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MILITARY MEDICINE

Florida snake expert Bruce Shwedick shows off a very poisonous Gaboon viper at his lecture for military medical personnel. Shwedick makes an annual appearance with his fanged friends at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the nation's university of military medicine.

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IMMUNIZATIONS

The Texas Department of Health is offering special immunization hours from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday from now until July 29.

Parents need to bring their child's shot record or a letter from their school or daycare.

CITY COUNCIL TO CONVENE

The final vote on a proposed school hours curfew for Big Spring's children under 17 will be held at the regular city council meeting at 5:30 p.m. today. The measure passed 4-3 on first reading at the council's July 8 meeting.

The council will also hold workshops on the FY 2003-2004 budget at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The workshops are for discussion only. No official vote will be taken.

All the meetings — to be held at the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. — will be open to the public.

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Howard College trustees approve tuition, fees hike

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

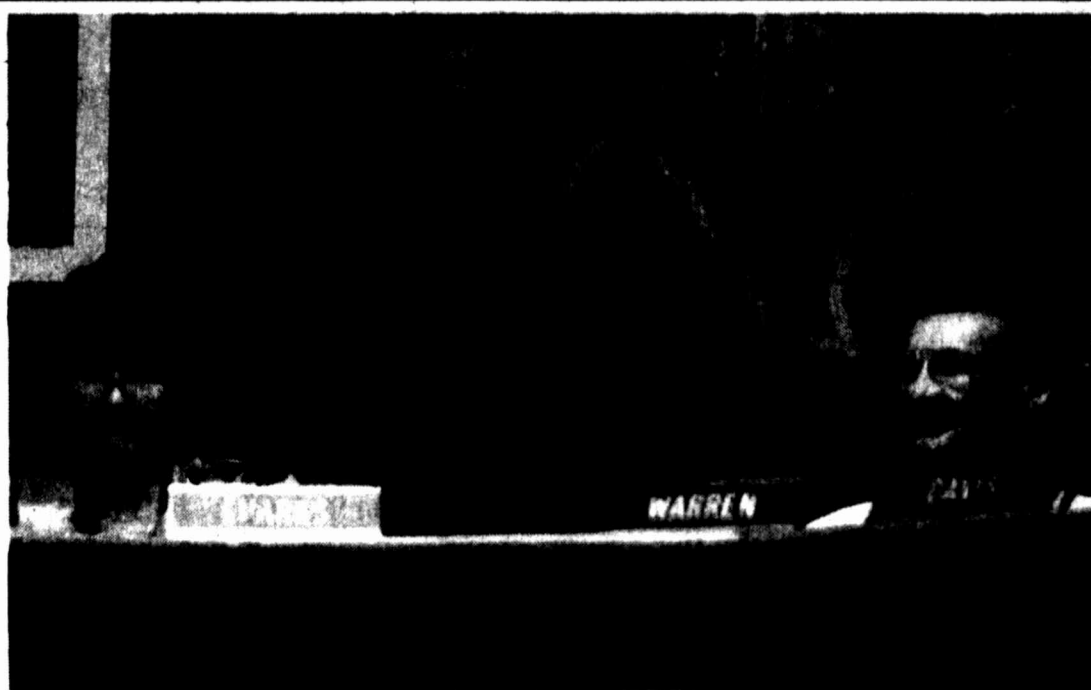
Howard College students taking a full-time course load of 12 hours will pay at least \$79 per semester more for their education this fall after trustees approved a tuition hike Monday.

"We want to get this out to our students so they can start preparing," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

In comparison to 2002 prices, students taking 12 hours of classwork will pay \$566 for a semester of tuition this year compared to \$487.

Across the district, trustees set the rate for in-district students at \$150 base tuition and \$30 per classroom hour; out-of-district students, \$180 base and \$40 per classroom hour; and non-Texas residents, \$200 base and \$60 per classroom hour.

"During the last three months, we have been working on restructuring of the tuition and fees table," Sparks said. "Our goals were to simplify



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks and Board President Charles Warren wade through a preliminary budget on Monday. Although facing a decrease in state funding, college officials plan to build a budget on the effective tax rate.

record keeping procedures and to coordinate costs throughout the district and most importantly we wanted to provide a clearer picture of the associated cost of attending for our students.

"We have collapsed some fees into tuition,"

Sparks said. "Now we have tuition, building use fee and student services fee. Students will continue to pay lab fees and incidental fees according to their course load or academic vocational selection. Those fees stayed the same."

In comparison to 2002 prices, students taking 12 hours of classwork will pay \$566 for a semester of tuition this year compared to \$487; out-of-district, \$716 compared to \$605; and for a non-resi-

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Administrators coping with loss in funding

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The Howard College district will make do without any new tax income if trustees approve recommendations given them by administrators during an hour-long preliminary budget workshop Monday.

Facing a possible 11.6 percent reduction in state funding in the fall,

administrators proposed a plan that includes an across-the-board tuition and fees hike, allowing staff reductions to occur through attrition, decreasing staff and trustee travel and a district-wide salary freeze.

"We are proposing building a budget that does not increase any kind of salaries at all," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks told trustees.

The proposed budget includes no tax increase above the effective rate or employee raises.

Administrators plan to build a budget on the effective tax rate, Sparks said.

One crucial element in the budget will depend on the administration's abil-

ity to negotiate Howard College's state funding decrease down to 9.8 percent.

The proposed budget is based on a the 9.8 percent decrease in state funding faced by almost every other Texas community college.

At the end of the last state legislative session, Howard College was faced with one of the largest drops in state funding of all community

colleges.

After visiting with a representative of the Legislative Budget Board, Sparks believes the 11.6 percent figure was an unintentional result of the how the legislature implemented the funding formula.

During the session, six of the more than 50 community colleges in the state were removed

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Local Bird Rehabilitator Bebe McCasland holds a baby Inca Dove rescued this summer from the Big Spring area. With baby season under way, the Big Spring woman is temporarily caring for the health of a number of small aviators before she can transport them to a wildlife rescue reserve in Lubbock. To report an abandoned or injured bird, call McCasland at 267-6536. Unless the animal is in immediate danger, McCasland requests that callers leave the animal alone until she can assess the situation.

Unemployment rate drops to 5.7 percent

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Howard County's June unemployment figures are down sharply compared to the same time last year.

Figures released last week by Big Spring's Workforce Network show that 834 people were unemployed and 13,812 were working in Howard County in June, resulting in an unemployment rate of 5.7 percent.

A year ago, 13,626 had jobs while 1,061 were unemployed for an unemployment rate of 7.2 percent.

Since May, the unemployment rate has risen slightly, from 4.9 percent.

City of Big Spring figures were similar to those for the county. In June,

6.4 percent of Big Spring residents were jobless, down from 8.0 percent in 2002, but up slightly from the 5.4 percent in May.

Workforce Network Director Virginia Belew said the drop mirrors a similar trend throughout the Permian Basin.

"Both employment and unemployment tend to increase at this time of the year," she said. "The Permian Basin unemployment rates followed the seasonal patterns, increasing to 6.6 percent. The number of people seeking work rose by 1,857 to bring the unemployment level to 12,254. But this increase is almost 600 people less than the average increase normally seen for this month."

Belew said that the figures could indicate the economy is strengthening.

Unemployment has also

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BELEW

Beware: Heat problems can develop quickly

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

With summer in full swing and 100-degree-plus temperatures lurking, the Texas Health Department wants to remind Crossroads residents that too much exposure to heat can be dangerous especially for the very young and elderly.

"Most of our heat-related calls are generally for the elderly and the very young," said Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen.

In charge of the city's emer-

gency medical services, Jensen says experience by Big Spring Fire Department EMS personnel show that both age groups are more susceptible to heat-related illness, especially in extremely hot weather.

And the condition can become very dangerous to a person's health.

"By far the worst result of heat-related illness is for the body to lose its cooling down mechanism completely," Jensen said.

Loss of this ability, confusion,

delirium and a comatose condition are signs the body is heading toward a heat stroke — a condition that could result in death, Jensen said.

