



Touting the VAMC

Contingent meets with VA Secretary
Nicholson on behalf of veterans hospital

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Local civic leaders went right to the top to plead their case for keeping the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Howard County Commissioner William Crooker and Moore Development for Big Spring Executive Director Kent Sharp — along with Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison — met with Department of Veteran Affairs Secretary James Nicholson in Washington

"We showed the Secretary how Big Spring is best suited to provide high-quality care to veterans across the many regions throughout West Texas."

—Rep. Randy Neugebauer

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, to discuss the future of the West Texas VA Health Care System.

"As the CARES process continues, it is very beneficial for Secretary Nicholson to hear straight from those who know the hospital best," Neugebauer said. "(Tuesday,) we showed the Secretary how Big Spring is best suited to provide high-quality care to veterans across the many regions throughout

D.C. Tuesday. The meeting was organized by Sen. Hutchison, chairman of the Senate

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Courtesy photo/Brittany Eck

From left, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Committee; Veterans Affairs Secretary James Nicholson; and Congressman Randy Neugebauer discuss information related to the future of the West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring.

Wilma

Grows into most intense Atlantic storm on record

By FREDDY CUEVAS

Associated Press Writer

SA; EDRO SULA, Honduras (AP) — Gathering strength at a fierce pace, Hurricane Wilma swirled into the most intense Atlantic storm ever recorded today, a Category 5 monster packing 175 mph wind that forecasts warned was "extremely dangerous."

Wilma was dumping rain on Central America and Mexico. A hurricane watch was in effect for the east coast of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, parts of Cuba and the Cayman Islands, and forecasters warned of a "significant threat" to Florida by the weekend.

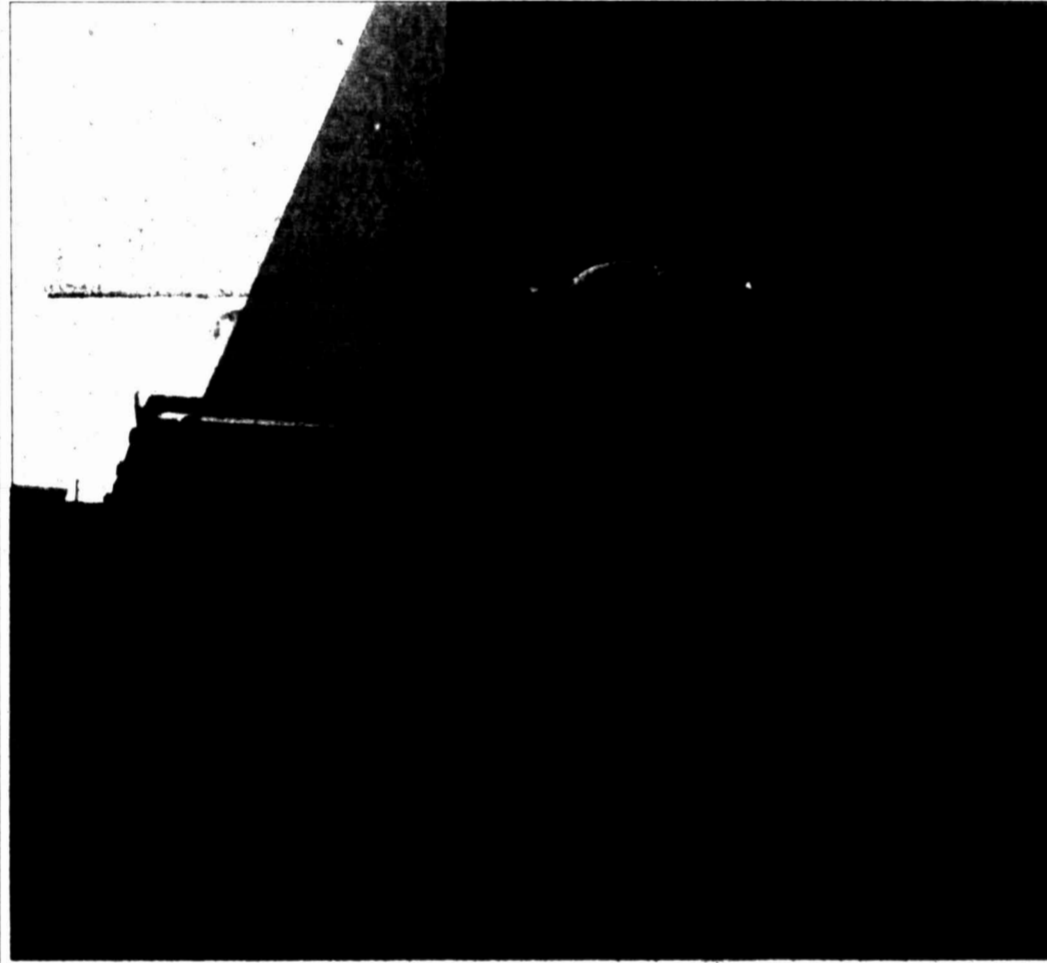
"All interests in the Florida Keys and the Florida peninsula should closely monitor the progress of extremely dangerous Hurricane Wilma," the National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

At 8 a.m., the hurricane was centered about 340 miles southeast of Cozumel, Mexico. Maximum sustained wind was 175 mph, forecasters said.

It was expected to dump up to 25 inches of rain in mountainous areas of Cuba through Friday, and up to up to 15 inches in the Caymans and Jamaica through Thursday. Up to 12 inches

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PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

A worker hammers away on the roof of the Visual and Performing Arts Center, currently under construction at Howard College. The center is scheduled to be completed in April or May, 2006.

Coahoma RCCI targets properties for demolition

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — At least two dilapidated properties in Coahoma are about to get the ax — or, to be more exact, the bulldozer.

The Rural Community College Initiative — a collection of concerned citizens — has spent the past several months getting organized and identifying problems impeding community development efforts in Coahoma.

They've now decided to shift

into action.

Spurred in part by Coahoma's RCCI group, the Coahoma City Council Monday night condemned two dilapidated properties inside the city limits.

With that step, RCCI can now focus on demolishing the "eyesores," and to that end group members have been tasked to recruit plenty of volunteers for the effort.

"We need more Coahoma people involved in this," said Jan Foresyth, the RCCI facilitator. "For this to be successful, we

need a 'buy-in' from the people in this community."

Foresyth secured promises from group members to recruit youth groups and civic groups for the upcoming demolition, which is scheduled for early December.

In addition, group members have already received pledges of heavy equipment from West-Tex Telephone, Cowboy Construction and Manuel's Backhoe Service.

If all goes to plan, the condemned properties will be demolished Dec. 10. Material from the

demolished homes will likely be disposed of in a controlled burn.

And this won't be the end of the group's efforts in this regard. Members have identified nine properties within the city limits in need of demolition or massive clean-up. The group also will turn its attention toward junked cars littering many properties.

These actions have the group's advisor smiling.

"I definitely think we're moving along," said Dr. Gene

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Salvation Army set to rock Saturday for annual praise fest

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Salvation Army will be sending a message of thanks to the community Saturday as the local charity gets ready to hold its "Rock the Block Praise Fest."

Set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., the festival-type gathering will feature everything from music to food and games.

Capt. Linda Keeney said the event is the Salvation Army's way of showing its gratitude to the community for so many years of support.

"The community has always been supportive of the Salvation Army, in numerous ways," said Keeney. "From the back to school programs to the kettles, anytime we need their help all we have to do is get the word out and they are there for us."

AT A GLANCE

What: Rock the Block Praise Fest. A festival with music, food and games.

Where: Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

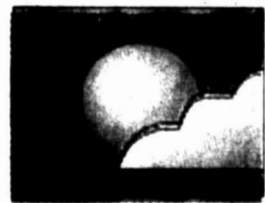
Admission: Free.

"We wanted to give something back to the community to say thank you in a different way, so my husband, Russ, came up with the idea for the concert. We've got this huge lot out here and it's seldom ever used, so we decided to have a concert and invite the entire community. We want people to bring their families and have a fun day together without it cost-

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HE WON'T BE CHARGED

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The author of a new state law that allows felony charges against owners of dangerous dogs was hospitalized over the weekend — after his own dog attacked him. Bob Schwartz, Gov. Bill Richardson's crime adviser, was hospitalized at University of New Mexico Hospital with bites on both his arms, said a spokesman for the governor. Schwartz is expected to fully recover. The law was designed to make dog owners accountable, said Sen. Sue Wilson Beffort, who worked with Schwartz to pass the bill. "But I guess when it happens in your own family, that's another story," she said.

DINE OUT DAY

Gale's Sweet Shoppe, located on Fourth Street, is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.



The restaurant will become a 1950s style drive-in with carhops in poodle skirts and guys in white t-shirts and jeans. Gale's will be open that evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. offering a hamburger, fries and a drink for \$4.95. Proceeds will be split with the United Way.

