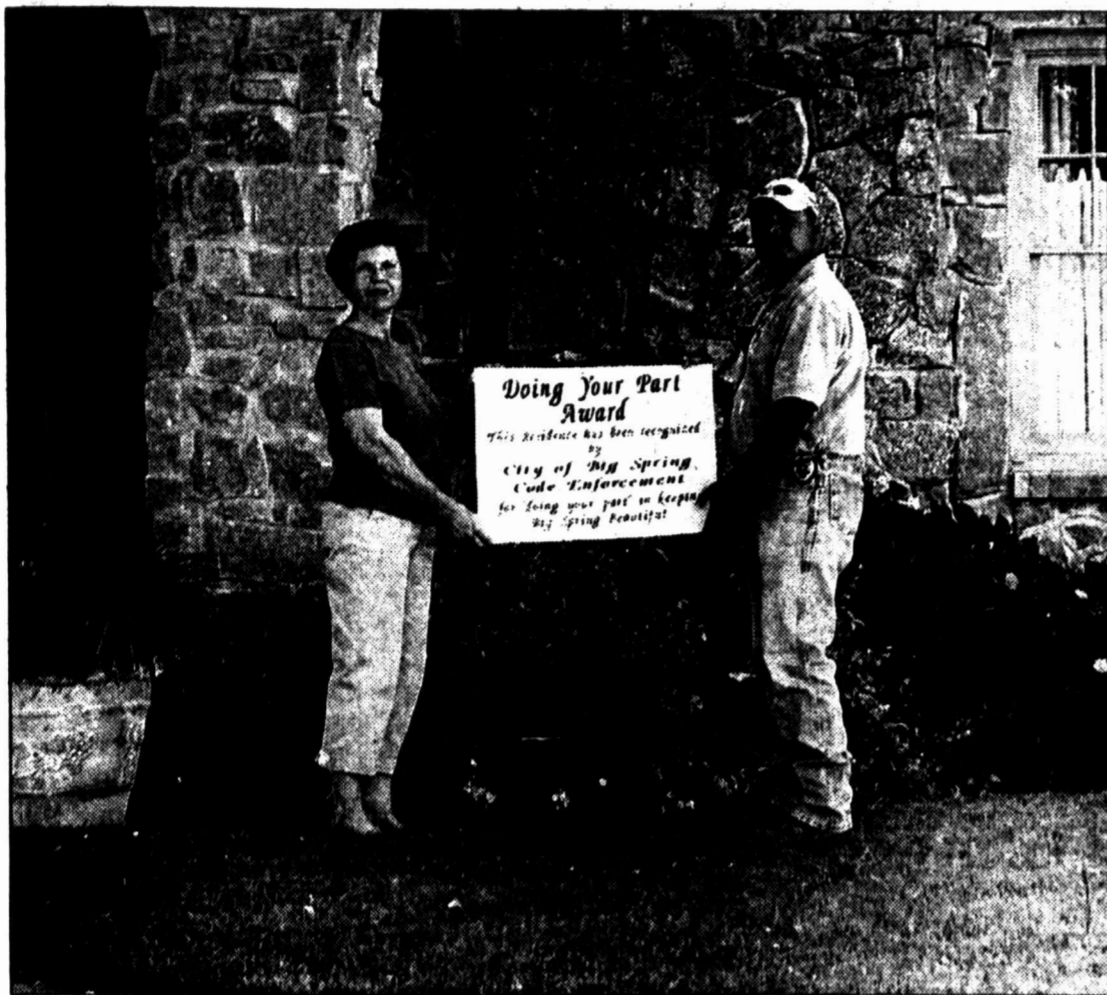
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# DOING YOUR PART



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## Library News

Remember that the Friends of the Library are taking donations of books, paperbacks, videos, music cassettes and CDs and books on tape and CD. The library does not have the space for National Geographic magazines or condensed books.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

The book sale is 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Oct. 7 and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Oct. 8-9. We really have gotten quite a few books in along with books on tape and videos. Some kind soul donated over a dozen Western paperbacks to the library. We have them processed and on the shelf. Look in the new book binder for the list of titles. All of them were written by William W. Johnstone.

EWWW! I opened up "The Ultimate Turkey Fryer Cookbook" (641.578 WIL R) by Reece Wilbanks and it gave instructions to deep fry alligator! How about Coconut Crusted Alligator? Doesn't that sound tasty!

Knitting has turned into

a big business. Knitting is no longer is a job for maiden aunts or granny — now teenagers learning how to knit.

A new book just in is "Hip Knits: 65 Easy Projects" (746.432 BET H) from Better Homes and Gardens Publishing. Cabling, scallops, and patterns, are all terms associated with knitting. It has lots of cute projects just waiting for your knitting needles.

Is scrap booking your thing? Leeza Gibbons has written "Scrapbooking Traditions" (745.593 GIB L). It will give you additional ideas on personalizing your family scrapbooks.

To enhance your scrapbook, look into digital photography. We have just processed several books on digital photography.

"Guide to Digital Photography," (775 GRO D) by Daniel and Sally Grotta will help you in choosing a camera and gives tips for printing and cropping all of your digital photos.

Are you planning your wedding? A new wedding "how to" book has come out: "Wonderful Weddings for Cost Conscious Couples," (395.22 GAR J) by Jody Garlock can be found in the non-fiction area.

Lots of new self-help books have come in. Be sure and check the new book binder to see what we have.

In "The Gospel According To Dr. Seuss," (242 KEM J) James W. Kemp, a retired United Methodist pastor reveals the popular children's stories penned by Dr. Seuss are more than simply imaginative and highly entertaining.

A great many of them are also inspirational. Kemp finds parallels between the doings of cats in hats, Grinches, Snitches, Sneetches and other whimsical creatures with lessons embedded within the Scriptures.

The meaning and relevance of many Bible passages come to life within the originality of such stories as "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Horton Hatches the Egg," Yertle the Turtle," "Green Eggs and Ham," and other Dr. Seuss tales of whimsy and rhyme.

Highly recommended to the Christian community regardless of denominational distinctions, "The Gospel According To Dr. Seuss" is lively, entertaining, inherently fascinating, and spirituality enthusiastic reading.

I would suggest that some our local ministers

check this out and see how it would work in a sermon from the pulpit.

For all you audio book lovers, the library is slowly trending toward purchasing books on CD rather than cassette. By having said that, we do have several new audio books on CD that have just been processed.

Titles are: "Trace," by Patricia Cornwell; "Appaloosa," by Robert B. Parker; Kathy Reichs, "Cross Bones," "The Ballroom on Magnolia Street," by Sharon Owens; "The House in Amalfi," by Elizabeth Adler; Deborah Crombie's "Leave the Grave Green" and "Hard Truth," by Nevada Barr.

Do remember that we welcome suggestions on material to purchase, whether it is audio, video, DVD or written material. Ask staff for a suggestion slip, write the author and title of material down and give to any staff member.

Say what you will, the "Dummy" books are an excellent source of information.

Interested in personal finance? Check out "Investing for Dummies" (332.6 TYS E); "Personal Finance for Dummies" (332.0254 TYS E) and "Mutual Funds for Dummies," (332.632 TYS S) all by Eric Tyson; and then "Stock Investing for Dummies," (332.632 MLA P) by Paul Mladjenovic.

Morningstar is a ratings company that rates various companies. They also give advice on stock investing. "The Five Rules for Successful Stock Investing," (332.632 DOR P) by Pat Dorsey is an excellent resource. We also received David Scott's Guides: "Investing in Common Stocks" (332.632 SCO D) and "Investing in Mutual Funds" (332.632 SCO D).

