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Early voting under way

Four people cast ballots in the first day of early voting in the runoff election between Big Spring District 2 contenders Oscar Garcia — the incumbent — and W.A. "Woody" Jumper.

Early polls opened Wednesday in the runoff and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 27 in City Secretary Peggy Walker's office at City Hall. Election day for the runoff is May 31.

Jumper and Garcia were the top two vote-getters in the May 3 election, but neither managed to capture 50 percent of the vote. Jumper captured 50 votes while Garcia received 31. Manuel Ramirez got 28 and Elias Gamboa Jr. got 14.

Foster families needed

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, please contact the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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State may lock up inmate labor program

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring could lose a valuable labor resource in the near future.

Because of a \$10 billion state budget shortfall, lawmakers have been looking at the



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possibility of cutting costs. One program that has been looked at as a potential candidate for cuts is the Texas Department of Criminal Justice work camp program.

"It's not a done deal," said Big Spring Public Works Director Todd Darden. "Basically (legislators are) trying to get the budget in line for the whole state. Each agency within the state is having

to take a close look at the organization and make budget cuts. They're asked to make those cuts that will have the most significant impact to their budget. We've been told that there's a possibility that the offender program that we have here, the satellite camp...it hasn't been targeted, so to speak, but it has been looked at as a possible cut."

Inmate labor has been a vital resource for many

city programs, Darden added.

"We're going to have to come up with some contingency plans within Parks and Recreation, primarily," he said. "The city parks, the golf course, those areas are large. Currently we have a staff of four that handle the day-to-day operations along with an offender crew that goes out. That will be a tremendous impact on our ability to

maintain those parks. We'll have to look at additional staffing possibilities to be able to maintain them."

A push to get Big Spring's recreation areas "clean and green" has created a need for more labor to maintain them.

"We've gone a long way in the last few years to be able to get our parks irrigated," Darden said. "As

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GOOD HAIR DAY



Courtesy photo

Howard College School of Cosmetology director Gary Don Carey and student Michelle Pilcher work on West Texas Centers for MHMR consumer Mary Helen Gonzales' hair during a day of pampering provided by the college.

Cosmetology students learn skill while pampering MHMR consumers

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

A day of pampering and personal attention from Howard College School of Cosmetology students gave many West Texas Centers for MHMR consumers a little spring in their step and curl in their hair.

Howard College offered a full array of services, ranging from nail to hair care when foster care coordinator Minnie

INFORMATION

What: Hair and nail care.

Where: Howard College Cosmetology Department.

When: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday.

Gonzales initially approached Director Gary Don Carey.

"I thought this might be a special treat," Gonzales said. "Howard College is a terrific resource for our consumers. And these services are available to them every day at such reasonable costs and are just a phone call away."

And Howard College students who enroll in the cosmetology curriculum to learn the skills necessary to cut hair or

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Sales tax

Big Spring witnesses dip in monthly rebates

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Eleven of the 19 area communities polled by the Herald for sales tax rebates each month, including Big Spring, posted an decrease in rebates for May, when compared to a year ago.

The information is provided by the State Comptroller's Office.

Big Spring felt only a slight decrease — 1.06 percent. The city received \$372,289.01 this month compared to \$376,281.19 in May of 2002. For the year, Howard County has received \$1,503,840.86, some 1.98 percent off the pace of a year ago.

Coahoma experienced a 33.35 percent decrease rebates this month. The community received

\$3,167.01, compared to \$4,752.37 for May 2002. The community has received \$16,922.59 for the year, down 10.23 percent.

Forsan, continued to see rebates rise. After increases of 60 percent in February, 48 percent in March, and 20.62 percent in April, the small city witnessed a whopping 110.29 percent jump in May. The community received \$4,950.00, compared to \$2,353.79 in May 2002. For the year, Forsan has received \$19,475.96, up 20.63 percent.

Meanwhile, Stanton suffered another loss, though far less than the past few months — 31.94 percent in January, 24.97 in February, 41.33 in March and 29.2 in April. This

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Parents planning safe, secure after-prom party

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

With the Big Spring High School prom set for Saturday, Parents Who Care is still seeking last minute donations to help provide a fun-filled party for juniors and seniors.

"The kids in Big Spring need an alternative to doing other things," said Myrna Russell, Parents Who Care member. "This is a good time to have fun in a safe environment without alcohol and drugs."

The after-prom party will be held from 1 a.m.-5 a.m. following the high school junior and senior prom at the YMCA.

"High school juniors and seniors don't have to attend the prom to go to the after-prom party," Russell added.

The free, all-night event will include activities such as foosball, air hockey, swimming, a video game room, a luau, door prizes and casino games.

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Going to the dogs?

For these patients, it's great therapy

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

When Hunter wants a little lovin' what better place to satisfy his itch than the sixth floor extended care and rehabilitation unit of the VA Medical Center.

Padding down the white hospital hallways with his owner in tow, the rescued golden retriever searched room to room until his quest was over.

"Come here boy," called Ronnie Taunget, a Talpa rancher and U.S. Army Vietnam veteran staying in the extended care unit.

Wallowing from the scratch behind his ears, the mild-tempered canine's desire for attention never seems to be

quenched, a good quality for a pet therapy dog. Hunter and his owner Melanie Gambrell are members of the Delta

"It provokes memory, stimulates their senses for a brief time. The patients begin to show a little more awareness of their surroundings."

Margaret Savage, reception therapist

Society, the nationwide program that qualifies its members to provide animal-assisted activities

and to enter hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities.

Visits from trained pet therapy animals like Hunter assist in the well being of the patients in the extended care unit, said Margaret Savage, VA Medical Center recreation therapist.

"Much of pet therapy is socialization," Savage said. "It provokes conversation and reminiscing of prior animals. Several of the patients have animals at home that they don't get to see for an extended period of time."

"For patients with dementia who sometimes don't recall their own

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Hunter, a Delta Society certified pet therapy dog, enjoys having his neck rubbed by Lyndal Preslar, a World War II U.S. Marine veteran and former prisoner of war who is staying in the VA Medical Center's extended care and rehabilitation unit. This week, nursing homes across the nation are celebrating National Nursing Home week.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Nina Beth R. Newman



Nina Beth R. Newman, 73, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, in a local nursing home. Funeral services were held today, May 15, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Anson.

She was born on March 26, 1930, in Anson and married John Newman on March 10, 1950, in Anson.

Beth had worked at Big Spring Printing for 30 years. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include her husband, John Newman of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Dina Newman of McAllen and David and JoAnn Newman of Mission; one daughter, Carolyn Newman of Harlingen; two grandchildren, Quintinn and Stephanie Stewart of Odessa; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Spurgeon and Eula Reeves; four brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to The American Cancer Society Memorial Program, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823.

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

Disidoro Canales Sr.