For more information about United Way, call 267-5201.

'FAREWELL' RECEPTION

A farewell reception for Yolanda Mendoza and Jesse Bravo will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Spring City Senior Center.

The two will be recognized for their contribution and work over the past years at the Center.

Both will continue as Howard County employees. Mendoza will work in the county clerk's office while Bravo will be employed in the maintenance department.

The Spring City Senior Center is located at 1901 Simler. For more information, contact Center Coordinator Rhonda Campbell at 267-1628.

Obituaries

Barbara Olson Stanley

Barbara Olson Stanley, 74, of Big Spring went to be with her Lord Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at her home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family will be at the home of Dickey and Cinda Stanley at 2301 Driver Road.

Barbara was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Del Rio and married Delbert Stanley Nov. 19, 1949, in Big Spring.

She came to Big Spring in 1936 with her family. She grew up here, graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1948 from Big Spring High School and was inducted into the Big Spring Hall of Fame.

Barbara had worked at Big Spring Hardware for eight years and was a secretary 22 years for Cosden Oil and Chemical, retiring in 1978. Mrs. Stanley was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ. She was a member of the Signal Mountain Emmaus Community.

Barbara was very active in Relay For Life and was a top fundraiser for more than nine years. She was a member of the Women's Bowling League for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Delbert Stanley of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Dickey and Cinda Stanley of Big Spring; and one grandson and his wife, Logan and Courtney Stanley of San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ollie and Lois Olson, her brother, Dalton Olson and her granddaughter, Meagan Stanley.

Those who knew Barbara know what a beautiful lady she was, inside and out. She always had a smile on her face, a kind word to say, a genuine care for others and almost always a good joke to tell. Her sweet spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

The family requests memorials are made to Make A Wish Foundation of West Texas, in care of Missy Huckaby, 3800 E. 42nd St. No. 512, Odessa 79762, (432) 550-9474, or Relay For Life, "Meagan's Angels," in care of Diane Woods, P.O. Box 254, Coahoma 79511.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

David Virgil Yanez

David Virgil Yanez, 51, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, at his residence. Vigil Services will be at 6 p.m. today at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 24, 1953, in Big Spring to Rosaura and Clarence Yanez Sr. He graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. David worked for Cornell Corrections Facility for 16 years and was a lieutenant.

David was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family and riding his Harley motorcycle. David was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and a good friend who will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Olga Yanez of Big Spring; two daughters, Kim Vore and her husband, Kerry of Odessa and Amy Winfrey of Flagstaff, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Scout Asher Winfrey of Flagstaff and Stevie Nicole Vore and Holden David Vore, both of Odessa; one sister, Kathy Yanez of Fort Worth; three brothers, Oscar Yanez and Pros Yanez, both of Big Spring and Jimmy Yanez of San Angelo; special niece, Diana Yanez of Big Spring; seven half-sisters, Mary Alice Bonilla of El Paso, Rosalinda, Corina, Margie, Nora, Rita and Delia, all of San Angelo; and three half-brothers, Victor, Mauricio and Danny, all of San Angelo.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence P. Yanez Jr., and Chon P. Yanez and one nephew, Jimmy Yanez.

Pallbearers will be Kerry Vore, Gill Jacques, R.J. Gonzales, Tim Yanez, Jerry Robertson and Steve Gaubatz. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Virgil Yanez and Steven Gamboa.

The family will be at 1203 E. Sixth St.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

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Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in The evening. Lows in the lower 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Shifting to the northwest after midnight.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs in the upper 70s. North winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. North Winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. North winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Police blotter

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

- **TERRY LYNN DARDEN**, 53, of 3303 Cornell, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **BEVERLY RYNEL ARMSTRONG**, 43, of Alabama, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.

- **DALLAS INEZ JORDAN**, 35, of 1416 Ridgelea, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **ERIKA LATITIA FRANKS**, 32, of 3703 Connally, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant.

- **BOBBIE PARHAM BURNETT**, 46, of Granger, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.

- **CARRIE RAHAT SAMA**, 35, of 614 Linda Lane, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 600 block of Sixth Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- **MANUFACTURE/DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Linda.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.

- The BSPD Street Crimes Unit and West Texas Narcotics Task Force executed a warrant in the 600 block of Linda Lane Tuesday, seizing approximately 32 grams of cocaine, a pair of hand guns and more than \$2,000 in cash. Carrie Sama, AKA Carrie Rahat, 35, of 614 Linda Lane, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. The seizure and arrest were the result of an ongoing investigation.

Sheriff's report

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

- **LARRY GENE TEPERA**, 47, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ALEXANDER GUSMAN JR.**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

- **JERRY DON DUFFER**, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on two counts of burglary of a habitation.

- **CHAD PUGA**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for a fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display.

- **CHRISTOPHER LIMON**, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

- **THOMAS W. MURPHY**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - intentionally giving false information.

- **JAMES B. NORTHCUTT**, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft.

- **BOBBIE KINCHELOE PARHAM**, 46, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and theft.

- **GUADALUPE A. GARCIA**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of indecency with a child - sexual contact.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Courtney Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to the VAMC.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$108 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$90 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 3, 12, 16, 32, and 33. The Mega Ball number was 15.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-14-28-29-31.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$31,548.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-5

• **BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE HOWARD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASSES** is 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the St. Paul Lutheran Church library, 811 Gregg St. Donated good should be at the church by 9 a.m. Call the church at 267-7163 for more information.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

Take note

- **COAHOMA BAND BOOSTERS TAILGATE PARTY** begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday on the home side of Bulldog Stadium. Cost is \$5 per plate for chopped barbecue sandwich, chips, drink and dessert.

- **KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be 10 events, plus a variety of food items for sale. Call 264-4130 for more information.

- **MARCY ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL** is set for 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday. Chili dogs, nachos and frito pies are some of the items available to purchase. Tickets are 25 cents each and may be purchased at the door. Children may wear costumes, but frightening costumes are not allowed.

- **MUSTANG DRAW WOODCARVERS 15TH ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE** starts at 8:30 a.m. Monday with wood carving classes in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The show and sale is set for Oct. 28-29. Call James Fryar at 399-4510 for more information.

- **HOWARD-GLASSCOCK COUNTIES CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY** volunteer covered dish luncheon is set for noon Oct. 25 in Garrett Hall. The volunteer of the year will be announced. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

- **BSHS JUNIOR CLASS TAILGATE FUND-RAISER** set for Oct. 28 before the football game in the parking lot of Memorial Stadium. Parents are selling hamburgers or cheeseburgers, chips, drinks and cookies for \$5. All proceeds go toward the junior-senior high prom. Call Angela Phernetton at 213-3119 for more information.

- **DANCE GALLERY TRICK OR TREAT WITH SPOOKY PERFORMANCES** set for 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Oct. 29. The Dance Gallery is located at 2303 Goliad. Call 267-3977 for more information.

- **PARENTS OF SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADERS AT FORSAN** have scheduled a fund-raiser Oct. 31 to cover expenses of school dances with more than 20 items available to win. These items include gift certificates, home furnishings, a gold bracelet, candles, car maintenance and others. Contact Marie Wilson at 213-3825 or Chris Gallaway at 816-3291 for tickets.

- **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S 2006 RELAY FOR LIFE COMMUNITY KICK-OFF** is set for 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry St. Call 263-7176 for more information.

- **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

- **EARLY DISMISSAL FOR BIG SPRING STUDENTS** Nov. 4 for the football game in Plainview. Bauer Elementary dismisses at 2 p.m.; all other elementary and secondary schools dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Call 264-3600 for more information.

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ing them anything."

Scheduled to perform are Crimson Soul, who will take to the Rock the Block stage from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Christian rap group The Chosen is also slated to perform, as is The Restoration Ministries Praise Team.

However, the card isn't quite filled, according to Keeney.

"We're still looking for some more groups to perform," said Keeney. "If there are any musical groups out there that are interested, they can contact us and we'll get them on the card."

Despite having been rescheduled last year due to weather concerns, Keeney said the Salvation Army may have found a way to beat Mother Nature.

"We're looking at bringing in a tent this year," said Keeney. "That way, if we have rain, the show can still go on. We really want to try to avoid the same weather problems we had last year."

There is no admission charge for Rock the Block, with hot dogs and lemonade also provided at no charge. Keeney said the show will resemble last year's festival closely, with one very special addition to the mix.

"We're going to be giving away door prizes at the end of the event this year," said Keeney. "We wanted to find a way to get a better tally on attendance, and this just seemed like the most logical way to do it."

Keeney said there will be plenty of music and fun at the concert, with every age group and taste in music in mind.

"We have a company that will be bringing these huge inflatable sports games," she said. "There are slides and all kinds of activities involved, with four huge inflatables. We'll also be serving hot dogs, chips and drinks. There's going to be candy and all kinds of things in addition to the music."