"Heat — specifically hot weather combined with high humidity — is more deadly than people realize," David Zane, an epidemiologist at the Texas department of Health said.

Profuse sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nau-

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Obituaries

Edith E. Redman

Edith E. Redman, 88, passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2003. She was born on Sept. 26, 1914, in Ladonia to William F. and Tabitha Cunningham. Mrs. Redman was an 80-year resident of West Texas. She grew up in Howard County, graduated from Big Spring High School in 1933 and married James H. "Jim" Redman in 1939. They retired to Big Spring in 1976. He preceded her in death in 1998.

The family visitation will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in the Family Gathering Room from 6 to 8 tonight, Tuesday, July 22, 2003. A graveside service will be at the Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park on Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Bethany Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Redman was also preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers and four sisters-in-law, V.L. Cunningham, Floyd and Edna Cunningham, Wiley Cunningham, Luther and Louise Cunningham, Cliff and Corrine Cunningham, A.A. "Toby" Cunningham and Edward Cunningham; and one sister and brother-in-law, Ethel and Ernest Kennedy.

Survivors include one son, James L. Redman of Odessa; one daughter, Joy R. Burned of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Tamara B. Needles and husband, Jeff, of Austin, and Kimberly R. Brooks and J. B. Redman, both of Odessa; two great-grandchildren, Chloe Nicole Brooks of Odessa and Tyler James Needles of Austin; two brothers, L.D. Cunningham and wife, Mary, of Big Spring and Winfred Cunningham and wife, Jean, of Wichita Falls; sisters-in-law, Elise Cunningham of Big Spring, Ethel Cunningham of Boonville, Ark., and Billie Crossland of Granbury; and many dear nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Honorary pallbearers will be nephews: Bill Cunningham, Charles R. Cunningham, Donald Cunningham, Ronald Cunningham, Kenneth D. Cunningham, and Roe Fulgham.

The family suggests memorials to: Sagecrest Alzheimer's Care Center Association, P.O. Box 5661, San Angelo 76902.

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

Paid obituary

Gay Nell Leonard

Gay Nell Leonard, 76, of Big Spring died on Sunday, July 20, 2003, at her residence. Graveside funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church, officiating.

Mrs. Leonard was born on April 6, 1927, in Stanton. She was a waitress at Herman's Restaurant for 30 years, retiring in 1992. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Donna Leonard of Tucumcari, N.M., and Jim and Linda Leonard of Big Spring; one sister, Bobbie Richy of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Wood.

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Bessie E. Thomas Hodnett



Bessie E. Thomas Hodnett, 81, of Big Spring died on Sunday, July 20, 2003, in a Snyder nursing home. Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring, with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain for Odyssey Hospice, officiating.

Mrs. Hodnett was born on Jan. 11, 1922, in Somerset, Ky., and married Haril James Hodnett on Feb. 22, 1946, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Sept. 20, 1973.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Edith Sorrells of Killeen, Clifford and Faye Fountain of Sachse and Jody and Geri Hodnett of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jerry Tibbetts of Big Spring; one sister, Polly Little of Alabama; four brothers, Jimmy Thomas of Oklahoma City, Mike Thomas and Don Thomas, both of Sweetwater, and David Thomas of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, two sisters and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to: Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

The family will be at 2500 Hunter Drive.

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Anna T. Garcia

Anna T. Garcia, 58, of Big Spring died on Saturday, July 19, 2003, in a Lubbock hospital. Graveside funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on July 13, 1945, in Juarez, Mexico, and married Viloiso Garcia. He preceded her in death in October 1998.

She was raised in Big Spring and lived most of her life here. She was a homemaker and was a Catholic.

Survivors include three sons, Viloiso Garcia of Colorado and Herman Orosco III and Michael Garza, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Cheryl Alcantar of Big Spring; one sister, Bell Cornish of Big Spring; two brothers, Oscar Zubiate of Amarillo and Simon Zubiate of Forsan; and four grandchildren.

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Dorothy Patterson

Dorothy Patterson, 84, of Lamesa died Sunday, July 20, 2003, at Hospice Homeplace in Tyler. Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2003, in the Brannon Funeral Home Chapel in Lamesa with the Rev. Clifton Dye officiating. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Patterson was born on April 23, 1919, in Rosebud, Ark. She married Walter "Pat" Patterson on Sept. 2, 1961, in Sterling City.

She was a contract star route mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Walter "Pat" Patterson of Bullard; three daughters, Billie Moore of Tyler, Julia Casselberry of Whitehouse and Lala Cox of Tyler; two sisters, Agnes Belew of Big Spring and Opal Cozzart of Snyder; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a hospice of the donor's choice.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

• **MARISA ADAM**, 40, of Midland was arrested this morning to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **TONI MARTINEZ**, 18, of 706 N. Goliad was arrested Monday on six traffic warrants.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1500 block of South Main Street, the 2400 block of South Main Street and the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1800 block of Winston Street, the 1000 block of South Main Street and the 1600 block of Lark Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road, the 1200 block of West Second Street and the 1300 block of Mobile Street.

• **FIREWORKS** were reported in the 1200 block of South Nolan and twice in the 1400 block of South Owens Street.

• **THEFT** was reported at Wal-Mart. Five items of jewelry worth \$67 total were reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue Avenue. Two bicycles, one worth \$150 and one worth \$60, were reported stolen in the incident.

Sheriff's report

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

• **THEFT** was reported in the first block of Chapman Road.

• **GASOLINE THEFT** was reported at Buffalo Country Fina in the 4900 block of South Highway 87.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** with a weapon possibly involved was reported in a vehicle on Highway 350 headed into Howard County from Scurry County. Deputies and Sheriff Dale Walker were unable to locate the vehicle.

Lottery

Here are Monday's Texas Lottery game results:
Cash Five numbers drawn Monday: 3-12-16-23-32

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Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 0-1-6

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Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 4-0-0

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TODAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

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

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m. All members please attend. For more information call Charlie Gray at 393-5715.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

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

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

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

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. FM 700.

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

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn., Highway 87.

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

Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast is served.

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

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

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

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

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast 10 to 20 mph. Winds may be much stronger in and around thunderstorms.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Friday — Clear. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday — Clear. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday — Clear. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the mid 90s.

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Staples unveils two more redistricting maps

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate's top architect of new congressional boundaries on Monday unveiled two new proposed maps while a Democratic senator said the issue of redistricting is finished this special legislative session.

"It's dead. It's dead, it's dead," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, who is opposed to redrawing congressional lines.

Sen. Todd Staples, chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus, put forth two new maps for the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

Another one he presented last week could give Texas Republicans as much as a 22-10 advantage in Congress.

Projections under the new maps are similar, though Staples, R-Palestine, would not say how the Texas GOP would fare under the proposals.

"The voters will determine ultimately in any particular district who is going to repre-

sent them," Staples said. "I think it's a fair map."

Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, are leading the charge to redraw the congressional boundaries during the special state legislative session that ends July 29.

Lawmakers failed to draw the districts during the 2001 legislative session, leaving federal judges to create the current plan. Democrats hold a 17-15 margin in the delegation. The GOP says that recent voting trends show Republicans should have more representation in the Texas congressional delegation.

Democrats in the Texas Senate are nearly united in their opposition to a new plan. All but one of the 12 Democrats in the chamber have signed a letter saying they are opposed to passing a redistricting bill.

Sen. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant is the only Republican who has signed the letter. He

Republican state Sen. Robert Duncan, chairman of the jurisprudence committee, set Wednesday as the target date for the committee to vote on a plan.

and the 11 Democrats are enough to block the bill as long as a rule stays in place requiring support from two-thirds of the chamber's 31 members before a measure can be debated on the floor. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a Republican who presides over the Senate, has said he would keep that rule in place this session.

However, if Republican Gov. Rick Perry calls a second special legislative session to take up redistricting because a bill

does not pass this time, then Dewhurst said he would do away with the rule so that only a majority of senators would be needed for debate.

"The game now is to get 16 votes," West said. "Realistically, that's where it is."

Some Democratic senators have suggested they might boycott the chamber if Dewhurst does away with the rule.