An interesting book to browse is "The Complete Tightwad Gazette," (640.42 DAC A) by Amy Dacyczyn. It is chock full of frugal suggestions for everyone.

It was originally published in 1998 but some truths are eternal. It also gives a great plug to use your local library to read

the bestsellers, use the computer, read the paper and magazines and do research.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday.

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years of drought," Grant said. "Even with those excellent inflows for 2004, the 12-year average is still under 50,000 AF."

Beginning with 1993 the total of the two reservoirs has exceeded 60,000 AF for the entire year only in 2004 and 2000 (89,831 AF) and otherwise ranged from a low of 6,888 AF in 1998 to 59,477 AF in 1997. Grant says things began looking up in 2004 and the dramatic rise for August 2005 is another good sign.

"This was a substantive amount of good quality water that fell exactly where we needed it," Grant said, adding that he hopes it could potentially be the beginning steps out of a very long drought.

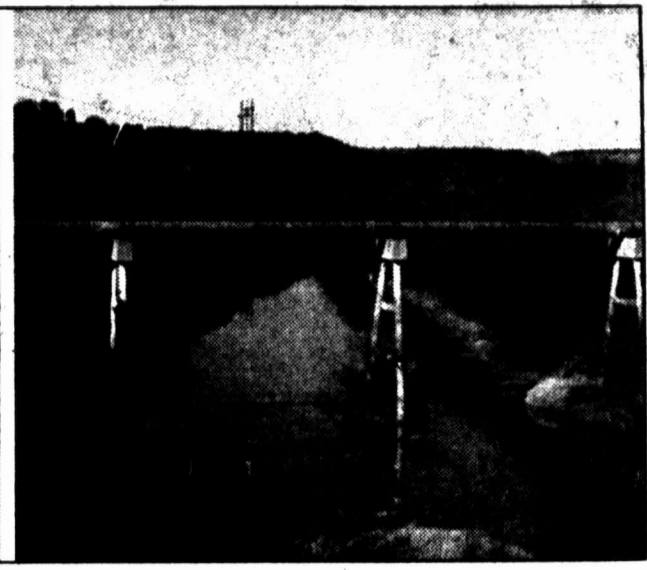
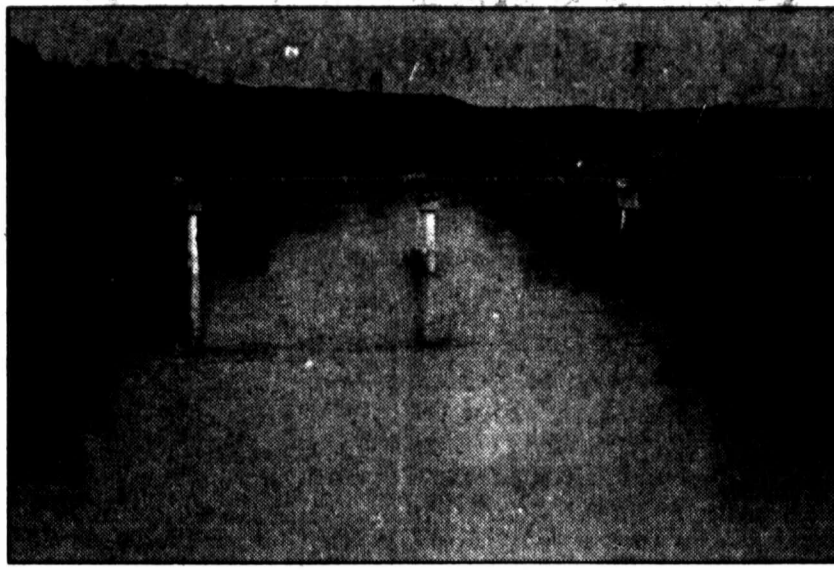
"From a meteorological and agricultural standpoint, I think everyone agrees the drought has eased, but from a water supply standpoint, one or two years of above average rainfall may not be enough to end this current drought," he asserted. "We have to plan for future water supplies based on the worst drought on record and we cannot celebrate the end

of the hydrological drought until our reservoirs recover. As positive as the events of the last two years have been, the truth is that we still need more."

Grant said the higher lake levels after August have given rise to hope. Lake Thomas rose to 35.1 percent and Spence reached about 19.9 percent of capacity after the August inflows. This marks the first year since 1998 that the Spence Reservoir has been up to about 20 percent of capacity, and the first time since 1994 that Lake Thomas was above 20 percent.

The Ivie Reservoir started the drought in better shape, having reached 100 percent capacity in 1992 and again in 1997. The period from 1998 until 2003 pulled its contents down by about half with some relief coming in 2004.

During the mid-August rain events, Grant reported that Ivie gained less than one vertical foot and contained about 55.9 percent of capacity. The rise was just more than 9,000 AF and brought the cumulative total of August inflows at all three reservoirs to 67,310 AF as of August 22 when



**SILVER BRIDGE** — The right hand photograph shows the "normal" status of the Colorado River at the Silver Bridge crossing where the Colorado River runs into the E.V. Spence Reservoir. At left, the watermarks on the pipeline trestles show that flows almost reached the square pipeline support at the top. The water flowed at or above the level in the photograph for days, resulting in a net gain of over 7 vertical feet for the Spence Reservoir in August.

the river returned to normal. Total District supplies were then at 38 percent of capacity. The August inflows were also generally lower in chlorides than normal.

"With very few exceptions, we seemed to get the largest concentrations of rainfall right over the reservoirs or in areas where we have the least concentrations of chlorides," Grant said. "As a result, we had chloride readings of less than 100 ppm for a significant portion of the inflows. We had the added benefit of

lower turbidity (muddiness) at Lake Thomas."

The Spence Reservoir showed the largest quality improvement. Before the August inflows, evaporation had taken its toll and chloride concentrations were in the 600-800 ppm range. In the late 1980s chloride levels soared above 1,300 ppm after the reservoir was compromised by flooding events over high chloride regions of the watershed and they were still above 1,000 in the late 1990s. Spence Reservoir has finally begun to recover, thanks to managed releases of water from the reservoir and improved diversion facilities that hold back poor water while allowing better inflows to pass into Spence, Grant said. Real-time quality gauges allow District personnel to turn on and off massive diversion pumps that pull poor quality water out of the river and

age reservoirs for evaporation or sale to industrial customers.

Grant says the diversion system has performed well and produced steady improvement, but its effectiveness was hampered by drought. Poor inflows and high evaporation rates worked against the system to concentrate the chlorides present in the body of the reservoir. He also blamed extended drought conditions of the soil and streambeds for the fact that above average rainfall throughout 2004 did not provide as much improvement in quantity or quality as usual.

"In 2005, we have finally begun to see the kind of inflows that will improve the reservoir," Grant said, adding that August river flows in particular were so good that the District had to divert very little of the water.

"The new water hasn't fully homogenized with

the old but mid-September tests showed chlorides that ranged from 160 ppm at the intake up to 480 ppm at the bottom of the lake near the dam, where we typically see the worst chloride readings for the reservoir. That is far better than anything we have observed in a long time. The water we have pumped from Spence since September 1 has ranged from 130 to 220 ppm," Grant said. "Compare that to Aug. 1, when the water we were pumping was 650 ppm, or July 1 when it was 790 ppm."

"Of course, drought and evaporation are our worst enemies in this respect but it is obvious that the use of our diverted water system and the good fortune of a respite from the drought have combined to give us a substantial improvement in water quality," Grant concluded.