"Even if you don't like Christian rap, there's going to be all kinds of other music throughout the day that you will enjoy. We want it to appeal to everyone, from adults to the younger people as well. Most teenagers don't like the same type of music their parents like, so we have tried to make it a wide mix of style."

Rock the Block will be held at the local Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth St. For more information, call 267-8239.

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



HERALD file photo
Washington Elementary student Shalea Menefield gets ready for another trip through the obstacle course during last year's "Rock the Block" concert sponsored by the Salvation Army. The 2005 concert will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 811 W. Fifth St.

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West Texas.

"We also made the point that the central location of the Big Spring VAMC will be key as our war fighters — especially reservists — return home from Iraq and Afghanistan," the congressman added.

Hutchison also voiced her support for keeping the hospital in Big Spring.

"The Big Spring VA is centrally located and convenient for the majority of veterans living in West Texas," Sen. Hutchison said. "It is a small and a wonderful community dedicated to supporting area veterans."

"In addition to the medical treatment available at the Big Spring VA, Scenic Mountain Medical Center is a state of the art private hospital with the ability to treat those patients requiring specialized treatment," she added.

Crooker said he, McEwen and Sharp would participate in a news conference later today, and declined to comment on the trip to Washington until that time.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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David Yanez, 51, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Agnes Rhyme Belew, 81, died Sunday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Baptist Temple Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mass transit systems looking to cope with high fuel costs

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Mass transit systems nationwide are considering cutting service, laying off staff, raising fares and delaying capital spending to meet rising diesel-fuel prices. The spike at the pumps could cost public transportation systems as much as \$7.5 billion more this year.

While most public transit authorities are not raising fares yet, they have explored ways to cut costs and save money.

Some have eliminated routes or run them less often, ended overtime, reduced travel expenses and cut other parts of their budgets, said William Millar, president of the American Public Transportation Association.

If prices remain high, the Capital District Transit Authority, based in Albany, will spend about \$900,000 more than anticipated for fuel by the end of its fiscal year, officials said.

The Denver Regional Transportation Authority is considering a 25 cent fare increase on local routes. And in Salt Lake City, the Utah Transit Authority is proposing a 25 cent per ride fuel surcharge.

"Fuel prices have more than doubled, and we're anticipating a \$6 million shortfall in the 2006 budget year," UTA spokesman Justin Jones said.

The Utah authority is spending \$2.65 a gallon for diesel fuel — \$1.44 more per gallon than it had expected to spend. The surcharge, to be voted on by the authority's board, will help make up \$2 million of the shortfall.

"Going back to 1970, we usually budget around 91 cents a gallon," Jones said. "We added an extra 30 cents per gallon, but even then it simply wasn't enough. We didn't

anticipate the prices would be this high."

It is a familiar story around the country. Denver RTA spokesman Scott Reed said his authority in 2004 spent an average of \$1.11 per gallon. As of last week, it was paying \$2.44. That will leave the Denver RTA about \$11 million over budget for the year.

Bush signs off on bill funding more Border Patrol agents

HARLINGEN (AP) — The \$32 billion homeland security bill President Bush signed Tuesday includes \$5.6 billion for 1,000 Border Patrol agents as well as additional immigration agents and heightened technology and surveillance.

Congress approved the additional agents in an intelligence reform bill in December, but the agents were never funded. Both houses passed the bill earlier this month.

The agents are more than the 200 Bush called

for in his budget and in addition to the 500 Border Patrol agents and 568 Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents called for in the Iraq and Afghanistan spending bill that passed in May.

A number of Republicans have said they wouldn't consider Bush's proposal for a program allowing immigrants to work temporarily in the country until there was better border enforcement.

Bush administration officials touted his guest

worker plan hours before the president signed the bill.

Also included in the border funding is \$3.4 billion for ICE, to help pay for 250 criminal investigators and 100 immigration enforcement agents, and \$41 million provided for technology and surveillance.

There is \$40 million to help establish the REAL ID Act, which requires states to issue drivers licenses to legal immigrants or specially marked licenses to people

who cannot prove they are in the country legally. The new law is opposed by several states because of its cost.

WILMA

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es was possible from Honduras through the Yucatan peninsula, the U.S. weather service said.

Wilma's confirmed pressure readings Wednesday morning dropped to 882 millibars — the lowest minimum pressure ever measured in a hurricane in the Atlantic basin, according to the hurricane center. Lower pres-

sure translates into higher wind speed.

Forecasters said Wilma was stronger than the devastating Labor Day hurricane that hit the Florida Keys in 1935, the strongest Atlantic hurricane to make landfall on record. But Wilma wasn't expected to keep its

record strength for long, as higher disruptive atmospheric winds in the Gulf of Mexico around the hurricane should weaken it before landfall, said Hugh Cobb, a meteorologist at the hurricane center.

Angelo WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! God Bless You We Love You Very Much! Angelo Gino Garcia (U.S. NAVY) Love, Mom, Sammy & Julian

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OUR VIEWS

Katrina effort rummage sale will benefit all

What do you do when charitable efforts are too successful? Well, in Big Spring's case, you hold a giant rummage sale. When officials issued the call for donations for Hurricane Katrina victims that had been evacuated to Big Spring, the response was just what you'd expect from a community whose slogan is "Big Heart, Big Sky, Big Spring."

As a result, those coordinating the local response effort were literally swamped in a deluge of donated items — far more than the evacuees could use. That was especially true when it came to clothing and some household items.

The community's outpouring of support for the evacuees brought in huge donations of money, food, clothing and household items.

And while some items donated in excess — like non-perishable food could be passed on to other survivors through major relief agencies — there was no such outlet for clothing.

"Due to the extreme generosity of the community, we received a large amount of donated clothing — much more than we could use for the evacuees themselves," explains Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen, one of the local officials charged with coordinating the Katrina relief effort.

So now officials have planned a rummage sale for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Friday and Saturday that will benefit the hurricane survivors who have decided to make Big Spring their permanent home.

"This sale will allow us to offer the excess clothing back to the community, while helping to support our Katrina relief fund," Jensen noted.

The sale is being held in conjunction with "Make A Difference Day" activities, and due to the sheer volume of the excess, will be conducted in two locations — the Big Spring Mall and at the large hangar on the northwest corner of McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Anyone wanting additional information about the sale can contact Vicki Dahmer at 264-8048.

While we need to congratulate ourselves on the massive response our community had to the evacuees' needs, now it is time to make it a "win-win situation."

Funds from the sale will be used to meet needs evacuees have that are not met by government assistance programs, and the event will give local citizens an opportunity to find a few bargains for themselves. That is what some would call a "no-brainer."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are each unique individuals, Lord, help us be who You want us to be.

Amen

Winning with Ben Stein's wit, wisdom

When I think of eloquent speakers I think of Churchill and Roosevelt, John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan.

My favorite speaker today is Tony Blair, the British prime minister. His speech after 9-11-01 is a pattern for all speakers to follow.

The other day he gave a speech that resulted in a 20-minute standing ovation. He could hardly leave the room because everybody wanted to shake his hand.

Recently I had the opportunity to hear Ben Stein, a truly outstanding speaker. He spoke at Midland College as part of a distinguished lecture series. When he walked onto the stage, the audience applauded and laughed. Everyone could see he was dressed in a suit and wearing tennis shoes. That set the stage for an enjoyable evening.

Stein was valedictorian of his Yale Law School class of 1970. He is an economist, actor, journalist and teacher. His TV quiz show, *Win Ben Stein's Money*, has won six Emmys. His appearance in the movie, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* elevated him to near-cult status. His columns have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* and he occasionally is a commentator on the *CBS Sunday Morning* program. He appears in TV commercials.

The title of his speech was "Free at Last. What's Right With America." Ben knew his audience. He made everyone in the audience feel special. He told us how smart we were to be living in West Texas. He talked about small town conveniences and friendliness. He told us about his houses in Los Angeles, New York and Washington and how the people in those big cities were just crazy. He told us he was glad to be out here with some real people who were not crazy. He saw peace of mind on our faces.

Ben mentioned the fact that our area has few trees. But then he said, "Out here, the people are

trees. They give shade and comfort."

Ben had a script and followed it. He read most of his speech but we didn't really notice it because he was familiar enough with the material that he maintained good eye contact. Occasionally he would leave his prepared remarks to tell a story. He told us about the division of political parties, that he had never seen so much polarization.

He mentioned the hate that he hears from party loyalists. He spoke of heroes and mentioned the names of some people in the news who are not heroes but seem to get plenty of exposure on TV. He told us movie stars who criticize our country and its leaders are not heroes. Heroes are fighting men and women who are in Iraq and Afghanistan. He reinforced our feelings about American values.

He spoke for 50 minutes and was interrupted by applause a dozen times. He lived up to his reputation of being a humorous economist and law professor, something that can be said of very few people.