Dewhurst has said Perry will call another session for lawmakers to take up congressional redistricting if a map is not approved this session.

One of Staples' new maps keeps all of Webb County in one district, which is currently represented by U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio. But the map breaks Hidalgo County into three districts.

The other map splits Webb County into two districts and splits Hidalgo into two districts.

Both maps pair four sets of

congressional incumbents: Reps. Gene Green, D-Houston, and Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont; Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, and Jim Turner, D-Crockett; Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, and Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio; and Chris Bell, D-Houston, and DeLay.

"Pairing" means forcing two incumbents into the same district so that they would run against each other in a bid for re-election.

Both maps keep Bell, McLennan and Coryell counties in one district and combine Victoria County with Brazoria and Galveston counties.

Staples said he has not decided which map he most supports.

"The whole goal is to do away with Democratic districts and disenfranchise some minority voters," West said, adding that the district currently represented by Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, would lose a large minority population.

Aircraft warned away from airspace around Texas ranch

WACO (AP) — Private aircraft straying into restricted airspace around President Bush's Crawford ranch were warned away by jet fighters releasing flares, military officials say.

The latest warnings occurred while Bush hosted Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi at the 1,600-acre ranch west of Waco over the weekend.

Two F-16 jet fighters

released flares over Central Texas just after noon on Sunday to warn a private plane of the restricted area surrounding the Western White House, the Air Force said. That was about the time that two brilliant, fiery plumes preceded by a loud rumble were witnessed in the skies to the west of Lacy-Lakeview.

"It's not uncommon, but it's also not a daily occur-

rence" involving the warning flares, Maj. Douglas Martin, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., told the Waco Tribune-Herald in Tuesday's editions. "It does occur if it is needed to get the attention of a plane that is violating restricted airspace, or is about to violate restricted

airspace."

The Federal Aviation Administration said the incident was "one of a number" of airspace incursions this weekend during Bush's visit. Flights by Bush to fund-raisers during his stay in Crawford changed restricted areas and contributed to the numbers of airspace violations, the FAA and an aviation advocacy group said.

Because of security concerns, Martin said he could not comment on whether the plane being warned had actually violated airspace or was about to enter it. He also would not comment on tactical matters involving the jets and the interception.

FAA spokesman John Clabes in Fort Worth said he did not have details about the incursion into

the restricted area. However, he confirmed that two private planes violated presidential flight restrictions in separate incidents near Waco on Sunday.

Firing flares is an unusual procedure for fighters warning straying aircraft, said Warren Morningstar, a spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

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dent students, \$976 compared to \$795.

At the San Angelo campus, in-district students taking 12 hours will pay \$586 this semester compared to \$542 in 2002; out-of-district students, \$746 compared to \$660; and non-residents, \$1,006 compared to \$850.

SWCID in-district students will pay \$566 per semester compared to \$587 a year ago; out-of-district, \$716 compared to \$705; and non-district, \$2,192 compared to \$1,975.

The increase has a varying effect on student tuition at the college's different campus.

The following is a breakdown of the total effect and per classroom hour increase for a full-time student taking a course load of 12 hours at each campus:

- Big Spring, in-district, \$79 overall, \$6.59 per classroom hour; out-of-district, \$111 overall and \$9.24 more per classroom hour; non-resident, \$181 overall and \$15.08 more per classroom hour.

- San Angelo, in-district, \$54 overall and \$4.50 per classroom hour; out-of-district, \$86 overall and \$7.17 per classroom hour; non-residents, \$156 overall and \$13 per classroom hour.

- SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, in-district, \$21 less overall and \$1.75 less per classroom hour; out-of-district, \$11 overall and 92 cents per classroom hour.

An exception to the overall across-the-board increase is SWCID non-resident tuition. The district raised the base tuition to \$200 and \$178 per hour. That translates into a \$217 overall increase and \$18.08 per classroom hour for students carrying 12 hours.

In addition to increased tuition, Howard College students will have to pay more to live on campus. Trustees approved a \$70 increase in boarding fees.

Student services fees across the district will continue to stay the same. A charge of \$3 per hour will be assessed beginning for the first six hours up to a maximum of \$36.

Building fees decreased across the district as part of the cost was rolled into the tuition. For Big Spring campus, students will pay \$20 for building use compared to \$65 in 2002; San Angelo, \$50 compared to \$145; and SWCID, \$20 compared to \$65.

Sparks added those amounts reflect the district's bond covenant.

Howard Cottage, the college's day care center, will see daily child care fees increase by \$1 per hour for students and community members and \$1.50 per hour for employ-

ees. Also, each family will be assessed a \$25 annual fee for supplies.

In other matters, the college continues to see enrollment growth.

Enrollment reports for both summer sessions and the mini-semester showed that the Big Spring campus had 504 students enroll, up from the 2002 count of 475; San Angelo had 938, a large jump from 2002's figure of 708; and Lamesa had 145, down from 225.

In other business, trustees learned a decision on whether the district will receive grant funds to help construct a new day care facility may come as soon as this week.

According to Sparks, the Meadows Foundation may review the college's grant proposal on Thursday.

If the Dallas-based foundation does not review the grant proposal this meeting, the college will

have to wait until the foundation's next meeting set for September.

Also, trustees approved: • A \$30,000 bid by Baker Agency of Plainwell, Mo., for athletic insurance; a bid by Claims Administrative Services of Tyler for the district's workers' compensation insurance; and a bid by Great Western Dinning for food contract service.

To pay \$56,690.73 as part of the college's responsibility to the Howard County Appraisal District's proposed budget.

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risen statewide since May, from 6.5 percent to 7.5 percent in June. Throughout the nation,

unemployment rose from 5.8 percent in May to 6.5 percent in June.

"Locally, we have seen a noticeable increase of workers coming into our office to apply for unemployment insurance," Belew said. "They are not

coming from one specific industry or occupation. We hope that this trend is temporary and are working hard to make contacts with employers to solicit job orders for these individuals."

Unemployment is

expected to fall slightly this month as students looking for work find summer jobs.

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COLLEGE

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from the funding equation because they had special items in their budgets, Sparks said. Howard College was one of the six because SouthWest Collegiate Institute for

the Deaf is completely funded through state money.

After those six colleges were removed, the state applied the reduction formula. Since SWCID's budget is much larger than the other funded items, Sparks believes this had a greater impact on Howard

College as a whole.

Sparks said she hopes state officials will refigure the amount of the college's reduction in state funding and arrive at the 9.8 percent figure currently anticipated.

Later in Monday's meeting, trustees approved increases in tuition and

fees.

Trustees will meet on Aug. 4 in the Howard College board room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, for further budget study.

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OUR VIEWS

Salvation Army's Back-to School Program needs support

With the start of the new school year less than a month away, we need to remember that one of the most important things we can give children is an education.

And with that in mind, it's time to be thinking about making sure our children have everything they need when school bells begin ringing in August.

Sadly, there will be too many families in Big Spring who simply cannot afford what many of us take for granted — providing their children with the necessities such as paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, scissors, rulers and the like.

That's where the Salvation Army steps in. Last year, the organization handed out school supplies to 325 Big Spring children from kindergarten through the eighth grade and this year Capt. Russ Keeney expects to provide supplies for 400 or so.

The Salvation Army began taking applications from parents of students in need of school supplies and will continue to do so from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

Without those supplies, a lot of children would have been at an immediate disadvantage.

If you know of a family in need of help, encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity. Applicants will need to bring some information such as Social Security cards, proof of residency, income and expenses.

And don't forget, if you can help out by donating money for the effort, please do so.

Think of it this way, donations to the Salvation Army school supplies program are an investment. They are an investment in education, an investment in a child's future and an investment in our community's future.

To make application for the program or to make a contribution, the Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, walk with us, take our hands and lead us through this life. Amen

What kind of person do you want to be?

The late Dr. Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) was one of the finest human beings to ever grace this planet. Born in the Alsace region of France, during his long life he would become a missionary, theologian, doctor, philosopher, author and musician.