**HULLEN CREEK** — Hullen Creek, which flows into the northernmost end of Lake J.B. Thomas is normally dry and only flows at a trickle when rains fall nearby. In this mid-August photograph, it looks like a raging river.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
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PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debt or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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By THOMAS Staff Writer

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By KIMBER Associated

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## Woman arrested following Monday accident

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer  
A 22-year-old Big Spring woman was arrested Tuesday and charged with failure to stop and render aid after allegedly hitting a child with her vehicle at the Big Spring Mall parking lot Monday afternoon.  
Chelsea Lee Richardson, of 1407 Lincoln, was arrested based on evi-

dence at the scene and witness statements, according to local law enforcement officials.  
"Officers responded to the Big Spring Mall parking lot in reference to a vehicle that had struck a pedestrian," reads a statement issued Tuesday by the Big Spring Police Department. "Upon arrival, officers found that a 5-year-old white

male had been struck by a vehicle that fled the scene.  
"Officers learned that a white female had been told to leave the Family Dollar store by its management. The female left angrily, got in her vehicle and sped away from the parking spot, striking the 5-year old, who was walking with his mother. The vehicle continued and left

the scene."  
The child suffered minor injuries in the accident and was later treated and released at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room.  
*Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

## Holocaust survivor and Nazi hunter Wiesenthal dead at 96

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The concentration camp guards stood with their rifles ready, awaiting the order to fire at Simon Wiesenthal and other prisoners standing along the edge of a pit where their bodies would topple. The future Nazi hunter waited to die. And waited.

Hours later, after many of the condemned slumped in exhaustion, the camp commandant strolled to the line and delivered a reprieve: Soviet troops were coming and the prisoners would be taken away.  
"We thought we were going mad," Wiesenthal wrote after World War II. "Perhaps we feared (or hoped) we were mad already."

Wiesenthal, who died Tuesday in his sleep at his Vienna home at age 96, was driven by his memories of the Holocaust to fight for justice for its victims, dedicating himself to tracking down Nazi war criminals and to being a voice for the 6 million Jews who perished.  
"I think he'll be remembered as the conscience of the Holocaust. In a way he became the permanent representative of the victims of the Holocaust, determined to bring the perpetrators of the greatest crime to justice," said R a b i M a r v i n Hier, dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Wiesenthal lost 89 relatives during the war. He survived five Nazi concentration camps and seven other prisons before a U.S. Army armored unit liberated him and other inmates at Mauthausen in May 1945. Enlisted by the Americans to research war criminals, the architect pursued the mission long after Allied forces lost interest.

Wiesenthal spent more than 50 years hunting Nazi war criminals, speaking out against neo-Nazism and racism, and remembering the Jewish experience as a lesson for humanity. He estimated he helped bring some 1,100 Nazi war criminals to justice.

"When history looks back I want people to know the Nazis weren't able to kill millions of people and get away with it," he once said.



## Pentagon refuses to allow officers to testify at hearing concerning pre-9/11 intelligence

**By KIMBERLY HEFLING**  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Defense forbade a military intelligence officer to testify Wednesday about the work of a secret military unit that identified four 9/11 hijackers more than a year before the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks, according to the man's attorney.  
In written testimony prepared for the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, attorney Mark Zaid, who represents Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, said the Pentagon also refused to permit testimony there by a defense contractor that he also repre-

sents.  
The Judiciary Committee was scheduled to hear testimony about the work of a classified unit code named "Able Danger."  
In his prepared remarks, Zaid was ready to say on behalf of Shaffer and contractor John Smith that Able Danger, using data mining techniques, identified four of the terrorists who struck on Sept. 11, 2001 — including mastermind Mohamed Atta.  
"At least one chart, and possibly more, featured a photograph of Mohamed Atta," Zaid said in his prepared remarks.  
Maj. Paul Swiergosz, a Defense Department

spokesman, said Wednesday that open testimony would not be appropriate.  
"We have expressed our security concerns and believe it is simply not possible to discuss Able Danger in any great detail in any public forum," he said.  
Swiergosz said no individuals were singled out not to testify.  
"There's nothing more to say than that," Swiergosz said. "It's not possible to discuss the Able Danger program because there are security concerns."  
On three occasions, Able Danger personnel attempted to provide the FBI with information, but

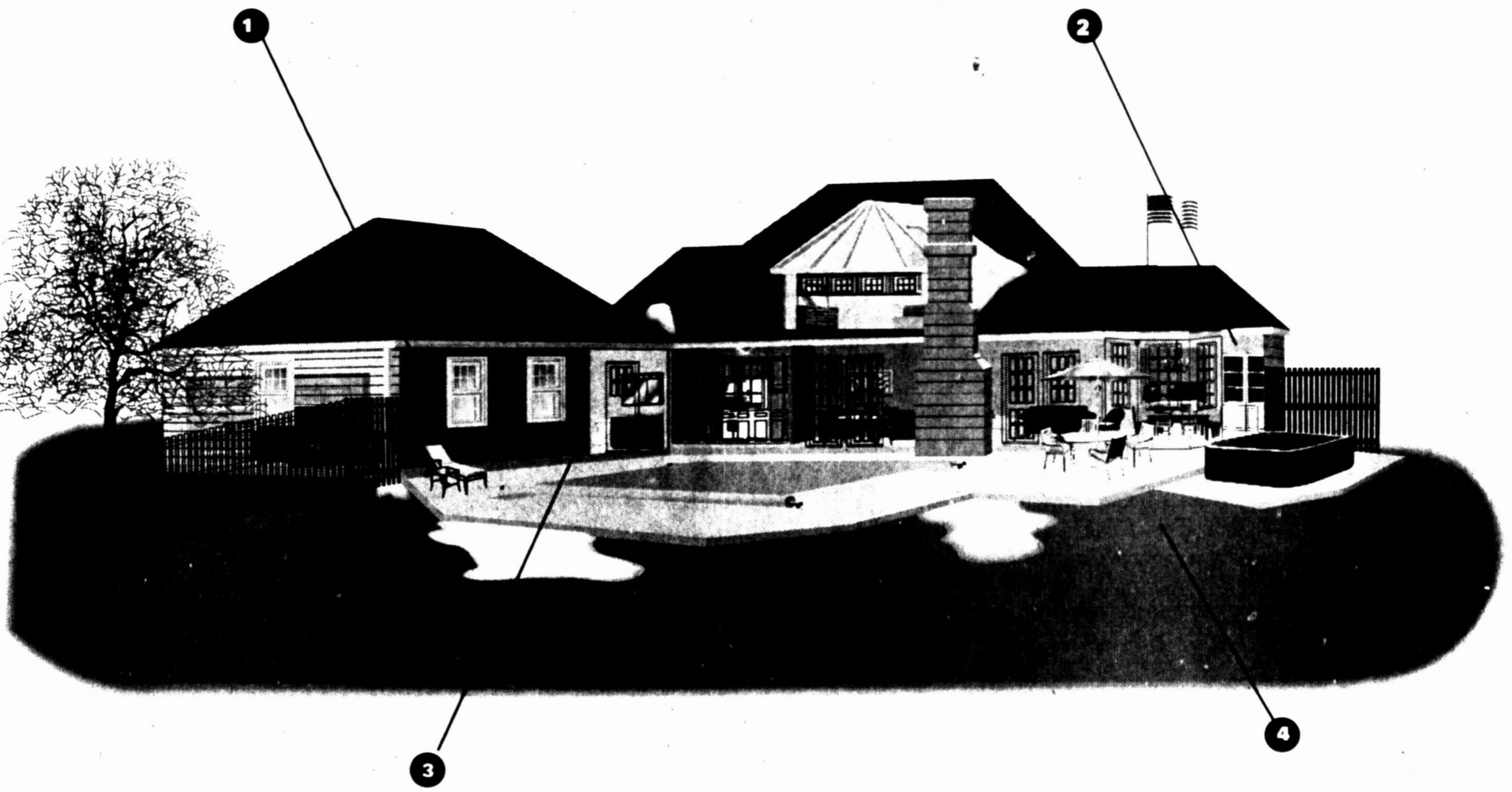
Department of Defense attorneys stopped them because of legal concerns about military-run investigations on U.S. soil, Zaid said in his prepared remarks, encouraging the panel to locate a legal memorandum that he said Defense Department attorneys used to justify stopping the meetings.  
Zaid also charged that records associated with the unit were destroyed during 2000 and March 2001, and copies were destroyed in spring 2004.  
Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa. was the first to come forward to assert that Able Danger had identified Atta and three others as being members of an al-Qaida cell.