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The reconquest of Nueva Orleans

For many years, immigration advocates have been arguing that illegal immigrants mostly fill jobs that Americans don't want. It was hard for them to convince some people, especially those who are so hung up on the word "illegal," that these immigrants are very important to our economy.

But now there is new, clear and irrefutable evidence that without illegal immigrants many jobs simply wouldn't get done. Curiously, this evidence doesn't come in the form of another study, survey or some other abstract way of looking at real life.

It comes in the form of news reports from the city some people are already calling Nueva Orleans.

It turns out that the area discovered by Spanish explorers in the early 16th century is now being resettled by Latino day laborers.

They are flocking to the Gulf Coast area by the thousands, in search of jobs shunned by Americans who were evacuated from the area, and who are apparently unwilling to return home to clean up excrement, moldy dry-walls and toxic waste. Even hauling toppled trees and other debris is too much for many who are unwilling to sweat a little.

Illegal immigrants are willing to do much more, at unsavory tasks, for much less.

At first, immigrant bashers complained that these immigrants were taking jobs that could be filled by Katrina evacuees who were sitting idle and unemployed in shelters. But they have had to shut up.

Construction companies, fast food restaurants, independent contractors and many other employers of unskilled or low-wage laborers are inflating their wages to attract workers. And still they can't get enough. Unskilled cleanup and construction workers are reportedly making \$15 to \$17 an hour. And for a job flipping burgers at a New Orleans Burger King, one can get a \$6,000 signing bonus.

The need for workers is so desperate that the Bush Administration has had to suspend sanctions against employers who hire illegal immigrants, a move that has drawn much criticism from anti-immigrant forces in Washington. Mind you, this was not done for the benefit of the immigrants, but of New Orleans residents who want to rebuild their homes and their lives ASAP.

Nevertheless, at a time when Congress is getting ready to battle over immigration reform, Hurricane Katrina has supplied additional ammunition.

The administration also lifted the 1931 Davis-Bacon Act, which requires federal contractors to pay the average regional wage. The idea is that this would hasten one of the world's largest reconstruction efforts. It would also make it easier for employers to exploit these workers — all in the interest of expediency.

Nevertheless, the net result is that Latinos — most of them undocumented — are repopulating New Orleans and other Gulf Coast towns devastated by Katrina.

And that's a prospect that concerns at least one politician who is apparently worried that the shifting demographics could cost him his job.

"How do I ensure that New

Orleans is not overrun by Mexican workers?" asked Mayor C. Ray Nagin who is becoming famous for having the wisdom of an amoeba and the tact of an elephant. What an insensitive thing to say about the people who are rebuilding his city! Nagin, an African-American, should know better than to discriminate against another minority group.

Given the mayor's attitude, you have to wonder whether these immigrants will be allowed to settle there, or whether they will be exploited and then sent packing. Many say they are staying in Nueva Orleans.

And what will the federal government do once these people rebuild the Gulf Coast? Send immigration agents to raid their homes and deport them?

It's all very ironic. The land that once belonged to Spain, before it went to France and the United States, may be reverting back to its Spanish roots.

The new conquistadores are people willing to do practically anything to achieve the American dream, people not unlike those other immigrants from places like Ireland, Italy and China who built major American infrastructures — from roads to railroads and subways.

The new conquistadores are people who will deserve compassion and appreciation — in the form of a green card — after they do all the dirty work most Americans shun.

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By HAMZ

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Saddam argues with judge at start of trial for massacre of Shiites

By HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) —

A defiant Saddam Hussein pleaded innocent to charges of murder and torture as his long-awaited trial began Wednesday with the one-time dictator arguing about the legitimacy of the court and scuffling with guards.

The first session of the trial lasted about three hours, and the judge ordered an adjournment until Nov. 28.

Saddam and his seven co-defendants could face the death penalty if convicted for the 1982 massacre of nearly 150 Shiites in the town of Dujail. They are being tried in the former headquarters of Saddam's Baath Party.

After presiding judge Rizgar Mohammed Amin, a Kurd, read the defendants their rights and the charges against them he asked each for their plea. He started with the 68-year-old ousted dictator, saying "Mr. Saddam, go ahead. Are you guilty or innocent?"

Saddam replied quietly, "I said what I said. I am not guilty," referring to his arguments earlier in the session.

Amin read out the plea, "Innocent."

The confrontation then became physical. When a break was called, Saddam stood, smiling, and asked to step out of the room. When two guards tried to grab his arms to escort him out, he angrily shook them off.

They tried to grab him again, and Saddam struggled to free himself. Saddam and the guards shoved each other and yelled for about a minute.

It ended with Saddam getting his way, and he was allowed to walk independently, with the two

guards behind him, out of the room for the break.

Many Iraqis and others across the Middle East were glued to their television sets to watch the first-ever criminal trial of an Arab leader.

The proceedings were aired with about a 20-minute delay on state-run Iraqi television and on satellite stations across Iraq and the Arab world. Technical quality was poor, with the sound cutting out frequently and the picture going blank several times.

The panel of five judges will both hear the case and render a verdict in what could be the first of several trials of Saddam for atrocities during his 23-year-rule.

The identities of the judges have been a tightly held secret to ensure their safety, though Amin's name was revealed just before the trial began. The courtroom camera repeatedly focused on him, without showing the others.

Earlier, at the opening of the trial, the ousted Iraqi leader stood and asked the presiding judge: "Who are you? I want to know who you are."

"I do not respond to this so-called court, with all due respect to its people, and I retain my constitutional right as the president of Iraq," he said, brushing off the judge's attempts to interrupt him. "Neither do I recognize the body that has designated and authorized you, nor the aggression because all that has been built on false basis is false."

He wrote notes on a yellow pad throughout the hearing.

Amin, a Kurd, tried to get Saddam to formally identify himself but Saddam refused and finally

sat. Amin read his name for him, calling him the "former president of Iraq," bringing a protest from Saddam, who insisted he was still in the post.

Later, Amin read the defendants their rights and then read the charges, which are the same for all, and told them they face possible execution if convicted. The chief prosecutor, Jaafar al-Mousawi, then began outlining the case against the men.

Near the end of the session, Saddam's lawyer, Khalil al-Dulaimi, asked for the names of the witnesses who will testify for the prosecution. Amid said al-Dulaimi could ask the prosecutors for the names but did not say if he would order them handed over.

Al-Dulaimi then asked for an adjournment of between 45 and 90 days. The judge set Nov. 28 for the trial to resume.

The defendants sat in three rows of black chairs, with Saddam in the first row, partitioned behind what resembled a white metal cage, in the center of the court directly in front of the judges' bench.

Starting the session, Amin called the defendants into the room one by one. Saddam was the last to enter, escorted by two Iraqi guards in bulletproof vests guiding him by the elbow.

He glanced at journalists watching through bulletproof glass from an adjoining room. He motioned for his escorts to slow down a little.

After sitting, he greeted his co-defendants, saying, "Peace be upon you," sitting next to co-defendant Awad Hamed al-Bandar, former head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court.

The other defendants

include Saddam's former intelligence chief Barazan Ibrahim, former vice president Taha Yassin Ramadan and other lower-level Baathist civil servants. Most were wearing traditional Arab robes and complained they were not allowed to have head-dresses, so court officials brought out red head-dresses for them. Many Sunni Arabs consider it shameful to appear in public without the checkered scarf, tied by a cord around the forehead.

Ramadan also refused to identify himself to the judge.

"I repeat what President Saddam Hussein has said," he added.

The other defendants stood one by one and stated their names.

The trial is taking place in the marble building that once served as the National Command Headquarters of Saddam's feared Baath Party. The building in Baghdad's Green Zone was ringed with 10-foot blast walls and U.S. and Iraqi troops, with several Humvees and at least one tank deployed outside. U.S. soldiers led bomb-detecting dogs around the grounds.

Many Iraqis gathered around TV sets to watch the proceedings.

"Since the fall of the regime, we have been waiting for this trial," said Aqeel al-Ubaidi, a Dujail resident. "The trial won't bring back those who died, but at least it will help put out the fire and anger inside us."

In Baghdad, Shiite construction worker Salman Zaboun Shanan sat with his family at home in the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah, having taken the day off from work to watch the trial.

When Saddam appeared on television, he and his

wife spit.

"I hope he is executed, and that anyone who suffered can take a piece of his flesh," said Shanan, who was imprisoned during Saddam's rule, as was his wife, Sabiha Hassan, and several of their sons.

Across the Tigris River in the mainly Sunni Arab district of Azamiyah, some were embittered by the trial of Saddam, whose regime was dominated by Sunni Arabs who have now lost their power.

"Saddam is the lesser of evils," said engineer Sahab Awad Maaruf, comparing Saddam to the current Shiite-Kurdish led government. "He's the only legitimate leader for Iraqis."