Having resolved to devote his life to the service of humanity when he reached the age of 30, Schweitzer prepared by qualifying in medicine, and in 1913 he went to Lambaréne in French Equatorial Africa where founded a missionary hospital.

His hospital was supported almost entirely by proceeds from his many organ recitals in Europe and numerous lecture tours and publications. Always a leading exponent of Johann Von Goethe, he came to the United States in 1949 to deliver an address at the Goethe Celebration in Aspen, Colorado. During his notable discourse he shared his faith in two basic ideals: "Purity and Kindness." He would later be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952.

When I read about Dr. Schweitzer and studied various aspects of his life, I was greatly impressed by how he used his God given talents. One of the things I

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most admire and appreciate about Dr. Schweitzer and his exemplary life, is that he was a trend setter. He gave us a standard, as a human being, that we would do well to try to emulate. Of course there have been others over the years, too numerous to mention, but were it not for great men and women who routinely placed others before self, the human condition would be much worse off.

Now, you may not share my convictions, but it seems in these days of the "me" generation here in America that we need people who will take a stand and live by Dr. Schweitzer's ideals of purity and kindness. Pure in the sense that our ethical character and morals are above reproach and that more of our citizens will develop a spirit of kindness that always considers the needs and feelings of others, as well as their own.

At this point I realize that to some people what I am saying sounds like Pollyanna but believe me, it's real life. I'm sure you know that an individual can become "world class" in many fields of endeavor and still be a lousy human being. Unfortunately, what these people miss is that when they come to the end of their life and stand before a Holy and Righteous God, they will not be judged on their accomplishments but on what kind of life they lived. Every week I see people who are changing their lives because they finally realize that what I am say-

ing is true. Here it should be noted that what I am advocating is in no way meant to diminish the "spirit of competition" that has helped us individually and collectively as Americans to achieve great things.

We should always play hard and play to win, but always within the rules of decency and fair play. Whether it's in business, sports, politics or any other area of society, to win by any other means is shallow indeed. To my way of thinking we should reward those who play by the rules and disqualify those who don't. While not easy, the answer to our national ethical and moral crisis is simple. We just have to emulate Dr. Schweitzer's ideals of Purity and Kindness. The greatest power we have as a free people is the power to choose. We can choose what kind of leaders we have, what kind of government we have and most important of all, we can choose what kind of person we want to be.

What I want you to see is that if enough people feel this way and will take a stand we can make a difference. I'm hoping and praying that these thoughts will resonate and you will think about what I've shared here. The past is gone but from this point forward let's pledge that we will strive to be better human beings.

(Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

I am especially disappointed in the editorial in favor of the curfew. I have contacted the Herald and requested that they obtain an opinion of the legal community. The Herald has refused to do so. I request that the citizens of Big Spring contact their city councilman to vote against the curfew. This curfew is an infringement upon our Constitutional rights and our Bill of Rights. My reasons for voting no are as follows:

How does the police discriminate the ages of juveniles and also where such juveniles attend school? There is a difference in calendars of the various schools within Howard County and also the schools in other districts outside of Howard County and even outside the state. This proposal would allow a carte blanche stopping of any individual who appears to be a juvenile.

The stopping of an individual who appears to be of a minor age would be justification for probable cause for

future investigation. As a defense attorney I can foresee law enforcement using this as probable cause for investigatory stops.

I feel the school district should be teaching the kids and if the students refuse to follow the rules then they should be in a closed section within the school and not expelled. This would result in an increased student attendance and increased funding from the State. This curfew will not encourage school attendance and better school behavior.

What are the statistics concerning the problems with the juveniles, the number that are expelled from the school as opposed to the total number of students?

The school district can enforce criminal trespass actions as well as truancy actions.

What is the effect of this curfew upon our juvenile probation department in the enforcement of these matters?

I am concerned about the separation

of powers between the legislative, judicial and executive branches. This ordinance has been encouraged by the city judge who is part of the judicial branch and I strongly feel that the judicial branch should be interpreting the laws and deciding punishment rather than joining with the executive branch, the police department in attempting to create laws and then asking the legislative branch, the city council, to enact such laws.

I encourage anyone to contact me should they wish further opinions from me or contact any lawyer for their opinion and also, please contact your city councilman and preserve our Constitutional rights and freedoms rather than subjecting ourselves to one more restriction on our free society. An attempt to try a curfew for a few months is not the answer. Freedom is absolute and cannot be compromised by this discriminating ordinance.

Robert D. Miller
Big Spring

Wilson's mission to Niger: Mistake or coverup?

The CIA's decision to send retired diplomat Joseph C. Wilson to Africa in February 2002 to investigate possible Iraqi purchases of uranium was made routinely at a low level without Director George Tenet's knowledge. Remarkably, this produced a political firestorm that has not yet subsided.

Wilson's report that an Iraqi purchase of uranium yellowcake from Niger was highly unlikely was regarded by the CIA as less than definitive, and it is doubtful Tenet ever saw it. Certainly, President Bush did not, prior to his 2003 State of the Union address, when he attributed reports of attempted uranium purchases to the British government. That the British relied on forged documents made Wilson's mission, nearly a year earlier, the basis of furious Democratic accusations of burying intelligence though the report was forgotten by the time the president spoke.

Reluctance at the White House to admit a mistake has led Democrats ever closer to saying the president lied the country into war. Even after a belated admission of error last Monday, finger-pointing between Bush administration agencies continued. Messages between Washington and the presidential entourage traveling in Africa hashed over the mission to Niger.

Wilson's mission was created after an early 2002 report by the Italian intelligence service about attempted uranium purchases from Niger, derived from forged

documents prepared by what the CIA calls a "con man." This misinformation, peddled by Italian journalists, spread through the U.S. government. The White House, State Department and Pentagon, and not just Vice President Dick Cheney, asked the CIA to look into it.

That's where Joe Wilson came in. His first public notice had come in 1991 after 15 years as a Foreign Service officer when, as U.S. charge in Baghdad, he risked his life to shelter in the embassy some 800 Americans from Saddam Hussein's wrath. My partner Rowland Evans reported from the Iraqi capital in our column that Wilson showed "the stuff of heroism." President George H.W. Bush the next year named him ambassador to Gabon, and President Bill Clinton put him in charge of African affairs at the National Security Council until his retirement in 1998.

Wilson never worked for the CIA, but his wife, Valerie Plame, is an Agency operative on weapons of mass destruction. Two senior administration officials told me Wilson's wife suggested sending him to Niger to investigate the Italian report. The CIA says its counter-proliferation officials selected Wilson and asked his wife to contact him. "I will not answer any question about my wife," Wilson told me.

After eight days in the Niger capital of Niamey (where he once served), Wilson made an oral report in Langley that an Iraqi uranium purchase was "highly unlikely," though he also mentioned in passing that a 1988 Iraqi delegation tried to establish commercial contacts. CIA officials did not regard Wilson's intelligence as

definitive, being based primarily on what the Niger officials told him and probably would have claimed under any circumstances. The CIA report of Wilson's briefing remains classified.

All this was forgotten until reporter Walter Pincus revealed in the Washington Post June 12 that an unnamed retired diplomat had given the CIA a negative report. Not until Wilson went public on July 6, however, did his finding ignite the firestorm.

During the run-up to the invasion of Iraq, Wilson had taken a measured public position — viewing weapons of mass destruction as a danger but considering military action as a last resort. He has seemed much more critical of the administration since revealing his role in Niger. In the Washington Post July 6, he talked about the Bush team "misrepresenting the facts," asking: "What else are they lying about?"

After the White House admitted error, Wilson declined all television and radio interviews. "The story was never me," he told me, "it was always the statement in (Bush's) speech." The story, actually, is whether the administration deliberately ignored Wilson's advice, and that requires scrutinizing the CIA summary of what their envoy reported. The Agency never before has declassified that kind of information, but the White House would like it to do just that now — in its and in the public's interest.

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Military

By JOHN F. KELLY

The Washington Post

The five var wooden boxes that Kunze helped Thursday from a front of the United Services University Health Science Bethesda, Md., look they might hold croquet mallets.

