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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Senior Center benefit auction slated April 29

The auction to help benefit Spring City Senior Citizens Center has been scheduled for April 29, organizers said.

Hours for the event have yet to be determined.

Donations of items for the auction are needed.

For information, contact Bobbie Leonard at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 267-1628 or Crossroads Auction Company, 263-8200.

The auction will be held by David Lefever, local auctioneer.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

❑ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

❑ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

❑ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

❑ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

❑ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

❑ College Park Church of God, 5 p.m. until 8, chicken-fried steak dinner, meal includes chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with cream gravy, vegetable, dessert and dinner roll, adults $5, children 12 and under $3. Order taken on Friday from 1 until 8 p.m., call 267-8593. To place orders prior to Friday, call 267-2975. Free delivery.

❑ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

❑ Third Annual Master the Mountain, 9 a.m., Scenic Mountain, $10 event fee includes entry into the State Park and a free T-shirt of the event. Event includes a 5K and 10K run and a 5K walk races. For reservations, call Ron Alton, Park Manager at 263-4931 or Laurie Phillips at 263-1211. Reservations are not required but recommended.

❑ Big Spring Shriners meeting, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow.

❑ Eagles Lodge Pot Luck Supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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Big Spring students set for regional one-act play, academic contests

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor



HAYNES

With several competitions behind them, Big Spring High School students are set to enter regional University Interscholastic League competition Friday and Saturday on the Angelo State University campus.

The group of 21 students includes five who have qualified for academic contests, as well as the school's one-act play cast and crew.

"We've been working very hard, although we haven't had a lot of time since Area. But I think the students will be right there, ready to compete," said Tim Haynes, drama instructor and director of Big Spring's one-act entry, "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson."

Big Spring takes the stage at 4 p.m. Friday as the third of six entries.

Leading off will be Denton Ryan with "A Month In The Country," followed by Canyon with "Taming Of The Shrew." Big Spring's performance will be next, then Fort Worth Boswell with "Broken Glass," El Paso Burges with "The Diviners" and El Paso Canutillo with "The Crucible."

The judge will be Pert Durapau of Tarrant County Junior College.

"She is an excellent judge, one of the best I have ever run across in one-act play competition," said Haynes. "I feel very good about our placement because there are three heavy dramas that follow ours. I am glad we are early in that grouping."

Tickets are $2 for student and $3 for adults at the door.

"We would love to have everyone come and support us," said Haynes.

Big Spring advanced through District and Area rounds to reach this level, making the local drama department one of only 24 in the state still competing. Two schools will be chosen to advance to the Class 4A state contest in Austin.

The cast and crew of "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" are Lauren Fraser, Julie Adams, Priscilla Flores, Laura Davis, Haley Haynes, Sarah Smith, George Williams, Toryn Haynes, Anna McLaughlin, Amanda Sheedy, Chris Trevino, Andy Rodriquez, Eric Gamble, Leandro Sanchez, Lacey Knight, Jeremy Knight, Cynthia Shipman, Sabrina Lopez, Shasta Fuqua, Theresa

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BSSH honors volunteer workers

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor



COUNTS

Longtime volunteer Betty Lee was given the top honor Wednesday at the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Awards Luncheon.

Lee, who has logged 1,105 volunteer hours at the hospital since 1994, was given the Jack Y. Smith Award, named to honor the former chairman of the Texas Volunteer Services Council. It is presented each year by a member of the Smith family; this year the presenter was Steve Smith.

He said many things have changed in the 27 years the award has been given.

"But the one thing that hasn't changed is that there are many, many people who care about the well-being of others," Smith said.

State Rep. David Counts, keynote speaker, credited volunteers with helping the community grow. He said when the effort to attract the State Veterans Home was under way, volunteerism evident in the community was a strong consideration for lawmakers.

"That went a long, long way toward this effort," Counts said. "We are blessed in this area to have people that do care."



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Betty Lee is presented the Jack Y. Smith Award at Big Spring State Hospital Wednesday by Steve Smith. The award is the highest honor a volunteer can earn locally.

Recounting the high emotion of a recent trip to Israel, Counts said volunteers "have got to have a good Christian heart to do what you do."

Also honored a the luncheon were the women of Salem Baptist Church, who have baked birthday cakes for patients for more than 18 years. Two representatives of the group were presented with a birthday cake, complete with lighted candles, as a token of appreciation from the hospital.

Two Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation "Star Awards" were presented to volunteers Ruth Stephenson and Linda Hawthorne. Those awards are given at the local level to volunteers who give special time and attention to a certain project.

State hospital CEO Ed

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Murder trial

Defendant's statement: 'If he would have pulled the trigger first, I would have been dead'

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

A 118th District Court jury on Wednesday heard a statement given to police by defendant Michael Eugene Schubert that he thought he would be killed if he didn't shoot two men he believed were threatening him.

Schubert is on trial for murder in the June 18, 1999, shooting deaths of Francisco Xavier Navarro and Antonio Miguel Armijo.

Day two of the trial began with the state calling Detective Jim Ryder of the Big Spring Police Department.

Ryder testified that he was called "around 3 or 3:15 a.m. on June 18, 1999, in regards to a double shooting. Mr. Schubert had requested to speak to me."

He said he had briefly spoken to officer Ralph Rollins about the shooting and then went into an interview room to talk with Schubert.

"I read him the memorandum, which stated the defendant's rights, and then proceeded to take his statement," Ryder testified.

He then read for the jury Schubert's statement, which indicated that several people had gathered at Schubert's Johnson Street home on June 17 and decided to barbecue about 11 p.m.

"Shortly after that, a black car drove by with Navarro, also known as 'Cuba,' and Armijo, also known as 'Anthony.' Cecilia Mendez yelled at them; they kept driving and then turned around and came back. They got out and everyone was being friendly at first. Cuba was very drunk and started talking (expletive). I threw him down and started choking him to put him asleep and then I heard a gunshot. I saw Tim Flores fall over. Anthony helped Cuba up and they left. I told everyone to leave and someone told me they (Cuba and Anthony) were going to do a drive-by. I then saw Cuba's car parked behind me.

"I woke my wife up and told her to take the baby to the back," Ryder read from Schubert's statement, "I told someone to give me a gun so I could defend my house. I went back outside and didn't see them and then they turned their lights off and stopped about 20 or 30 feet from my house. Cuba got out and started talking

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Organizers gearing up for annual 'Master the Mountain' events

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer



ALTON

The third annual "Master the Mountain" 5k and 10k run and walk is only a few days away.

Big Spring State Park Manager Ron Alton said he is ready for this year's version, which is being run in conjunction with Health Fair 2000.

"We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting week," said Alton. "I hope the weather is nice and we can get the turnout we had last year."

The race is set to start at 9 a.m. Saturday and individuals can choose between the 5k or 10k walk or run.

Alton said the race is challenging due to the steep terrain at the park.

"Participants will enjoy running on the park road which follows the edge of a 200-foot bluff at the northern limit of the Edward's Plateau," said Alton. "They will also be able to enjoy the beautiful Trans-Pecos scenery of our area."

Medals will be given to the first three finishers of the 5 and 10k walk and trophies will be given to the three first finishers, both male and female, in the run portion.

Entry fees from the Fun Run event will help support the park. Corporate sponsors have also pledged to offset award costs for giveaways to fun run participants. The corporate sponsors are Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic Center, Big Spring Rehabilitation and Marathon Oil Company.

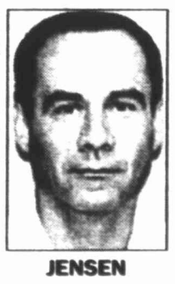
According to Laurie Phillips, event/race organizer, this is the time to get out and take advantage of the facilities.

"We are really looking forward to this year's walk and run," said Phillips. "This will be my third year and every year we have more participation and more people involved."

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Child safety among Health Fair 2000 booths

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor



JENSEN

Parents concerned about the safety of their children in case of a fender bender will want to stop by a special booth at the Health Fair 2000 Saturday and get some knowledgable information — and that's not all.

"We'll be glad to go out their car in the parking lot and inspect their child car seats to make sure they are properly installed," said Brian Jenson, Big Spring Fire Department interim fire chief.

It's one of the many booths and services which will be featured Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

"Eight of 10 car seats are improperly installed or misused," said Jensen. "The feeling is that 'anybody can put in a car seat,' but it's really not that simple. There are hundreds of car seats and when you consider all the makes of cars out there, there is a lot of chance for error."

Texas law says that all children under age 2 must ride in safety seats. Children ages 2 and 3 may ride either in safety seats or be buckled up with safety belts. Children ages 4 through 14 must be restrained by safety belts.

However, parents need to be aware that for their child's safety, they should take extra

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Census takers get ready to begin visiting homes

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor



WURTZ

Beginning Monday, census takers will start visiting homes of Crossroads Area residents who have not turned in their census forms.

At last count, 57 percent of Howard County residents and 56 percent of Big Spring residents had mailed in their census forms.

That compares favorably with most of the rest of the area but no where near the state's best. Midland County has had a 58 percent return rate, Ector county a 57 percent return rate, Andrews County a 56 percent rate and Martin County a 52 percent rate.

Abilene and Amarillo report a 63 percent mail-back rate, San Angelo a 62 percent rate and Lubbock a 61 percent rate.

"The Census Bureau is making every effort to be sure that everyone has an opportunity to participate," said Charlene Wurtz, community partnership specialist for Census 2000.

The census count serves a number of purposes, not the least of which is to determine how more than $185 billion in federal funds is distributed each year. The count also helps determine underserved areas,

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf's SWCIDfest 2000 began today with an open house that included a campus tour. Left, Pethai Leela-Apiradee, a SWCID international student from Thailand; Dr. Ron Brasel, provost of SWCID; Otis Kellam, a SWCID student; Debbie Burnaman, a visitor to SWCID; and Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College, visit in the cafeteria of the newly built Multipurpose Center.

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn Nadine Harmon Lockard

Service for Evelyn Nadine Harmon Lockard, 65, Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2000, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Bud Englund, minister of 30th Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Pyron Cemetery.

Mrs. Lockard died Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

She was born Aug. 23, 1934, in Snyder, and married Cecil Lockard on Oct. 9, 1981, in Monahans.

She is survived by: her husband, Cecil Lockard of Snyder; one son, Clifton Curtis Calvin of Coahoma; three sisters, Betty Ott of Odessa, Dorothy Bonner and Ada Lavada Fawver, both of Lubbock.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Snyder.

Nancy Alexander

Service for Nancy Alexander, 60, Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Alexander died on Wednesday, April 12, at her residence.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1940, in Wichita Falls. She grew up in Snyder and married A.C. "Alec" Alexander there on Feb. 3, 1962. They moved to Big Spring in May of 1978 from Plainview. She was a homemaker and had been co-owner of Pat Walker Figure Salon for a number of years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: her husband, A.C. "Alec" Alexander of Big Spring; one son, Carey Wayne Alexander of Big Spring; three daughters, Paula Sue Baker and Denise Qualls, both of Big Spring, and Tabatha Hill of Plainview; two sisters, Carmen Ivison of Joshua and Mary Ann Chance of Bedford; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association; 3525 Andrews Hwy; Suite 111, Midland; 79703.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Noreen Villarreal

Service is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Noreen Villarreal, 53, of Big Spring. She died today at her home.

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Porras, Laura Schnake and Holli Cobb.

On Saturday, Big Spring High will have five students competing in six academic events, including "Dance Real Slow" cast member Toryn Haynes. She will be competing in prose interpretation.

Others include Sarah Smith in poetry interpretation, Devin Collier in prose interpretation, Nathan Smith in spelling and vocabulary and April Ward in both news writing and featuring.

"All of these students have competed in three to four previous tournaments and had excellent results. We're real pleased with what they have done and we are looking for them to do well at regionals," said Teresa Sanders speech teacher and UIL coordinator for BSHS.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

Noreen Villarreal, 53, died today. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Nancy Alexander, 60, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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and is used in deciding where to build hospitals, senior centers and the like.

It also determines how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives go to each state.

"Please send your form in today if you haven't," said Wurtz. "It's important for your community. It's important that each one of us be counted."

State Rep. David Counts addressed the importance of Census 2000 during a luncheon Wednesday at the Big Spring State Hospital.

"One good thing about West Texas," he said, "is that people are nosy." He said neighbors should check with each other about filling out the forms, and let authorities know if there are people who may not have been counted.

Counts emphasized that the census has a direct effect on the amount of federal tax money is returned to the area.

"Let's all work to be sure everyone is counted," Counts said.

VOLUNTEERS

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Moughon presented pins to volunteers reaching a certain level of hours as of Dec. 31, 1999.

Receiving 100-hour pins were: Richard Brito, Barbara Ann Carr, Tommy Corwin, Bonnie Hale Cushing, Nena Green, Zelda Gibbs, Kimberly Kay Jumper, Wei Yun Lee, Beverly McMahon, Verle Miller, Josephine Milwee, Johnny Russworm, Jennifer Thompson and Sam Woodruff.

Receiving 500-hour pins were: Shirley Bodin, Linda Hawthorne, Doris Huibregtse and Ruth Nanny.

Receiving 1,000-hour pins were: Jobeth Corwin, Betty Lee, Peggy Marshall and Nancy Patrick. A 2,500-hour pin went to Ruth Stephenson.

Receiving a 3,000-hour pin was Robin Hallman. Covie Williams received a 6,500-hour pin and Murlene Williams received an 18,000-hour pin.

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(expletive). I told him he won the fight because I wanted them to leave. Cuba told Anthony to just leave.

"Anthony was behind the trunk getting something out. Cuba had a gun and pointed it at me. I then pulled the trigger of the gun I had. If he would have pulled the trigger first, I would have been dead. At that point Anthony ran towards me and I shot. All I kept thinking about was my baby. I threw the gun into a five-gallon bucket."

Accuracy of the statement was argued by the attorneys. District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson pointed out to Ryder the many scratch-outs on the statement with Schubert's initials beside them. He asked about Schubert attempting to change his statement. Defense attorney Robert Miller countered that most of the scratch-outs were grammatical errors and not statement changes.

Another witness, Terry Diaz, testified to witnessing the events which occurred on June 18.

"We were standing outside and they passed by very fast. They waited a while and got off and walked up. They were intoxicated. Frank was going around shaking everyone's hands and saying everything was cool," Diaz said.

He said that Armijo hit Tim Flores in the mouth with a gun.

"I heard a gunshot but couldn't see. ... Cuba started getting rowdy and tried to push Michael (Schubert) into the barbecue pit. Michael pinned Cuba down with his hands around Cuba's neck. Antonio (Armijo) then ran up to Michael and pointed a gun to his head and told him to get off or he'd blast his head off. I ran inside with Cecilia and I guess that's when they left and Michael came back inside," said Diaz.

He said Cuba turned around and came back to the house.

"I saw Cuba shoot one time and ducked and then Michael started shooting and when I got up, I saw Cuba down. Antonio started running up towards him (Schubert) and was being rowdy and that's when Michael shot him," he said.

The state rested its case at about 1:30 p.m.

While Steve Wright, primary detective in the case, was testifying, the jury was asked to leave the courtroom several times because of the attorneys' disagreements on what should and shouldn't be asked of Wright.

Wright testified to there being five shots, but only four shell casings were found at the scene. The attorneys both presented theories as to what position Navarro was in when he was fatally shot. Wright agreed with both theories.

The trial reconvened at 9 a.m. today.

CAR SEATS

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precautions, Jensen said.

Infants should ride in a rear-facing seat until they are at least 1 year old and weigh 20 pounds. Rear-facing infant safety seats should never be replaced in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with airbags.

Toddlers 20 to 40 pounds should ride facing forward in a convertible safety seat. Preschoolers from 40 up to 80 pounds should be restrained by a belt-positioning booster seat.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children of every age from 6 to 14 years, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Association. That's a fact that can be linked, at least in part, to the reality that most children are either unbuckled or improperly restrained in vehicles, Jensen said.

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Phillips said that the event fee will be $10, which entitles participants to a race T-shirt. Reservations are not required but she said it would be a good idea. It will also give organizers an idea of how many people they can expect.

"If they want, they can call me at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 263-1211 or e-mail me at lauri@smmccares.com," said Phillips. "Our fax number is 263-6554 or you can contact Ron Alton at the Big State Park. His phone number is 263-4931."

BRIEFS

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH IS hosting a Grief Recovery Seminar Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at 4204 Wasson Road.

No registration is necessary.

Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat will lead the seminar. Their interest and work in this area has grown out of having to cope with and survive the assault and murder of their younger daughter in 1991.

If you have any questions about the seminar, please call 399-4306 or e-mail Dwayne or Bonnie at pdwheat@crcom.net.

THE BIG SPRING EAGLES Lodge No. 3188 will host a barbecue to benefit the Harbour family on Saturday, April 15. Barbecue dinners, served from noon to 4 p.m., will consist of brisket, sausage, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and bread.

Dine in and carry-out will be available. The cost will be $5 per plate.

COAHOMA'S 22ND ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN Stick Horse Rodeo, April 18, at 9 a.m., in the Coahoma Elementary Gym. Everyone is welcome.

THE BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. five year reunion is being planned for this year on Aug. 4 and 5.

Everyone who wants information on the upcoming reunion, please send your name, address and graduation year to the above address as soon as possible. Also please send any updated information about any student, teacher or employee.

The information needs to be received for the last reunion meeting 7 p.m. May 2 at the Community Center at Gail. Everyone is invited to help make the final plans.