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# Galveston readies to evacuate residents as Rita looms

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON (AP) — This island city on Wednesday readied to evacuate hundreds of people who can't leave on their own as Hurricane Rita barreled toward the Texas Gulf Coast.

About 80 buses were set to leave starting at 10 a.m. CDT, bound for shelters 100 miles north in Huntsville. The buses were part of a mandatory evacuation ordered by officials in Galveston County, which has a population of nearly 267,000.

North of Galveston in Harris County, which includes Houston, the state's largest city, officials were not ordering an evacuation, but urged residents to prepare for flooding as much as 35 miles inland.

Authorities said they wanted to make sure Texans learned from watching the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which slammed into Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi on Aug. 29. Hundreds of thousands of people stayed through the storm, leaving many for days without food or water.

"The real lesson (from

Katrina) that I think the citizens learned is that the people in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi did not leave in time. There was great loss of life and property and misery," said Galveston Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas. "We just don't want that to happen here. We've always asked people to leave earlier, but because of Katrina, they are now listening to us and they're leaving as we say."

"We all feel the same way. These storms are horrible. They are treacherous," said Ldyyan Jean Jocque, 59, as she waited outside the Galveston Community Center before sunrise Wednesday. "After this killer in New Orleans, Katrina, I just cannot fathom staying."

The resident of the nearby Bolivar Peninsula packed her Bible, some music and clothes into plastic bags and loaded her 10-year-old dog, Aussie, into a pet carrier for the trip to Huntsville.

Also leaving was 61-year-old Christina Ybarra. The lifelong Galveston resident said she, along with her cousin and other

family members, were heading to Lubbock.

"We just want to go way out there, to be sure we are far enough away," she said as her brother Gerard on Tuesday boarded up their family home with plywood.

Other Texans who had ridden out major hurricanes along the Gulf Coast also boarded up windows, packed their valuables and started driving inland.

Rita was upgraded to a Category 4 storm early Wednesday with winds reaching 135 mph. That is the same intensity reached by Katrina. Forecasters say Rita could make landfall Friday night somewhere on the Texas Gulf Coast, although Louisiana and northern Mexico were possibilities.

At 4 a.m., Rita's eye was about 175 miles west of Key West. The storm was moving west near 14 mph — a track that was pulling it away from the Keys and into the Gulf of Mexico.

This month marks the 105th anniversary of the hurricane that wiped out Galveston in one of the deadliest natural disasters in U.S. history. An estimat-

ed 8,000 people were killed.

Aware of this history, Thomas said Galveston County officials used a law passed this year to order a mandatory evacuation of its coastal communities beginning Wednesday night. But authorities said they would not forcibly remove anyone from their homes.

Other parts of Texas also prepared for Rita.

Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday declared the state a disaster area and spoke with President Bush to request approval of federal aid to affected counties. Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said the president did not immediately act on the governor's request.

The State Emergency Operations Center also went on 24-hour status Tuesday, with 34 state agencies on site, Walt said.

The state Division of Emergency Management started moving food, water and other supplies to Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio in preparation for evacuees or to use in case of power outages in those areas.

The last major hurricane to

strike Texas was Alicia in 1983, which flooded downtown Houston, spawned 22 tornadoes and left 21 people dead. Damages totaled more than \$2 billion from the Category 3 storm.

Thousands of Katrina refugees brought to shelters in Texas were relocated Tuesday to Arkansas and Tennessee.

After witnessing Katrina, Houston emergency managers modified traffic management plans and made the elderly and those with special needs a priority for evacuations.

The Houston area's geography makes evacuation particularly tricky. Unlike other hurricane-prone cities where the big city is on the coast, Houston is 60 miles inland. So a coastal suburban area of 2 million people has to evacuate through a metropolitan area of nearly 4 million.

"It is not going to be as bad as Katrina, but if it is, we are prepared to get people out," said Frank Gutierrez, Harris County Emergency Management coordinator.

"My advice to the public is to be prepared."



Standing, left to right, Kerr-McGee Oil Co. representatives J.D. McCombs, Kenny Duffer and Joe Stubbs recently discussed oil production and oilfield safety to a group of Elbow Elementary third graders. They also showed students a working model of a down-hole pumping unit.

## Senate continues beef import ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kobe beef should stay off U.S. menus if Japan won't buy American beef, the Senate has decided.

Senators retaliated Tuesday against Japan for refusing to lift a mad cow-related ban on U.S. beef. On a 72-26 vote, the Senate adopted an amendment prohibiting importation of Japanese beef until Japan lifts its ban.

Japan's stalling is unfair, said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., who offered the amendment.

"There have been two cases of mad cow disease in the United States, one from Canada," Nelson said in a Senate speech.

"Statistically, it's nonexistent, in terms of the millions of head of cattle that are sent to slaughter every year."

Lawmakers adopted a similar, nonbinding measure by Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., on a voice vote.

Once the biggest customer of American beef, importing more than \$1.5 billion worth in 2003, Japan has refused to allow the purchase of U.S. beef since the nation's first case of mad cow disease was confirmed in Washington state almost two years ago. Japan agreed last fall to lift the ban but still hasn't done

so.

In June, U.S. authorities confirmed a second domestic case in a Texas-born cow. Japan, in contrast, has found 20 cases of mad cow disease. U.S. regulators proposed last month to partially lift the ban on Japanese beef.

Opponents of the Nelson amendment said trade decisions about food safety should be based on science, not on restrictions in Japan or other countries.

"And when we expect trading partners to respect science, we should be willing to do the same," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Coahoma sets booster club dates

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-8723.

#### Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

#### Big Spring starts junior tennis league

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the starting of a junior tennis league.

The league will take place every Monday for the next six weeks. It will take place at the Figure 7 Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

The league is for children in grades four through six (ages 8-12).

Participants must bring a racket or one may be provided.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

#### YMCA sets final skateboard contest

The Big Spring YMCA has announced the final skateboard contest of 2005 will take place Saturday, Oct. 1 at the YMCA Skate Park.

The contest is scheduled to begin at noon. Participants can one of two age groups — 15 and under or 16 and over.

The registration fee is only \$15 and awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each age group.

Interested skaters can register at the YMCA. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### Midland Rotary Club sets golf tourney

The Midland Daybreak Rotary Club has announced its second annual golf tournament.

The tournament will take place Monday, Oct. 3, and will start at 1 p.m. at the Green Tree Country Club. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 28. The tourney is limited to 32 team with four people to a team.

The proceeds will benefit local youth scholarships to college, Rotary Diabetes Camp and Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.