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Navy Cmdr. Daniel and the snakes

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Military doctors learning to face an enemy with fangs

By JOHN F. KELLY

The Washington Post

The five varnished wooden boxes that Ray Kunze helped unload Thursday from a van in front of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., looked like they might hold croquet mallets.

But croquet mallets wouldn't need the tiny holes that were drilled at the end of each box. Nor would croquet mallets make a creepily familiar rattling sound whenever they were bumped.

"You hear that?" said Kunze, a strapping Navy petty officer with a blond flattop as level as a billiard table. "They get out and start slithering, I'm running."

The venomous snakes nestled inside the boxes — including two species of rattlesnake — were securely packed and padlocked, said Bruce Shwedick. The reptile expert had driven his fang-filled Ford Econoline van from Plant City, Fla., to present his annual "Snakes Alive" lecture to military doctors who may one day be glad they learned the difference between a Gaboon viper and a Malayan pit viper.

Shwedick, 44, makes the drive every year to be part of an annual tropical medicine course that's taught at the nation's university of military medicine. After muscling the boxes over a curb, onto an elevator, through the medical school's hallways and into Lecture Hall D, Shwedick chalked a mes-



Florida snake expert Bruce Shwedick shows off a very poisonous Gaboon viper at his lecture for military medical personnel. Shwedick makes an annual appearance with his fanged friends at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the nation's university of military medicine.

sage onto the blackboard: "Welcome Don't Panic."

"That's a good way to start the class," observed Capt. Dominique Davenport, a family practice physician stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

While most of the peculiarly tropical ailments the students are learning about in the month-long course are caused by microscopic things — intestinal worms, protozoan parasites — Thursday was "critter day." The 74 Army, Navy and Air Force physicians

had earlier attended a lecture by an entomologist who talked about diseases spread by mosquitoes and ticks. A clinician briefed them on the toxic effects of certain tropical blowfish and the latest advances in treating snakebite.

Now it was time to see some of the venomous troublemakers doctors might encounter if deployed to the far corners of the globe.

"It's one thing to read it in a book," Davenport said. "It's another to see

someone who's dealt with them in the environment."

The first snake Shwedick displayed wasn't that dangerous — yet. It was a year-old anaconda named Jade. About four feet long now, the nonvenomous snake will eventually quadruple in size. Shwedick, dressed in explorer-ish khaki and boots, carried the snake through the amphitheater, showing it off to the children that some students had brought — and who Shwedick had insist-

ed sit in the back row.

After putting the wriggling Jade back into a brown bag, Shwedick pulled a set of keys from his pocket and started unlocking the trunks.

First out was a copperhead, native to North America. Shwedick pointed out the hourglass pattern on the snake's back, its reddish tongue and elliptical eyes.

"But you know what they say," Shwedick said. "If you're close enough to see a snake's eyes, you might be too close."

Next up: a cottonmouth, the bite of which, Shwedick said, produces "burning pain and a feeling like electric shock." (He should know: He was bitten on the hand by one about 12 years ago.) It was followed by a timber rattlesnake, the rattles on its tail sounding like water dancing on a hot griddle.

From Central and South America came a lancehead, or fer-de-lance, a beige snake with a long head and highly potent venom that can cause "bleeding from gums and other body orifices."

While the snakes up to this point had seemed either familiar or underwhelming, the snakes of Africa got everyone's attention. Shwedick hoisted a Gaboon viper from

its box. This is a snake of nightmares: beefy, patterned in shades of brown, with an angular, leaf-shaped head.

But it paled in comparison with the next treat. Before pulling out an African spitting cobra, Shwedick donned a pair of safety glasses and what looked like a riot policeman's helmet. (A uniformed student seated toward the front discreetly slipped on her own tortoiseshell shades.)

In fine snake-charmer fashion, the cobra travels in a basket. When the lid was removed, the dark, glossy snake slithered out. Shwedick lifted it with a pair of hooked metal poles, moving them from front to back as the snake glided over them like a cascading length of black taffy, albeit taffy that can spray cornea-eating venom up to 12 feet into the eyes of predators.

If U.S. troops are sent to Liberia, they could come face to fang with such snakes, Shwedick said.

The military doctors also can be expected to see foreign civilians, who turn to them for treatment. Often, Shwedick said, a bite victim will emerge from the jungle, rainforest or sugar cane field with a machete in one hand and the head of the snake that bit him in the other. That's bad news for the snake but useful for identifying the species and determining the appropriate antivenin.

But Shwedick urged caution: "A snake can still bite hours after its head has been severed," he said.

Shwedick's two-hour romp through the world of "medically important" snakes included appearances by a South American tropical rattlesnake, a horned desert viper (native to southwestern Iraq), a Malayan pit viper, a death adder (Australia's deadliest snake) and an Asian cobra, which helpfully spread the ribs in its neck to create that distinctive hood shape.

"My favorite was the spitting cobra," said Col. Bradley Harper, a pathologist from U.S. Army South in San Juan, Puerto Rico. "It can reach out and touch you."



Navy Cmdr. Daniel McMillen, left, and Naval Reserve Lts. Anne Fox and Damon Shearer, all physicians, watch the lecture and the snakes as part of a course on tropical ailments they might have to treat.

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sea, week but rapid pulse and headaches are symptoms of heat exhaustion, an early stage of heat illness.

These signs are usually related to dehydration and an accompanying rise in the internal body temperature.

Anyone showing these symptoms should seek shade or an air conditioned area and drink plenty of water, the TDH recommends.

Symptoms of heat stroke are extremely high body temperature, red or dry skin, failure to per-

spire and rapid plus, confusion and unconsciousness. Immediate medical attention is critical for victims of heat stroke.

TDH provides a list of precautions to follow to reduce the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke:

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather.
- Drink plenty of fluids but avoid beverages that contain alcohol, caffeine or large amounts of sugar.
- Plan strenuous outdoor activities for cooler parts of the day, then gradually build up tolerance for warmer conditions.
- Stay indoors in an air-

conditioned environment as much as possible.

• If air conditioning is not available, open windows on opposite sides of rooms for cross ventilation and use fans to cool rooms. If temperature and humidity are extremely high, point fans out windows.

- Take frequent breaks when working outdoors.
- Eat more frequently, but make sure meals are well balanced and light.
- At first signs of heat illness (dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps), move to a cooler location, rest for a few minutes and slowly drink a cool liquid. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

ly if conditions do not improve.

• Ask a physician or pharmacist about the effects of sun and heat exposure if taking prescription medications such as diuretics, antihistamines or mood-altering or antispasmodic drugs.

- Check frequently on ill or elderly friends, relatives and neighbors who may need help.
- Avoid bundling babies in heavy blankets or dressing them in heavy clothing.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Bird With the Pink Plumage

Fantastic Flamingos

Flamingos are fun to watch. Their bright pink color and long legs make them stand out in the bird world. Their name comes from the Latin word for flame.

They are such popular birds that people put flamingo decorations in their yards.

There are about six types, or species, of flamingos.

The species are different shades of pink and their feathers form different color patterns. One species' legs are yellow; other species have reddish legs.

Their height can range from about 2½ to 4 feet tall. They often stand on only one leg when they are resting.

Flamingos have webbed feet and feathers that shed water, as do many other water birds. Their closest cousins are ducks, geese and swans.



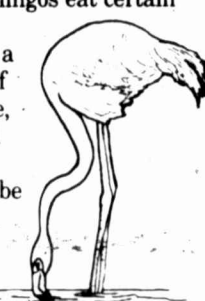
Chicks, as in the front of this picture, have gray or white feathers until they are 1 to 2 years old.



Color them pink

Flamingo feathers do not start out being pink or red. They turn rosy only when the flamingos eat certain foods.

If they don't eat a diet with enough of a special substance, called a carotenoid (kuh-RAT-n-oyd), their feathers will be white. The substance that turns flamingo feathers pink is the same thing that turns carrots orange or beets red. But it isn't just in red-colored foods. It can even be in green plants such as grass.



When it is mating season, hundreds of thousands of flamingos may gather at their breeding grounds. The huge numbers help keep predators from their eggs. Flamingos often split into small groups in the winter.