Disidoro Canales Sr., 81, of Big Spring, died on Monday, May 12, 2003, in a local hospital. A vigil service was held Wednesday, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services were to be at 2 p.m. today, May 15, 2003, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on Aug. 9, 1921, in Gonzales and married Brigida R. Rodriguez on Aug. 9, 1953 in Seguin.

Mr. Canales moved to Big Spring in 1977 from Crosbyton and was a laborer. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Brigida R. Canales of Big Spring; three daughters, Mary Garcia of Idalou, Dominga Guzman and Maria Guzman both of Crosbyton; five sons, Jerry Canales of Houston, Tony Canales of Plainview, Martin Canales of Frisco, and Adam Canales and Joe Canales, both of Big Spring; two brothers, Bonifacio Martinez of Gonzales and Sisto Canales of Petersburg; three sisters, Llandra Perez of California, Miciela Ortiz of Austin and Gregoria Gonzales of Seguin; 29 grandchildren; and 30 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Disidoro Canales Jr.

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

Lottery

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated \$15 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were 20, 17, 40, 41, 44. Bonus: 9.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$17 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-9.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 22, 23, 28, 36, 37.

Weather

Tonight...Scattered thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe. Mostly cloudy and breezy with lows near 70. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Friday...Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the lower 90s. West winds 20 to 30 mph. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 90.

Sunday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday and Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Highs in the upper 90s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the upper 90s.



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June Marcum

June Marcum, 73, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at her residence.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch

Police blotter

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

• **CLIFFORD AGLIN**, 18, of 538 Westover Road was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• **RYAN OHERA**, 17, of 1002 N. Main was arrested Wednesday on charges of forgery and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **JASON THREATS**, 25, of 1002 N. Main was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **MARRY RODRIGUEZ**, 31, of 3607 Hamilton was arrested Wednesday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **ANA ISLAS**, 34, of 1306 Mesa was arrested Wednesday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **JOSHUA EDWARDS**, 30, of 2110 Nolan was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving with license suspended.

• **BRIAN LEWIS**, 18, of 222 N. Dixie was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 900 block of South Runnels Street.

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall Drive.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of East Interstate 20. Someone reportedly broke the glass door of the convenience store causing \$536 damage before stealing alcoholic beverages worth \$65.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of South Runnels Street. A bicycle worth \$125, lawn equipment worth \$89 and other items worth \$50 were reported stolen.

• **FORGERY OF A CHECK OR CREDIT CARD** was reported in person at the police station.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IMPAIRING OR INTERRUPTING PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1200 block of East 16th Street. \$150 damage was reported in the incident.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of West FM 700. \$480 damage was reported in the incident.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 600 block of East Sixth Street and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of South Gregg, the first block of Courtney Place and the 900 block of South Runnels Street.

• **NEIGHBOR DISPUTE** was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of Highland Drive.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 400 block of Young Street.

Support groups

THURSDAY

• **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; **Women's meeting**: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

• **Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group** meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

• **AA open discussion meeting** from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• **Open Discussion Meeting**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night. No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

• **Surviving Pregnancy Loss** meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP office, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 370 Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center County and Western Dance, Industrial Park, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hanger 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

American Legion Post 506, fish fry, noon to late. The organization will deliver from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., call 263-2084 or come by 3203 W. Highway 80.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic church, "May Fest." Traditional Turkey dinner at noon and 6 p.m. Activities include games, a garage sale, food booths, music, bingo and a washer tournament.

Potton House, 200 Gregg St., a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal, meeting to follow, Goliad and First.

Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

Hanger 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic church, "May Fest." Activities include a Mexican dinner, a vocal and instrumental concert.

MONDAY

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard County Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for people age 50 and older, call 268-4721.

Big Spring Band Booster, 6:30 p.m., Big Spring High School band hall, 707 11th Place, election of new officers.

DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada Restaurant, 206 N.W. Fourth St.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, on Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Big Spring Band Boosters, 6 p.m. high school band hall, 707 11th Place. All band parents are invited to attend.

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Seven of the 29 students were able to work with one of the women for the entire morning.

The "day at the salon" was a huge success. Involved, Gonzalez, seven women from Texas Centers were invited to "new do's, manicures and pedicures, cosmetology classes, finished juice, cookies — going nine yards for color."

"I am so grateful," Heather Moreno said with a wide grin, following the salon session. "I had my hair washed, curled and I even had my toes done."

Many of the students made new friends, eager to call and follow-up appointments for future services, she said.

When they returned home or attended social programs, they couldn't wait to tell their friends the story.

"If we make them aware of the services available in their community, and give them a chance to relax and have Howard College's Cosmetology students have achieved a situation," said Gonzalez.

"It truly has been a great day."

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This past week, Hunter's week, were among several activities planned for Nursing Home V.

In the front lot of the hospital, a patrol play features bicycles and pictures of floor patients.



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"This is an opportunity for these students to start learning how to work with the public," he said. "In this business, you have to be able to work with everyone in your community so we did this on a trial basis to see how it went."

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The "day at the salon" was a huge success for all involved, Gonzales said. Seven women from West Texas Centers were treated to "new do's," manicures and pedicures. The cosmetology class furnished juice, coffee and cookies — going the full nine yards for consumers.

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Many of the women made new friends and are eager to call and make follow-up appointments for future services, Gonzales said.

When they returned home or attended work and social programs, they couldn't wait to show their friends the results.

"If we make these ladies aware of the services available in their community, and give them time to relax and have fun at Howard College's School of Cosmetology, then we have achieved a win-win situation," said Gonzalez.

"It truly has been a plea-



Courtesy photo

West Texas Centers for MHMR Consumers Heather Moreno and Irma DeLeon receive pedicures from Monica Fierro and Rebecca Sanchez during a day of pampering at Howard College's School of Cosmetology.

sure working with these ladies here today," Howard College student Michelle Pilcher said. Each student was able to work individually with their client, and instructor Carey and instructor trainee/supervisor Sandy Dille were available to assist answering questions concerning haircuts and proper procedure for manicures.

"Our Center has been attempting to bring awareness to our community heroes and Howard College has stepped up to the plate once again, proving their value to this community," said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO. "We can't thank

them enough for their willingness to work with us in broadening the horizons of our consumers while integrating them into their home communities."

Howard College School of Cosmetology is open to the public for summer hours Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday are Senior Citizens Days, and those older than 60 years and above receive half-price specials on everything except chemical peel services.

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides assistance for 2,200 people a

month with mental illness and/or mental retardation and their families in Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.

Cindy Smith is the West Texas Centers for MHMR managed care director.

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This past Monday, Hunter's weekly visits were among several activities planned for National Nursing Home Week.

In the front lobby of the hospital, a patriotic display features biographies and pictures of the sixth-floor patients.

Today, the VA Medical Center will team up with Carriage Inn in co-hosting a luau at the Carriage Inn facilities. Elvis impersonators are the scheduled entertainment for the evening.

During this special week, Medical Center Director Cary Brown invites the community to visit the nursing home residents, Hunter's special friends.