MARKETS

May cotton 56.40, up 45 points; May crude 25.45, up 43 points; cash hogs $1 higher at 49 even; slaughter steers steady at 71 even; April lean hog futures 68.20, up 47 points; April live cattle futures 73.62, up 45 points.
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Wal-Mart De Mexico	25 1/16 - 25 3/16
Amcap	19.67-20.87
Europacific	43.37-46.02
Prime Rate	9 %
Gold	279.80-281.60
Silver	5.07-5.14

POLICE

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

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 800 block of W. Sixth and 400 block of Dallas.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Owens, 400 block of Birdwell, 2700 block of Cindy, 900 block of Highland, 700 block of Highland, 400 block of E. Fourth, 4200 block of Dixon and 400 block of Johnson.

• **OTIS PORTER**, 49, 120 Airbase Road No. 21, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 400 block of E. I-20.

• **ACCIDENTS/MINOR** were reported at Second and Benton, and at Birdwell and E. Marcy.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood and on the west side of the YMCA.

• **ED SMITH**, 41, 1210 Main, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• **AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell.

Kidnapping reported by local man

A local man told Big Spring Police Wednesday night that he had been the victim of an aggravated kidnapping.

At about 11 p.m., officers responded to a call on the East side of the city. Upon arrival, officers met with the victim, a white male, who stated that he had been abducted and threatened with bodily injury.

Reports said the man was not injured and was released at the point of abduction about one hour later. The suspect was not located and the investigation continues.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

• **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 37, 602 Holbrook, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

• **DAVID JUAREZ**, 23, 407 W. Eighth, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon, driving while license suspended/invalid, and having prohibited weapons.

• **PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ LOZANO**, 30, 906 1/2 Court D, Lamesa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **MARY LOUISE MITCHELL**, 37, 1509 Bluebird, was arrested for theft.

• **EDWIN JAMES DEAN**, 34, 1306 Lamar, was arrested for violation of protective order.

• **LARRY STEWART DEAN**, 52, 3926 Balcones Drive, Austin, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **KIMBERLY LYNN MOORE**, 36, 2406 Merrily, was arrested for criminal trespass.

• **LON D. RHOUDES**, 25, No. 1 Courtney Place, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• **ROBERT KEITH REDFORD**, 36, 2306 Thorpe, was arrested for theft.

• **JUAN MIGUEL BERMEA**, 36, 803 Lorilla, was arrested for violation of protective order.

• **ANTHONY VINES**, 46, 2305 E. Co. Road 30, was arrested for theft.

• **ROGER RENE HENRY**, 35, 601 N. Scurry, was arrested for motion to revoke probation.

• **LEROY WALLACE JR.**, 28, 1218 E. 15th, was arrested for evading arrest/detention.

• **BENJAMIN EDWARD MOORE II**, 20, 3605 La Junta, was arrested for failure to report accident at once, reckless driving, unauthorized use of a vehicle and evading arrest/detention.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 7,2,6

Lotto:18,28,34,38,40,44

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 68
Wednesday's low 43
Average high 75
Average low 48
Record high 100 in 1972
Record low 27 in 1927
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
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Congress set to OK $1.8 trillion budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is ready to grant final approval to a Republican-written $1.8 trillion budget for next year that calls for tax cuts, debt reduction and extra money for defense, education and medical research.

The House planned to vote on the election-year measure today, and Senate passage was expected tonight or Friday morning. That would let the two houses complete the budget by the usually ignored April 15 deadline for the second consecutive year, underlining the drive by GOP leaders for Congress to adjourn early this fall for the political campaigns.

The measure assures coming clashes with President Clinton, who has complained that to pay for its excessive tax reductions, the GOP budget would force cuts in many domestic programs.

Clinton does not have to sign the budget, which sets spending and tax targets for fiscal 2001. But none of the subsequent 13 annual spending bills for next year, which actually provide the money, or any tax bills will become law without his signature. It is these measures that will become political battlegrounds.

"I think it's a winner," House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said this week about the compromise he worked out with his Senate counterpart, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

But the top Democrat on the House budget panel, Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., said that to fit their tax cut into the budget, Republicans would require deeper domestic spending cuts than Congress has approved in at least a decade.

"I don't think it's likely to happen," Spratt said, adding, "And the whole budget turns on that."

The GOP plan calls for at least $150 billion in tax cuts through fiscal 2005, and up to an estimated $215 billion, depending on how much economic growth occurs over the next five years.

Clinton wants $99 billion in tax cuts over the period, plus $96 billion in higher taxes on tobacco and some corporate transactions.

Like Clinton, the GOP would set aside the entire Social Security surplus — about $1 trillion over the next five years — to reduce the publicly held debt. If achieved, many economists say that would put downward pressure on interest rates and spur the economy. The $5.7 trillion national debt includes $3.6 trillion owed to the public and $2.1 trillion to federal trust funds, such as Social Security's.

The Republican budget also sets aside up to $40 billion over five years for creation of prescription drug benefits for Medicare recipients or other changes in the program. It does not, however, require action on such a program.

Showdown looms in Elian custody battle

MIAMI (AP) — The Elian Gonzalez custody case hurtled toward a climax today, with the boy's Miami relatives vowing to defy a government order to surrender him for a trip to Washington and a reunion with his father. "They will have to take this child from me by force," the boy's great-uncle declared to a crowd of supporters.

After failing to reach an agreement with the family during a dramatic 2-hour meeting attended by the Cuban boy, Attorney General Janet Reno ordered them to bring him to the Opa-locka airport outside Miami at 2 p.m.

The great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, defiantly insisted that he would not relinquish custody of the boy he has cared for since Elian's mother drowned off the Florida coast nearly five months ago.

"We will not turn this child over — not in Opa-locka, not in any 'locka,'" he said.

Elian, speaking in Spanish on a home video, addressed his father, saying: "I don't want to go to Cuba. ... I want to stay here." The video was obtained by Univision and shown today on ABC's "Good Morning America." The translation was by ABC.

If the family does not show up at the airport, Reno said, "We will enforce the order." She did not elaborate, but government sources have said the Justice Department was prepared to send U.S. marshals and immigration agents into the great-uncle's house in Little Havana to remove the boy.

If it came to that, things could get bumpy: Protesters have repeatedly said they would link arms and form a human chain around the house to block federal agents from going in.

Shortly after 5 a.m. today, a stocky older man rushed out of a crowd of about 100 and tried to push over a police barricade at the home. He shouted, "Let's go — let's go for the kid." Fellow protesters pulled him back, but he was arrested.

The government's plan called for a plane to take Elian to Washington for a retreat at a neutral site with the boy's father, Juan Miguel.

Lawmakers reach deal for election-year farm bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers are in a line to get their third big bailout from Congress in as many years, with most of the money arriving in the thick of this fall's political campaigns, under a budget agreement between House and Senate negotiators.

The deal reached Wednesday provides $5.5 billion that would be paid to farmers by Oct. 1, with an additional $1.64 billion to go out later.

"It's important to understand that there's a crisis in rural America, even while the rest of the economy's been growing," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "Depressed markets have left our farmers with the lowest prices in 25 years."

The money is included in a $1.8 trillion spending plan that will frame government spending for the 2001 budget year.

None of the farm payments can be made until Congress passes legislation necessary to release the money.

Lawmakers still must decide exactly how the aid is to be spent but $5.5 billion is likely to be used for direct payments to farmers who grow grain and cotton and have "market-transition" contracts with the government, with the remaining money going to producers of other commodities.

Congress has provided $15 billion in special assistance to farmers the past two years, including $8.7 billion in 1999, to compensate them for low commodity prices as well as weather-related crop failures.

Because of the continuing slump in commodity prices, the Agriculture Department predicts net farm income this year would drop $7.6 billion, or 16 percent, without another aid package from Congress.

The Clinton administration has proposed $4.2 billion in farm income assistance, with most of the money going to a new subsidy program that Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman wants to create.

In addition to the bailout money, the congressional budget agreement authorizes an additional $8.2 billion in spending over five years to expand the federally subsidized crop insurance system and cut the premiums that farmers pay.

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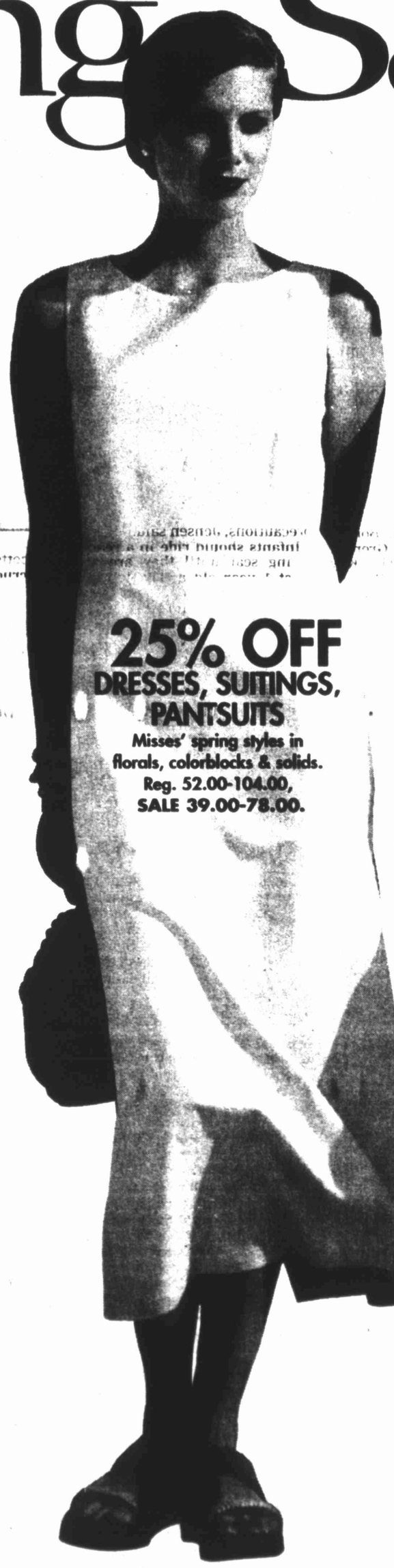
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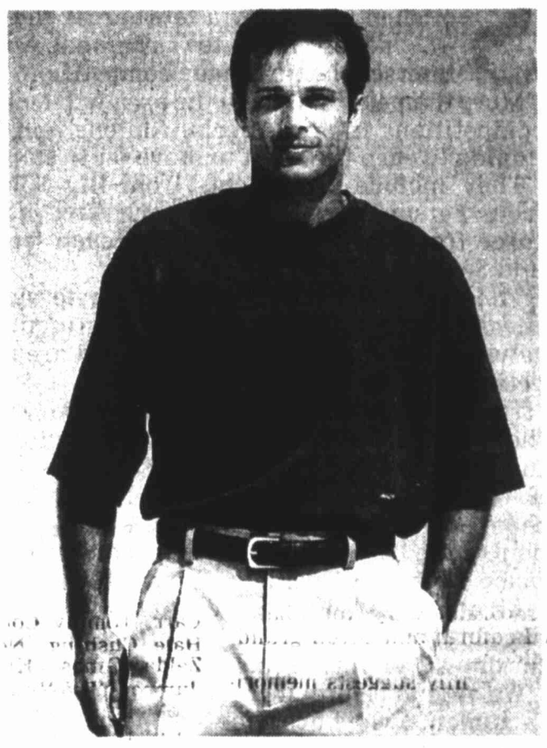
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Our Views

Regional-bound students deserve our best wishes

Some Crossroads Area students have accomplished what only a few across the state have — advancing to regional University Interscholastic League competition.

More than 40 students in the area will be involved in competitions in San Angelo, Abilene and Levelland, hoping to earn the right to move on to state contests.

They include 21 students from Big Spring, seven from Forsan, six from Coahoma, five from Grady, three from Garden City and one each from Stanton and Sands.

These students have had to compete against their peers to reach this point and have distinguished themselves as some of their districts' and areas' top competitors.

There are only 24 schools still left in competition for the Class 4A UIL One-Act Play championship for instance, and Big Spring High School is one of them. A first- or second-place finish Friday would make them one of only eight advancing to Austin. For students in individual competition, a first- through third-place designation would mean a trip to state.

All of these students have had to maintain a regular classload while spending countless nights preparing for one-act or various academic competitions.

We should be proud of these young men and women — students who have gone beyond what is expected of them. Deserving of our appreciation as well are the teachers and sponsors who have dedicated themselves outside the normal classroom atmosphere to help make these students the best they can be.

We know you will join us in wishing them all success.

Students, teachers — we are proud of you!

Other Views

The U.S. Department of Agriculture wants to cut back on its inspections of meat processing plants. It's a risky move that could endanger public health.

A pilot Agriculture Department inspection program just started allows some chicken processing plants to inspect their own products. That program is expected to be extended to other meat processors nationwide by next summer.

In the meantime, the federal inspection agency proposes random inspections to reduce the number of daily visits to processing plants. Inspectors currently are required to visit the plants during each shift of work. ... An inspection program that has potential for missing even a small part of the problem would be ill-conceived, particularly when one of the deadliest forms of food-borne illness — E. coli — can be found in beef. ...

Agriculture Department officials say that reducing inspections at processing plants where the risk of contamination is lowest would allow inspectors to focus on plants that have a history of problems or are considered to be riskier operations. Even under the current tough inspection system, however, problems still are overlooked. ...

The USDA's proposal to reduce food inspections is reason to question the wisdom of officials running the federal agency, which is willing to take a gamble that could result in disaster for consumers.

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See you in the newspaper comic strips

By day, he's a mild-mannered writer in the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority's marketing department.



Rheta Grimsley Johnson

But in the predawn hours, Doraville's Tom Heintjes switches hats to become publisher and senior editor of Hogan's Alley, a 6-year-old magazine on cartooning.

And, as anyone who has tried to start any kind of publication knows, such mad moonlighting calls for Superman.

Tom is 37. A North Carolina native, Chapel Hill journalism graduate. In his youth he was an aspiring strip cartoonist who boasts he can match his stack of rejection letters with anyone's. Tom and his brother grew up slavishly devoted to the funny papers and comic books. Tom sold part of his childhood comic-book collection to help fund the first magazine.

"It's boyish enthusiasm grown into manly determination," Tom says. We are sitting in his small, sunlit home office, where self-described "picky" editor Tom feverishly "goes over every word."

It shows. The seven issues so far are chock-full of cartoon trivia, compelling reading, journalistic revelation. The very first Hogan's Alley in the fall of 1994, in fact, featured an interview with Canadian cartoonist Lynn Johnston ("For Better or For Worse"), who told Tom she was beaten by her mother as a child: "She would hit me until she was exhausted."

Tom had conducted the Johnston interview for another cartooning magazine. When it went out of business, he started his own.

Subsequent issues have had all kinds of surprises. An original John Updike essay describing the writer's love of cartooning put Hogan's Alley on the map with the literati, Tom says, and caught the attention of a Washington Post reviewer. Hogan's Alley "paid" Updike for his efforts with an assortment of Big Little Books.

Then there was an amazing spread on the cartoons of Georgia novelist Flannery O'Connor. At Peabody Laboratory School in Milledgeville, young Flannery learned the art of linoleum cutting, which she used to produce most of her drawings.

"O'Connor's family boasted some amateur artists," Tom wrote, "which no doubt influenced the young girl, but she apparently didn't boast about the work of her relatives: O'Connor would paint over any cracks in the walls of her home so that her mother, Regina, wouldn't cover them up with the relatives' paintings."

With the latest issue came an illustrated listing of the biggest comic strip events of the past century, including Dagwood's marriage to Blondie, Pogo's first presidential run and Shmoos in Dogpatch.

Regular features include a lively (and sometimes intense) letters section, expert analyses of famous cartoonists' handwriting and a revealing section called "Deja Viewed," which compares pairs of strips that (inadvertently or not) used the same gag or drawing.

My favorites are the nostalgia pieces, like an interview with Kitty Pankey Kirkland, the woman chosen by "Li'l Abner" creator Al Capp in 1951 in a contest to find "the sweetest face in the world." (The name of Tom's magazine itself is nostalgic: "Hogan's Alley," featuring the Yellow Kid, was the first popular American comic strip, debuting in 1894.)

To some, Tom says, it might seem paradoxical to take a "serious approach to cartooning and yet try to retain a sense of fun." He strives for "a lot of good writers, but I try to avoid the inaccessibility of an academic approach."

It was a big moment when Tom opened a subscription check from the late Charles Schulz. (The upcoming August issue was to have been a tribute to the 50th anniversary of "Peanuts"; instead it will salute Schulz' life and body of work.)

Tom's publication schedule — though still not quarterly as he once envisioned — "is at least headed in the right direction" with about two magazines a year. Subscribers get four issues, however long that takes, by sending $21.95 to P.O. Box 47684, Atlanta, GA 30362.

Hogan's Alley boasts 700 paid subscribers, but most of the 5,000 magazines printed are sold at bookstores and newsstands.

The book goes all over the world.

Tom manages to keep his day job and his sense of humor. "Mary Worth" is his "guilty pleasure," a strip "that seems done by someone who has never known humans but had humans described to them."