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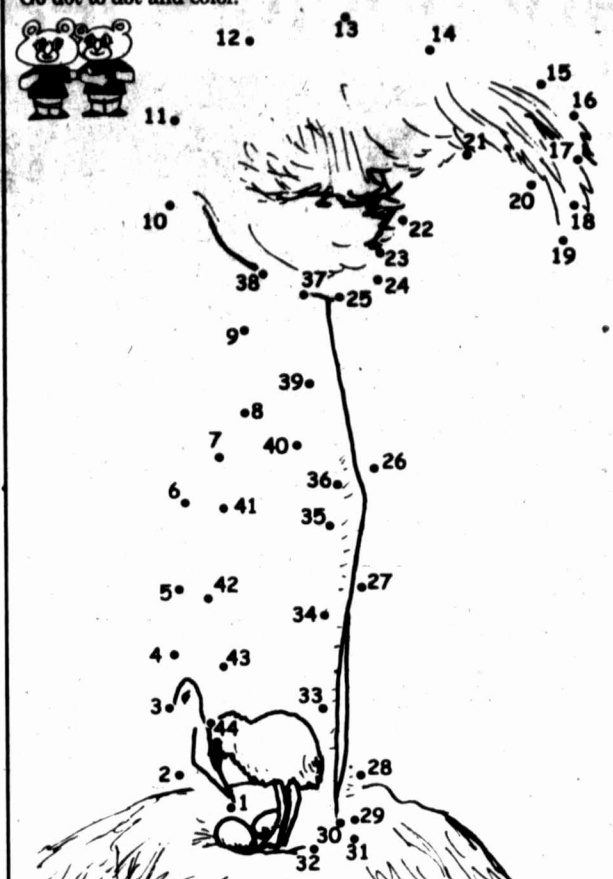
When people first brought flamingos to zoos, they were disappointed when the pretty pink colors were not present when the birds molted, or shed their old feathers and grew new ones. They didn't realize flamingos needed to eat certain foods to stay pink. This substance can also color other animals, including humans. Some people have eaten so many carrots their skin turned orange!

Flamingo food

Some of the food flamingos eat in the wild include:

- worms • insects • small shellfish
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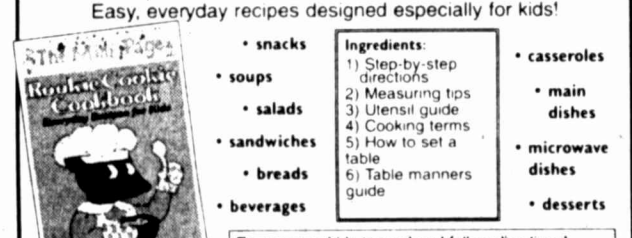
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 2 cups cheddar or mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 deep-dish pie shell, unbaked

What to do:

1. Beat eggs and milk together until well-blended.
2. Add dry mustard, salt, pepper and 1½ cups cheese. Mix well.
3. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Sprinkle top with remaining ½ cup cheese.
4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven on a cookie sheet for 30 to 40 minutes until lightly browned.
5. Slice like a pie and serve warm. Serves 4 to 6.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Tim Duncan

Height: 7-0 **Birthdate:** 4-25-76
Weight: 260 **Home:** the Virgin Islands

Tim Duncan says he's afraid of heights. But nobody in professional basketball is flying higher than the San Antonio Spurs superstar. Duncan led San Antonio to its second NBA championship this year. He also sparked the Spurs to the title in 1999. Both years he was named Most Valuable Player of the finals.

Duncan has made the NBA All-Star team each of his six seasons. Smooth as silk, he is a superb all-around player who has averaged about 23 points and 12 rebounds during his pro career.

If it had not been for Hurricane Hugo in 1989, however, Duncan might never have become a basketball player. He was a standout swimmer in the Virgin Islands. But when Hugo destroyed the pool where he trained, Duncan started shooting hoops as a ninth-grader.

He attended Wake Forest University, won National Player of the Year honors and earned a degree in psychology.

With help from his wife, Amy, Tim supports health, education and sports programs for youth through the Tim Duncan Foundation.

Meet Ruben Studdard

Ruben Studdard is a 25-year-old singer from Birmingham, Ala., and the new winner of the Fox television talent show "American Idol."

Ruben has been singing since he was 3 years old, and hopes that he can do it for the rest of his life. He went to Alabama A&M University, where he majored in voice.

In addition to music, Ruben loves sports. He played football in high school and for one year in college. His favorite types of music are gospel, jazz, soul and R&B. His favorite singer is Donnie Hathaway.

He tried out for the "American Idol" show hoping to become a star, and he certainly got his wish.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Henry:** Why are saddles so difficult to get along with?
- David:** Because they stirrup trouble!
- Julie:** Why did the mare scold her colt?
- Janis:** For misbehaving!
- Sam:** How can you tell your horse is polite?
- Frank:** When you get to the fence, he lets you go over first!

Basset Brown The News Hound's TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of flamingos are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: WEBBED, GRAY, NEST, FISH, EAT, PINK, BRIGHT, TALL, LONG, BIRD, SPECIES, LEGS, FEATHERS, CHICK, DIET, COLOR, PLANKTON, BILL, FEED, WATER, SALT, PREDATORS, EGG, HABITAT, MUD.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are watching some flamingos. See if you can find: • question mark • exclamation mark



- word MINI
- lima bean
- fish
- two frogs
- mushroom
- snake
- elephant's head
- horse's head
- heart
- music note
- puppy face
- carrot

More About Flamingos

Flamingos feeding

Flamingo bills are specially formed to filter out the tiny plants and animals they eat. Flamingos take a big gulp of water and push it out through grooves, or slots, in their bills. The food is trapped in the grooves.

Flamingos stand in the mud and rock from foot to foot. This stirs up the mud so their food comes to the top, while stones and other matter fall to the bottom. Sometimes they turn their heads upside down to scoop up food from the water. They might also find food on the surface. Or they might feed like ducks sometimes do, and turn their whole bodies upside down in the water.

They can drink salt water, getting rid of the salt through their nostrils.



Flamingos' curved bills develop as they become adults. Young chicks have bills that are mostly straight.

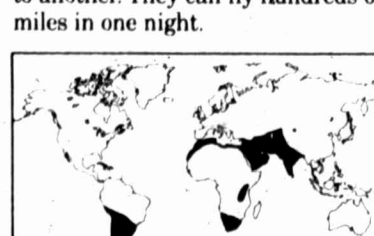
The Mini Page thanks Dr. Christine Sheppard, curator of birds for the Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo, for help with this issue.



Flamingos spend most of their day feeding, caring for their feathers or resting.

Where flamingos live

Flamingos can live in many types of water: in shallow lakes and lagoons, marshes, fresh water or salt water. Although they often live in tropical areas, some can survive in deep cold, as long as the water doesn't freeze and prevent them from getting food. One rare type lives in the high Andes Mountains in South America. The lake water there is so salty it doesn't freeze, even though the temperature falls below 32 degrees, when water usually turns to ice. Flamingos may fly from one habitat to another. They can fly hundreds of miles in one night.



Flamingos live in the wild in South America, Africa, the Caribbean islands and parts of Asia. In North America, people can see flamingos in zoos and animal parks.

Dangers to flamingos

Predators that eat flamingos or their eggs include vultures, storks, eagles, leopards, cheetahs and ocelots.

But their worst enemies are humans. People collect hundreds of flamingo eggs to eat and sell. Sometimes they collect all the eggs from one group, and then those flamingos don't reproduce.

Pollution can also destroy flamingo habitat. Agricultural chemicals and raw sewage get in the water and destroy their habitat.

Often humans divert needed water for other purposes and destroy flamingos' habitat.

In the Andes, where the flamingos are already rare, gold mining operations destroy the habitats.

Sometimes so many tourists want to see flamingos that they disturb their living space.

Fortunately, no flamingo species is listed as endangered.

Environmentalists are trying to work with people in flamingo areas to keep these beautiful birds safe.