A scratch behind the ears is optional.

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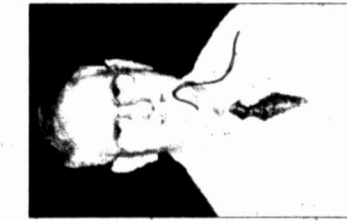
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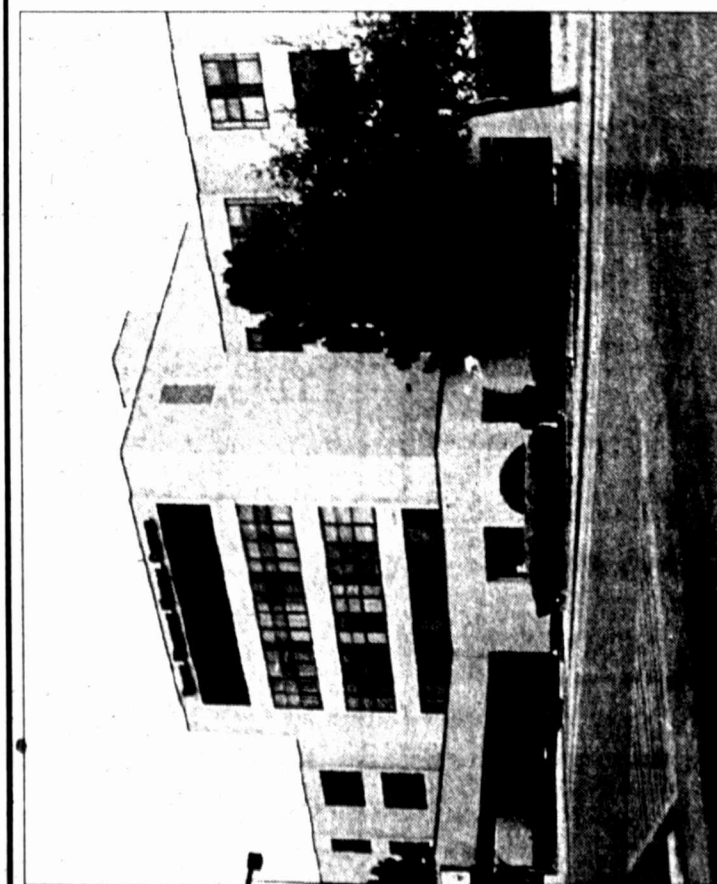
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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
The family of Johnnie Amc, a long-time Big Spring nurse, accepted the VA Medical Center's Torchbearer Award in her honor Friday during a small ceremony. Pictured are VAMC chief of nursing service Katie Lara, left; Johnnie's granddaughter, Dusti Amos, a registered nurse; and Johnnie's widow, George Amos.

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a result, there's a lot more areas to mow than we had in the past."

Offender workers have saved the city a lot of money.

"Our welding shop for sanitation," Darden said. "They do all of our container maintenance. That has saved us tremendous dollars in that we've been able to do the container maintenance without having to replace. That saves us several thousands of dollars annually to be able to do that."

The city has also come to rely on prisoners to maintain the hundreds of acres covered by the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and help out utility crews.

"The crews are able to lay pipe at a faster rate by having the offenders go behind, not only laying the pipe in the ground, but also backfilling the ditch and covering it up," he said. "We've utilized them in maintaining our right-of-ways, our

drainage areas. Areas that probably would not have gotten touched without them."

Even without the threat of budget cuts, declines in the population of the Big Spring work camp have slowed down the flow of free labor.

"We've certainly experienced a decline in the offender population at the work camp in Big Spring," Darden said. "Primarily that's due to the fact that Texas Department of Criminal Justice has openings in their system that they're

going to fill first. They have approximately 500 slots for trustees that they use at their facilities. When those slots are filled, then they look at the satellite camps like Big Spring has from Colorado City. But they fill their positions first."

The local work camp is down from about 160 to 42 inmate workers.

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time, the I-20 community received \$11,443.56, just 1.96 off the mark from a year ago, which generated \$11,673.33. For the year, the Martin County seat has received \$39,310.70, off last year's pace by 24.75 percent.

Abilene received \$2,411,776.71 this month, down 1.04 percent compared to the \$2,437,160.13 received in May of 2002. The year-to-date total is \$10,913,459.72, up just 0.62 percent.

Andrews continued to see a dramatic drop in rebates — 47.67 percent this month. The city received \$74,551.82 compared to \$142,474.66 in May of 2002. For the year, Andrews has taken in \$374,076.03, a drop of 21.91 percent.

Brownfield received \$83,579.16, up 2.89 percent when compared to \$81,231.30 in May 2002. Brownfield has taken in \$382,125.56 for the year, up 6.81 percent.

Colorado City noted a 17.96 percent increase in rebates, comparing \$11,528.47 received this month to \$50,625.91 received in May 2002. The Mitchell County seat has received \$169,773.83 this year, up 3.66 percent from last year.

Fort Stockton enjoyed another strong increase — 38.97 percent — this month, comparing the \$121,901.40 received to the

\$87,714.05 taken in during May 2002. Last month, the city saw rebates jump 40.60 percent. For the year now, Fort Stockton has received \$579,099.43, up 40.60 percent.

Kermit received \$25,767.29 this month, a decrease of 9.01 percent, compared to the \$28,319.07 collected last May. For the year, Kermit has taken in \$127,333.63, down 10.65 percent.

Lamesa witnessed a slight decrease, 2.23 percent, in sales tax rebates. The Dawson County community received \$88,381.73 for the month, compared to \$90,405.42 in May of 2002. The Dawson County seat has received \$367,549.20 for the year, up 1.41 percent.

Sales tax rebates were down 2.79 percent for Lubbock, which received \$2,714,870.33 this month, compared to \$2,792,926.25 last May. For the year, Lubbock has received \$12,239,554.54 — down 0.62 percent compared to a year ago.

Midland saw rebates go up 24.26 percent, comparing the \$2,012,256.10 received this month to the \$1,619,261.67 received in May 2002. For the year,

Midland has received \$8,595,559.43, up 15.44 percent.

Rebates were up strong in Monahans this month. Monahans received \$89,118.53, up 31.10 percent compared to the \$67,972.40 taken in for May of 2002. For the year, the Ward County seat has received \$349,145.44, down 1.12 percent to a year ago.

May's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$1,432,279.84, up 5.64 percent when compared to \$1,374,692.67 taken in a year ago. Odessa has received \$6,050,211.49 for the year, up 6.97 percent.

Rebates were down for Pecos again this month. That community received \$70,578.23, compared to \$74,009.82 for May of 2002. That's was a decrease of 4.63 percent. For the year, Pecos has taken in \$312,718.83, down 4.36 percent.

San Angelo saw rebates fall 4.97 percent, comparing the \$1,333,846.52 taken in this month to the \$1,408,084.57 received in May of 2002. For the year, San Angelo has received \$6,030,668.27, down 2.82 percent.