Gift certificates to the Green Tree Country Club will also be awarded to the top three teams.

## Big Spring spikers take down Andrews in four

### • Lady Steers start 2-0 against District 4-4A's best competition

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring volleyball team can be used as a prime example when talking about how much non-district records mean.

The Lady Steers entered Tuesday night's crucial District 4-4A matchup with Andrews with a 9-15 overall record. The Lady Mustangs came into the match at 22-8.

Mismatch? Yes, but the it was in favor of the Lady Steers as Big Spring won its 10th match this season with a four-game win over its arch rival.

Big Spring won the match 25-17, 25-22, 21-25 and 25-18.

"It was an outstanding effort by our girls," said Big Spring head coach Jason McAden. "We have known since the first week of play that Andrews was going to be a good team. We decided a couple of outings ago that for us to achieve our expectations, we are going to have to do it as a team. I feel like we are doing that right now."

The Lady Steers got out of the gates fast as they were backed by a large crowd, which featured a very loud student section. Big Spring scored the first three points of the opening game and then three straight errors by Andrews saw the Lady Steers go up 9-4 early.

Andrews would get back in the game though, as the Big Spring lead was cut to 13-12. Then, a serve error from

Andrews, an ace from Krista Chesworth, a Carmen Lewis kill and two more Andrews mistakes put Big Spring back in control 18-12.

The Lady Mustangs never got closer than five points the rest of the game. Big Spring ended the game after freshman Shelbi Stewart threw down her second kill of the night.

The start of Game 2 was a bit different than in the opening game as Andrews came out with some fire. The teams were matching each other point for point in the early stages, but the Lady Mustangs pushed their advantage to 12-7 at one point. Big Spring then trailed 10-16 before going on an 8-0 run to take the lead.

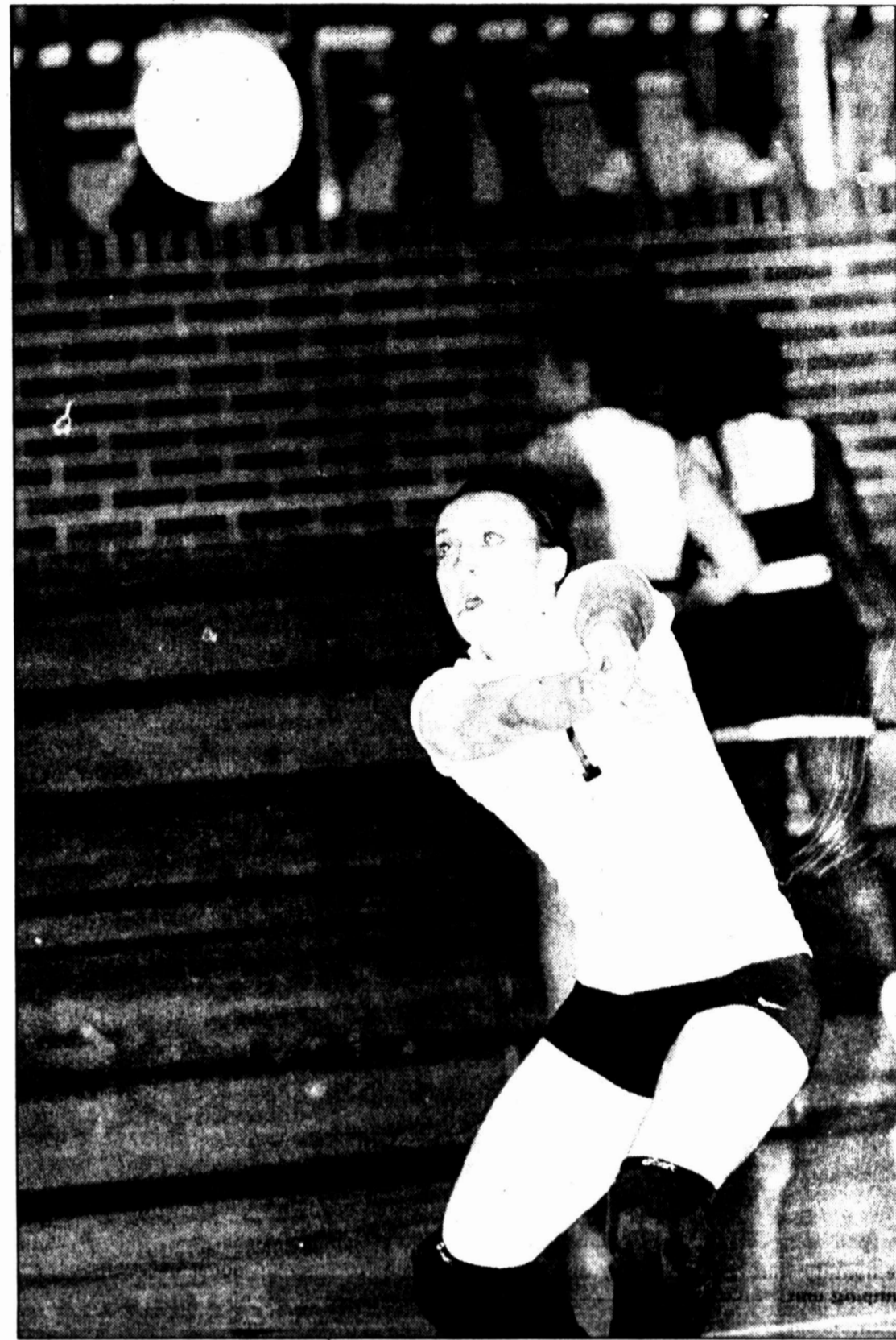
The Lady Steers started the run with a kill by Chesworth and a block by Stewart. An Andrews error and Chesworth kill later and Big Spring was within two points of tying the game. Senior Brenn Swinney delivered an ace on the next play and an error by Andrews allowed the Lady Steers to even the score at 16-16.

The run was finalized by another Chesworth kill and an error by Andrews.

"We have players who might slightly stand out from match to match, but they are able to do that because the rest of the other team is doing what they need to," said McAden.

The Lady Mustangs led 20-19 before their mistakes gave the game to

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Big Spring junior libero Katy Abner passes the ball to a teammate against rival Andrews Tuesday. The Lady Steers defeated the Lady Mustangs in four games and improved to 2-0 in District 4-4A action.



Howard College's Jody O'Brien takes his turn at eight seconds during the Hawks' practice Tuesday evening. Howard begins its rodeo season Thursday in Portales, N.M.

## Howard rodeo team set for another big run at college finals

### • Kernick likes chances against the region's even competition

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Last year, the Howard College rodeo team had a ton of inexperienced participants and that inexperience showed up as the season went on. This season, head coach Greg Kernick hopes the sophomore returners use the experience this season as the Hawks begin another run at the College National Finals Rodeo, which takes place in June, Thursday in Portales, N.M.

"The sophomores should be a bit more seasoned and know what to expect," said Kernick. "The goal for all of us is June. That's what it is all about. We're planning on going there to win and we hope it works out in our favor."

This year's rodeo team will be able to throw out 45 participants for competition — 18 of which are sophomores.

The freshmen will be led this year by Cash Kerner of Canada and Laramie Hall of Sonora.

Kerner will take part in steer wrestling and was a top 25 bareback rider at the high school finals last year. Hall will be competing in steer wrestling and team roping.

The sophomores on the mark for a big season could be Juan Alcazar,

Jed Headley, D.J. Allen and Cody Heimer.

Alcazar was a top-four performer at times last year. Expect Headley to do a lot this year as he will participate in bareback and saddle bronc riding and steer wrestling. Heimer is a steer wrestler and team roper and Allen will try his luck at bull riding.