Sites to see: www.wcs.org
www.sandiegozoo.org/animalbytes/t-flamingo.html
www.seaworld.org

Look through your newspaper and find pictures of things that are colorful in real life.

Next week The Mini Page is all about clouds.

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IN BR

2003 Football League under way at Spring Mall. Registration call is being held 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. every week day. A copy of each birth certificate report card needed at the registration. For more information, call 268-96.

Rose Magers volleyball can

The Rose Powell Volleyball Camp will be held 23-26 at Steer Athletic Supply. Registration are available at the BSHS Training Center. Camp times are from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Players 10-12 will attend from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$10. For more information, call 263-41.

Area players for all-star game

Several positions for the 2003 All-Star Basketball game are available to seniors interested in participating in the event. Area boys who graduated last year, are to compete in the test. For more information, contact Wells at (915) 263-41.

WTGSC to hold hole golf marathon

The West Texas Golf and Country Club is holding a hole golf marathon on Sweetwater. Golfers participate in the event. 100 holes of golf. The one-day event is open to all participants. Their own rules. The field will be limited to 40 golfers. For more information or to register, contact Shirley (325) 670-0432.

All American slotted for July

The All American Open, which is the general scheduled for July 2, is a Comanche Course in Big Bend. For more information, contact Wells at 816-41.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: jmooley@crom.net

IN BRIEF

Registration for the 2003 All Americas Little Football League is now under way at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for football is being held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every week day.

A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration. The cost for football is \$75 per person.

For more information, call 268-9634.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 23-26 at Steer Gym.

Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$85 per camper.

For more information, call 263-4847.

Area players sought for all-star game

Several positions on the 2003 All Americas Basketball squad are available to area seniors interested in participating in the event.

Area boys and girls, who graduated this past year, are eligible to compete in the contest.

For more information, contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336.

WTGSC to hold 100-hole golf marathon

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will be holding a golf marathon on Aug. 4 in Sweetwater.

Golfers participating in the event will play 100 holes of golf during the one-day event. All participants will have their own cart, and plays at their own speed using modified rules.

The field will be limited to 40 golfers.

For more information or to register contact, Shirley Olson at (325) 670-0432.

All Americas Open slated for July 23

The All Americas Open, which is open to the general public, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring. s

For more information contact Tommy Wells at 816-6336.

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Sports Broadcast Schedule		
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Astros vs. Pittsburgh, 5:40 p.m.	1490	July 22
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Astros vs. Cubs, 6:40 p.m.	1490	July 25
Rangers vs. Seattle, 7:30 p.m.	1490	July 26
Astros vs. Cubs, 12:40 p.m.	1490	July 27
Rangers vs. Seattle, 6:10 p.m.	1490	July 28
Astros vs. Atlanta, 6:10 p.m.	1490	July 29
Astros vs. Atlanta, 5:40 p.m.	1490	July 30

All Americas Bowl



Blum's Bryce Dean attempts to get around the corner as Iredell's Justin Proffitt throws a block during the second half of the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Game in Lubbock on Saturday. Dean, the state's top rusher in 2002, leads Texas against the Nationals this weekend at Memorial Stadium in the All Americas Bowl. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring or Bust

Foreign all-stars begin arriving in Crossroads for shot at Texans

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Brody Hermanson and Steven Lee found out two things about Big Spring quickly Monday afternoon. First, the water isn't quite as bad as one might think — and, secondly, they weren't alone.

More than six foreign high school football stars touched down in the Crossroads this weekend to begin preparations for the 2003 All Americas Bowl — the world's oldest international six-man all-star football game.

"It's kind of hot, but we're looking forward to playing," said Clinton Paysen, of Central Butte, Saskatchewan. "This is our chance to play with the Texans and show what we can do."

Paysen, a wide receiver who qualified for the provincial track meet in the 100-meter dash, was one of five Canadians to make the 2,000-mile trip to the Lone Star State.

"I've been looking forward to this (coming to Texas to play) for two years," said Loreburn, Saskatchewan, end Rob Brown, who flew from Saskatchewan to Midland with his family. "Ever since my brother (Travis) played in this game two years ago, I've wanted to do this. This is Texas. This is football."

The Canadians weren't the only



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foreign standouts making their way to the Crossroads' hub city. Australian standout Daniel Seremet — who spent a month in Big Spring last summer — arrived Monday evening after spending 14 hours on a plane flying from Sydney.

"It's great to come here. I don't mind the ride because this is the game of all games for me. I want to play football against the Texans," he said.

Norwegian standout Nicklas Holmbring Hausen was the first foreign player to reach Big Spring, arriving Saturday evening from Oslo. Hausen helped lead the Valerenga Trolls to the 2003

Norwegian six-man crown earlier this month.

Players from New Mexico, Colorado, Montana and Nebraska also began arriving in preparation for the first day of practice on Tuesday.

The foreign players will lead a Nationals squad that consists of players from throughout the world against Texas this Saturday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Among the Texas stars slated to suit up against the Nationals are Sands' super trio of Heath Webb, Jeremy Renteria and Nate Looney. Brandon Hoskins, the 2002 Six-man Player of the Year, and Blum's Bryce Dean are also on tap. Dean was the East's offensive MVP in last week's Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-star tilt in Lubbock. He gained 186 yards and score three times in the affair.

Texas, behind the efforts of former Gordon standout Bo Johnson, claimed a 44-22 win over the Nationals last summer in Gordon. Texas hold a 4-1 advantage all-time in the international showcase.

The All Americas Bowl was created in 1996 to give players from throughout the U.S. and Canada the opportunity to play against each other. Since beginning, more than 300 athletes from around the world have participated.

Armstrong routs rivals in mountain climb, stretches lead in Tour de France

LUZ-ARDIDEN, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong routed two rivals in a riveting climb in the Tour de France on Monday, recovering from a fall to stamp his authority on the race after two difficult weeks.

His victory in the misty mountains of the Pyrenees bolstered his chances of equaling Miguel Indurain's record of five straight Tour victories.

Jan Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner, is now 67 seconds back overall, giving Armstrong a more comfortable lead with five stages left. Ullrich, grimacing near the finish, started the day trailing by just 15 seconds,

Another rival left behind was Alexandre Vinokourov. The Kazak had been 18 seconds behind, but he was left flailing and is now out of contention.

That essentially reduces the Tour to a duel between Armstrong and Ullrich leading to the finish in Paris on Sunday.

The fall came with about 6 miles left in the 99-mile stage. Armstrong smacked onto the road after a spectator's outstretched bag caught his handlebars.

He grazed his left elbow and dirtied the left shoulder of his yellow jersey when he drove into a spectator. He then

climbed back on his bike and got back in the race.

The Texan also grazed his left hip but was otherwise unhurt, said Jogi Muller, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service team.

"After the fall, I had a big, big rush of adrenaline," Armstrong said. He said he then told himself, "Lance if you want to win the Tour de France, do it today."

Armstrong said he was partly to blame for the accident because he was riding too close to the edge of the road. Spain's Iban Mayo also fell after crashing into Armstrong as he lay on the road.



Former Big Spring quarterback Tye Butler will get another chance to throw the ball in Texas this Saturday in the Texas High School Coaches Association game in Fort Worth.

Police charge Dotson with murder

CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP) — The former roommate of missing Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy was charged Monday with murder, authorities said.

The warrant naming Carlton Dotson was issued by police in Waco, where Dennehy has been missing since mid-June, Chestertown Police Chief Walter Coryell said.

Two officers escorted Dotson, who was wearing handcuffs, into the police department about 9:20 p.m.

Dotson was being fingerprinted and processed at the police department, Coryell said. He said Dotson would be taken to the Kent County court commissioner's office later for an initial hearing.

Coryell said Dotson was in Chestertown, about 55 miles from his hometown of Hurlock, on Sunday when he called police from a grocery store.

"He said he needed help," Coryell said. "We took him to the hospital for an evaluation. During his stay there he contacted the FBI."

The police chief said Dotson stayed overnight at a Chestertown hospital, then left early Monday afternoon with FBI agents.

He was interviewed by the FBI and "as a result of that interview, this warrant has been issued," the chief said.