Snyder pulled in

\$153,177,211.68, up 53.93 percent when compared to the \$98,864.58 it received in May of 2002. For the year, the Scurry County seat has taken in \$711,717.82, up 23.96 percent.

Rebates took an 2.68 percent hike in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of \$202,706.46 to \$197,398.70 taken in a year ago. For the year, the Nolan County seat has received \$858,067.65, up 8.54 percent.

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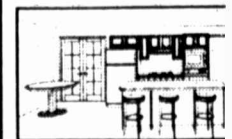
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Attention turns to redistricting possibilities in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Embattled lawmakers sequestered in an Oklahoma hotel are holding out for the Texas House leadership to meet their demands, but they say they're eager to get back to the business of making the state's laws.

Back in Texas, the tick of the clock is getting louder as the midnight Thursday deadline for voting on House bills nears.

The 51 Democrats fled Austin in a parliamentary maneuver to derail Republicans' plans to redraw the state's congressional districts in their favor. Now, they say they're not coming back until House Speaker Tom Craddick removes redistricting from the House agenda or until Friday — when it's too late to consider it.

Craddick has said he won't negotiate.

The bill's other possible avenue, the Senate, isn't looking likely.

A similar redistricting measure filed this week in the Senate has some

high hurdles to clear if it's going to keep alive Republicans' dream of a new voting map.

If they succeed, quorum-busting Democrats will have derailed the redistricting measure in the House by staying out of the state and halting debate through Thursday's deadline for initial passage of House legislation.

On Wednesday, the Democrats said they sent a letter to Craddick offering to come home immediately and to not break a quorum again if he promises not to bring up redistricting. But Craddick did not respond personally and left the talks between an aide and the Democrats.

There was no immediate response from Craddick's office.

Just before 10 p.m. Wednesday, a few Democrats said they had still not heard from Craddick. But they had heard from country singer Willie Nelson, who they said sent them red bandannas, whiskey and

a note saying "Way to go. Stand your ground." The lawmakers were wearing the bandannas.

After Thursday, according to House rules, the only legislation the House can vote on without a two-thirds vote will be Senate bills.

"It's not too late. That's the message," said Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, who has emerged as the ringleader of the group. "I believe you always have a chance when it's not too late."

Once the House redistricting legislation fizzles, a Senate redistricting bill could give Republicans the vehicle they need to steamroll redistricting past the minority party once they return.

Rep. Beverly Woolley, chairwoman of the agenda-setting House Calendars Committee, R-Houston, said if the Senate passes the redistricting bill and a House committee OK'd it, she could get it scheduled for a House debate.

The problem is, it would take support of 25 of the

chamber's 31 senators to vote to get the bill introduced in the Senate and have it sent to committee. After that, it will take 21 votes from senators to get the bill to the floor for consideration and a vote for adoption.

Senate Democrats say Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, who filed the Senate bill, doesn't have the votes to get the bill introduced.

At least one Democratic senator says the chamber doesn't need to be tainted by the same kind of vicious redistricting battle the House is experiencing.

"I think it's inappropriate at this time," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo. "The House is bogged down in turmoil and we don't need this in the Senate. We're still getting along to address the critical issues of this session. Redistricting is not one of them and it shouldn't be."

Zaffirini called the

Senate redistricting bill "dead on arrival."

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, said 11 senators have told him that they would not vote to bring

up a bill to redraw congressional districts.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, has said there were not the 21 votes needed for a vote on the bill.

18 dead at truck stop

VICTORIA (AP) — Locked inside the back of a sweltering, airless semi-trailer, a large group of illegal immigrants tried desperately to save themselves.

One dialed 911 on a cell phone and pleaded for help in Spanish, but by the time a South Texas police dispatcher found someone to translate, the call had been lost.

Minutes later, one hung a bandanna out of a hole in the trailer's back door as it sped north on U.S. Highway 77. Another motorist saw the signal, but his mobile phone wasn't working, so he couldn't call authorities in time.

By the time the trailer's door was opened early Wednesday, 17 people in

the illicit cargo had lost their lives in one of the deadliest cases of human smuggling in U.S. history. Another died several hours later.

"This is a serious, serious crime," Bob Wallis, the region's top immigration official, said Wednesday at the truck stop outside Victoria where sheriff's deputies made the gruesome discovery.

Authorities said the trailer's owner was arrested Wednesday in the Houston area. The man, Tyrone Williams of Schenectady, N.Y., was not immediately charged.

Williams' wife, Karen, told the Houston Chronicle that her husband normally hauls watermelons from the border to the Northeast. She said he told her the trailer was hijacked and that he dropped the trailer "for his own safety and ran."

Michael Shelby, U.S. attorney in Houston, said authorities were looking for two others in connection with the case.

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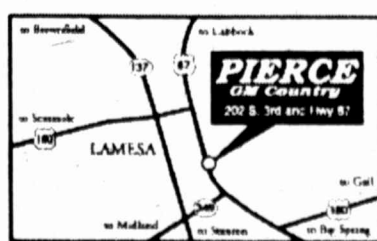
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Russell added the community has responded well to the last minute preparations but the group is still seeking help.

"Mr. (Mike) Ritchey, (BSHS principal) was so very helpful and provided good support in helping us get this together," Russell said. "We are still looking for donations — monetary, food — and for volunteers."

For more information or to give a donation, contact Russell at 267-6891 or Tish Torres at 263-3648.

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The redesign features freedom symbols, includ-

ing a blue eagle in the background, and a metallic green eagle and shield to the right of the portrait of Andrew Jackson.

Different colors will be used for different denominations. The changes taking place are an effort to keep counterfeiting at bay.

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This effort will have a world-wide outreach, as about two-thirds of all U.S. currency is held outside of the country. The Web site includes a Media Center, Partners Program, Interactive Learning Center,

International Program and Resources. Interestingly enough, you can also download jpeg files of the new \$20 bill — they are clearly marked "specimen" and are over-sized, but can help consumers learn what the bills will look like.

By this evening, you will probably see them on the evening news. To see Chairman Greenspan's comments, check out this Web site: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/BoardDocs/Speeches/2003/20030513/default.htm>

Katie Walker is the Family and Consumer Services agent for Howard county.



KATIE WALKER



Debbie Seal, Elbow Elementary fourth grade teacher, along with the rest of the school staff enjoy the music of country western singer Jody Nix and a home-cooked meal provided by the Parent and Teacher organization Thursday during Teacher Appreciation week.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Recent fund-raisers give state hospital much-appreciated boost

Our two recent fund-raisers — the Denim and Diamonds and the Valentine's Day gift delivery — raised \$26,500.00 for hospital patients. Donations will assist with many projects, including Patient Fun Day — the patient's official party ushering in summer.