The Shiite Muslim majority and the Kurdish minority have eagerly awaited the chance to see the man who ruled Iraq with unquestioned and total power held to justice.

"I'm very happy today. We've prayed for this day for years," said Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Chalabi, an anti-Saddam opposition leader in exile for years and now one of the fiercest proponents of the purge of Baathists from the new government.

The night before the trial a bomb went off in a Baghdad square at a statue of Abu Jaafar al-Mansour, the 8th-century caliph who built Baghdad and to whom Saddam frequently compared himself. The blast toppled the bust off its marble pedestal, but no one was hurt.

The world will be watching Saddam's trial to see whether Iraq's new Shiite and Kurdish leaders can rise above politics and prejudice and give the former dictator a fair

hearing.

Human rights group have criticized the government for trying to influence the trial, adding that considerable U.S. logistical and financial aid to the tribunal could lend credibility to charges it will mete out "victors' justice."

The court also is operating under its own rules and a 1971 Saddam-era criminal law that some have criticized as not up to international standards.

That law says the judges can issue a guilty verdict if they are "satisfied" by the evidence.

Saddam was ousted after U.S.-led forces swept into Iraq in March 2003 and marched in to Baghdad. He fled the capital and was on the run for nearly eight months until American forces found him hiding in a cellar in a rural area outside his hometown of Tikrit north of Baghdad on Dec. 13, 2003.

He has been held since in a U.S. detention facility at Baghdad International Airport.

Prosecutors are preparing other cases to bring to trial against Saddam and his officials.

If a death sentence is issued in the Dujail case, it is unclear whether it would be carried out regardless of whether Saddam is involved in other trials.

He can appeal a Dujail verdict, but if a conviction and sentence are upheld, the sentence must be carried out within 30 days. A stay could be granted to allow other trials to proceed.

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Federal test scores show gains in math

By BEN FELLER

AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's students are getting better at math, but their reading performance is mixed, with slight progress in grade four and a slip backward in grade eight.

The 2005 scores come from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, a federal test considered the best measure of how students in every state perform on core subjects.

Released Wednesday, the results will be widely used as a way to measure whether the country's emphasis on math and reading — fueled by President Bush and Congress — is working.

"What we've got here is a pretty satisfactory ele-

mentary performance — better math and reading," said Darvin Winick, chairman of the National Assessment Governing Board, the bipartisan panel that oversees the test. "The eighth-grade performance is much more mixed."

The strongest results came in math, particularly in fourth grade, where scores were up for every major racial and ethnic group since the last test in 2003. Math scores increased slightly in eighth grade, where black and Hispanic students narrowed their gap with whites.

Overall in math, 36 percent of fourth-graders could handle challenging material, up from 32 percent in 2003. Among eighth-graders, 30 percent

reached at least that "proficient" level, up from 29 percent.

But in reading, another skill vital for success in other subjects, scores weren't so solid.

The average reading score rose one point to 219 on a scale of 500 in fourth grade, a statistically significant increase. But only 31 percent of fourth-graders showed mastery of demanding material — the figure that typically matters the most. That performance was flat compared to 2003.

The same share of eighth-graders, 31 percent, were proficient in reading. That performance actually dropped compared to 2003.

Winick said that taking a longer view, back to 2000, shows steady gains

in math in both grades. And reading is up overall in grade four, too. But, he said: "There's no dancing around the flat eighth-grade performance in reading. I think it's a national problem."

Much higher numbers of students in both subjects showed basic skills, a lesser category meaning partial mastery of grade-level work.

As usual, the numbers left much room for interpretation, from the scores themselves to whether the federal government's more aggressive role in education was having an effect.

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There are lots of paperback romances — make us an offer! Go downstairs, find your bargains and pay out upstairs at the circulation desk.

The first book in Lilian Jackson Braun's beloved "Cat Who" series has been re-issued in hardcover after a wait of more than 30 years.

"The Cat Who Could Read Backwards" (M BRA L) introduces Jim Quilleran, a prizewinning reporter who's been on the skids but is now coming back with a job as feature writer (mostly on the art scene) for the Daily Fluxion.

Quilleran, guided by an insistent Koko, finds a knifed corpse on the patio behind his house. It takes a while to put the meandering pieces together and to uncover an overriding motive behind the mayhem, but the best things here are Quilleran's low-keyed charisma and the author's well-aimed, often funny barbs at the pretensions of the contempo-

rary art world, as on-target today as they were some 30 years ago.

I don't have (rather can't program it) the ability to record TV shows like Oprah. It is my understanding that she has recently restarted her book club.

We have just processed one of her choices: "A Million Little Pieces," (F FRE J) by James Frey. In his debut novel, he smashes cuts to the then 23-year-old author on a Chicago-bound plane "covered with a colorful mixture of spit, snot, urine, vomit and blood."

Wanted by authorities in three states, without ID or any money, his face mangled and missing four front teeth, Frey is on a steep descent from a dark marathon of drug abuse.

His stunned family checks him into a famed Minnesota drug treatment center where a doctor promises "he will be dead within a few days" if he starts to use again and where Frey spends two agonizing months of detox confronting "The Fury" head on.

It is a pretty brutal book and it will take some doing to read.

Shy Crissy Gregory takes charge of her life by embarking on a month-long trans-Atlantic cruise. But with a blissful liberation from her inhibitions come threats of betrayal, a shocking international conspiracy and cold-blooded murder.

Now she's sailing headlong into danger and Judith Gould fans will

find it all absolutely irresistible. Please check out "Dreamboat," (F GOU J) by Judith Gould.

Here is a contradictory mix of books: cookbooks and diet books. I suppose if you READ the cookbooks you can lose some weight. Or how about using them as weights for your strength training? Although as I list them, I notice they all seem to be low-fat or low carb.

"Eat Carbs, Lose Weight," (613.25 AUS D) by Denise Austin; "The South Beach Diet Quick and Easy Cookbook," (641.563 AGA A) by Arthur Agatston; "Cooking Light Holiday Cookbook," (641.568 AVE H) by Heather Averett; "The 3-Hour Diet," (613.25 CRU J) by Jorge Cruise; "Low-Carb Slow Cooker Recipes" (641.563 BET H) from Better Homes & Gardens; and "Weight Watchers Five Star Recipes" (641.563 WEI W) from Weight Watchers. From Leisure Arts, we have "Christmas" (745.594 LEI A). It has both recipes and gifts to make for the holiday season.

With the current vacancies in the United States Supreme Court, reading "The Brethren: Inside the Supreme Court," (347.732 WOO B) by Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong may give you some insights as how the court works.

Originally published in 1979, the paperback version has now come out. It showcases the inner workings of the Supreme Court from 1969 to 1976, the first seven years of

the Warren F. Burger's tenure as the Chief Justice.

Two books about two very different wars: World War II and the Vietnam conflict, are available for check-out. "Bootprints: An Infantryman's Walk Through WW II" (940.542 WIN H) was written by Hobert Winebrenner and Michael McCoy. The book flap reads: "after 60 years of holding it deep within, an aging American soldier shares his harrowing tale of life and death on Northern Europe frontlines "from Utah Beach, through the hedgerows of Normandy, the liberation of France, the Battle of the Bulge..." it gives the average GIs view of the war. This is a very gripping story.

The second book is "13 Cent Killers: The 5th Marine Snipers in Vietnam," (959.704 CUL J) by John J. Culbertson. Soldiers armed with a match rifle and "13-cent bullets" wreaked havoc on the Viet Cong. Snipers devastated the enemy forces immensely. So deadly were the Marines that a \$1,000 bounty was placed on each sniper by the Viet Cong. It is a terrible but necessary occupation, I am afraid.

This is a neat little book. Hattie McNair lives in a retirement home, maybe like Park Place, and it is full of life and drama. More Non-Fiction: "Talking Mysteries," (813.54 HIL T) by Tony Hillerman; "Retire Young Retire Rich," (332.024 KIY R) by Robert Kiyosaki;

"The Wild, Wild West" (641.5 JUN L) is a cookbook from the Junior League of Odessa; "Your Baby's First Year for Dummies," (649.122 GAY J) by James Gaylord; and "Twins: What to Expect From and How to Survive."

It takes place in the South with all of its quirky characters that we recognize. "Over What Hill? Notes From the Pasture," (F WIL E) by Effie Leland Wilder is a quick read and will leave your heart warm. Your Pre-Teen's Years," (649.12 CLI A) by Andrea Clifford-Poston.

I really don't know how to describe this book, maybe the title will explain all. "100 People Who are Screwing Up America," (and Al Franken is #27) by Bernard Goldberg. Call number is 302.230 GOL B. Sort of "ranty," if you know what I mean.

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BIG SPRING **HERALD**

IN BRIEF

Quarterback club sets 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.