Sophomore Dustin Specht could make a splash this year, as well, as he will try to advance to the College National Finals Rodeo in tie-down roping.

"The sophomores are the guys who we expect to step right in and start getting points," said Kernick. "They got points for us last year and will be looked at as the leaders for us this season."

The Hawks will have a higher number of female participants thanks to the acquisition of assistant coach Jennifer Driver last fall. The Hawk women will be led this year Shelly Combs and Kasey Kramps. Combs was second in the nation in breakaway roping last year at the high school finals and will also participate in barrel racing this season. Kramps, who is from Canada, was ninth last year at the high school finals in goat tying.

"This team has a lot of talent, but it needs to all come together for us,"

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Big Spring. A service error by Andrews tied the game up at 20-20 and then three straight hitting errors put the Lady Steers in front for good. Big Spring wound up winning 25-22.

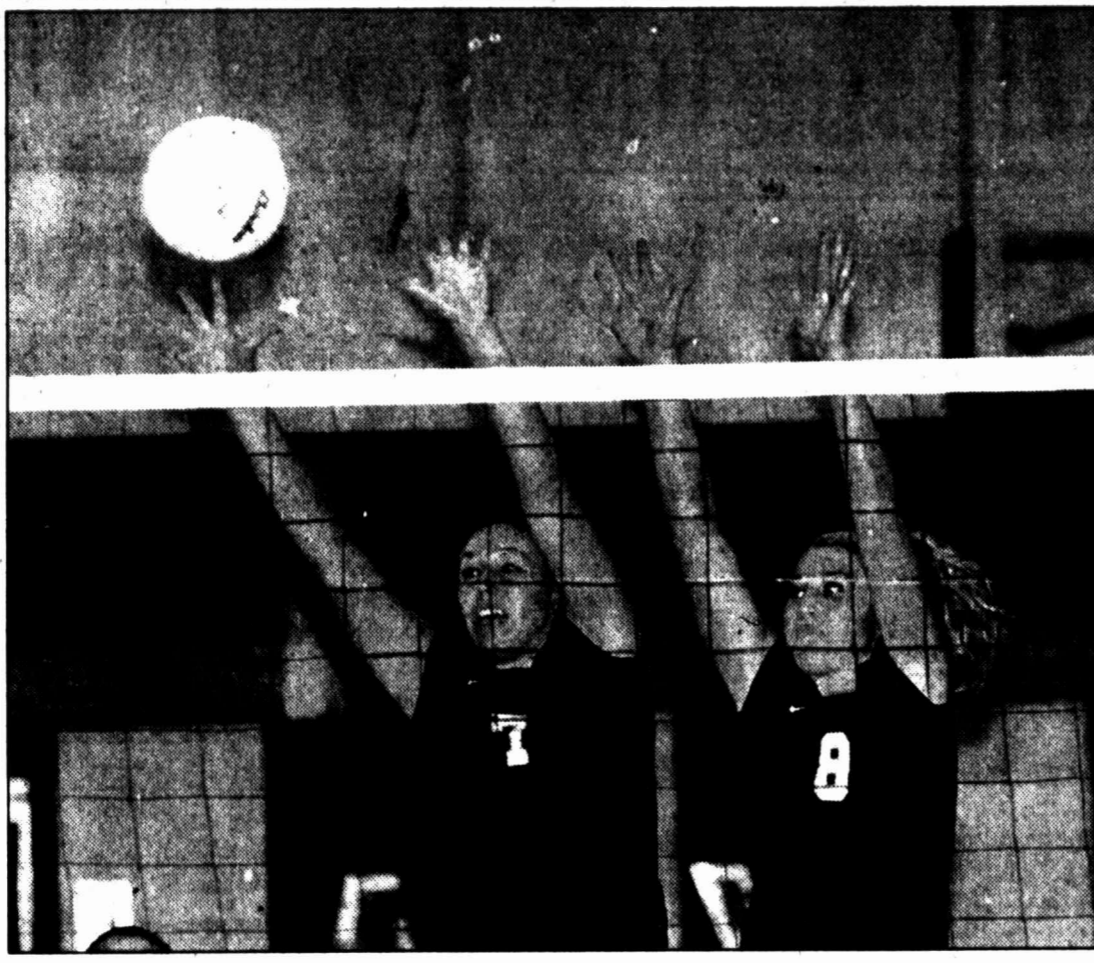
The third game was close throughout as neither team could gain much of an advantage. The game was tied at five, seven, eight, nine, 10, 17, 18 and 19 and then Andrews pulled away late to grab its lone win.

Big Spring started the fourth and final game with two aces by junior setter Mallory Dunn. A kill by senior Raegan Ritchey and back-to-back kills by Lewis gave Big Spring a 5-1 lead before an Andrews error pushed the advantage to five.

Andrews cut the lead to 7-5, but Big Spring scored three straight points to gain control again.

Each team traded points for parts of the game as Andrews battled back to tie the game at 12, 13 and 15.

After that, Big Spring



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Big Spring seniors Brenn Swinney, left, and Raegan Ritchey get up high for the block attempt against Andrews Tuesday night at the Steer Gym. The Lady Steers had 43 team blocks in the four-game win. Big Spring is now 2-0 in District 4-4A.

took over, outscoring the Lady Mustangs 10-3 down the stretch.

Four straight errors by Andrews broke a 15-15 tie as Big Spring led 19-15.

Andrews cut the Lady Steers lead to three on two different occasions but didn't get any closer. The match was ended when Stewart scored the final two points on a kill and an ace.

"It was just one of those nights," said McAden. "Carmen had a great night, but she will tell you it was because we had a threat in the middle with Raegan and Shelbi and on the right side with Brenn."

Three players reached double figures in kills and four got to that mark in digs. Lewis had a team-high 14 kills and added 14 digs and four blocks, while Chesworth added 12 kills, 12 digs and four blocks.

Ritchey had a team-high 16 digs and pitched in with 10 kills and 10 blocks. Swinney had seven kills and four blocks, while Dunn had 15 digs, seven kills and 34 assists.

Big Spring had 43 blocks as a team, led by Stewart's 17.

"Andrews' hitters had some great attacks, but when you combine for 43 blocks you don't get discouraged with three or four good hits," said McAden. "I am pleased with everyone's contribution."

Big Spring, which improved to 10-15 overall and 2-0 in District 4-4A action, travels to Lubbock Estacado Saturday. The match starts at 3:15 p.m.

Big Spring junior high gets win over C-City

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring junior high volleyball teams defeated Colorado City and struggled against Lamesa recently. All four teams came away with wins over the Lady Wolves, but only the eighth-grade 'B' got a win against Lamesa.

Colorado City

The eighth-grade 'A' team won its match in two games — 25-14 and 25-13. Callie Shafer led the Lady Steers' offense with 10 service points. Miriah Sparkman, Linzee Yarbar, Sloan Davis and Macy Graves played an outstanding defensive game.

The eighth-grade 'B' team also won easily. They took down the Lady Wolves in two games, winning 25-18 and 25-19.

The seventh-grade 'A' won its match, but had a little more excitement as the Lady Steers needed three games to claim the win. They won 26-28, 25-17

and 15-11.

The seventh-grade 'B' team also defeated Colorado City. They needed three games to win, but won the match 17-25, 25-19 and 15-11.

Lamesa

The eighth-grade 'B' was the only Lady Steer junior high team to record a victory Tuesday against Lamesa. They won in three games 25-19, 25-21 and 25-23. Marissa Zavala was the high point scorer.