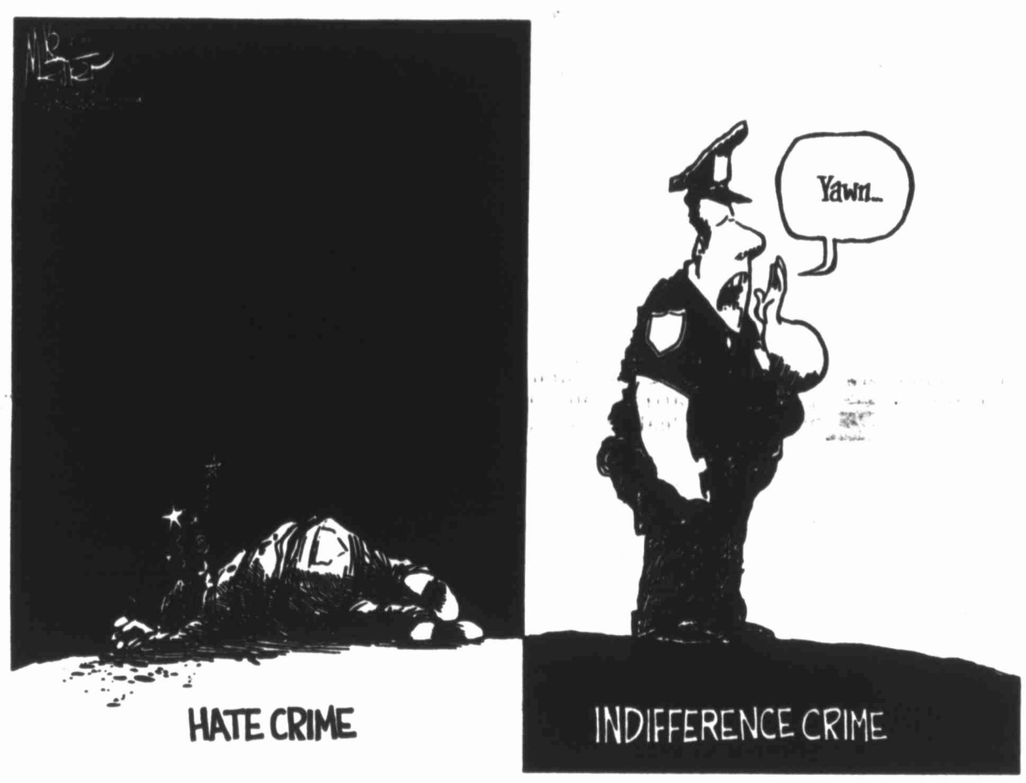
In a file where Tom keeps his most bizarre reader letters, one from an Oklahoma man suggests, "Comic strips are the solution to organizing insanity."

That reader just might be right.

"It's a quixotic thing to do, really," Tom admits, taking the scholarly approach yet keeping a "sense of wonder about the form."

But as long as there are newspapers, and as long as those newspapers squeeze in comic strips, and as long as those comic strips have devoted readers, somebody needs to take a good hard look.

"It's not a field crowded with competition," Tom says. "But you have to have passion, not just a casual confidence. You have to have a consuming belief you can pull it off."



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Census: Don't leave our future blank

Ideally, the census should be a 100 percent accounting of everybody who lives in the United States, including Puerto Rico and the island areas (American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Island.)

But participation has fallen nationally for the past three census counts, and so far for Census 2000 only 57 percent of the people in Howard County and 56 percent in the City of Big Spring have mailed back their census forms.

This week will be the final week for those who have received a form at their residence to return them back. Starting Monday, census takers will start visiting homes that have not returned their forms. So please, send your form today. It is critical for the well being of our community — not to mention the civic responsibility involved — that all of us participate in Census 2000.

Our responses to the census help determine how communities throughout the United States — including our own — get their fair share of more than $185 billion in federal funds annually. Census findings inform decisions on where to build new schools, hospitals, senior centers and shopping malls.

The census count determines how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives go to each state, and the states and localities use the numbers to define their voting districts. And the numbers help various groups within our society receive adequate attention from federal, state and government programs.

Fortunately, we still can make a difference in the census count results to ensure that everyone in our community is included and to give a more accurate picture of Howard County. We do that by sending back our forms or by welcoming the census takers who are visiting households that did not return their census forms.

The information reported is kept strictly confidential. All census workers take an oath to protect the privacy of the data collected and must obey the law (Title 13 U.S. Code) mandating that no one outside the U.S. Census Bureau can be given personal information.

Individual responses cannot be shared with agencies or organizations at the federal, state or local levels and are held confidential for 72 years. Employees face fines or imprisonment for breaking their oath or the law.

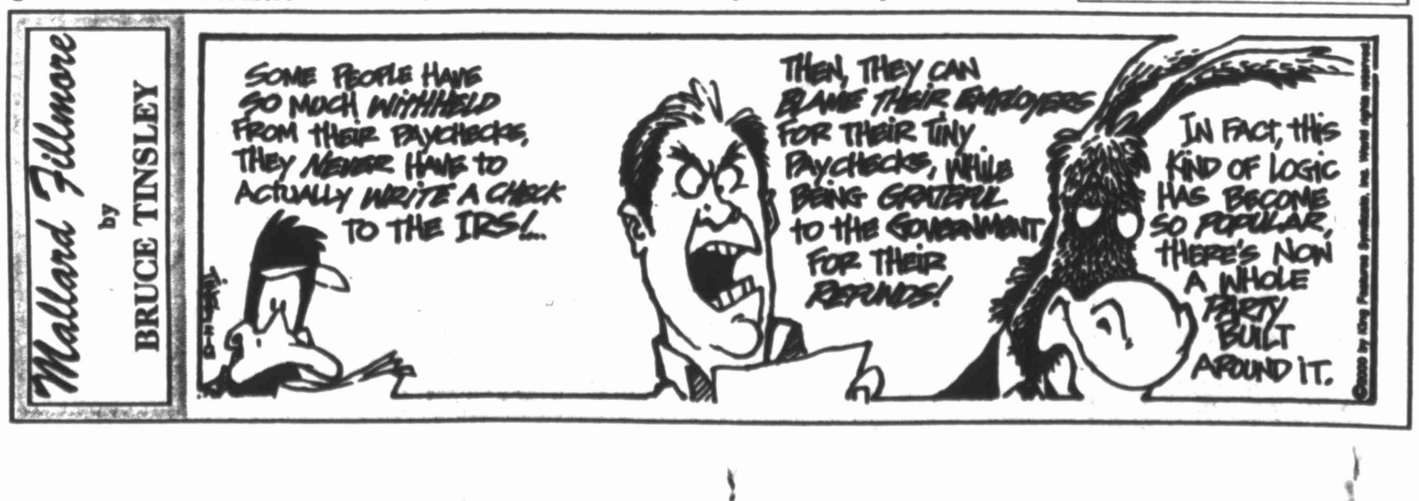
Throughout Census 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau is making every effort to be sure that everyone has an opportunity to participate.

A big part of this is assisting non-English speaking residents in various ways. Census takers have aids to help almost everyone who is more comfortable using a language other than English.

The bottom line is that every effort is being made to count everyone living in Howard County.

Census 2000 should be a civic event that engenders full participation. This can be a rallying point for our community. We must keep in mind that this is our future. We can't leave it blank.

This column was submitted by the Bureau of the Census.



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Keeping health on file

Health fair to offer free File of Life kits for vital medical information

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Senior citizens and others visiting Saturday's Health Fair 2000 might want to pick up a File of Life.

This project of the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together group (SALT) encourages people to keep pertinent health information in a miniature file folder that will adhere to the front of their refrigerator. That way, emergency personnel will know what medications the patient is taking, or what chronic conditions are present.

"We feel very strongly about this File, that it can save lives," said Doris Huibregste of SALT. "The information recorded on the file cards has already been beneficial to several seniors."

She cited the example of Jack Abendschan, who recently suffered symptoms he thought might be caused by a heart problem. Fortunately, his fears were unfounded. But, when he and his wife, Mary, arrived at the emergency room, they realized they had forgotten his File of Life.



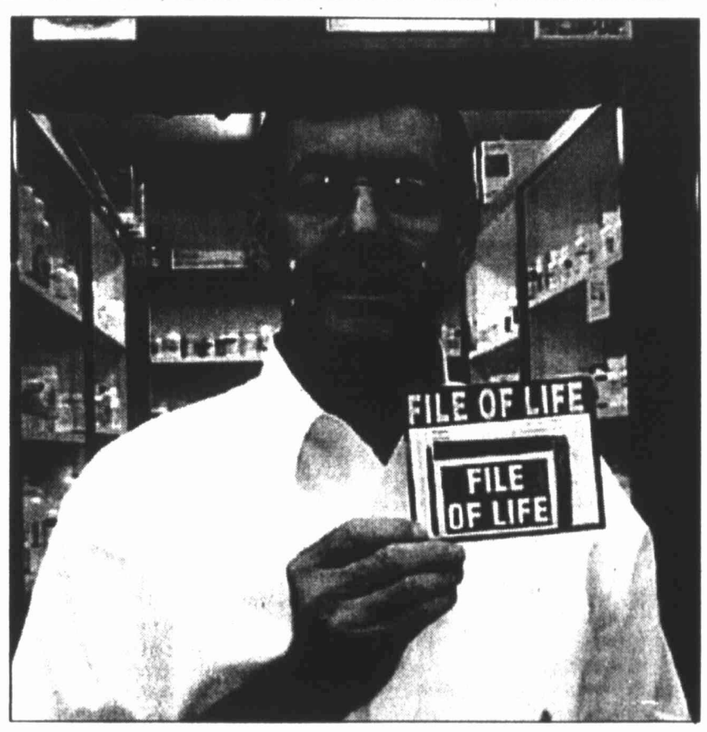
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But the kit comes with a wallet-sized card that contains the same information, and the Abendschans said that version of the File of Life came in handy that day.

Similarly, both local residents Bill Birrell and Wayne Bonner carried their Files of Life with them when having cataract surgery. That way, staff at the clinic could photocopy the information instead of spending more time filling out forms.

Files and instructions for using them will be available at the Howard College nurses booth during Saturday's fair. The free kit comes with a miniature file folder, wallet card and sticker for front door or window.

The health fair is at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday with a variety of booths offering screenings and health information.



File photo

Jim Anderson, pharmacist at Professional Pharmacy, holds up a copy of the File of Life, a kit to help people keep health and prescription information available in case of emergency.

North Carolina offers family history sources

Yesterday I went to Midland again and researched some more source material for North Carolina. I found some good reference material and will evaluate each source.



BOBBY RAWLS

First there is Hertford County, N. C. This county is very important, not just for those who resided there, but also because it is so near to the Virginia line. Many of the records found in Hertford and Gates counties, N. C., pertain to Nansemond county, Va. Most of the records for Nansemond County, Va., were destroyed before the Civil War, so anything we can find in that area will help.

Reference: Marriage register of Hertford County, N. C., August-1868 through December-1872, Volume I, by Anne Hatcher Taylor. This is a good source. It names the parents of both bride and groom, the date and minister and the county of marriage.

Reference: records of accounts inventories and sales of estates Hertford County, N.C., 1835-1837, Volume III. Copyright 1992 Raymond Parker Fouts, GenRec books. The preface explains his sources and the records contained in the book; this is a verbatim account of the records listing all of the extant court records each naming people listed in the record, sometime relations — good source.

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Long-lasting relationships can thrive despite 'marriage killers'

QUESTION: Would you identify some of the major "marriage killers" that are most responsible for the high divorce rate that plagues today's families?

DR. DOBSON: Any one of the following "dragons" can rip a relationship to shreds if given an opportunity to do so.

-- Overcommitment and physical exhaustion. This condition is especially insidious for young couples who are trying to get started in a profession or in school. Do not try to go to college, work full time, have a baby, manage a toddler, fix up a house and start a business at the same time. It sounds ridiculous, but many young couples do just that, and are then surprised when their marriages fall apart. The only time they see each other is when they are worn out!

-- Excessive credit and conflict over how money will be spent. Pay cash for consumable items or don't buy. Don't spend more on a house or a car than you can afford, leaving too little resources for dating, short trips, baby sitters, etc. Allocate your funds with wisdom.

-- Selfishness. There are two kinds of people in the world, the givers and the takers. A marriage between two givers can be a beautiful thing. Friction is inevitable for a giver and a taker. But two takers can claw each other to pieces within a period of weeks.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

-- Unhealthy relationships with in-laws. If either the husband or wife has not been fully emancipated from the parents, it is best not to live near them. Autonomy is difficult for some mothers and fathers to grant.

-- Unrealistic expectations. Some couples come into marriage anticipating rose-covered cottages, walks down primrose lanes and unmitigated joy. There is no way a marriage between two imperfect human beings can deliver on that expectation. The late counselor Jean Lush believed, and I agree, that this romantic illusion is particularly characteristic of American women, who expect more from their husbands than they are capable of providing.

-- Space invaders. My concern is for those who violate the "breathing room" needed by their partners, quickly suffocating them and destroying the attraction between them. Jealousy is one way the phenomenon manifests itself. Another is a poor self-concept, which leads the insecure spouse to build a cage around the other. It often suffocates the relationship. Love must be free and it must be confident.

-- Sexual frustration and its partner, the greener grass of infidelity. It is a deadly combination!

-- Business collapse. Failure in work does bad things to men especially. Their agitation over financial reverses sometimes sublimates to anger within the family.

-- Business success: It is almost as risky to succeed wildly as it is to fail miserably in business. King Solomon wrote:

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SCHOOL NEWS

Poster winners

Winners have been announced in the Big Spring School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

The city-wide winners in Division 1 (K-3 grades) are: first - Melissa Colwell, Bauer, grade 2, second - Rachel Dalton, Kentwood, grade 2, third - Cody Copeland, Moss, grade 3. The City of Big Spring winner in Division 2 (4-6 grades) are: first - Brian Valles, Bauer, grade 5, second Ashley Diaz, Moss, grade 5, third - Kassi Munoz, Moss, grade 4.

The city-wide winners in Division 3 (7-8 grades) are: first - Samuel Gonzales, BSJH, grade 8, second - Timothy Sanchez, BSJH, grade 8, third - Vishal Shroff, BSJH, grade 8. The City of Big Spring winner in Division 4 (Special Ed.) is: first - Alyssa Garcia, Bauer, grade 4.

The Big Spring winners drawing in each division will go on to compete at the regional level April 26, 2000 in Odessa.

Individual school winners include:

At Washington in Division 2 the winners are: first - Thomas Canalas, grade 4, second - Julio Gomez, grade 4, third - Thomas Morgan, grade 4.

At Moss Elementary in Division 1 the winners are: first - Jared Baker, grade 3, second - Cody Copeland, grade 3, third - Turquoise White, grade 3. At Moss Elementary in Divison 2 the winners are: first - Ashley Diaz, grade 5, second - Kassi Munoz, grade 4, third - Tanner Churchwell, grade 5.

At Bauer Elementary in Division 1 the winner is: first - Melissa Colwell, grade 2. At Bauer Elementary in Division 2 the winner is: first - Briana Valles, grade 5. At Bauer Elementary in Division 4 the winner is: first - Alyssa Garcia, grade 4.

At the Junior High Division 3 the winners are: first - Samuel Gonzales, grade 8, second - Timothy Sanchez, grade 8, third - Vishal Shroff, grade 8.

At Marcy Elementary in Division 1 the winners are: first - Daniel Budke, grade 3, second - Joann Hirzel, grade 3, third - Shelbie Reid, grade 1. At Marcy Elementary in Division 2 the winners are: first - Bradley Settler, grade 4, second - Shanin Murphy, grade 4, third - Jacob Garza grade 4.

At Anderson Kindergarten in Division 1 the winners are: first - Anastasia Ramirez, second - Garrett Stuteville, third - Stormy Emery.

At Kentwood Elementary in Division 1 the winners are: first - Breanna Conner, grade 3, second - Rachel Dalton, grade 2, third - Slaon Davis, grade 2, tied for 4th are Krista Odle, grade 3, and Jesse Loter, grade 2.

Thistles winners

These students recently won the Thistles 2000 Writing Contest at Howard College.

In the short story category, first place was awarded to Brian Frederick for his work "Silver Strawberry," second place went to Casey Crowley for "The Vacation," third place went to Tessa Webb for her short story "A New Concept." Honorable Mention was awarded to Renee Valiere for "Diana & the Doughnut."

In the poetry contest, first place was awarded to Mark Williamson for "Water," second place went to Nina Patricia Sevilla for "Shadow in the Light," third place was awarded to Stephanie Anderson for "Am I Really Depressed."

Honorable Mention was shared by Tessa Webb for "Sweet Mornings Songs" and Mark Williamson for "Pretty Picture."

These compositions will be published in the annual Thistles Magazine.

Alarming statistics: Inhalant abuse on the rise among children

KERRVILLE (AP) — The statistics are alarming and the effects are frightening.

Nearly one in every five children has abused inhalants by the time they enter eighth grade.

The abuse of household inhalants can cause irreversible damage before an abuser is even old enough to drive.

Recently, the Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Kerrville kicked off a drug awareness campaign as part of National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week.

The annual campaign aims to increase knowledge about the dangers of inhalant abuse; its target audience is children and their parents.

Education, HCCADA officials say, is the key to preventing inhalant use, particularly when parents are the ones educated of its dangers.

"Parents are often out of the loop. Children discuss it and practice it, but adults stay in the dark. The goal of this campaign is to remedy that problem," said Harvey Weiss, National Inhalant Prevention Coalition.

Russ Million, HCCADA intervention specialist, said most parents are alarmed to find out their children have abused inhalants, especially when the inhalants are obtained in the home.

"They don't know where to turn," he said, and often are unsure of which household products to discard and which to keep.

"They can't get rid of all of them. What will they use to clean the house?" Million said.

Several household products, including hair spray, air freshener and deodorant, can be used to get high. Inhalant abusers intentionally breath the gas or vapors, a practice often referred to as "huffing."

Although the highs of "huffing" are short-term, its damaging effects are long-lasting.

Abusers can suffer liver and kidney damage, hearing loss and permanent brain damage.

Million said one of the most compelling things he has seen is a video of a 15-year-old inhalant abuser who had lost control of his motor skills and who spoke incoherently.

If long-term damage isn't suffered, abusers can be victims of sudden sniffing death syndrome, which means an abuser can die the first, 10th or 20th time fumes are inhaled.

DebiAnn Pillatzke, HCCADA youth primary intervention specialist, said drug counselors seldom hear of long-term inhalant abusers because abusers are either dead or severely brain damaged.

Others, Million said, "graduate" to illegal drugs when it becomes more available. Abusers used inhalants for a period of time because they needed to get high and inhalants were the most accessible and affordable drug, he explained.