Flag football league to begin Nov. 6

The Midland Flag Football League will begin play Nov. 6, said Wayne Brandt.

The eight-on-eight tournament costs \$250 per team and takes place every Sunday through the middle of January.

For more information, contact Brandt at 432-230-5255.

Comanche Trail Golf Course sets date for chili ball tournament

Big Spring's Comanche Trail Golf Course has announced its chili ball tournament will take place Sunday.

The tournament will cost \$25 per person and all competitors must be pre-paid by noon for the 1 p.m. shotgun start times.

Teams will be determined by the number of 'A' players on each team. Each team will consist of four players.

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

Basketball officials needed for new year

Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 Crossroads basketball season.

If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

Tampa Bay acquires Rattay from 49ers

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers braced for life without Brian Griese, acquiring Tim Rattay from the San Francisco 49ers to back up young quarterbacks Chris Simms and Luke McCown.

The Bucs sent what was believed to be a sixth-round draft choice to the 49ers for Rattay, a six-year veteran who recently lost San Francisco's starting job to No. 1 overall draft pick Alex Smith.

Griese injured his left knee during Sunday's 27-13 victory over Miami, though the Bucs still haven't said how long he will be sidelined after helping them to a 5-1 start.

Torre expected to return to Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Torre intends to return as manager of the Yankees next season, saying that he still wants to manage in New York.

Torre, who has led New York to four World Series titles, met Monday in Tampa, Fla., with Yankees owner George Steinbrenner.

Big Spring earns easy win on Senior Night



Big Spring senior Chalesa Johnson goes up for an attack shot against Plainview Tuesday at the Steer Gym. The Lady Steers won the match in three easy games. Johnson was honored as one of six seniors playing their final home contest after the match.

• Plainview no match for playoff-bound Lady Steers at home

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Big Spring volleyball team had everything working Tuesday night at the Steer Gym as the Lady Steers ended their District 4-4A run with an easy three-game victory over rival Plainview.

The team won the match 25-12, 25-18 and 25-15. After the match, six seniors — Krista Chesworth, Chalesa Johnson, Carmen Lewis, Heather Policky, Raegan Ritchey and Brenn Swinney — were honored as they all played their final final regular season match at the Steer Gym.

"It's good to get a win in our finale," said Big Spring head coach Jason McAden. "From now on it's win or go home and we are not ready to go home."

The Lady Steers were never really challenged in their match against Plainview. The closest the Lady Bulldogs got was 2-1 after the start of the game. Lewis put Big Spring up four points with a kill and an ace on back-to-back points. Chesworth

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B.S. JH wins three out of four

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — The Big Spring junior volleyball teams traveled to Greenwood Monday and came away with wins in three out of the four matches played.

The eighth-grade 'A' team was the only team to lose as the Lady Steers lost in two games 26-24 and 25-19. Kelly Sage was the high point scorer and the defense was led by Macy Graves.

The eighth-grade 'B' team found the win column with a two-game victory. Big Spring won 25-11 and 25-17 and the

team was led by Katelyn Villanueva and Marissa Zavala.

The seventh-grade 'A' team won its closest match of the season as they took out Greenwood in three games 16-25, 25-23 and 25-23. The 'A' team was led by Valerie Ross and Brandi Vaughn.

The seventh-grade 'B' team won in two games 25-20 and 25-23. The standout players in this match were Abigail Fierro and Sabrina Gonzalez.

The Lady Steers will play their final match of the season Monday in Lamesa.

Pujols looking for another big blast in NLCS' Game 6

• Astros-Cardinals series continues tonight in St. Louis

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols equated his mammoth game-deciding homer's effect on the Houston crowd to a couch potato punching the mute button.

Whether it's an NL championship series-turning moment, only time will tell.

And as Pujols pointed out several times Tuesday, the day before Game 6, the St. Louis Cardinals still trail the series 3-2 and face two more must-win games to make it to the World Series for the second straight season.

"It's the best hit of my career," Pujols said. "But it's what you do tomorrow. I don't look at the past, I don't even want to talk anymore about it."

It's also one of the most dramatic homers in recent Cardinals history, perhaps eclipsing Ozzie Smith's dramatic shot off Tom Niedenfuer in the 1985 playoffs against the Dodgers. Smith's homer came in a tie game and Pujols' came with a 100-win season down to its final out.

The Cardinals have come to expect such non-chalance from Pujols, a star almost from his first day in the major leagues five seasons ago. He was fifth in the order in the pivotal ninth inning of a game St. Louis need to

win to send the series back home, and teammates were doing the math.

David Eckstein started the two-out rally when he scratched out a single against Astros closer Brad Lidge, then Jim Edmonds walked. Pujols did the rest.

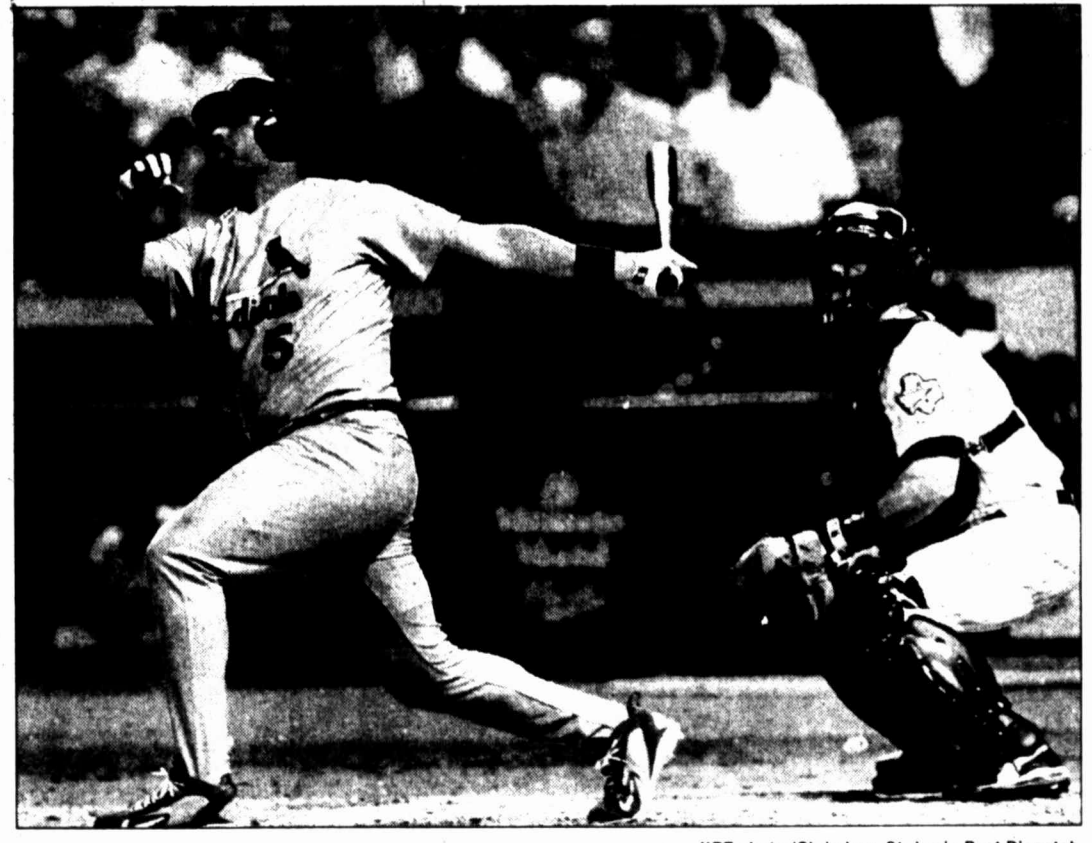
"Eckstein got a big hit, Jimmy got a big walk and they pay Albert the money they pay him to do what he did," Cardinals reliever Ray King said.

Pujols is among the leading MVP candidates this year after finishing second in batting (.330) while hitting 41 homers and driving in 117 runs and leading the majors with 129 runs. It's typical production from the first player in major league history to hit 30 homers in his first five seasons, the third-youngest player to reach 200 homers, the fourth player to begin his career with five straight 100-RBI seasons.

"He's obviously the best I've ever played with," Game 6 starter Mark Mulder said. "I was with (Jason) Giambi the year he won the MVP, but what Albert does day in and day out is just so impressive."

"He's unlike anybody else, he's a special player."

Entering Game 6, Pujols is batting .447 the last two postseasons against the Astros, with six homers and 15 RBIs. Astros Game 6 starter Roy Oswalt said what makes Pujols a chal-



St. Louis' Albert Pujols watches his three-run home run in the ninth inning that gave the Cardinals a 5-4 lead and won over the Houston Astros in Game 5 of the National League Championship Series at Minute Maid Park in Houston Monday.

UIL adds divisions to small schools

By PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

Two state football champions will be crowned among the state's smallest high schools beginning next season, under a surprise decision made by the UIL's Legislative Council Monday.