The eighth-grade 'A' team lost to Lamesa 15-25 and 10-25, but were led by Lauren Porras and Callie Shafer. The seventh-grade 'A' team lost in two games as well, 12-25 and 20-25. They were led by Belle Feaster and Lacey Lawrence. The final match played saw the seventh-grade 'B' team fall to Lamesa 21-25 and 8-25. The Lady Steers host Greenwood Monday with 'B' team action starting at 5 p.m. and 'A' team action starting at 6 p.m.

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said Kernick. "But, it is nice to know we have a chance after looking down the rosters of the other teams in the Southwest Region. We are still going to have to perform, but our talent level is right up there with ever, one else."

The Hawks begin their quest for June Thursday at Portales, N.M. The fall schedule also includes



KERNICK

trips to Alpine, Vernon and Lubbock. The spring schedule will consist of six

Electronic rodeos, as well.

"Its time to test their wings and see what we have," said Kernick. "The stock at Portales should be stuff we've seen and that will help. We are going there to win just like everyone else."



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The Big Spring student section helps the Lady Steers volleyball team during action Tuesday night at the Steer Gym.

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**Dear Annie:** When I started my job 10 years ago, my boss was married to the office manager. Everything was great, and we were like a big family. However, four years ago, my boss's wife was caught embezzling. She is currently serving time in a federal prison; and they have since divorced.

Here's my problem. My boss recently remarried, and his new wife doesn't like me. She even has phoned the office and told me not to call my boss at home for any reason. When she calls in and I answer, she is very rude and obnoxious to me — but not to the other girls.

I think the new wife is pressuring my boss to fire me. She is very strong-willed, and he is not. He would never stand up to anyone, and especially not her. I have made repeated attempts to be nice to this woman, but nothing is working. I think the only reason I haven't been fired yet is because my boss is afraid of my significant other. Should I start looking for

another job? — Other Shoe

**Dear Shoe:** Probably. The boss's new wife may connect you too closely to his previous marriage. You could fight for this job, but it wouldn't change the fact that she dislikes you and will keep the pressure on. That, in turn, will change how you feel about your office environment. You have nothing to lose, however, by politely clearing the air. Voice your concerns directly to your boss, and ask what is going on and if there is anything you can do about it.

**Dear Annie:** I am 59 years old, and my husband died two years ago. I'm over my mourning and am enjoying life again. Several months ago, I connected with a male high school classmate. It started with e-mails and then weekly phone calls. We have met several times and get along extremely well. We even have a week-long trip planned.

I really like this man and want him in my life

as more than a friend. Last night, however,

during one of our long conversations, he told me that he really liked how close we've become — like a brother and sister.

Well, you can imagine how much I enjoyed that, but I said nothing because I don't want to ruin the closeness we have now and make things uncomfortable. Hope I hang onto the hope that this man may realize the friendship we share is really more? — Florida Widow

**Dear Florida:** Knowing he thinks of you as a sister must have put quite a damper on your intentions, but don't give up. It simply may be his way of saying you are easy to be around, and he can completely relax in your company.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

If you want more, you will have to dust off your flirting skills. Laugh more, touch his arm when you talk, gaze into his eyes, sit closer. If you can't warm him up, decide if you are willing to settle for a nice friendship,

because that may be all there is.

**Dear Annie:** I read your column in the Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette about the woman who freaked out because her husband had a few pornographic tapes. She said she felt inadequate about measuring up to the women in the videos.

As a librarian, I have to read books that I might not otherwise, including romance novels. Many of them qualify as soft-core porn, although they use words rather than pictures. Does this that woman read bodice-rippers? If so, does it occur to her that her husband might feel inadequate next to the long-haired, bare-chested, tight-trousered heroes riding enormous stallions across the moors?

She needs to realize that most people know the difference between reality and fantasy, and that there is a place for both. — Not a Stuffy Librarian

**Dear Not Stuffy:** As long as neither activity becomes an addiction or removes intimacy from the relationship, we agree

people are entitled to their fantasies.

**Dear Annie:** I read your column every day and finally decided it was time to ask for advice. Last weekend, my husband of nine years did the unthinkable. He hit me in front of our two children. He had been drinking excessively, and apparently, I pushed the wrong buttons. A few choice words were exchanged, and I told him to get out of our house. He wouldn't leave, so I took the children to my parents' home.

I returned the next day, and he said he was sorry and promised to quit drinking. I felt confident that we could work through this. Now, he is saying that because I took the kids to my parents, he cannot be around my family ever again.

I keep reminding him that he is the one who did this. It seems like he is trying to punish me for standing up for myself. If he were to just go on like nothing ever happened, we could start to heal and rebuild, but by refusing to be with my family, it is a constant reminder of what happened that awful night.

I say he needs to be a man and take responsibility for what he did. What do you say? — Wanting To Put This Behind Me in Michigan

**Dear Wanting:** We think you are being naive. It's possible, if this is the only time your husband has hit you, that he won't do it again, but we wouldn't count on it — especially since he will not acknowledge that he is at fault and continues

to punish you. And a promise to quit drinking, by the way, isn't the same as doing it.

Please call Al-Anon at 1-888-4AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666) (al-anon.alateen.org) and the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) (ndvh.org), and ask for assistance. Do it today.

**Dear Annie:** We recently found ourselves in exactly the same boat as "Look What the Cat Dragged In," whose neighbor's cat kept

getting into her yard. After trying to be nice, I went to the animal control office and borrowed a cat-catching cage. I bought two cans of cheap cat food, opened one and placed it inside. When I caught the cat, I took it to the animal control office. They fined my neighbor \$50 and told her next time it would be \$100. I still have a can of cat food left. — Oregon

**Dear Oregon:** We heard from several readers with suggestions. Here's more:

**From Wyoming:** We moved to a new house not long ago and had cats that liked to show up in the middle of the night. I also am an animal control officer. I brought home one of my cat traps and kept a spray bottle close by that was filled with water and food coloring. When the cat went home red or green, I never saw it again. This does not hurt the animal, but it gives the owner a hint that the animal is somewhere it doesn't belong. This may be a little more difficult on darker animals, but trust me, when Fluffy sits on the cream-colored couch and turns it blue, the owners get the point.

**Connecticut:** A simple fix is to go to the nearest feed store and get some natural predator (like coyote) urine. Put a little on a piece of cloth and hang it near any place you wish to keep the cat away from.

**Illinois:** Here is a simple solution: Grind a bunch of orange peels up in a blender, and scatter them on the lawn and garden area. It works.