Because of inhalants' accessibility, abusers tend to be middle school-age youth. Inhalant abuse is commonly found among socioeconomically disadvantaged youth who live in rural areas with limited access to larger cities where they can "score" more illicit drugs.

But, Million said, inhalants' accessibility doesn't enhance their appeal.

"I don't think I've ever heard anyone say, 'Boy, inhalants were so great. I wish I could go back to them,'" Million said.

Education as prevention tool

Education of a community and communication within families is the key to preventing inhalant abuse, drug prevention experts say.

"If a family is an open family and can talk about what they see and hear, kids can live in the worst neighborhood and be

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SLICE of *life!*

People in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Annette Bening and Warren Beatty have an American beauty to boast about: a baby girl.

The name and weight of the child, as well as where and when she was born, were not disclosed.

"Everybody's doing well," Bening's publicist Nancy Seltzer said Tuesday.

The "American Beauty" star and her husband have three other children. They were married in 1992.

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DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — "I Love Lucy" fans will soon be able to buy sweet reminders of the famed episode in which Lucille Ball gets a new job at a chocolate factory and can't quite keep up with the assembly line.

Durango-based Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory is introducing a line of candies next month called Lucy's Chocolate Factory Candy.

It's based on the episode in which Ball tries to box chocolates on an assembly line but can't keep up, so she shoves the candy in her mouth.

The terms of the deal announced Monday with Rocky Mountain, the estates of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, and CBS Worldwide Inc. were not disclosed.

For Your Information

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH IS hosting a Grief Recovery Seminar from 6-8 p.m. at 4204 Wasson Road. The emphasis of the seminar is dealing with loss through death and finding healing and a future. No registration is necessary. The focus is on persons who have lost a loved one and are trying to make sense of the death and find a place to begin again.

Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat will lead the seminar. Their interest and work in this area has grown out of having to cope with and survive the assault and murder of their younger daughter in 1991.

If you have any questions about the seminar, please call 399-4306 or e-mail Dwayne or Bonnie at pdwheat@crcom.net.

The Last Word

If you are hungry, it is more efficient to get a piece of an existing pie than to start one from scratch.
Janis Drew

One man with courage makes a majority.
Andrew Jackson

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'That little old band from Texas' ZZ Top still thriving after 30 years

HOUSTON (AP) — It's almost disingenuous to call ZZ Top "that little old band from Texas."

This is, after all, the trio that's filled thousands of concert halls, dominated MTV's early years and sold some 50 million albums.

But what's clear is that those six words mean only one band.

"To have been born and raised in Texas, and basically shaped our musical learning from Texas music in a lot of different forms, we feel what we present is the real thing," guitar player Billy Gibbons says. "It's genuine Texas spirit."

Few bands are more synonymous with their birthplace than ZZ Top, formed in late 1969.

Gibbons, drummer Frank Beard and bass player Dusty Hill are celebrating their three decades together with a tour to support their latest release, "XXX."

Gibbons will tell you that's pronounced "Three-X," but he won't say whether the title reflects the Roman numeral 30, a reference to Dos Equis beer or something bawdier. He'll say it's all three and none of the three, part of a long-held ZZ Top belief in the promotional power of mystique.

It doesn't hurt that Gibbons, Hill and Beard are all natives of a state loaded with it.

The bearded ambassadors of Texana counted on that mystique when they debuted their vision of the Lone Star State on a grand scale with 1973's "Worldwide Texas Tour."

Packing buzzards, live longhorn steers and wolves into a convoy of trucks, ZZ Top carried the lore and legend of Texas all over the world. The tour grossed almost $100 million and cemented the trio's reputation and popularity.

The band's fame and Texas image is now institutional: on Thursday in Austin, Gov. George W. Bush signed proclamations honoring the band's service to the lore of the Lone Star.

"You can't have a more effective musical image. Texas is an object of endless fascination for outsiders. They eat it up," says John Wheat, a music archivist at the University of Texas' Center for American History. "ZZ Top has tapped into a well of fascination about being Texan, by writing about legends and pushing Texas symbolism and Texas themes."

The band's catalog evokes a broad sweep of Texas history.

The death march played by Mexican soldiers as they stormed the Alamo lends its name to 1979's "Deguello."

ZZ's first big hit and most recognized song — "LaGrange" — tells the tale of "that shack outside LaGrange," namely the now-shuttered Chicken Ranch whorehouse in the city of 4,200 east of Austin.

Then there's the funky "Balinese," which recalls one of Galveston's more famous illicit casinos.

Texas provided rich tales to tell, and plenty of musical ingredients to cook up the band's unique sound.

"Country-western and blues, which were so prominent in the shaping of Texas music, I think we would be unfair to deny those forms had an influence," Gibbons says.

But while ZZ Top's bluesy rock carried them through the '70s, the barroom boogie act didn't seem so fresh at the dawn of the '80s. Sales receipts slowed and radio play was down.

Then came 1983's "Eliminator." ZZ Top stormed into the MTV age via three memorable rock videos — "Legs," "Sharp-Dressed Man" and "Give Me All Your Lovin,'" which showcased women in short skirts, tales of teenage revenge and the album's namesake red 1933 Ford coupe.

'Satanic' T-shirt case drags on

WESTERLY, R.I. (AP) — Robert Parker was a sophomore when school officials said his "White Zombie" rock band T-shirt with the number 666 on the back was disruptive and violated the dress code.

Two years and $60,000 in legal fees later, the case drags on, and Parker, now 18, is weeks away from graduating.

"This has gotten way out of hand," said Parker's mother, Marianne Almeida. "It's just a $5 T-shirt. They've spent thousands of dollars fighting it."

A state hearing, pitting the School Committee against the American Civil Liberties Union of Rhode Island, has taken some odd twists.

The town asked a Roman Catholic priest to testify why the shirt could be viewed as satanic, while the ACLU asked a local radio personality, Rudy Cheeks, to say that there was nothing to fear from heavy metal music.

"If they're concerned about people rioting in the streets, that didn't start with rock 'n roll," Cheeks said Monday.

Thomas Grady, the town's lawyer, refused to comment. Parker was sent home in 1998 for wearing the black shirt for the now-defunct band.

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OK," said Million.

He said although most parents do not think their children would abuse drugs, particularly inhalants, such abuse exists among Kerr County youth.

"I wouldn't call it a big problem, but it is a problem. It's happening," he said.

A child who abuses inhalants can "get away with it for a school year without anyone knowing," Million said.

But eventually the signs of drug damage become apparent, even to the abusers.

Some abusers stop using inhalants on their own because they feel the effects — headaches, loss of memory and endurance.

"That's a good testimonial of the harshness of this chemical, that an addict will quit doing it because it's doing so much damage to the brain," Million said. "A cocaine addict wouldn't quit, a heroin addict wouldn't quit."

Unfortunately, some inhalant abusers abandon inhalants for other drugs. But those who do receive treatment undergo rehabilitation programs similar to other drug treatment programs, with more emphasis on the harm inhalants do to the body.

Inhalants cause "the most damage in the shortest period of time" of all drugs, Million said.

Million said children with a strong sense of self worth and right from wrong can build resilience against drug abuse.

In addition to frank talks on drug abuse, Million suggests that parents not let their children have a lot of unsupervised free time.

"Given the proper guidance, kids will walk right through that minefield," Million said.

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"Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread" (Proverbs 30:8). It's true.

-- Getting married too young. Girls who marry between 14 and 17 years of age are more than twice as likely to divorce as those who marry at 18 or 19 years of age. Those who marry at 18 or 19 are 1.5 times as likely to divorce as those who marry in their 20s. The pressures of adolescence and the stresses of early married life do not mix well. Finish the first before taking on the second.

-- Alcohol and substance abuse. These are notorious killers, not only of marriages but also of the people who indulge excessively. It has been said that upward of a third of all Americans and Canadians are close family members of an alcoholic.

-- Pornography, gambling and other addictions. It should be obvious to everyone that the human personality is flawed. During an introductory stage, people think they can tamper with various enticements, such as pornography, gambling, hard drugs, etc., without being hurt. Indeed, many do walk away unaffected. For some, however, there is a weakness and vulnerability that is unknown until too late. Such people then become addicted to something that tears at the fabric of the family. This warning may seem foolish and even prudish to my readers, but I've made a 20-year study of those who wreck their lives. Their problem often begins in experimentation with a known vice and ultimately ends in death -- or the death of a marriage.

These are a few of the common marriage killers. But in truth, the list is virtually limitless. If you are going to beat the odds and maintain an intimate, long-term marriage, you must take the task seriously.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

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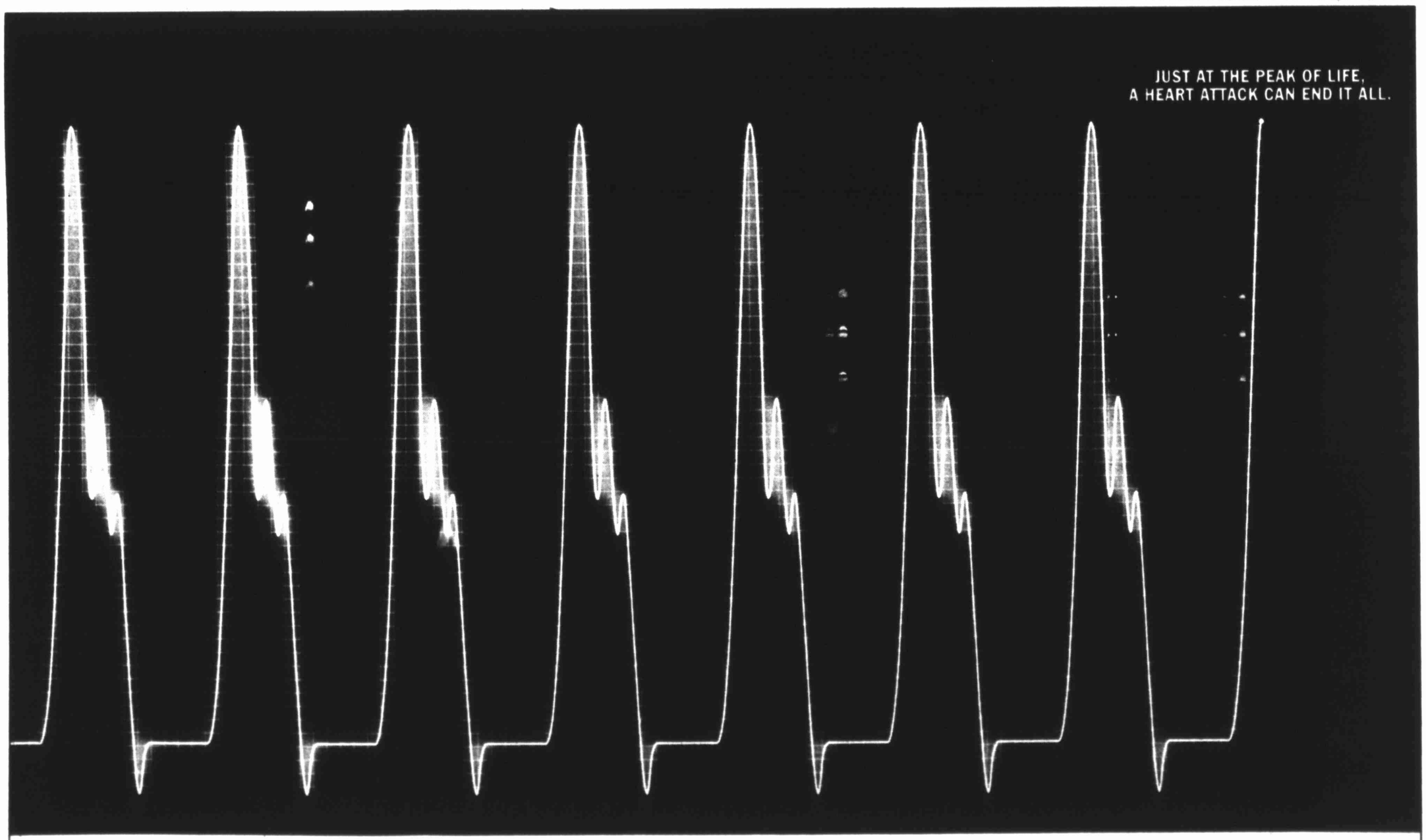
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Tickets are $7 and reservations made no later t Thursday, April 2 264-5040.

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Fees are $50 pe birth certificate for registration.

For more info Sheri Nichols a 263-2552, or Cra 263-0170.

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IN BRIEF

Stanton's Washington named to all-state team

Stanton senior Stephanie Washington has been named to the Class 2A all-state girls' basketball team announced Wednesday by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Washington, a 6-foot-1 post, was selected to the Class 2A third-team by the state's sports writers.

Parade All-American Shereka Wright of Copperas Cove was selected as the TSWA's Class 5A girls basketball Player of the Year.

Chandi Jones of Class 4A Bay City, Stacy Stephens of Class 3A Winnsboro, Jackie Hancock of Class 2A Kerens and Cassie Birkenfeld of Class A Nazareth were the other players of the year.

Howard College to hold athletic banquet April 24

Howard College will hold its annual athletic banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tickets are $7 per person and reservations should be made no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, April 20, by calling 264-5040.

Big Spring ISD schedules physical exams Saturday

The Big Spring Independent School District's athletic department is offering an opportunity to get physicals for athletes in the sixth through 11th grades.

Physicals will be held at the high school on Saturday morning.

Current sixth graders will have exams at f10 a.m., eighth graders and all others will receive physicals at 10:30 a.m.

The physicals are required for students entering the seventh and ninth grades that plan to participate in athletics.

4-H shooting sports practice begins Saturday

Howard County 4-H shooting sports will have its first trap and skeet practice at 9 a.m. Saturday in Knott.

The practice session is open to all youngsters between the ages of 9 and 18.

For more information, call Van Gaskins at 353-4598 or Larry Romine at 353-4893.

Men's slowpitch softball league now being formed

Plans are currently under way to create a 12-team men's slowpitch softball league in Big Spring this summer.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the Spring City Men's Softball League should call Becky Crane at 264-2376 or Andi Andrews-York at 263-7641.

Teen League baseball registration scheduled

Registration for Teenage League baseball has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today and Friday at the American Little League field.

Fees are $50 per player and a birth certificate is required for registration.

For more information, call Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 or 263-2552, or Craig Caudill at 263-0170.

Little League umpires needed for new season

Officials of the Big Spring Little League Umpires Association say new umpires are needed for the upcoming season.

Prior experience is not necessary.

For more information, call Kevin Pirkle at 267-5053 or 264-0241.

ON THE AIR

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Texas Rangers at New York Yankees, FXS, Ch. 29.

NHL

6:30 p.m. — Stanley Cup playoffs, conference quarterfinals, Game 1, Los Angeles Kings at Detroit Redwings or Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Yankees celebrate Series title by beating Rangers in home opener

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees returned to Yankee Stadium for the first time since sweeping the World Series, raised their 25th championship flag and won their home opener.

More uplifting than all of that, however, was the sight of Mel Stottlemyre in uniform and in the dugout.

Tino Martinez's two-run triple in the seventh inning carried the Yankees over the Texas Rangers 8-6 Wednesday, one day after their pitching coach began treatment for cancer.

"It's always great to come back to Yankee Stadium, especially after winning the World Series and with Mel back," Paul O'Neill said. "We knew if we hung close we'd make something happen."

The Yankees, who held the Rangers to two runs in sweeping them out of the playoffs the past two seasons, rallied in the seventh inning after third baseman Wilson Delgado's throwing error put the Rangers ahead 6-5.

O'Neill and Bernie Williams, whose three-run homer gave the Yankees a 4-2 lead in the fifth, led off the seventh with singles off Mike Munoz (0-1). Martinez then hit a long drive to right-center for his third hit of the game — all off left-handers.

"We know we are going to face a lot of left-handers this year, so it's important to do well," Martinez said. "Last year, we faced them so rarely that it was hard to get my timing down."

Jeff Nelson (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his fourth save. Rivera has converted his last 26 save opportunities.

The pomp of this year's home opener, which included the raising of the Yankees' record 25th World Series flag, was overshadowed by Stottlemyre's announcement Sunday that he has bone marrow cancer.

He began chemotherapy treatment two days later and was supposed to miss the opener, before Tuesday's game was postponed.

Stottlemyre, who is receiving medication in his chest through a catheter, was restricted in his duties. Bullpen coach Tony Cloninger watched David Cone warm up and Stottlemyre did not make any trips to the mound, even when Cone struggled with his control in the third inning.

"It was difficult seeing him before the game because it was my first chance to talk to him since he announced it," said starting pitcher David Cone, who has pitched 11 of his 14 major league seasons with Stottlemyre as his coach. "But during the game, it was a lot easier because we both had our jobs to do."

Stottlemyre received a loud, prolonged ovation from the crowd — as well as the Rangers — as he jogged onto the field during pregame introductions. He waved his hat to the crowd and appeared uncomfortable by all tne attention.

The Rangers, who hit .152 in last year's playoffs, almost spoiled the day, taking a 6-5 lead in the seventh on Delgado's error and Tom Evans' double-play grounder.

Texas doubled its output from that three-game series in the third inning, when Cone walked four batters, including David Segui with the bases loaded. Ivan Rodriguez added an RBI single.

The Yankees went ahead 4-2 in the fifth, on an RBI single by Derek Jeter and the homer by Williams, who had been 0-for-11 against left-handers before homering off Darren Oliver.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard College third baseman Caleb Reger is unable to come up with the ball after a wild throw from the outfield, as Odessa College's Russell Thomman sides in safely during their game on March 24. Reger and his Hawks teammates enter a crucial weekend series against El Paso Community College's Tejanos at Jack Barber Field. The series begins at 2 p.m. Friday, followed by a noon dou-

Lady Steers set to retake 5-4A girls' track title

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

It's been 12 long months, but the day Big Spring's Lady Steers have waited on so long is finally here.