Like the larger classifications in Texas, Class A and six-man conferences will split their football playoffs into separate brackets: a Division I for playoff schools with larger enrollments and a Division II for smaller enrollments.

The 20-member council of district superintendents unanimously approved the measure after the idea was introduced Sunday by Benjamin ISD Superintendent Ben Grill. A former football coach,

Grill said his high school of 31 students has long been overmatched by other six-man schools with almost triple the enrollment.

On Friday, Benjamin lost to Paducah 71-0 after the game was called at halftime.

"It's hard to play freshmen on your front line against seniors when you're trying to compete," said Grill, who was also concerned about injuries to his athletes. "The table is imbalanced."

Grill didn't know the measure was approved until asked about it Monday. Most Class A coaches were unaware such a proposal was even being considered, and were disappointed to hear that it passed.

"I don't like it," said Windthorst coach Bill Green, whose team is

ranked No. 3 in The Associated Press Class A poll. "Ever since they went two divisions everywhere else, we had the only 11-man state champions. This just waters it down."

Green and other coaches said a better way to balance the widening enrollment gap between schools is to create a new classification, like a Class 6A.

But a new classification would significantly alter the geographic boundaries of athletic districts and likely burden schools with greater distances between opponents, UIL spokeswoman Kim Rogers said.

"With gas prices being the way they are, we really didn't want to go in the direction of affecting

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got into, the mix in the middle of the game with two straight kills for her team and then three straight kills by Lewis put the Lady Steers up 14-6 and then a kill by junior Mallory Dunn put the team up nine.

A block by freshman Shelbi Stewart put Big Spring 19-8 and then back-to-back kills from Swinney extended the advantage to 21-9.

Stewart eventually ended the first game with an attack shot from the middle.

"The girls were a lot scrappier than they usually are," said McAden. "We proved tonight that we can get to more balls than we thought."

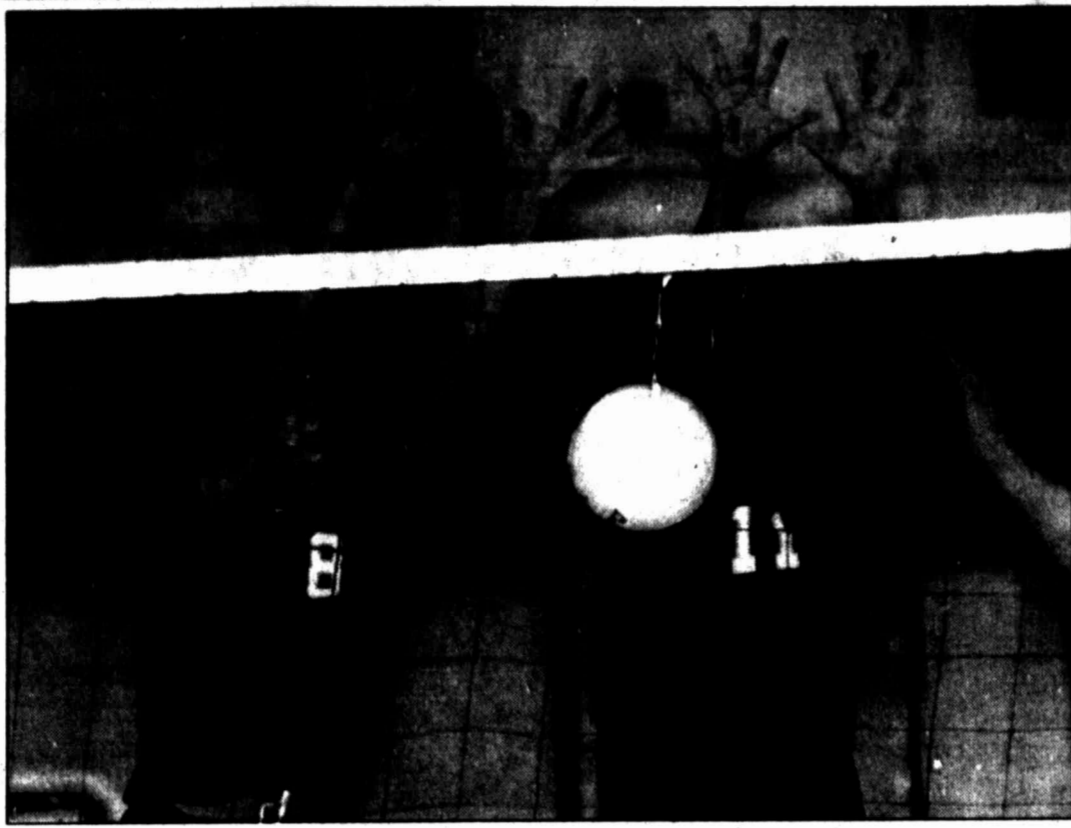
Lewis continued her strong play in Game 2 as she began the frame with her team's first two points on kills. Another kill by Lewis put Big Spring up 12-6 and then a block by Lewis and Ritchey extended the advantage to 15-8.

"We blocked well tonight, but we still have some work to do defensively before our playoff match," said McAden.

Stewart got hot during a three-point stretch in the middle of Game 2. She delivered a block and then smashed down back-to-back kills and pushed the Big Spring lead to 19-11.

Plainview continued to fight and even got as close as 21-18, but four straight points by Big Spring gave the Lady Steers a seven-point win.

Big Spring was helped



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring seniors Raegan Ritchey, left, and Carmen Lewis get up high for a block attempt during volleyball action at the Steer Gym Tuesday. The Lady Steers won the match in three easy games and will begin the postseason next week. Ritchey and Lewis were both honored — along with seniors Chalesa Johnson, Brenn Swinney, Krista Chesworth and Heather Policky — after the game as the seniors played in their final home match.

out by the Lady Bulldogs to start Game 3 as several of its early points were scored on Plainview miscues.

Swinney and sophomore Amanda Caskey gave the Lady Steers their first offensive points with back-to-back kills as the team built an 8-2 advantage.

Ritchey later got going

CHESWORTH offensively as she scored kills in the game to make the score 13-5, 14-7 and 16-9. Plainview cut its deficit to five points at one point, but Big Spring finished off the Lady Bulldogs

with several blocks and aces. Cecili Islas got back-to-back aces to push the lead to 20-12 and then Chesworth and Caskey combined to make blocks on two separate points. Caskey then finished the game and match off with an ace as the Lady Steers won the final game by 10.

The Lady Steers' first playoff match will be against either No. 19 Hereford or Canyon Randall. Big Spring played Canyon Randall last season in the bi-district game and lost.

McAden hopes to get a

tough practice match before the playoff battle, but isn't sure yet what team it will be. One option though could be Class 5A and 2004 state finalist Lubbock Coronado. The Lady Steers already played Lubbock Coronado this season and lost a close three-game match.

"We need to play someone tough because our first round match is definitely not going to be easy," said McAden. "I want to make sure the girls are as ready to go as possible."

The practice match could take place next Tuesday and the playoff match must take place either Thursday, Friday or Saturday of next week.

Conte, Bonds' trainer sentenced to prison following steroid trial

By DAVID KRAVETS

AP Legal Affairs Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— BALCO founder Victor Conte and Barry Bonds' personal trainer were sentenced to prison time for their roles in a scheme to provide pro athletes with undetectable banned drugs.

Conte, who started the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative and masterminded the plan, was sentenced to four months in prison and four months' home confinement Tuesday after negotiating a plea deal with federal prosecutors.

Greg Anderson, Bonds' personal trainer, was sen-

tenced to three months behind bars and three months in home confinement after pleading guilty to money laundering and a steroid distribution charge. Anderson and Bonds have been friends since childhood.

The lab, according to court records, counted dozens of prominent athletes among its clients, including Bonds, New York Yankees slugger Jason Giambi and Olympic track and field star Marion Jones.

The case prompted pro sports to stiffen steroid policies and thrust performance-enhancing drugs into the spotlight.

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lunge is his ability to power the ball to all fields.

"With him, you can make a pretty good pitch away or make a pretty good pitch in and he'll hit it out to either left or right field," Oswald said. "You've got to respect that he can hit the ball out of the park, but you can't be afraid of him, for sure."

Rather than rehash the homer over and over, Pujols was more interested in what the hit might do for the team's slumbering offense. They're batting .223 in the postseason and are 6-for-35 with runners in scoring position in the NLCS, and Pujols has six of the 15 RBIs.

The last few games, manager Tony La Russa said players have been "in between," either too

aggressive when a passive approach is called for, or too passive when the opposite is in order.

"Hopefully this is the spark that we were looking for," Pujols said. "I know we were struggling a little bit — not a little bit, a lot — in Houston with the bats. Getting that big win against one of the best closers in the game is always big."

The offense should get a bit of help with third baseman Abraham Nunez likely to return to the lineup.