Volunteer Shirley Bodin is busy preparing for the celebration, which includes a hot dog cook-out prepared by employees. This is a great interaction event that involves patients, staff, and volunteers enjoying outdoor recreation, eats, and gifts. A sports bottle will be added to their generous gift selection of caps, visors, sunshades and T-shirts, which will be given away at a coke float party that will feature plenty of entertainment. Gifts will be delivered to patients unable to attend the event. If you are interested in assisting, contact the Community Relations Office.

Denim and Diamonds was a real hit with more than 150 people attending the April 11 gathering at the Big Spring Country Club. A big thanks to Carol Scott for chairing this fabulous event, and to Cynthia Scott and Kim Howell for lending their decorating talents. The food was exceptional, and everyone enjoyed visiting and dancing to our all-time favorite Jody Nix. Our special friends from the Dora Roberts Foundation helped make this year's fund-raiser even more magical with a generous donation. It

takes our entire community to make a difference at Big Spring State Hospital.

Volunteers recently attended the 45th annual Volunteer Services State Conference in Irving, where many Big Spring State Hospital volunteers and employees brought home statewide honors. This is always an educational and fun time for the volunteers to learn more about the organization, various state facilities and their missions. The importance of volunteers will take on a larger role this year with the impending budget crunch.

Many of those same volunteers were honored during our annual luncheon May 1. The prestigious Jack Y. Smith Award was given to Shirley Bodin for her volunteer leadership roles, as well as the endless hours she has given tending to patients' daily needs. She symbolizes what volunteering is — providing substantial, meaningful and caring support to our patients. We also said a tearful good-bye to volunteer Karen Brewer, who is moving to Knoxville, Tenn. A big thanks to the hospital for hosting the luncheon and saying "thank you" in a big way.

I would be remiss if I didn't express our sadness over the recent passing of Don Newsom. Don was an integral part of the Volunteer Services Council. The Marilyn Keaton Newsom Family Lodge is named in his wife's honor. For many years Don hosted the annual Denim and Diamonds Gala. There is a huge emptiness in our hearts as we adjust to this wonderful friend and volunteer not being a part of our daily volunteer program. You can be assured that his memory will live on at Big Spring

State Hospital. The Volunteer Services Council is planning a fitting memorial in his honor.

It is rewarding to have new people walk into the Community Relations Office saying, "I read your article and I am interested in becoming a volunteer." I owe a big thank you to the Big Spring Herald for their support in printing my monthly column.

Some of these new volunteers are Jill Civello, Patsy Stokes, Lynn Cubler, Angie Byerly, Jill Bradley, Sandra Tabor, St. Thomas Church

youth, and James and Mary Aldridge from Midland. Don't hesitate to call 268-7535 or come by the Community Relations Office located at the campus entrance to inquire about the many volunteer opportunities. There are occasional fund-raising activities, clerical tasks, flower arranging, and volunteers needed to work in classes assisting with crafts, puzzles, outings, and daily skill-training exercises. It's amazing what you can contribute in a couple of hours a week or a month. A youth volunteer pro-

gram? Yes, we welcome youth needing community service or scholarship volunteer hours. Howard College and high school students have partnered with Big Spring State Hospital helping with many activities and projects. We've enjoyed having youth from St. Thomas Catholic Church. Give us a call if you are interested in the youth volunteer program.

If you have extra baskets but no use for them, think about donating them to the volunteers. Small baskets are used for craft items and silk flower arrangements

used to decorate patient units. Larger baskets are used for the Valentine fundraiser.

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IN BRIEF

Sweetwater hoops classic is on tap

The Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held this weekend. This tournament is for boys and girls in all age divisions.

For more information, contact the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at (800) 658-6757.

UTPB schedules June volleyball camps

University of Texas-Permian Basin volleyball coach Steve Aicinea will be conducting three camps this summer for area spikers. The camps will be limited to 24 per session.

For more information contact Aicinea at 552-2677.

Couples tourney will be held at CTGC

A Couples Golf Tournament will be held every Thursday evening at Comanche Trail Golf Tournament. The tournament will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Entry fee for the event is \$2 per couple. The tournament is open to the public.

For more information contact, CTGC at 264-2366.

BS basketball camps slated for June 2-5

The Big Spring Camp of Champions basketball instructional camp will be held June 2-5 for area boys and girls in grades 4-8. Campers will be instructed in the fundamentals of dribbling, passing and shooting during the 4-day event.

The cost for the camps is \$30 per person.

For more information contact Jim Kinnear (boys) or Gary Miller (girls) at BSHS.

CGS scholarship tourney set to start

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding its annual Scholarship Tournament on Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to present local youths college scholarships.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble. Players are allowed to pick their partners. Closest to the pin prizes will be awarded on several holes, including No. 1, No. 4, No. 10 and No. 15.

For more information contact Willie Mendoza at 267-7977 or Manuel Ramirez at 263-0897.

CLASS 2A STATE SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS



Members of the Coahoma Bulldogettes celebrate their win over Alpine by posing with the regional quarterfinals trophy. Coahoma, 17-12-3, is scheduled to face Eastland tonight in the Region I-2A Semifinals at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field. The winner of the contest will advance to face either Sonora or Eula in the regional finals round.

Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

A Senior Surprise

Four Bulldogettes hoping to take diplomas on Austin softball field

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Some seniors dream of exotic trips to Europe or Mexico. Some dream of fancy cars and the like.

Coahoma's Michelle Walker, Megan Young, Tawna Jacobs and Ashley Lang are different. Nothing would make them happier than to celebrate Coahoma High School's 2003 graduation services than to ride a school bus through the traffic in Austin.

They four will take the next step in making that dream come true this evening when they lead the Coahoma Bulldogettes against the Eastland Lady Mavericks in the Class 2A regional semifinals. The winner of the fourth-round playoff duel

Class 2A Region I Semifinals

Coahoma Bulldogettes

vs.

Eastland Lady Mavericks

7:30 p.m., Friday at Abilene Christian University

will advance to the regional finals and to within one game of the Class 2A state softball tournament.

Should Coahoma win tonight and claim a win over either Sonora or longtime playoff rival Eula next week, the four seniors would put themselves in position to receive their diplomas in Austin. Coahoma's graduation ceremonies are scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 29 — the same time the Bulldogettes would be gunning for a berth in the state

finals.

Coahoma High School officials were prepared — and even hoping — the four aren't able to attend. Four missing seniors could mean the addition of a state softball championship trophy.

Walker broke the news of her possible absence to family and friends recently, informing them she — with any luck — would not be able to attend the school's commencement program.

"If our softball team advances to the state tournament in Austin, myself and the other seniors will not be present at graduation," she said. "The state semifinal game (is) being played that day."

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Shockers go to 3-0 with sweep of TNT in twinbill

The Coahoma Shockers improved to 3-0 this past weekend by pounding out wins over TNT and the Rebels in Coahoma United Girls Softball League action.