The Lady Steers began their quest to regain the District 5-4A girls' track championship this morning at San Angelo Stadium, their primary goal being to avenge last year's loss of the title to San Angelo Lake View's Maidens in Big Spring.

"That's been our goal every day since," Lady Steers head coach Jay Kennedy said recalling the 1999 district meet at Blankenship Field. "When you've had a string of championships like we'd had and somebody breaks it, there's a little bit of a bad taste in your mouth."

That bad taste comes, Kennedy said, even when one knows that streak is about to end.

"We knew it would be very difficult to keep Lake View from taking it last year, but that didn't mean it was easy for any of these girls to see the championship trophy go to somebody else," Kennedy explained. "Wasn't easy for me, either.

"The good thing, though, is that this bunch of girls has worked hard all year," he added. "And we hope that makes the difference this time around."

The District 5-4A track and field championships began at 10 a.m. today with the running of the 3,200 meters. Field events began at 10:45 a.m. with running preliminaries at 2 p.m. Tonight's finals begin at 6.

The Lady Steers entered the meet favored to make Lake View's reign a one-year affair, while Lake View's Chiefs were a solid favorite to successfully defend the 5-4A boys' crown.

Big Spring's girls officially served notice that they planned a return to the 5-4A throne room on Saturday when they piled up 169 points to take the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays title at Blankenship Field.

The Lady Steers' 54-point margin of victory over Levelland, coupled with Lake View and Andrews' Lady Mustangs managing 93 and 92 points, respectively, left Kennedy looking ahead to today's meet with optimism.

"Winning Saturday made us feel very good going into this one," Kennedy admitted. "We still don't know a lot about what Fort Stockton and Sweetwater are going to have, but I think the three best teams in our district were at our meet and we won it."

In other words, Kennedy agrees with prognosticators who say Lake View doesn't the strength necessary to successfully defend its girls' championship.

Nor does he believe Andrews has the horses.

"There's no question that Lake View and Andrews are going to pick up some points that Levelland had at our meet, but so are we ... so will Fort Stockton and Sweetwater," he explained. "The real key is going to be whether or not we compete in San Angelo like we did here on Saturday. I think we will.

"Lake View has some tremendously gifted athletes ... so does Andrews," he added. "We've got a few, too, but most of what we've been able to do is pick up lots of placing points from kids that just go out there and give it everything they've got."

The Lady Steers chalked up plenty of first-place points at the AMBUCS Relays last week and could well duplicate them today.

Leandra Williams took the win in the shot put with a 34-10 heave, while Ashley Smith added sixth place.

"That wasn't a particularly good throw for Leandra," Kennedy noted. "She's been having a little trouble with her form ... kind of throwing up hill. If she throws as well as she's capable, though, she ought to win the shot."

That shot put finish last week, where the Lady Steers picked up multiple points, was repeated in almost every event and most certainly will be the key today.

April McGee added another first in the field events a week

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Isiah Thomas, James Worthy nominated for Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — With their open-court skills, Isiah Thomas and James Worthy quickened the pace of basketball and the pulse of fans. Now, they are both Basketball Hall of Fame nominees.

Worthy, who played for North Carolina, joined fellow Tar Heels Bobby Jones and Bob McAdoo on the list of 10 nominated players and coaches announced Wednesday.

Sidney Moncrief also was proposed as a player, while Lute Olsen of Arizona, Morgan Wootten of DeMatha High School and Jim Phelan of Mount St. Mary's were nominated as coaches.

Kentucky athletic director C.M. Newton and the late Junius Kellogg, a wheelchair basketball pioneer, were nominated as contributors.

To be elected, a nominee needs 18 votes from the 24-member Honors Committee. The inductees will be announced next month, with enshrinement ceremonies in October.

Thomas, who owns the Continental Basketball Association, led Indiana to the 1981 NCAA championship and the Detroit Pistons to consecutive NBA titles in 1989 and 1990.

In 1996, Thomas, selected to the NBA All-Star team in 12 of his 13 seasons in the league, was honored as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players.

He averaged 19.2 points and 9.3 assists during his career, ranking as Detroit's career leader in both categories. He is fourth in career assists and ninth in steals in the NBA.

Following his retirement as a player, Thomas became part owner and general manager of the Toronto Raptors. Last year, he acquired the CBA for $10 million.

Worthy, now a broadcaster, was the quick, powerful, fast-break finisher, who led North Carolina to the 1982 NCAA championship before starring with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Also honored as one of the top 50 players in NBA history, the power forward played on three Lakers' championship teams (1985, '87 and '88) and was chosen to seven NBA All-Star teams.

McAdoo was a three-time scoring champion and two-time NBA champion with the Lakers. He is an assistant coach with the Miami Heat.

Jones was a defensive star in the ABA and NBA with the Denver Nuggets. Now, he is an assistant headmaster and basketball coach at the Christian School in Charlotte, N.C

Moncrief starred at Arkansas and was a two-time NBA defensive player of the year with the Milwaukee Bucks. He is currently a coach at Arkansas-Little Rock.

Olsen led Arizona to the 1997 NCAA championship, and has a 715-240 record in 26 years at Long Beach City College, Long Beach State, Iowa and Arizona.

Phelan has an 808-462 record in 46 years at Mount St. Mary's. He led the Mountaineers to the 1962 Division II championship.

Wootten was the most successful high school coach with an 87 percent winning percentage (1,210-163) in 44 years at DeMatha in Washington, D.C.

Newton played on Kentucky's 1951 NCAA championship team, then coached at Transylvania, Alabama and Vanderbilt.

Stars open Stanley Cup defense with 2-1 win over Oilers

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have an interesting routine going. They beat the Edmonton Oilers by one goal, then talk about how lucky they were to do it.

The Stars opened their Stanley Cup defense with a 2-1 victory over the Oilers on Thursday night. It was their eighth straight playoff win over Edmonton, and seven of them have been by a single goal.

"We want to be prepared to win 2-1, 3-2 games," said Stars captain Derian Hatcher, whose 13 hits helped slow the Oilers. "It went like a lot of other games against Edmonton, but we still can't take this for granted."

The Oilers, who will try breaking the spell tonight in Game 2 of the best-of-7 series, are getting pretty sick of it.

"It's been tough for me," said goalie Tommy Salo, who fell to 0-5 in the playoffs — all against Dallas — despite stopping 30 shots. "Sometime, someday, it's going to turn around. If we get a win, it'll put pressure on them and it'll be a different ballgame."

In other first-round playoff openers, Toronto beat Ottawa 2-0 in an Eastern Conference series, while St. Louis defeated San Jose 5-3 in the West.

Also playing series openers on Thursday, it will be Buffalo at Philadelphia; Pittsburgh at Washington; Florida at New Jersey; Los Angeles at Detroit; and Phoenix at Colorado.

This one followed the blueprint the Stars used to win their first NHL title last season: outhit the opponent 68-52, outshoot them 32-14 and get solid goaltending from Ed Belfour.

Belfour ran the scoreless streak that began in the Cup-clinching triple-overtime against Buffalo last year to 123 minutes, 30 seconds, then saw it end when German Titov snagged a poor clearing pass by Darryl Sydor and fired it into the net. The puck slid right by Sydor, who screened Belfour.

The goal by Titov, his first since being acquired from Pittsburgh at the trading deadline, tied it at 1 with 13:00 left.

Dallas went up 1-0 on a second-period goal by Mike Keane. The Stars appeared to score again a few minutes later, but it was waved off by a penalty. Other scoring chances were snuffed by Salo or wasted on bad passes.

The game-winner came with 8:29 left and was scored by Russian rookie Roman Lyashenko, the least-experienced of Dallas' newcomers. Like Titov, he was the recipient of an errant pass, only this one was right in front of the crease with Salo sprawled on the ice.

"My teammates worked hard for that goal," Lyashenko said. "I just put my stick on the ice and shot it into the net."

The Oilers didn't have a shot for the first 15:50 of the second period and took just three in the third period. Only two players had as many as two shots and the top line of Doug Weight, Ryan Smith and Bill Guerin had more giveaways (seven) than shots (four).

"I was happy with the first period, but very unhappy with the second," coach Kevin Lowe said. "It was a case of no execution and poor puck movement. It was the worst game we've played against Dallas in a long time."

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock saw things differently.

"I thought we played conservative in the first period, then got stronger and stronger as the game went on," Hitchcock said. "I thought this was one of the best games we've played against Edmonton in two years."

Dallas is 18-2-1 against Edmonton since the Oilers eliminated the Stars from the 1997 playoffs. They've won the last 10 at Reunion Arena.

Two-time Selke Trophy winner Jere Lehtinen was a late scratch for Dallas because of an ankle problem that's plagued him all season.

Edmonton wasn't sure whether it would have second-line left winger Ethan Moreau. He's questionable after leaving in the second period with a deep thigh bruise.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed RHP Chad Ogea to a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Fired Rick Williams, pitching coach. Named Bill Fischer pitching coach. Activated OF Jose Guillen from the 15-day disabled list and optioned him to Durham of the International League.
National League
NEW YORK METS—Claimed LHP Anthony Shumaker off waivers from the Philadelphia Phillies and optioned him to Norfolk of the International League. Designated C Vance Wilson for assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed RHP Kevin Brown on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled LHP Carlos Perez from Albuquerque of the PCL.
BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES SPARKS—Named Marianne Stanley assistant coach.
SACRAMENTO MONARCHS—Signed Sonny Allen, coach, and Maura McHugh, assistant coach, to contract extensions.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Traded first (15th) and second-round (45th) picks in the 2000 draft to the Denver Broncos for a 2000 first-round (10th) pick.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Named Kelvin Moore coaching intern.
DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed LB Richard Jordan, G Kerlin Blaise, FB Travis Reece, QB Cory Sauter and S Ty Talton.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed QB Warren Moon to a two-year contract and QB Todd Collins to a contract extension through the 2002 season.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Re-signed QB Todd Bouman.
NEW YORK JETS—Traded WR Keyshawn Johnson to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the 13th and 27th picks in the 2000 draft.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Re-signed LB John Fiala to a three-year contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Agreed to terms with WR Keyshawn Johnson on an eight year contract. Waived WR Bert Emanuel.
COLLEGE
NCAA—Announced Iowa junior G Luke Recker is eligible to play basketball in October. Suspended Lehigh K Jaron Taaffe one year for using a banned substance.
INDIANAPOLIS—Named Teri Moren women's basketball coach.
TEMPLE—Announced junior men's basketball F Mark Karcher will forgo his senior year to enter the NBA draft. Named Dawn Staley women's basketball coach.
UC IRVINE—Named Curt Wilson men's and women's diving coach.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 8, Texas 6
Cleveland 5, Oakland 0
Boston 7, Minnesota 3
Seattle 4, Detroit 0
Chicago White Sox 7, Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 7, Baltimore 6
Toronto 6, Anaheim 2
Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Eldred 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Trachsel 1-1), 11:15 a.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 0-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 0-2) at Boston (Schourek 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 0-0) at Detroit (Nomo 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Texas (Helling 1-0) at Cleveland (Burba 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 1-1) at Boston (Rose 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Hill 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-1) at Detroit (Nitkowski 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 1-1) at Toronto (Wells 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Maduro 0-0) at Minnesota (Milton 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Thomas, Chicago, .500; CEverett, Boston, .480; Segui, Texas, .462; Erstad, Anaheim, .457; Randa, Kansas City, .450; Flaherty, Tampa Bay, .429; IRodriguez, Texas, .423.
RUNS—Justice, Cleveland, 11; WClark, Baltimore, 11; CGuzman, Minnesota, 10; Durham, Chicago, 10; Randa, Kansas City, 10; Thome, Cleveland, 10; GVaughn, Tampa Bay, 10.
RBI—CJohnson, Baltimore, 14; JGGiambi, Oakland, 13; Fryman, Cleveland, 13; Vizquel, Cleveland, 13; CNLee, Chicago, 11; Lawton, Minnesota, 11; Durham, Chicago, 11.
HITS—Randa, Kansas City, 18; Thomas, Chicago, 18; Erstad, Anaheim, 16; Konerko, Chicago, 15; JJones, Minnesota, 14; CNLee, Chicago, 14; Dye, Kansas City, 14; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 14.
DOUBLES—Quinn, Kansas City, 5; Konerko, Chicago, 5; Dye, Kansas City, 5; Vizquel, Cleveland, 5; Canseco, Tampa Bay, 5; 10 are tied with 4.
TRIPLES—CGuzman, Minnesota, 2; TMartinez, New York, 2; Polonia, Detroit, 2; 17 are tied with 1.
HOME RUNS—TBatista, Toronto, 5; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 5; Dye, Kansas City, 4; JGGiambi, Oakland, 4; Durham, Chicago, 4; CJohnson, Baltimore, 4; CEverett, Boston, 4; GVaughn, Tampa Bay, 4.
STOLEN BASES—Deshields, Baltimore, 6; AKennedy, Anaheim, 4; Febles, Kansas City, 3; Mclemore, Seattle, 3; 7 are tied with 2.
PITCHING (2 Decisions)—Schoeneweis, Anaheim, 2-0, 1.000, 3.00; JSWright, Cleveland, 2-0, 1.000, 1.29; JSantiago, Kansas City, 2-0, 1.000, .00; Colon, Cleveland, 2-0, 1.000, 1.64; Baldwin, Chicago, 2-0, 1.000, 2.02; PMartinez, Boston, 2-0, 1.000, .63; Nelson, New York, 2-0, 1.000, .00.
STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 23; Colon, Cleveland, 15; OHernandez, New York, 13; Nomo, Detroit, 13; Nitkowski, Detroit, 12; CFinley, Cleveland, 12; 5 are tied with 11.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 11, Atlanta 4
Colorado 7, Cincinnati 5
Philadelphia 8, N.Y. Mets 5
Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 4
Florida 11, Milwaukee 4
Houston 7, St. Louis 4
San Diego 4, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 2, 51/2 innings, susp., rain
Today's Games
Atlanta (Maddux 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 0-1), 1:20 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
G. State at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana vs. Miami, 7 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 0-0) at San Diego (Hitchcock 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 1-0) at Philadelphia (Wolf 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Powell 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 1-0) at Milwaukee (Bere 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Francisco, comp. of susp. game, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 2-0) at Colorado (Karl 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 0-1) at San Francisco (Gardner 1-0), 9:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Florida (A.Hernandez 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Lorraine 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bell 0-0) at Los Angeles (Hershiser 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 1-0) at Milwaukee (Woodard 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 0-1) at Philadelphia (Brock 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Ankiel 1-0) at Colorado (Astacio 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 1-0) at San Diego (Boehringer 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 2-0) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 0-2), 9:35 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	50	28	.641	—
x-New York	49	29	.628	1
x-Philadelphia	46	32	.590	4
Orlando	39	39	.500	11
Boston	32	46	.410	18
New Jersey	31	48	.392	191/2
Washington	28	50	.359	22
Central Division				
y-Indiana	52	26	.667	—
x-Charlotte	45	33	.577	7
x-Toronto	43	35	.551	9
Detroit	41	37	.526	11
Milwaukee	39	39	.500	13
Cleveland	30	48	.385	22
Atlanta	26	52	.333	26
Chicago	17	60	.221	341/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	53	25	.679	—
x-San Antonio	50	28	.641	3
x-Minnesota	48	30	.615	5
Dallas	36	41	.468	161/2
Houston	32	46	.410	21
Denver	31	47	.397	22
Vancouver	21	57	.269	32
Pacific Division				
y-L.A. Lakers	65	13	.833	—
x-Portland	56	22	.718	9
x-Phoenix	51	27	.654	14
x-Sacramento	43	34	.558	211/2
x-Seattle	43	35	.551	22
Golden State	19	59	.244	46
L.A. Clippers	14	64	.179	51

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 93, Washington 84
Boston 95, Orlando 91
Charlotte 119, Atlanta 87
Detroit 90, Miami 73
Milwaukee 101, Cleveland 100
New York 91, New Jersey 89, OT
Indiana 77, Toronto 73
Utah 102, L.A. Clippers 93
Seattle 110, Minnesota 83
Phoenix 122, Vancouver 116, OT
Today's Games
Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Edmonds, St. Louis, .536; Vidro, Montreal, .459; VGuerrero, Montreal, .452; Reese, Cincinnati, .433; Hidalgo, Houston, .423; LCastillo, Florida, .400; Gutierrez, Chicago, .400.
RUNS—Vidro, Montreal, 12; Edmonds, St. Louis, 12; Bergeron, Montreal, 11; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 11; LCastillo, Florida, 10; Lansing, Colorado, 10; Hidalgo, Houston, 9; Vina, St. Louis, 9; AMartin, San Diego, 9; SFinley, Arizona, 9.
RBI—Griffey Jr., Cincinnati, 14; VGuerrero, Montreal, 12; Andrews, Chicago, 12; Galarraga, Atlanta, 11; Lowell, Florida, 10; Hidalgo, Houston, 10; Tatis, St. Louis, 10; LStevens, Montreal, 10; LHarris, Arizona, 10.
HITS—Vidro, Montreal, 17; Vina, St. Louis, 16; Edmonds, St. Louis, 15; VGuerrero, Montreal, 14; EWYoung, Chicago, 14; SFinley, Arizona, 14; Larkin, Cincinnati, 14.
DOUBLES—Cirillo, Colorado, 6; Larkin, Cincinnati, 5; Vidro, Montreal, 4; Matheny, St. Louis, 4; Edmonds, St. Louis, 4; RBWhite, Montreal, 4; EWYoung, Chicago, 4; LGonzalez, Arizona, 4.
TRIPLES—Vina, St. Louis, 4; Cedeno, Houston, 2; Goodwin, Colorado, 2; Grissom, Milwaukee, 2; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 2; 28 are tied with 1.
HOME RUNS—Andrews, Chicago, 5; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 5; Drew, St. Louis, 4; Hidalgo, Houston, 4; VGuerrero, Montreal, 4; Rolen, Philadelphia, 4; Edmonds, St. Louis, 4; Galarraga, Atlanta, 4.
STOLEN BASES—LCastillo, Florida, 4; Owens, San Diego, 4; Furcal, Atlanta, 3; Vidro, Montreal, 3; Reese, Cincinnati, 3; 14 are tied with 2.
PITCHING (2 Decisions)—13 are tied with 1.000.
STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson, Arizona, 23; Farnsworth, Chicago, 15; Benson, Pittsburgh, 15; Nathan, San Francisco, 14; Dempster, Florida, 14; Ankiel, St. Louis, 12; Lieber, Chicago, 12; KBrown, Los Angeles, 12.