Nunez missed two games with a deep thigh bruise after being tripped up by Astros baserunner Jason Lane, but tested himself during the team's optional workout on Tuesday.

"It's two times better than yesterday," Nunez said. "It's still tight in a couple of spots but I really did a lot of work out there and it's no worse."

UIL

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other people's travel," Rogers said.

Rogers said hastening the proposal's approval was the specter of a new UIL realignment in the spring, which is based on enrollment figures for

Oct. 28.

With the change, there will now be 12 state football champions in Texas.

"I don't see any reason for doing it," Normangee

coach Brian Mullinnix said. "I never heard any complaints about the way it was being done. There's no real state champion now."

Divac ends NBA career

• Lakers buy out 37-year-old center's contract for \$2 million

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Vlade Divac ended his 16-year NBA playing career, easing into a new job with the Los Angeles Lakers as a liaison and scout in Europe.

The Lakers bought out Divac's contract for \$2

million. The 37-year-old center had back surgery in January, and played in 15 games last season, averaging 2.3 points and 2.1 rebounds.

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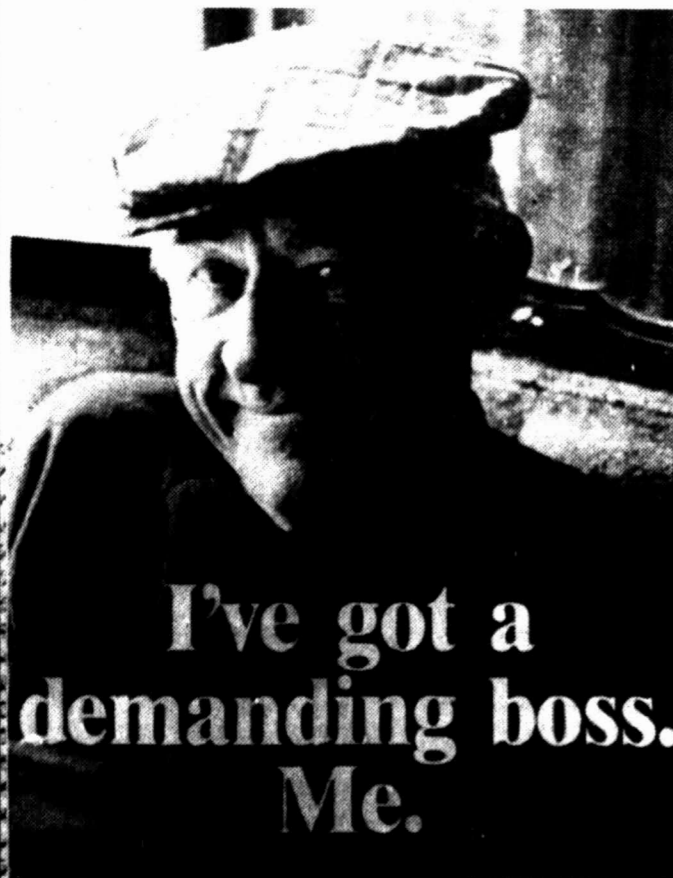
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TO: SOPHIE CORCORAN Defendant, or in the event SOPHIE CORCORAN is deceased, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SOPHIE CORCORAN, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, 21 day of November, 2005, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 4TH day of OCTOBER, A.D., 2005, in this case, numbered 44431 on the docket of said court, and styled, CROSSROADS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Vs.

SOPHIE CORCORAN

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: PETITION TO QUIET TITLE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). The financial realm needs attention. Make sure everyone has been paid. Problems become unsolvable only when you believe this is the case. Believe that solutions are possible, and you will start seeing solutions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though luck plays a part in your love life, it can't be blamed or credited for the current dynamic you're dealing with. To keep romantic excitement flowing, research what has been effective and what has not.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you value persistence, you also recognize when you're beating your head against a wall. Give your problem the ol' one-two punch by blending experimentation with tenacity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A detour is presented to you this morning. Should you stick with the original plan and plow ahead, or follow the unknown path? The suspense will keep eating away at you until you give

Tomorrow's Horoscope

yourself. Yet, you have no problem investing in others. Afford yourself the same time, energy and monetary outlay you give to your nearest and dearest.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: Recently, I've received a rash of letters from mothers looking out for their sons and daughters, specifically regarding their love lives. Many mothers are worried that their grown children will not find proper mates and will continue down a lonely path. What can a mother do to help her precious ones find love? I defer to the wisdom of Venus for the answer.

Venus rules love in many forms, including motherly love, infatuation, friendly love and of course, the love shared by couples in love. Her rules about love are rather straightforward, but not so easy to apply, as old habits having to do with feeling unloved will die hard. Nonetheless, here is a Venusian's to-do list for cupids of all kinds, especially mothers. 1. Heal yourself first. Clear any issues you have about being lonely and unloved. Be the example you'd like your lonely loved ones to follow.

2. Stop worrying. It creates ugly lines on the face. (Venus hates ugly things.)

It also makes the situation worse, throwing focus on the lack of love instead of on having it. 3. Start imagining your loved one as a whole and happy person. 4. Do not interfere. 5. When you do interfere, do it in the most lighthearted and playful spirit imaginable. Good luck, mothers!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: It can be difficult to top yourself once you have the original "Star Wars" film trilogy on your resume, but challenges are something Libras like actress/writer Carrie Fisher strive for. Writing and hosting her own talk show occupy Fisher's daily routine, so look for this liberating Libra to jump into a new part of the showbiz world — directing.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Please help. I may have made a huge mistake, and now I don't know what to do about it.

I am a 40-year-old female, married for one year to "Yancy." I have no children of my own, but my husband has a 14-year-old son from his first marriage. Yancy and I had a whirlwind romance. He totally swept me off my feet. I love him very much. He is kind, considerate and extremely loving, and we have a wonderful marriage. But now I'm not sure I can trust him.

We dated for six months before we married. I recently found out from his ex-wife that he was dishonorably discharged from the service — and that he's been terminated from nearly every job he's held in the past 13 years for lying or suspicion of theft. Nothing has ever been proven regarding the theft,

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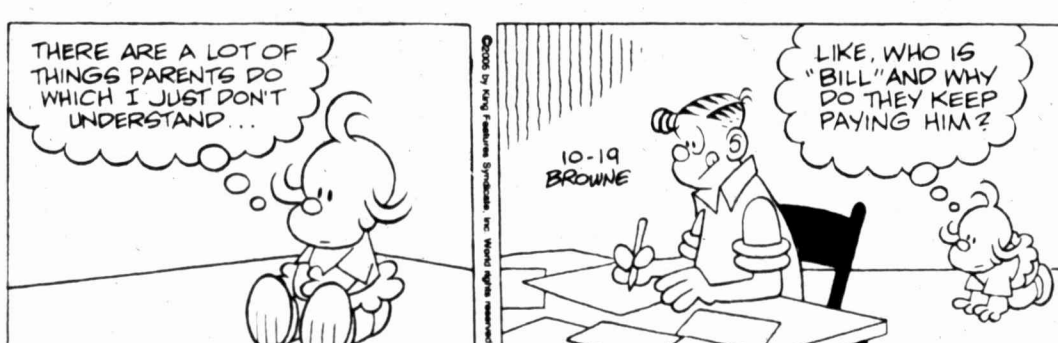
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HUGE INSIDE Sale, 1510 Johnson, Sat. & Sunday 8:00-2. TV, shelves, P.U., toolbox, computer, jewelry and much more.

Help Wanted

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SEEKING HIGH-ENERGY individual to work in the commercial embroidery division of **embroideryco.com**. Sewing knowledge helpful, but not required. Must be honest, dependable and open to being trained and coached. This individual will be learning all aspects of this division, including the operation of computerized equipment and designs on computer. Qualifying applicants will be subject to background checks and drug testing. Contact Carolyn Duncan or Evelyn Petrosky at **embroideryco.com**, 1005 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Phone (432)263-4647.

GAS PLANT OPERATOR Chevron North American E&P is accepting on-line applications for the position of GAS PLANT OPERATOR located at our Headlee Gas Plant in Odessa, TX. A minimum of five years experience in gas compression & pump maintenance is required. Demonstrated knowledge of high speed, slow speed and reduced emissions technology is required. Competitive pay and benefits package offered. Resumes will be received through October 21, 2005.

To view a detailed job description with skill requirements, and to apply for this position, go to <http://www.chevron.com/about/careers/jobs.com/careers>, click on Find U.S. Jobs, next click Search for Jobs, and then search for job by position title "Gas Plant Operator" Chevron USA Inc. EOE

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Wash Bay/Tire Maintenance Technicians-

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Contact: David between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at (432)339-0523

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- The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.
- Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
- Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
- Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
- Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
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2005 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____
Name of contact person: _____
Mailing address: _____
Telephone number: _____

You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

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Big Spring Herald
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