The Shockers took the first game of the double-header by pounding out an 8-2 win. Krista Kerby picked up the win, allowing just one hit while striking out eight.

TNT's Christi Rich spoiled Kerby's no-hit bid with a single.

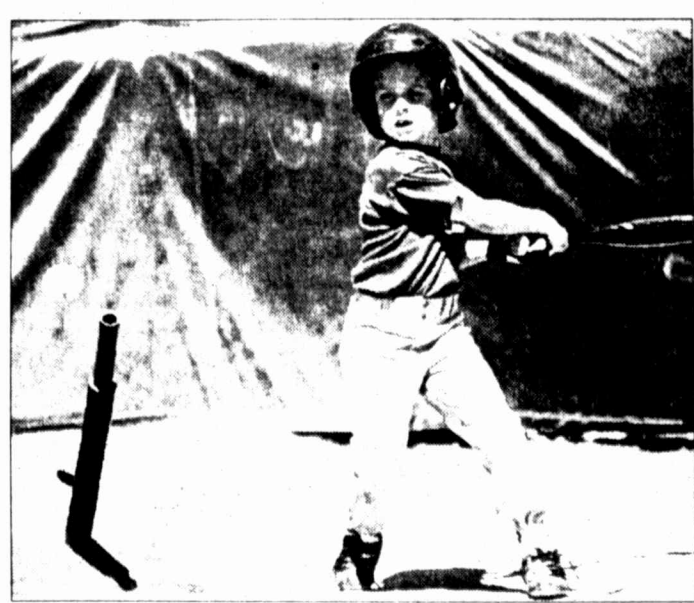
Kerby led the Shocker offense, as well. She went

2-for-3 from the plate. Teammate Ashlee Richer reached base all three times she went to bat.

In the second game, the Shockers used a solid effort from pitcher Laci Sterling to take a 5-0 victory in a pitcher's duel.

Sterling held the Rebels to just one hit — by Shelbi Paige — in the game, while Rebels' ace Kylie Gee limited the Shockers to just three from Kerby, Sterling and Kali Anderson.

The Shockers return to play this weekend.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Austin Mize swings at a ball during a recent Cubs' outing. Mize and the rest of the Big Spring Little Leaguers return to play tonight.

Robinson rolls to 1st in netters' final outing

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Rienhilde Robinson found the perfect way to close out her junior high tennis career Saturday afternoon — she gave a clinic.

Robinson highlighted the Big Spring Junior High School tennis team's final outing of the year by claiming the Snyder Invitational crown. She ousted Roscoe's Lauren Park by a lopsided 8-0 margin in the finals and finished the event with a perfect 3-0 mark.

The BSJHS eighth grader didn't even have to break much of a sweat to advance to the tournament's semifinal round. She stormed past Sweetwater's Jamie Thomas, 8-1, in her opening round match and earned a berth in the semis opposite Snyder's Allie Brewster.

Brewster didn't fair any better. Robinson pounded out an 8-4 victory over the SJHS netter.

She won her finale with ease, claiming an 8-0 win over Park in the championship bout.

Like Robinson, Big Spring's Crystal Ward ended her year on a bright note. She won the seventh grade girls' singles honors with an 8-5 victory over Sweetwater's Becca Myers.

Ward, 4-0 in the tournament, opened the event with easy 8-2 wins over Snyder's Samantha Davis and Stacy Elam.

She earned her way into the championship round by steam-rolling Sweetwater's Brittany Means by an 8-3 score in the semifinals.

Myers spoiled the Steers' hopes of an all-Big Spring final by upsetting April Ward in the quarterfinals. She defeated Ward by a slim 8-5 clip.

Ward managed to rally back, however. She reeled off back-to-back wins in the consolation round and finished fourth overall.

Roshan Shroff and Bryan Juan added to the Steers' hardware count by winning the eighth grade doubles title. Shroff and Juan pounded out a tough 8-2 win over teammates Nick Sosa and See TENNIS, Page 9

Big Spring set to face WF Rider

The Big Spring Lady Steers will try and earn their way into the Class 4A Region I finals tomorrow evening when they square off against the Wichita Falls Rider Lady Coyotes in Abilene.

The Lady Steers, 23-10, are scheduled to begin their semifinal bout against Wichita Falls, 22-3, at 7 p.m. at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field.

The winner of the contest will advance to face either Andrews or Crowley in the regional finals.

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Big Spring Lady Hawks' head coach Stan Feaster congratulates two of his players as the head toward the dugout between innings Tuesday night at Roberts Field. The Lady Hawks improved to 3-2 on the year with a 12-2 win over the Rangerettes. Feaster's squad is scheduled to play a Coahoma 10 & Under squad today, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Coahoma.

TENNIS

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Jacob Petrowski.

Shroff and Juan began their march to the finals by dispatching Snyder, 8-1.

Sosa and Petrowski downed Roscoe by a tight 8-6 count to garner their

berth in the finals.

Brian Welch and Brent Yater took third in the seventh grade boys' doubles standings, while Rosa Alcantar and Keesta Heiman grabbed third in the eighth grade girls' doubles.

Tristan Jenkins highlighted a Big Spring seventh grade twosome that

took third in doubles play.

In eighth grade boys' singles play Robert Andrae finished third overall. He beat Roscoe's Michael Zavala by an 8-3 count in the consolation round finals.

Harry Han and Jeremy Landin both posted 0-2 marks.

Tiger: Sorenstam should play several men's events

ALVESLOHE, Germany (AP) — Tiger Woods not only thinks Annika Sorenstam should play next week's Colonial, he believes she needs several chances to prove she can compete with the men.

"I think it will be more fair to her if she could play four or five tournaments — then you could judge on those results," Woods said Wednesday before playing in the Deutsche Bank Open. "I'm sure if she did play four or five, she'd get on a roll ... In one tournament a lot could go wrong for her."

Vijay Singh told The Associated Press on Sunday that Sorenstam

had no business playing Colonial and said that on the odd chance he gets paired with her, he'd withdraw.

"I hope she misses the cut. Why? Because she doesn't belong out here," Singh told AP golf writer Doug Ferguson during an interview as he left the locker room after the Wachovia Championship in Charlotte, N.C. "If I'm drawn with her, which I won't be, I won't play."

On Tuesday, Singh attempted to cast his remarks in a different light.

"If it was an attack on Annika at all, I would like to apologize to her," Singh

said. "I actually said if I miss the cut, I'd rather she miss the cut as well. I hope she missed the cut because I don't want to have a woman beat me."

A review of Ferguson's notes confirmed the original version of Singh's remarks.

That came after Nick Price, the defending champion at Colonial, said her entry in a men's event "reeks of publicity" and that she should qualify for the tour first. Scott Hoch said he wants to see her play well so people will realize "how much separation there is between us and the ladies' tour."

Lakers in familiar role vs. Spurs

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers faced the same predicament last year: They need two straight wins for a chance to extend their NBA championship run.

Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and the rest of the three-time defending champions believe they're up to the task.

"Sacramento, San Antonio, whoever the opponent is, it doesn't really matter," Lakers guard Derek Fisher said Wednesday. "It's about us, if we do what we're capable of doing."

The Spurs took a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal Tuesday night with a 96-94 victory at SBC Center. They won despite blowing all but two points of the 25-point lead they held late in the third quarter.

Had it not been for a 3-pointer by Robert Horry

rattling in-and-out with just over three seconds left, the Lakers would be up 3-2.

Game 6 is Thursday night at Staples Center. If Los Angeles wins, Game 7 will be Saturday at SBC Center, where the Lakers are winless in five games since the facility opened last fall.

The Lakers are 4-0 when facing elimination since Phil Jackson became

their coach in 1999. They have won 13 straight playoff series under Jackson, whose nine championships as a coach tie him with former Boston coach Red Auerbach for the most in NBA history.

San Antonio swept the Lakers in the 1999 conference semifinals en route to its only NBA championship. Los Angeles eliminated the Spurs in each of the last two years.

Astros' Lugo clears waivers, given unconditional release

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Houston Astros infielder Julio Lugo cleared waivers Tuesday and was given his unconditional release.

Lugo was arrested April 30 following a loss to the Atlanta Braves and charged with misdemeanor assault for allegedly attacking his wife at Minute Maid Park before the game.

Lugo, who had been the team's starting shortstop, batted .246 with two RBIs in 65 at-bats this season with the Astros. He made three errors.

Adam Everett was recalled from New Orleans to replace Lugo on the roster. Everett was a key figure in a trade with Boston three years ago for Carl Everett, who now plays for Texas.

NO SHOWS

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Making it to the state tournament is no big deal for Walker and the three other Coahoma standouts. They've been to Austin two of the past three years.

The Bulldogettes are one of the top softball squads in the history of the sport. Coahoma has advanced to the state tournament five times in the past 10 years, including last spring.

Getting to state this year will require the Bulldogettes to knock off a tough Eastland squad. The Lady Mavericks head into the matchup sporting a 21-9 season record.

Eastland rallied from an early deficit last Thursday to defeat Holliday.

The Lady Mavericks, a former Class 3A power, finished the regular season as the District 8-2A runner-up to Eula.

Coahoma, powered by the pitching efforts of freshman Sarah Dunn, goes into tonight's matchup sporting a deceiving 17-12-3 record. The Bulldogettes faced a 2003 schedule composed mainly of Class 4A and 5A squads. In District 3-2A action, the Coahoma girls were a perfect 6-0 — a record that extended the Bulldogettes' 10-year unbeaten string in loop play.

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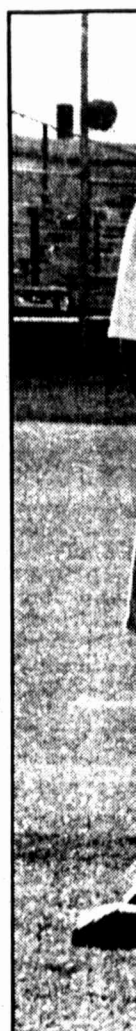
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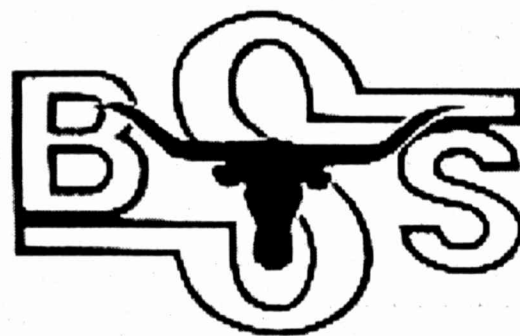
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BY JOYCE JILLSON

The full moon in Scorpio is a wild ride! There's a release that speaks to us on all kinds of levels, especially physically, spiritually and emotionally. Howl at the moon! Many folks will be tempted to stay out late, and call in sick in the morning. Bosses, beware! There'll be a lot of fake phone calls to contend with — unless you blow off work, too!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Create a work environment that motivates you to achieve more. You are completely in tune with how much potential you have even though others are not, and key changes help them realize it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Try using the word "impossible" a little more sparingly. If you deliberately set roadblocks up for yourself, you'll never get anywhere. Your musical taste and ability are outstanding. Music helps frayed nerves get back into the groove.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Leaps of faith sometimes require you to stay in one place. Take a hold of yourself, and trust the commitments you have made. Your willingness to do so gives power to a relationship that needed an energy infusion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Give a look to that relationship that fills you up with everything but love. Today is ripe for romantic change, and when you voice your concerns, the result is surprising. You make progress with things legal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Keep your eyes on a business partner who isn't really spending enough time on the job. Use his or her behavior to gauge how far you want to take this deal forward. A Gemini friend needs advice.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 15). Your life is being reshaped by a masterful hand: your own! This month is about keeping your balance while afloat on changing seas. You hold a financial advantage in June. Romance starts slow and builds through the summer. Singles have sweet dates with Virgos or Libras. A Capricorn love could get serious fast. Some marry in October. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 11, 4, 18 and 20.



Joyce Jillson

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Yes, it's easy for you to see the heart of the matter. But looking at things on a superficial level, just for today, benefits your overused analytical ability. You have fun times with a Taurus or Sagittarius this evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your brain just does not want to change the channel. Instead of tuning in on a persistent problem, jam the frequency with distractions. Community service gets your mind off your troubles for at least the evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of assigning hard and fast labels to people you're less than pleased with, get to the bottom of what has been making them behave this way. Their crab-biness is circumstantial, and recognizing this saves the relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It takes a lot of energy to describe your creative dreams before you actually realize them, and listeners are not as enthused as you'd like. Execute your project with gusto. A relationship with a Pisces takes a good turn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Convoluted situations that include a lot of unpleasantness and work for you will totally unravel without your having to lift a finger! Sometimes, it pays to neglect the bad and focus on the good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Quit taking yourself so seriously! It feels like you're the only one who's ever felt this alone. Au contraire, water bearer. A kindred spirit appears to help lighten and brighten your approach to life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're spending an inordinate amount of time trying to be perfect. All you need to do is to be yourself. The map before you is entirely different than the one you started on earlier this year. Someone is looking out for you.