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, April 12
Dallas 2, Edmonton 1, Dallas leads series 1-0
Toronto 2, Ottawa 0, Toronto leads series 1-0
St. Louis 5, San Jose 3, St. Louis leads series 1-0
Thursday, April 13
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Friday, April 14
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

WPHL PLAYOFFS

Eastern Bracket
Semifinals
Friday, April 14
Shreveport at Central Texas
Saturday, April 15
Shreveport at Central Texas
Tuesday, April 18
Central Texas at Shreveport
Friday, April 21
Central Texas at Shreveport
Saturday, April 22
Shreveport at Cen. Texas, if necessary
Tuesday, April 25
Cen. Texas at Shreveport, if necessary
Wednesday, April 26
Shreveport at Cen. Texas, if necessary
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Western Bracket
Semifinals
Friday, April 14
Austin at New Mexico
Saturday, April 15
Austin at New Mexico
Wednesday, April 19
New Mexico at Austin
Friday, April 21
New Mexico at Austin
Saturday, April 22
New Mexico at Austin, if necessary
Monday, April 24
Austin at New Mexico, if necessary
Wednesday, April 26
Austin at New Mexico, if necessary

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Class 5A
1. Houston Bellaire (20-1)
2. CC Moody (22-1-1)
3. Duncanville (20-1)
4. Klein Oak (21-2)
5. Jersey Village (18-1)
6. Round Rock (20-3)
7. Laredo Nixon (21-1)
8. El Paso Socorro (20-1)
9. El Paso Bel Air (19-3)
10. McKinney (21-3)

Class 4A
1. Coppell (20-2)
2. CC Calallen (22-2)
3. Hewitt Midway (21-1)
4. Weatherford (20-2)
5. Boerne (19-3-1)
6. Nederland (18-3)
7. Austin Anderson (20-5)
8. FW Arlington Heights (16-3-2)
9. Uvalde (16-5)
10. Carthage (16-3)

Class 3A
1. Lake Dallas (19-0)
2. Lufkin Hudson (21-1)
3. Lindale (21-2)
4. Forney (16-5)
5. Iowa Park (18-5)
6. Falfurrias (15-3)
7. Elgin (19-4)
8. Shepherd (17-4)
9. Kennedale (15-5)
10. China Spring (14-4)

Class 2A
1. Gunter (17-0)
2. Weimar (17-2)
3. Cooper (12-2)
4. Grand Saline (16-0)
5. Colmesneil (15-3)
6. Elysian Fields (15-3)
7. Seymour (16-2)
8. East Bernard (18-3)
9. Blanco (15-1-1)
10. Alto (12-3)

Class 1A
1. Blue Ridge (12-1)
2. Evadale (12-2)
3. Mt. Enterprise (11-1)
4. Douglass (14-2)
5. Cross Plains (10-3)
6. D'Hanis (10-3)
7. Bosqueville (10-4)
8. Maud (8-4)
9. Claude (8-3)
10. Milano (11-3)

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ago by winning the long jump with a 16-31/4 leap, while Angelica Hinojos was third and Rachelle Guinn was sixth.

Guinn added a second-place finish in the triple jump, while Sterling Burchett was fourth and LaTrisha Rollins was sixth.

Alexis Casillas added another second-place finish in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5 feet and figures to be the district favorite. Stormie Huff was sixth in the high jump.

Another second-place finish came from Amber Mayes in the discus, while Dena Cook was fourth.

"If we get off to that kind of start in the field events this week, and there's no reason to think we can't ... maybe do even a little better ... we're going to be in awfully good shape," Kennedy noted.

The Lady Steers continued that theme in the running events finals.

Ashley Larson got the Lady Steers off to a good start in the running events, winning the 3,200 meters with a 12:43.94 clocking while April Aguilar was fourth.

Larson added a second-place finish in the 1,600 meters.

The Lady Steers finished second in the 400-meter relay, McGee, Hinojos, Amanda Rubio and Huff motoring to a time of 50 seconds flat.

That foursome has, however, had better times this spring and is entirely capable of winning today.

Hinojos added a first in the 100 meters with a 12.49 clocking, while Kourtnee Rushin was fifth. McGee chipped in a second-place clocking in the 200 meters and Rushin was sixth.

Guinn, who also teamed with McGee, Hinojos and Rubio in winning the 800-meter relay with a 1:45.63 clocking last week, added third-place points in the 100-meter hurdles, while Chelsea Churchwell was sixth.

Rollins also had another sixth-place finish in the 400 meters and Britania Perez contributed a fourth-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Lady Steers added their final points Saturday in the 1,600-meter relay when Perez, Rubio, Guinn and Burchett were clocked at 4:13.27 and a second-place finish behind Lake View.

While the Maidens' 1,600-meter relay is clearly a favorite this week, thanks to the presence of Chonna Wright, the defending 5-4A champion in the 400 meters, Big Spring's foursome ran its best time of the spring last week.

"That's they closest we've come to them all spring," Kennedy said. "It's been that way all year, we take the lead and are ahead of them for a couple of legs, but we just don't have anyone that can run with Chonna.

"The good thing, though, is that we had such a big lead last weekend that she had a tough time overtaking us," he added. "We just keep getting better, so we'll see how well we can challenge them today."

In the boys' division, Lake View is clearly the favorite, thanks in no small part to possession four of the six or seven best sprinters in the district.

While Snyder's Tigers literally ran away with the AMBUCS meet's team title with 193 points last week, nobody will be surprised to see them relegated to runner-up status today..

Big Spring's Steers, who finished with 70 points in their own meet last week, figure to again get their best finishes in the pole vault, 800 meters and 1,600 meters.

Brandon Wegner and his cousin, Kyland Wegner, figure to be the favorites in the pole vault following their first- and third-place finishes last week.

Brandon won the event with a 13-foot leap last week, while Kyland was third at 11-6.

Rolando Ladesma won the 800 meters with a 2:03.91 clocking and should be capable of earning a berth in the Region I, Class 4A meet.

Michael Martinez will also be gunning for a regional meet berth in the 1,600 meters following his second-place clocking of 4:43.42 last week.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven Wes Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increases April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed charges in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately $1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

Abernathy	Lamesa	Quitaque
Amherst	Levelland	Ralls
Anton	Littlefield	Ransom Canyon
Big Spring	Lockney	Ropesville
Bovina	Lorenzo	Seagraves
Brownfield	Los Ybanez	Seminole
Buffalo Spring Lake	Lubbock*	Shallowater
Canyon	Meadow	Silverton
Coahoma	Midland	Slaton
Crosbyton	Muleshoe	Smyer
Dimmitt	Nazareth	Springlake
Earth	New Deal	Stanton
Edmonson	New Home	Sudan
Floydada	Odessa*	Tahoka
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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for April 12. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 65-70 degrees; Black bass are good on chartreuse Baby 1 Minus fished in 2 to 5 feet around the boat houses and off the rocky points. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 5 feet around the boathouses and at night under light. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on Rat-L-Traps and Pop-R's fished early (the spring runs are beginning).

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 67 degrees; 1007.74'; Black bass are good on silver/blue 1/4oz. spinnerbaits, Texas-rigged smoke/blue Creme Super Tubes and chrome/blue 1/4oz. Rat-L-Traps fished on the secondary points and bluffs of Morgan and Beaver Creeks along laydowns and stumps. Crappie are slow on minnows and chartreuse tiny tubes. White bass are good vertically jigging Horizon Pink Minnows and trolling or casting 1/8oz. Spin Traps or minnows. Striped bass are good drifting live bait in 24 feet or trolling bucktail jigs along the main channel breaks. Channel catfish are fair on live bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 62-65 degrees; Black bass are fair on black and chartreuse Power Craws fished around the bank edges. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the front edge and the base of the dam. Hybrid stripers are slow. The hybrids should pick up soon if the weather stays warm. Look for them around the dam with live shad in about 14 feet.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 68 degrees; 30' low; Black bass are good on watermelon and pumpkinseed worms fished in 10 to 18 feet. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows fished around the trees in 20 feet. White bass are fair on slabs and minnows. Striped bass are fair to good on live shad fished early and late by the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, chicken livers and shrimp fished in 5 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch or goldfish set in 20 to 30 feet.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Main lake clear, creeks are stained; 62-64 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on black jigs with blue trailers fished in Big Grape, Little Grape and Gobbler Creek in 10 to 12 feet near the edge of the creek channels. No reports on smallmouth bass. Alabama Spotted Bass are fair on tiger striped crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared baits.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 60 degrees; 9.44' low; Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits and large minnows. Crappie are good to excellent on red/white jigs and minnows fished at the state park and around the derricks in 5 feet. White bass are slow to fair (some picked up while crappie fishing). Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 62 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 6 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 3 to 5 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good on cut bait and large minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are poor.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 60-62 degrees. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits. White bass are good on minnows and small spinners fished early and late. Crappie are poor on minnows. Redfish are good on Rat-L-Traps and cut shad. Channel catfish are fair. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

J.B. PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 62 degrees; 16.5' low; Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbaits fished in 6 to 7 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 5 feet. White bass are good on jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 6 feet. Hybrid stripers are fair on shad and chicken livers fished in 7 to 10 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad, minnows, shrimp and chicken livers fished in 7 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are good on live perch fished in 7 to 10 feet.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water murky; 64 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and lizards fished in 10 to 12 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and small jigs fished in 1 to 5 feet around boathouses. White bass are good on small jigs and slabs fished in 11 to 15 feet. Channel catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut baits fished in 3 to 5 feet in the mouths of creeks on the flats.

KEMP: Water murky; 62 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 5 feet. White bass are good on minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet. Crappie are excellent on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet around boat docks. Blue and channel catfish are fair on punch bait, worms and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with goldfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 65 degrees; No report available.

NOCONA: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water murky; 58 degrees; 17.5' low; Black bass are good on worms, crankbaits, lizards and minnows fished in 4 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on small jigs and minnows fished in 8 to 15 feet. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 12 feet. Channels and blue catfish are good on minnows, nightcrawlers and stinkbaits fished in 5 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish to 2½ pounds are fair on goldfish and live perch fished in 5 to 10 feet.

OLIVE: Water clear; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged lizards and worms fished in 10 to 20 feet. Smallmouth bass are fair on Carolina rigs fished on steep rocky banks on the main lake. Crappie are fair at night on minnows and jigs fished under lights in 10 to 20 feet. White bass are slow to fair on minnows and slabs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live shad set in 10 to 15 feet.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 61 degrees; 3.6' low; Black bass are good on Sluggos, french fries and live shad fished in 8 to 15 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Striped bass are good on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water off color; 60-62 degrees; Black bass are good on plastic worms fished in 1 to 5 feet. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 6 to 12 feet. White bass are fair to good on minnows, slabs and crankbaits fished in 6 to 10 feet. Striped bass are fair on white Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits fished in 10 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and cut shad fished in 5 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

STAMFORD: Water slightly stained; 64 degrees; Black bass are fair on plastic worms and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the shallows. White bass are slow on minnows fished near the power plant. Channel catfish are fair on cut shad and punch bait. Blue catfish are good on punch bait and cut shad fished in 5 to 10 feet.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 56 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on tube baits and worms fished in the shallows. Crappie are fair in minnows fished in 10 feet. White bass are fair to good on minnows and fished around boat docks. Blue and channel catfish are fair on minnows and stinkbaits fished off bottom. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: No fishing report due to extreme low lake level.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 62-64 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on waterdogs, tiger striped crankbaits and chartreuse spinnerbaits fished on the north side and around the dam. Walleye are slow on live minnows. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows fished near the dam. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut baits.



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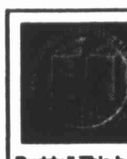
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Year 2000 Newbery Winner

Meet Christopher Paul Curtis



The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year's winner was Christopher Paul Curtis for his book "Bud, Not Buddy." This book also won the Coretta Scott King Award, given each year to an outstanding black author.

Although Christopher Paul Curtis has only written two books, he is already considered to be one of the best children's writers in the country. Both of his books have won top prizes. His first book, "The Watsons Go to Birmingham — 1963" was a Newbery Honor Book in 1996.

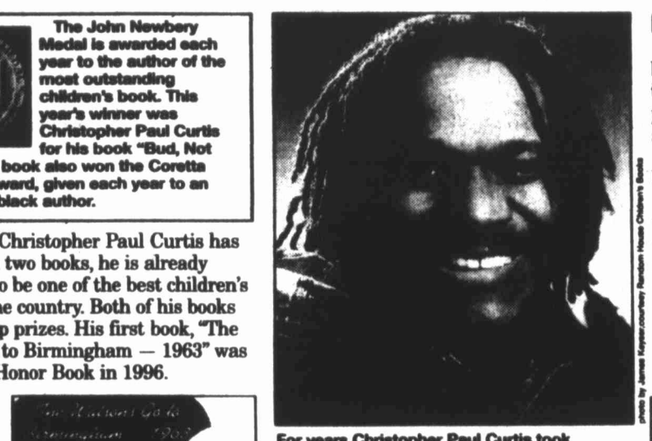


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For years Christopher Paul Curtis took college classes at night. He is very close to getting his degree in political science.



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In "The Watsons Go to Birmingham — 1963," 10-year-old Kenny and his family visit their grandma in Alabama. Her church is bombed while Kenny's sister is inside. The family waits in fear, not knowing if she is alive.

Advice to kids

"Ignore all advice. Because everybody will find their own way to write. Write every day.

"It's so important that you listen to your elders. These are people who have interesting stories. They might seem boring at the time, but that's your history. So listen."

Background

Before he began writing for a living, he held many jobs. For 13 years he hung doors on cars at a factory.

Then he mowed lawns at a housing complex, was a customer service representative for the Detroit Power Co., worked as a census taker, ran the Flint, Mich., campaign for a U.S. Senate candidate, and loaded trucks.

He said, "I didn't have a driving urge to be a writer."

But his wife Kaysandra was so impressed with the writing in his journals and letters, she convinced him to take a year off work to write a book.

Personal

Wife: Kaysandra, a nurse
Kids: a son, 21; a daughter, 8
Home: Windsor, Ontario, Canada

His work

Christopher Paul Curtis writes his books in longhand at the library. Then he types them into the computer. He said he prefers to write in longhand because "it slows me down."

It takes him about a year to write a book.

He said: "The main thing about my writing life is I have a lot of fun. I enjoy the writing process. I've never had so much fun in my life. If I'd known writing was so much fun, I would have started when I was 4 years old."

He is now working on a book about a 15-year-old boy whose mother is a con artist. It is called "Bucking the Sarge."

Some favorite things

Food: food from India
Hobbies: listening to music, especially jazz and blues; reading
Sport to play: basketball
Time and place to read: early in the morning, sitting on the couch

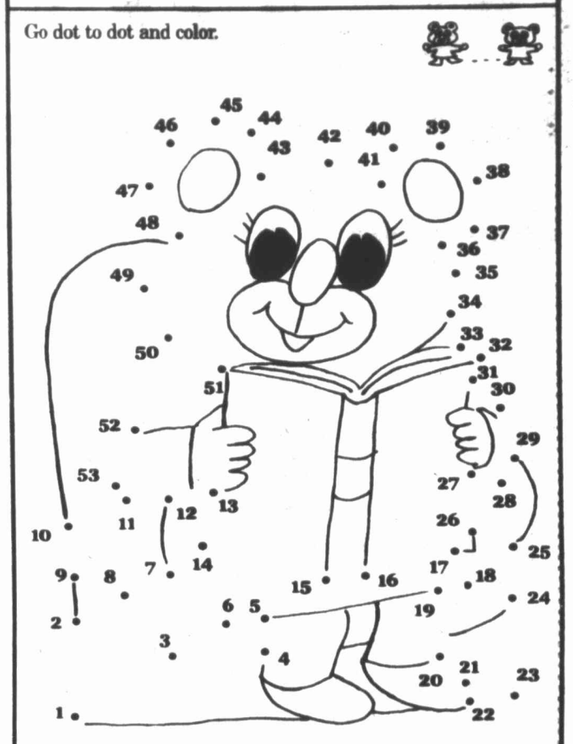


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In "Bud, Not Buddy," a 10-year-old searches for the man he thinks is his dad, a famous bandleader. It is the Depression and times are tough for everyone, especially for a kid on his own.

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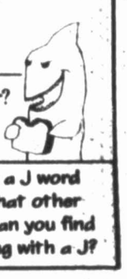
MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter J. One thing beginning with the J sound is a "**jack-in-the-box**."



Q: When does a teacher have trouble seeing?
A: When her pupils **jump** about!

Q: What do sharks eat with peanut butter?
A: Jellyfish!



Doctor: What's wrong with you?
Kangaroo: I've been feeling really **jumpy** lately!