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.*

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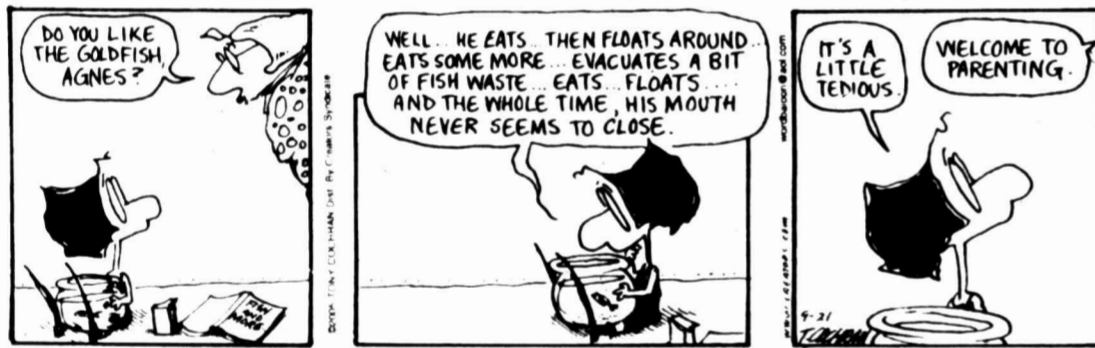
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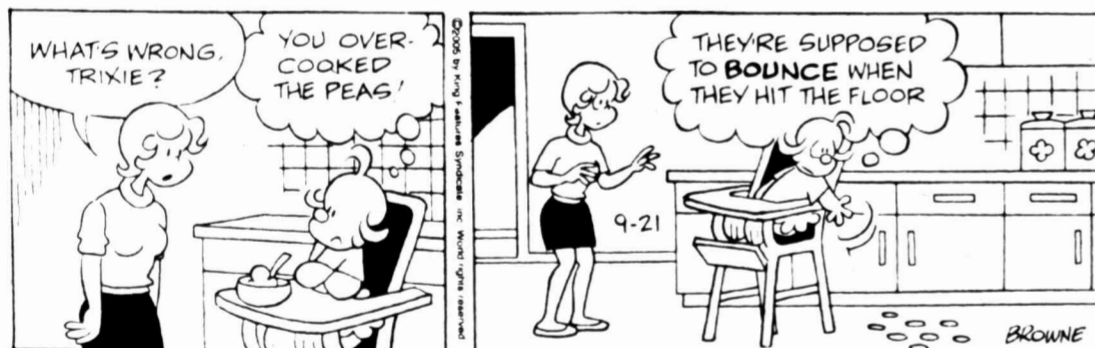
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2005. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 21, 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming more than 600 lives.

On this date:

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1897, the New York Sun ran its famous editorial that declared, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published.

In 1949, the People's Republic of China was proclaimed by its Communist leaders.

In 1964, Malta gained independence from Britain.

In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated

the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State.

In 1976, Orlando Letelier, one-time foreign minister to Chilean President Salvador Allende, was killed when a bomb exploded in his car in Washington, D.C.

In 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo, packing winds of up to 135 mph, crashed into Charleston, S.C.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Larry Hagman is 74. Poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen is 71. Actor-comedian Henry Gibson is 70. Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 61. Author Stephen King is 58. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 58. Musician Don Felder (The Eagles) is 58. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 55. Rock musician Philthy Animal is 51. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 48. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 46. Actor David James Elliott is 45. Actress Nancy

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Edited by Stanley Newman  
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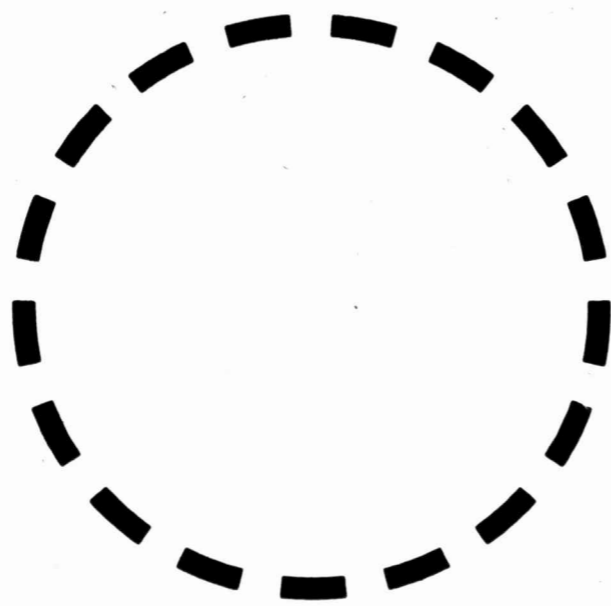
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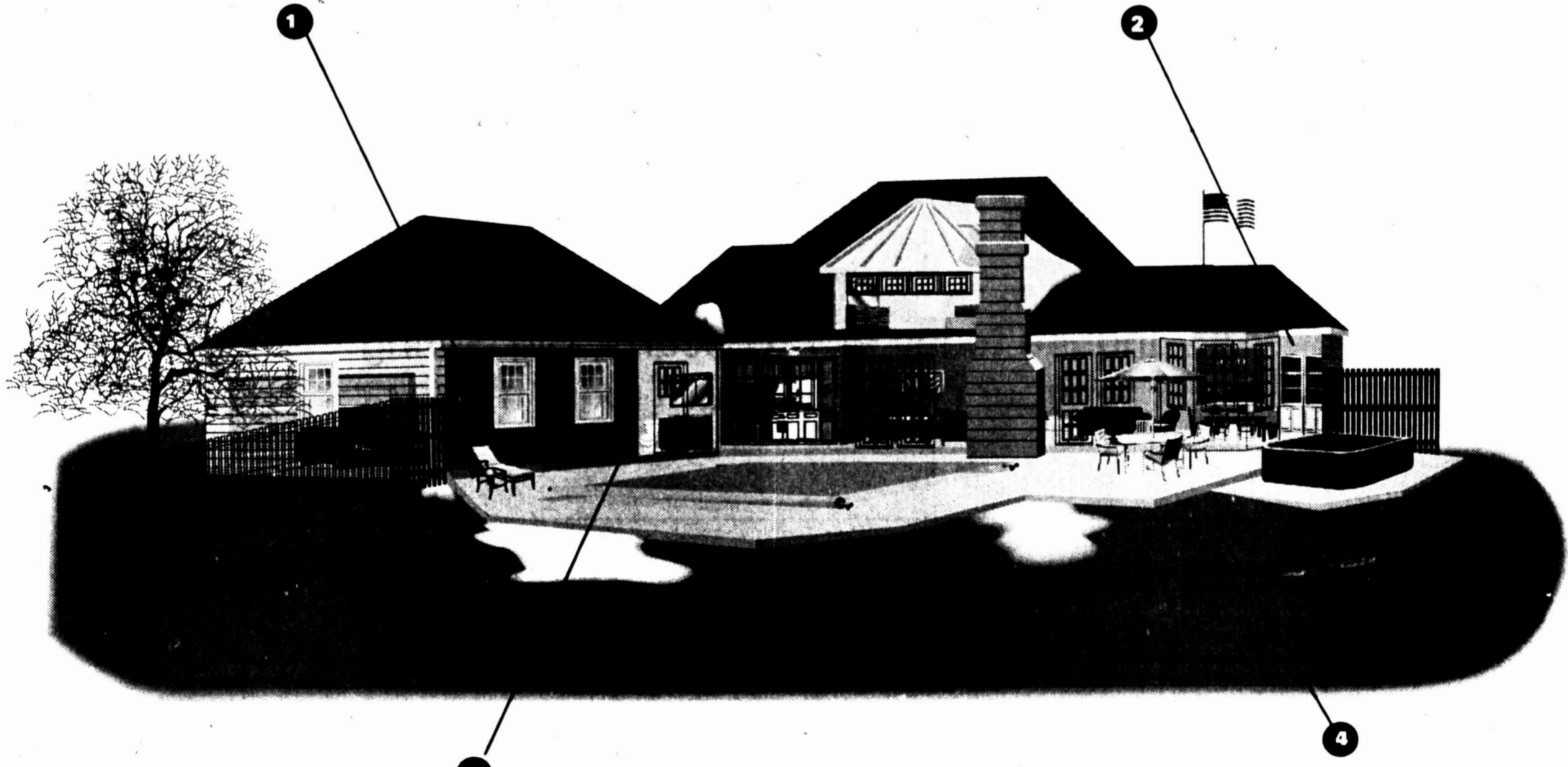
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