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7 PM	NBA	Married... With Children	Antiques Road	Movie: CSI: Crime Scene	NBA	NBA	Friends (CC)	Movie: A Few Good Men	Las Vias del Amor	Star Trek: Next	Movie: Along Came a Angel	Movie: Captain	U.S. Marshals	Movie: Black Knight (CC)	Biblical Israel	Biography: Alec	Critical Rescue	Law & Order	Movie: Miracle
8 PM	Basketball Playoffs	Pulse (CC)	Queen and Country (CC)	Grape	CSI: Crime Scene	Basketball Playoffs	Will & Grace (CC)	Entre el Amor	Movie: Messenger of Death	Movie: Along Came a Angel	Movie: Captain	Movie: Black Knight (CC)	U.S. Marshals	Movie: Black Knight (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Columbo: Rest	Into the Death	Movie: Cliffhanger	Movie: Cliffhanger
9 PM	70s Show	Dharma-Greg	Frontline	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Without a Trace (CC)	ER (CC)	ER (CC)	Aqui y Ahora	Death	Movie: Along Came a Angel	Movie: Captain	Movie: Black Knight (CC)	U.S. Marshals	Movie: Black Knight (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Columbo: Rest	Into the Death	Movie: Cliffhanger	Movie: Cliffhanger
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show	Newshour	700 Club (CC)	News Nightline	News (CC)	News Tonight	15 Movie: U.S. Marshals	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC)	Jeepers Creepers	Boxing: 2002 Abdullaev vs. Rivera	Extreme Machines	Real Sex 26: Lessons	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Critical Rescue	Law & Order	Even Stevens
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	Battlefield Rhea	Caroline	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	En las Mejores	Blind Date	Blind Date	Nightmare on Elm Street 5: Dream Child	Movie: Along Came a Angel	U.S. Marshals	Legendry Jesse Lee	N. McBride	Biography: Alec	Into the Death	Movie: Cliffhanger	Boy World
12 AM	Paid Program Cowboy	Blind Date Beyond	Paid Program	Show (CC)	Live (CC)	Live (CC)	Frasier (CC)	45 Movie: Mentira	Highlander (CC)	Highlander (CC)	Movie: Along Came a Angel	Movie: Along Came a Angel	U.S. Marshals	The Mexican	Update With John Hagee	Columbo: Rest	Vesuvius: Deadly Fury	Movie: Cliffhanger	Sister, Sister

DENNIS THE MENACE



"THERE'LL BE NO 'TIME OUT' WHILE I'M LECTURING YOU, YOUNG MAN!"

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"You're overacting, Daddy."

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People In The News

By The Associated Press

ATHERTON, Calif. (AP) — Actress Carol Channing tied the knot with her junior high school sweetheart over the weekend, decades after the two drifted apart.

Channing, 82, and Harry Kulljian, 83, were married Saturday. One of his friend noticed earlier this year that she had mentioned her one-time beau in her autobiography "Just Lucky, I Guess."

Kulljian's pal urged him to contact Channing, best known for her role in Broadway's "Hello, Dolly."

"You've got to call Carol tomorrow, Jan. 31," Kulljian's friend Mervin Morris told him. "It's her birthday."

"Call Carol?" Kulljian said, recalling his response. "I thought she was dead."

Channing certainly wasn't dead, and neither were her feelings for Kulljian. The two picked up where they'd left off. It was the second marriage for Kulljian, whose wife died last year, and the fourth for Channing.

The ceremony took place at Morris' home in Atherton. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Ron Blanc, who said Channing was delighted.

"She told me this is the dream of a lifetime," Blanc said. "I call this a storybook affair."

MIAMI (AP) — Michael J. Fox urged the next generation of doctors to "care deeply" about medical research that will advance the treatment of incurable diseases.

Fox, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1991, addressed more than 130 graduates Saturday at the University of Miami Medical School's commencement ceremony.

"In the last few years, I've gone from talking to my agent on my cell phone to discussing cell biology with leading physicians," said Fox, 41. "I urge you as physicians to care deeply about these issues and add your voice and your vote into the public debate."

Fox announced in 1998 that he had Parkinson's, a disease marked by tremors, stiffness and imbalance. Since 2000, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research has provided more than \$20 million for Parkinson's research, including a \$375,000 grant awarded to Mayo Clinic Jacksonville in January.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

CIRCUS ACTS by Bob Frank

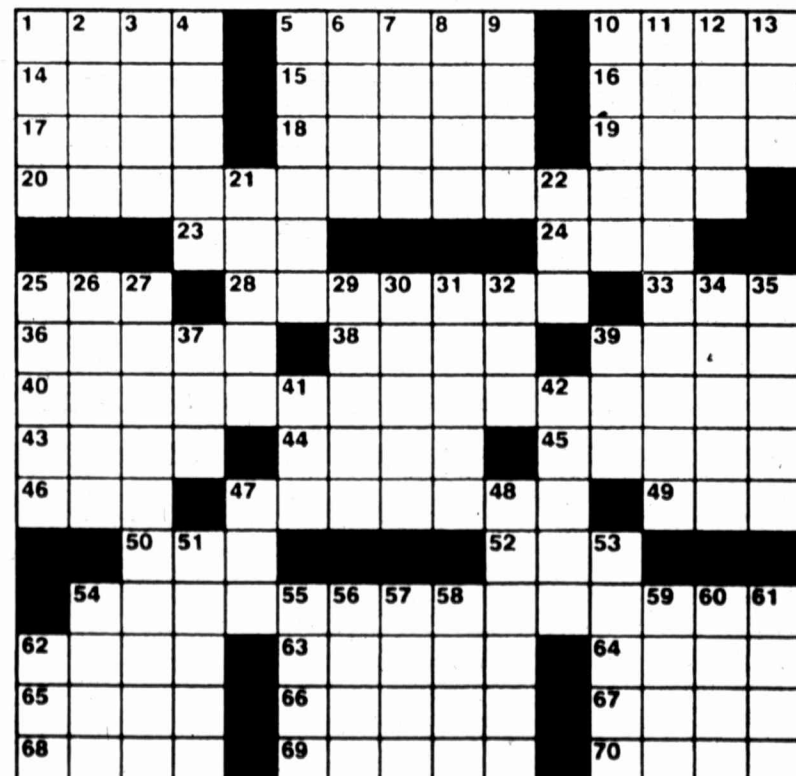
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10 Castaway's home
14 Short skirt
15 Ancient African kingdom
16 The Lion King villain
17 Les États—
18 Louganis and Morris
19 Shout of triumph
20 Work extra-hard
23 Deborah's The King And I costar
24 Fish eggs
25 Nine-digit ID
28 Knot-making craft
33 Rev, as an engine
36 Very tart
38 Letters on a date-stamp
39 Game of chuckers
40 Juggle one's responsibilities
43 Oppositionist
44 Say positively
45 Author Joyce Carol
46 Sympathy's partner
47 Irritation solution
49 "Sold out" letters
50 Part of RSVP
52 Actress Zadora
54 Take risks
62 Pueblo Indian
63 Oceanfront
64 Pub pints

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11 Blame recipients
12 Lassies' partners
13 Time-line division
21 Cuban dance
22 Smelter stock
25 Anwar of Egypt
26 Teacake
27 Shipshape
29 Hunger for
30 Extend a subscription
31 Gulf of Guinea city
32 Start of the 16th century
34 Worrier's risk
35 "Au contraire!"
37 Slugger's stat. Abbr.
39 Ernie Els org.
41 Install, as linoleum
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