Go on a J word hunt. What other words can you find beginning with a J?

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Rich Rice Pudding



You'll need:

- 1 cup quick-cooking rice
- 1 (3 1/8-ounce) package vanilla pudding mix
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups milk

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients, except milk, in a microwave-safe casserole. Mix well.
2. Add milk. Stir until smooth.
3. Microwave on HIGH for 10 to 12 minutes or until boiling. Stir halfway through cooking.

Serves 4 to 6.

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BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S **BOOKS** TRY 'N FIND

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Mini Spy . . .

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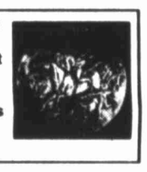


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Meet Illustrator Simms Taback

The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year's winner was Simms Taback for "Joseph Had a Little Overcoat."



Background

Simms Taback has worked most of his life as an illustrator. He has done artwork for advertising, magazines, TV commercials, record companies, greeting cards, posters and calendars. He even designed the first McDonald's Happy Meals box.

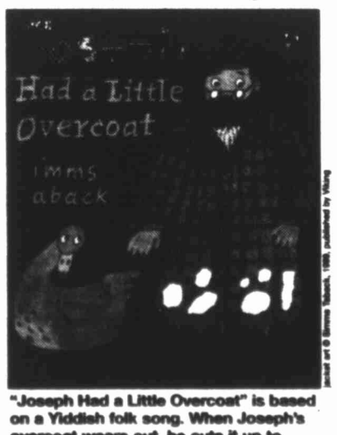
In the last 25 years he has also illustrated about 40 children's books and three cookbooks.

In 1998 his book "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" was a Caldecott Honor Book. He has been working on children's books full time for about four years.

His work

Illustrating a book can take him from two months to a year. Sometimes he illustrates books other authors have written. Sometimes he takes a folk song or fairy tale and illustrates that.

He works in a studio near his house. Sometimes he works 12 to 14 hours at a stretch. At other times, he said, "I work just half a day, depending on how the creative juices are flowing."

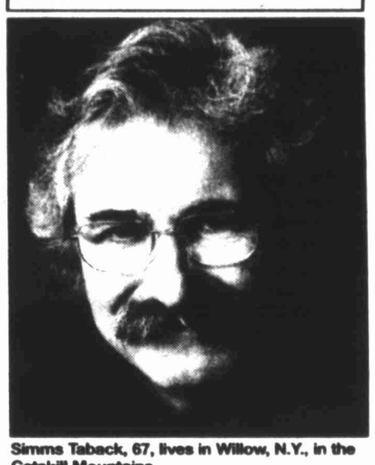


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"Joseph Had a Little Overcoat" is based on a Yiddish folk song. When Joseph's overcoat wears out, he cuts it up to make a jacket. Then he cuts it up again and again, making new things each time.

Personal

Wife: Gail
Kids: one son and two daughters, all grown; three grandchildren, with one more on the way
Pets: two mixed labradors, Rosie and Hooch



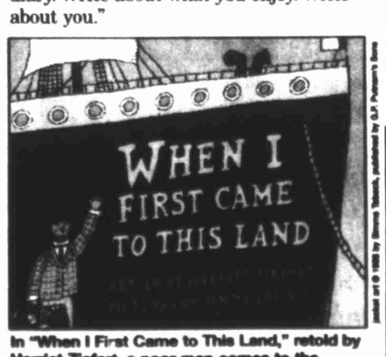
Simms Taback, 67, lives in Willow, N.Y., in the Catskill Mountains.

Advice to Kids

"Start to read at as early an age as possible. Start with picture books.

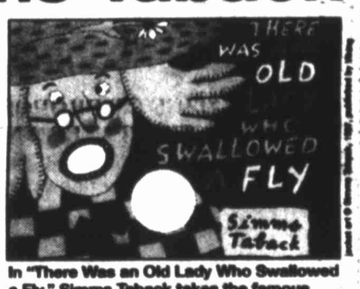
"Then read as much as possible. If you enjoy a book by a certain author, find out what else that author has written and read that.

"Try to write about whatever interests you. A good place to start is to keep a diary. Write about what you enjoy. Write about you."



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In "When I First Came to This Land," retold by Harriet Ziefert, a poor man comes to the United States and builds a home for himself.

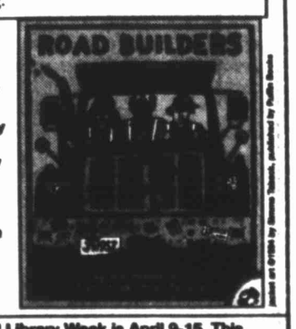


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In "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly," Simms Taback takes the famous nursery rhyme and shows what really went on inside the lady's stomach.

Some favorite things

Food: chocolate ice cream
Color: "As an artist I don't have a favorite color. I just see everything in terms of the entire palette. I also like to work in black and white, especially if I have done color work for a year or two."
Hobbies: carpentry. "I like to build things around the house."
TV: He does not have a TV.
Sport to play: swimming
Time and place to read: at night. He reads the newspaper during lunchtime and sometimes in the evening.



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"Road Builders" by B.G. Hennessy shows the many kinds of trucks needed to build a road.

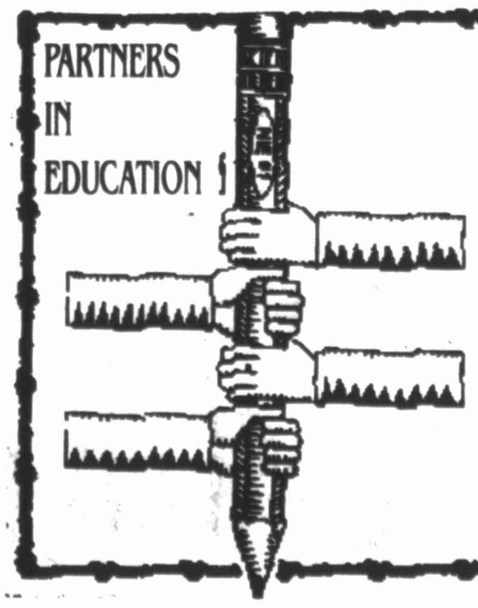
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Look through your newspaper for stories and pictures that interest you. Go to the library to find out more about those subjects.

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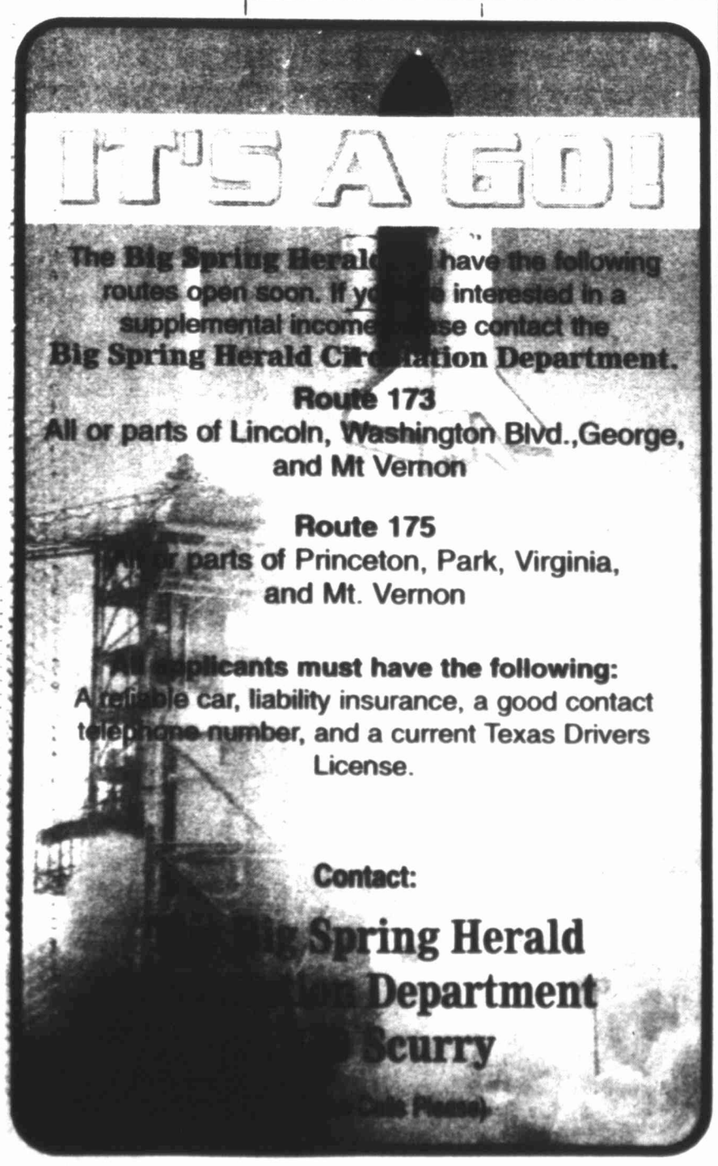
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For sale or rent possible owner finance. Live in one side rent out the other. 3 bd. 1 ba. $450. 2 bd. 1 ba $350. 264-9907

House for rent. 711 Johnson. 2 bdr., remodeled, fenced backyard, garage. $350. mon. 425-1800.

Nice home in Highland 3 bdr. 2 bth. $950/mn. $400/dep. Call or 263-4528.

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2 bd., 1 1/2 bath Mobile Home. Furnished. Double carport. All bills paid. No pets! $375./mo, $100./dep. 267-2889.

DIET & HEALTH

SWIMSUIT SEASON IS NEAR
Lose Weight Now!
1-888-707-7593

TOO LATES

Delivery Help Needed
Must have a neat appearance, clean driving record and lifting involved. Apply in person to Credit World, 1611 S. Gregg.

❑ Moving Sale: Sat. 8-5pm. 411 Ramsey. (Coahoma) Furn., treadmill, porch swing, lot's of misc.

3 bdr. 2 bth. brick, pool, acre of land. 411 Ramsey (Coahoma). Call 394-4054

85 F150 s/c long bed, chrome headache rack, tool box, bed rails & running boards, 351 V-8, power steering electric brakes, windows, tilt & cruise.

1 nice mult-color couch. Call 263-7361.

Bargain! Bargain!
For Sale By Owner::
Alta Vista Apts. 401 E. 8th. 8 units & cottage. Call 267-2655.

C-Band Satellite system with 9 ft. mesh dish, Gen. Instrument receiver/positioner, & Video-Pal unit. All for $200. Call 267-8119.

BUY-SELL-TRADE
In the
Big Spring Herald
Classifieds
263-7331

TOO LATES

Schlotzsky's Deli
1513 E. FM 700
Looking for energetic, dependable individuals to join our team. Pay D.O.E.
Apply in person
8:00-10:00AM.

❑ PJ's Resale Shop: Fri. & Sat. 2210 Main. Recliner, couch, microwave, wood dining table, misc. boxes .50¢each.

San Angelo Standard times is in need of a early morning Big Spring carrier. Please call 800-588-1884 ext. 296 for more info.

FREE to a good home. Cute, lovable 8 week old puppies. call 263-8813.

❑ This one Gigantic. 3 family Garage sale Sat. 8-6, Sun. 1:30-6:30. 7208 S. Service Rd. off Terry Rd.

❑ 2 Family Carport Sale: 1809 Morrison Dr. Sat. only 7:30-11:30. Stroller playpen, shelves, metal closet, lots of boys clothes, shoes, misc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. P-12651
ESTATE OF WILLIE JOHN WORD, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Willie John Word, Deceased, were issued on the 28th day of March, 2000, under Docket No. P-12651, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Belinda Joan Tharp and Rachel A. Springer.

Claims may be presented in care of Belinda Joan tharp to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Willie John Word
c/o Belinda Joan Tharp
2913 Kelso Ave.
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 28th day of March, 2000.

BELINDA JOAN THARP,
Co-Independent Executrix of the Estate of Willie John Word, Deceased
2716 April 13, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 p.m., April 20, 2000, for the following annual contracts:

Educational Instructional Supplies
Educational Office Supplies

Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3640. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after them opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on April 27, 2000, at 12:00 noon at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

2706 April 6 & 13, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Baytech Inc., P.O. Box 10158, Midland, Texas 79702-7158 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Canyon Formation. Callie "42-B" Lease Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 8 Miles N.w.ly of Big Spring in the Silver-Queen (Penn Canyon) Field in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2,820 to 3,310 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

2714 April 13, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the Registered Voters of City of Forsan-Forsan, Texas
(A los votantes registrados del Forsan, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2000, for voting in a City election, to elect 1 mayor and 1 councilman.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillos electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de Mayo de 2000 para votar en la Eleccion para elegir un alcalde y un miembro del Consilio.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Forsan ISD Administration Office
Forsan, Texas
(Oficina de Administracion del distrito escolar de-Forsan, Tx)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votacion en adeansado en persona se llevard a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
Forsan ISD Administration Office
between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000
(entre las 8 de la manana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 19 de abril de 2000)
and ending on May 2, 2000
y terminando el 2 de mayo de 2000)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo debern enviarse a)
Diana Walker
P.O. Box 714
Forsan, TX 79733

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votantes en ausencia por correo deberda recibirse pora el fin de las horas de negocio el)
April 28, 2000
Issued this the 9th day of April, 2000
(Emitada este dia de Abril, 2000.)
Dianna Walker
2718 April 13, 2000

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 14:

You have an unusual opportunity to move forward professionally this year. There might be a lot of financial pressure, but you have the means to make the money to meet obligations — and then some. This could be an 11-year peak if you focus on increasing your net worth during the next few months. You are likely to purchase a new computer or car this summer. The quality of your day-to-day life will pick up considerably. If you are single, meeting someone is likely during the summer or afterward. You reall y will enjoy your time with this person. If attached, the two of you develop your communication to a new level. VIRGO will always pitch in.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Easy does it. You can't change anyone or anything right now. Plot your course accordingly. Clear your desk; do what makes you feel good about yourself. Schedule some exercise somewhere along the way. Explore a financial offer. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You feel in control and that you can make a difference. Relax. Rome wasn't built in a day! With an easier pace, your imagination grows. You have a lot of fun ideas. Your personal life demands attention, and it is your pleasure to give it. Tonight: Help others enjoy their weekend, too!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** You are coming from a secure point of view. Make calls about property and real estate. An investment looks good; make sure it really is. Mellow out and don't feel compelled to make a decision just yet. Don't share every insight. Tonight: Mosey on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Reach out for others. Let more fun and play into your life. Your perspective opens doors, but perhaps not immediately. Schedule meetings; get together with others. Do not waver from your goals. Clear out your to-do list. Tonight: At a favorite spot .

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Take stock, with an eye to what you want and where you are heading. Review recent decisions about funds; look to creating more potential. Those in charge are highly responsive. Brainstorm. Be open to new ideas. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Beam in what you want. Be more willing to expand and risk. Schedule a workshop; take a class. Continue learning and growing. Someone at a distance could play a strong role in your life. Make calls; investigate and research. Tonight: Do something di fferent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Don't let the cat out of the bag. Keep a secret. Remain mellow and direct. Reaffirm your sense of direction. Understand your limits in a public setting. Your sense of humor comes out with a partner who, if nothing else, is optimistic. Tonight: Mysterious is best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Bring others together to network or just socialize. Others respect your sense of humor and want to be closer to you. You have a specific focus or purpose. Let others know where you are coming from. Tonight: A flirtation could become more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Others look to you for advice. Take charge, though anything decided presently might have to be confirmed later. Organize an important project even though you might want to wait until Monday before delegating. Your ideas are still formulating. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** With detachment, your sense of humor comes out. Get into the electronic age: Convert as much as you can to e-mail or get to know your computer even better. Check out fare prices for a dreamed-of trip. Anything is possible. Tonight: Escape from work ASAP.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Working as a team proves to be quite successful. You feel unusually comfortable with another. A decision you make is right on, especially if it involves a partnership and property. Be direct with a loved one, who is relieved by your clarity. Tonight: Be cozy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Others come toward you at a frenetic pace. Your way of handling another proves to be unusual. Popularity increases. You have many more options than you realize. Accept an offer that comes your way. The news gets better. Tonight: A force to behold.

BORN TODAY
Actress Julie Christie (1940), actor Anthony Michael Hall (1968), former baseball player Pete Rose (1941)

For America's best extended horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 740-7444, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia I nc., Jenkintown, Pa.

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Public reference librarians are just waiting to be asked

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest today that you have a "secret weapon" — a librarian at the Hollywood library. Thank you for broaching the subject of public libraries finding information for people.

Perhaps you could let your readers know that anyone, not just media celebrities, can get virtually any information through their local public library. In California (and many other states), if your local library can't find a piece of information, a published item, an old song, a definition, an address or repair manual — they have "second-level reference centers" to which they can refer the question. These second-level centers are staffed by professional reference librarians who will go to great lengths to track down whatever is needed.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

They use not only the print resources of our host library and the World Wide Web, but they call and fax corporations and other organizations, e-mail all over the world, confer with colleagues in special-interest libraries, and appeal for assistance on librarians' e-mail lists — to name only a few of the sources. They also research questions in nearby libraries and farm out some questions to other centers with strengths in certain areas.

Many people, unfortunately, do not ask for assistance from a librarian because they don't want to bother her or him, or because they don't think their question is important enough. Librarians are in this line of work because we enjoy helping people find what they need, and we welcome the opportunity to provide information.

Thank you, Abby, for promoting library services — they encompass far more than just books and videos! — CHRIS GALLERY, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

DEAR CHRIS: I'm pleased to promote library services. Our libraries house a wealth of information — not to mention entertainment — for anyone with an inquiring mind. It's all there for anyone with a thirst for knowledge.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "John in Santa Monica," who agreed to host his 17-year-old cousin for a week. I am not very close with one of my sisters. However, one day last year, her 14-year-old daughter, Lee, called to ask if she could spend the spring break with me.

I had separated from my husband recently and was on an extremely modest budget. I didn't have a lot of money to spend, but we didn't need it. The week that Lee spent with me turned out to be one of the best weeks of my life. Lee had so much fun that she returned for a week last summer.

In late October, Lee was killed in a house fire. I can't express how fortunate I feel to have spent those two weeks with her.

Please let John know that he should embrace the opportunity he has been given; he may never have it again. — DAWN IN BLACKSHEAR, GA.

DEAR DAWN: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your niece. You have written a powerful letter, and I'm sure that other readers besides John will appreciate the message you've conveyed so well.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Outraged," whose stepmother wanted to be buried between the woman's father and her birth mother, reminded me of the story about the man who remarried after his first wife died. He said when he died that he wanted to be buried between the two wives; "but tilt me toward Tillie." — LOUISE IN LARGO, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Ric," and I share a home and a child, and very soon a marriage certificate. When his best friend was married last fall, Ric was asked to be a part of the wedding party. However, when the invitation arrived, I was not included. I took his suit to the cleaners for the rehearsal party, picked up his tuxedo, shopped for the wedding gift (which cost more than expected), and sat at home with our son all weekend while he participated in the festivities without complaining.

Since the wedding, his friend and his new bride have invited Ric to participate in various other outings with them — and, you guessed it — they have conveniently forgotten to include me, or to even acknowledge that I am a significant part of his life.

I have since told Ric that their lack of tact bothers me, but he continues to participate solo, I continue to sit at home and wait, and his friends continue to exclude me. Am I wrong to be hurt by this inconsiderate behavior, or to feel as if he has betrayed me by letting this continue? — TIRED OF BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED, NORFOLK, VA.

DEAR TIRED: Since you share a home and a child together, it should have been clear to your fiance's friends a long time ago that he is in a committed relationship. And that means you should have been included in the invitations. You are being treated with disrespect and lack of consideration.

The person to blame for this is Ric. It is long past the point where he should have made clear to his friends that you are a couple, and if they want his company, you are part of the package. Ask him why he has allowed you to be excluded, and why he is socializing without you. Listen closely to his answer. If Ric isn't willing to put a stop to it now, you'd be wise to rethink marrying him, because I predict he'll make your future miserable.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty-five years ago, a group of veterinarians developed and patented a hand-washing device that would give a surgical scrub in 30 seconds. A portable model that could be placed on a cart and moved from room to room was available. Prototype models were proved effective by bacteriologic testing. Though several companies expressed interest, we were never able to bring the device to market.

While there have been tremendous advances in the medical field in the last 25 years, the age-old problem of contaminated hands, first described by Semmelweis in the 19th century, still persists. — WILLIAM V. LUMB, DVM, PHD, FORT COLLINS, COLO.

DEAR DR. LUMB: Unfortunately, you're right. And hand-washing is still the single most effective method of disease prevention. To quote an old saying, "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

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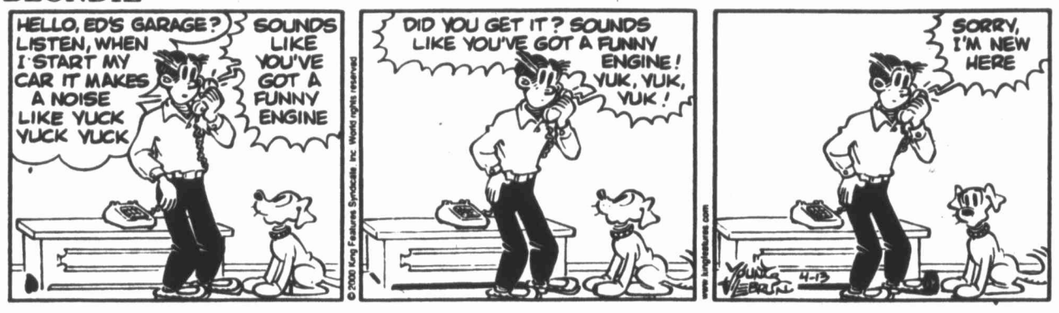
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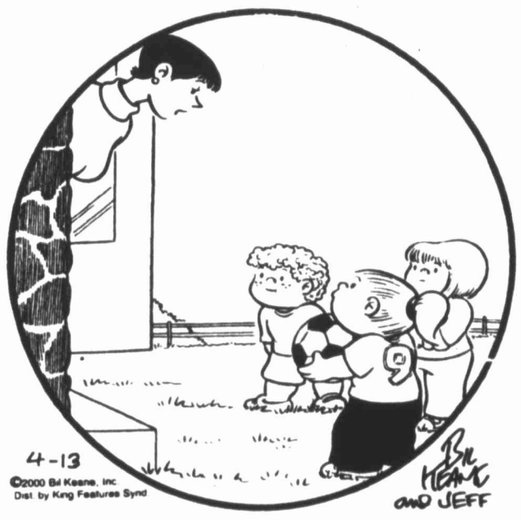
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"Mia Hamm always did her homework before she played soccer."

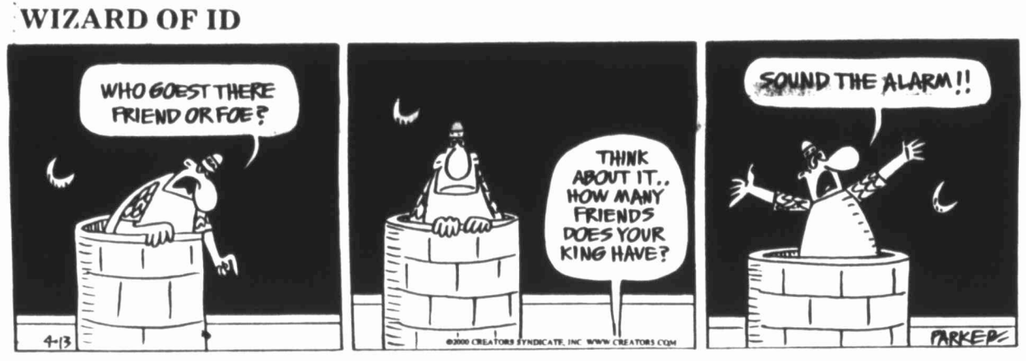
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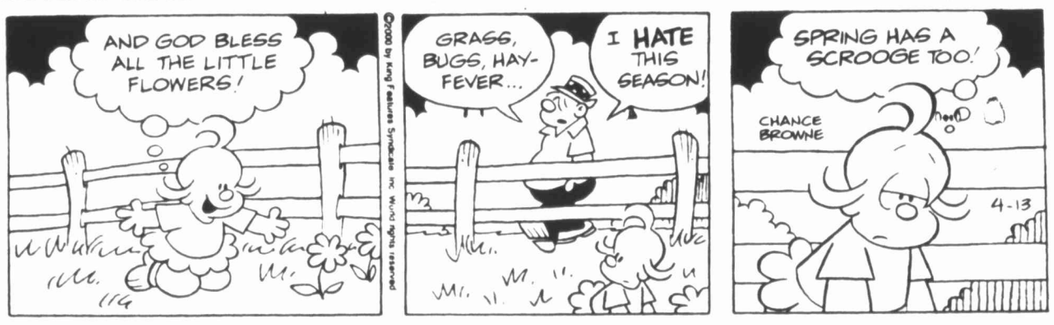
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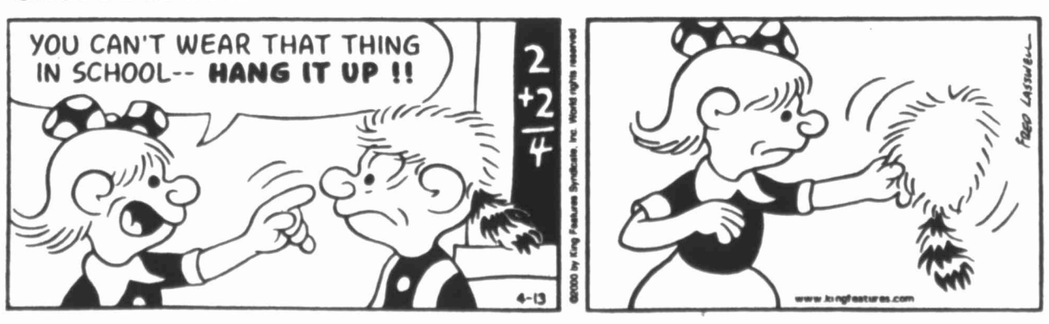
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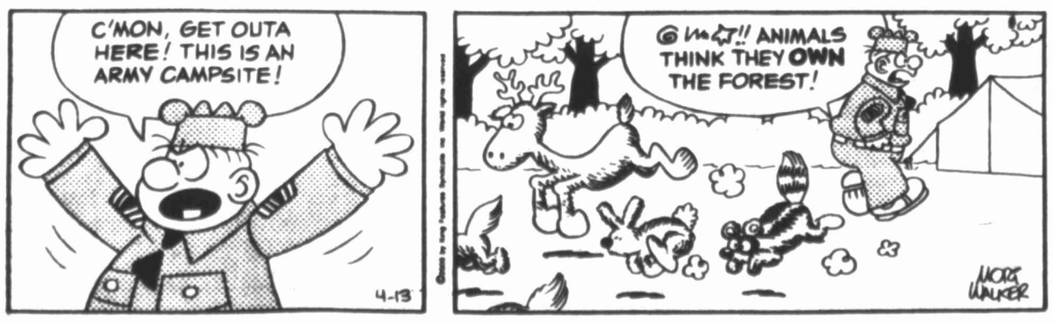
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 13, the 104th day of 2000. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, "Apollo 13," four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank of liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts got home safely.)

On this date:

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York.

In 1943, President Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, Van Cliburn became the first American to win the Tchaikovsky International Piano Contest in Moscow.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind.

In 1981, Washington Post reporter Janet Cooke received a Pulitzer Prize for her feature about an 8-year-old heroin addict named "Jimmy."; Cooke relinquished the prize two days later, admitting she had fabricated the story.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest golfer to win the Masters Tournament.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union accepted responsibility and apologized for the World War II murder of thousands of Polish officers in the Katyn Forest, a massacre the Soviets had previously blamed on the Nazis.

Five years ago: A federal appeals court opened the way for Shannon Faulkner to become the first woman to undergo military training at The Citadel.

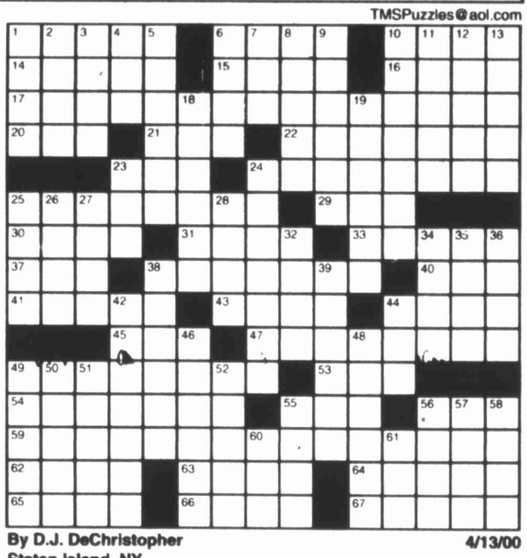
One year ago: Right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian was sentenced in Pontiac, Mich., to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient.

Today's Birthdays: Former Minnesota Gov. Harold Stassen is 93. Author Eudora Welty is 91. Actor Howard Keel is 81. Movie director Stanley Donen is 76. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Colo.) is 67. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 65. Actor Edward Fox is 63. Playwright Lanford Wilson is 63. Actor Paul Sorvino is 61. Movie and TV composer Bill Conti is 58. Rock musician Jack Casady is 56. Actor Tony Dow is 55. Singer Al Green is 54. Actor Ron Perlman is 50. Singer Peabo Bryson is 49. Rock musician Max Weinberg is 49. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 48. Rock musician Jimmy Destri (Blondie) is 46. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 43.

THE Daily Crossword

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By D.J. DeChristopher
Staten Island, NY

4/13/00

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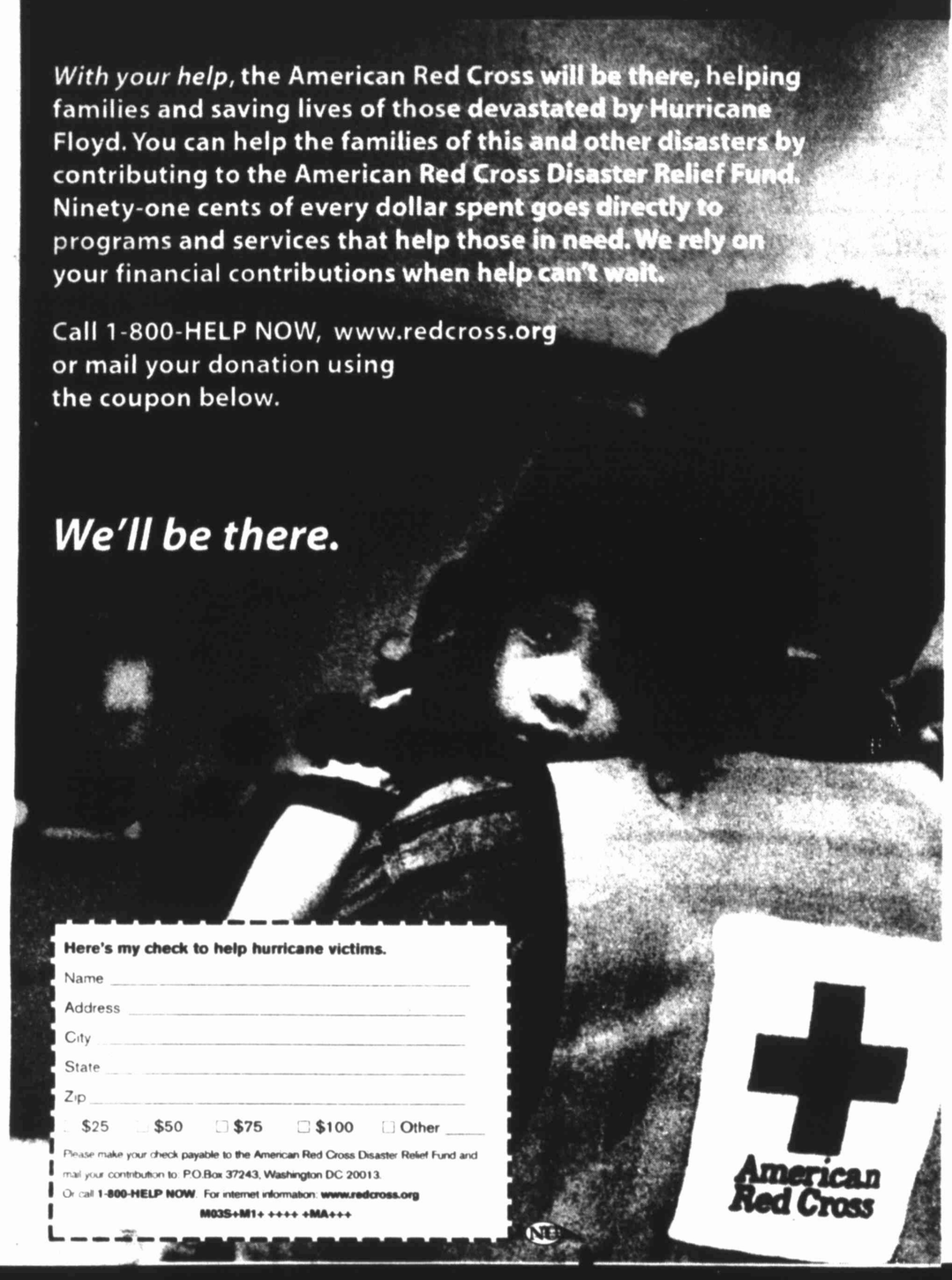
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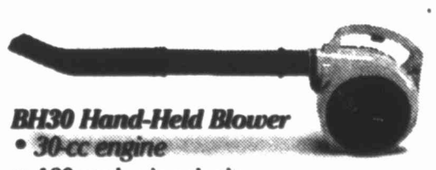
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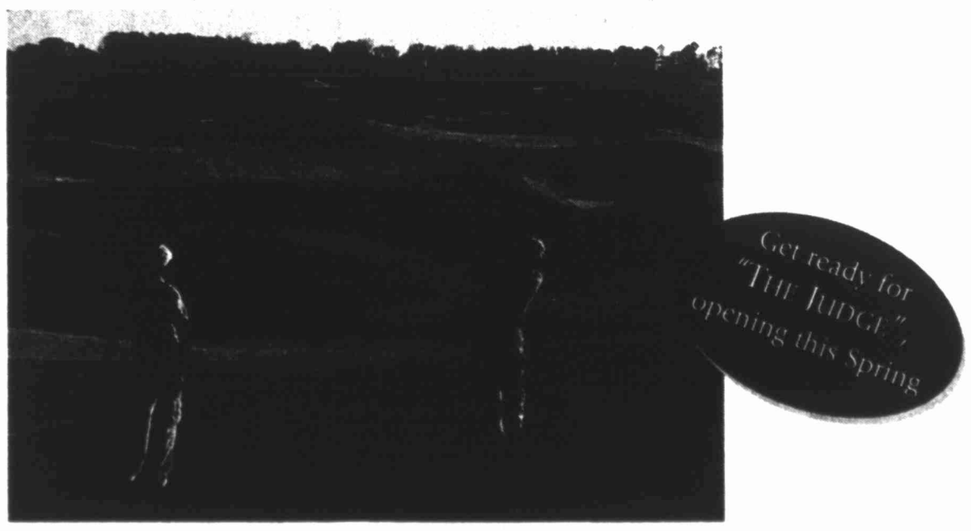
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