Last Thursday, Dotson voluntarily went to the Dorchester County sheriff's office near Hurlock to make a statement about Dennehy's disappearance. He was never in custody and was not arrested, leaving the office with his high school basketball coach.

Waco police declined to discuss what Dotson told authorities last week, saying only it did not change the course of their investigation.

Dennehy's vehicle was found June 25 in Virginia Beach, Va.

Authorities said Friday they were trying to determine if a 9mm handgun found Thursday at a Waco apartment complex near Baylor was related to Dennehy's disappearance.

Pirates cool off red-hot Astros, 5-3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Matt Stairs homered and drove in two runs as the Pittsburgh Pirates jumped on Houston starter Tim Lincecum for five runs in the first three innings and a 5-3 victory Monday night.

The Pirates, the only team to beat the Astros in their last 15 games, ended Houston's five-game winning streak. Pittsburgh has won four straight at home against the Astros since July 4.

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The sun is shifting from
Cancer to Leo, so if you
start off the day feeling
introverted and end up
talking to everyone
about the strangest,
most per-

sonal things,
don't feel
like you've
lost your
sanity.

We're coming into a peri-
od of sharing — stories,
toys, money, advice. You
name it, and it's passed
around in a big, bold way
during Leo's sun journey.

ARIES (March 21-April
19). Self-confidence rock-
ets you into a fantastic
day. Heed the signs that
you've outgrown a job —
it's time to move on to
new forms of expression.
Don't quit, but do search
the paper and Internet for
new opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). A little unpredictabil-
ity goes a long way
toward improving a rela-
tionship. The lesson is
not to assume you know
everything about anyone.
Introspection is only pro-
ductive when it helps you
make better decisions in
the future.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). You're faced with a
choice. Would you rather
have a smooth road with
an agreeable "yes" person
on your team, or would
you like the higher qual-
ity of work you'll turn out
with that stickler person-
ality examining your
every move?

CANCER (June 22-July
22). Competitive energy is
in the air today, but try
not to engage it. Trying to
keep up with your friends
and neighbors is a good
way to get distracted and
forget your own goals.
Make yourself available
for extra responsibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Business cats think
they've got to make cold
calls to sell their stuff,
but the truth is, there are
enough people in your
address keeper to double

your production. Contact
everyone, even the ones
you haven't seen for a
long time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(July 22). More than
resourceful, you are inno-
vative. Give yourself
credit for your work, and
others follow suit. Raises
and/or bonuses will come
in the next four weeks.
Relationships are revived
in August, and singles
start up something new
with a like-minded per-
son. Lucky money
months are now, in April
and in June. Some get
married in December.
Your lucky numbers are:
9, 30, 13, 36 and 15.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). Upcoming social or
political events are nerve-
wracking. Show that
your aspirations are seri-
ous. Get some training on
the topic of communica-
tion, and a whole new
world of lucrative possi-
bilities opens up to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). A touchy situation
requires patience and a
waiting period that's a lot
longer than you think it
will be. One thing you
can count on is that the
older male in your life is
sincere in his desire to
help you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Work opens you up to
new worlds of change and
keeps you from falling
into a boring rut. On the
romantic front, there are
exceptions to every rule,
and you'll run into a few
of those tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). Someone near
and dear is likely to make
a financial proposition
you'd be a fool not to
take. Be firm in your
boundaries, and this is a
positive exchange. Dates
with a Scorpio or Gemini
are favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). New additions to
your social life are com-
ing soon, so be good to
old pals now. Later, your
schedule will be filled
with the kind of chal-
lenge only ambitious peo-
ple like you would take
on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Horoscope

Feb. 18). Give second
chances, as they've been
given to you many times.
Business smarts are fea-
tured this afternoon.
Hours of work can be
avoided with one accu-
rate estimation. Someone
powerful is developing an
attraction to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). Quality of work is
more important than
meeting the deadline.
Have someone else dou-
ble-check your work to be
certain you're doing a
wonderful job. Insist that
everyone make an equal
contribution to the group.

ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS: "You
recently left off Aquarius
from the weekend love
forecast. This really
bummed me out. Why?
No love for us?"

Several of you wrote to
me about this mishap,
and I'm still not sure how
it happened. To make it
up to you Aquarians, I'd
like to give you some spe-
cific insight into your
love picture over the next
three weeks. First of all,
you're very amused by
recent goings on and love
to sit back and watch the
circus around your love
life. That includes others
trying desperately to
impress you, you trying
to be coy about attracting
someone else, and of
course you being a little
unsatisfied with how dif-
ficult it is to get everyone
on the same page. It's

easy to over-think your
love life, and that's the
worst thing to do now.
Plotting and planning is
the second worst. Grab a
partner and make the
most of this imperfect
union instead, and you'll
be hearing the pleasant
tinkling bells of a slot
machine that just hit the
jackpot. It's all about
spontaneity and fun.
Forget about the way you
saw it in your head. The
luckiest signs for you to
team up with in the next
three weeks are Gemini,
Leo and Scorpio.

CELEBRITY PRO-
FILES: Danny Glover
has powerful Cancer
influences in his chart
that include Mercury re-
trograde in Cancer.
Mercury retrograde
babies are aware at a
young age that communi-
cation happens mostly on
a subconscious level.
This understanding gave
Glover a big head start in
the study of acting. Next
year shows a big award
for Glover, and I predict
he'll take on a stage show
and take home the Tony.

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX;
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been
married to "Charlene" for
10 years, and I'm con-
cerned about her rela-
tionship with her par-
ents.

Let me explain. I'm
close to my parents, but if
I don't speak to them for
a day, or even a week, it's
no big deal. Charlene, on
the other hand, talks with
her mother several times
a day and her father at
least once every day.
Whenever we need to
make a major decision,
Charlene asks her father
for his advice, and he
belittles all of my ideas,
letting Charlene know he
has no faith in me.

Although we get along,
my father-in-law never
truly approved of my
marrying his daughter. I
am less concerned, how-
ever, with his undermin-
ing my ambitions than I
am with his relationship
with my wife. Last week-
end, Charlene and her
father sat in the hot tub
together, in the nude.
They've done this before,
and Charlene sees no
problem with it.

Is this normal and
acceptable behavior? I
love my wife, but it feels
as if I am not the main
man in her life. Whatever
her father tells her is
gospel, and my ideas and
dreams mean nothing. Is
this how fathers and
daughters are supposed
to behave? I've tried hard
to please my wife, but I
am about ready to give
up. What should I do? —
Dazed and Confused in
Texas

Dear Texas: Charlene's
relationship with her
father is not healthy.
After 10 years of mar-
riage, she is still emotion-
ally dependent on Dad,
and this nude hot-tubbing
is completely out of line.

You and Charlene
should discuss these
issues with a trained
therapist. Ask Charlene
to go with you for mar-
riage counseling, or go
alone and get a more
accurate assessment of
what's really going on in
your relationship.

Dear Annie: After 42
years of marriage, I am
single again. I need to
know what to do with my

daughters, who are 40, 37
and 34, and cannot seem
to fend for themselves.
They have screwed up
their lives many times
and always return with
sad hearts. Of course I
give them a place to stay,
because of the grandchild-
ren. I worry about the
little ones and want them
to have a safe environ-
ment.

I have found a very
nice man who is interest-
ed in a long-term rela-
tionship, but we are
always fighting about my
daughters. What should I
do? — Frustrated Mother

Dear Frustrated
Mother: Your daughters
must learn to stand on
their own two feet, not
only for themselves, but
to teach their children
how to be responsible
adults.

Unless they are in
imminent danger of liv-
ing out of a cardboard
box, you should not take
them in so quickly.
Instead, offer to take the
children while they look
for work and daycare.
Help them find affordable
housing. Suggest that the
sisters share a place
together. When they see
that Mom is not going to
make it easy, they will
make a greater effort to
take care of themselves.
Good luck.

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6 PM	News	King of the Hill	Cyberchase	7th Heaven	News	News	News	Friends	Las Vegas	Blind Date	18 Movie: Final	Movie: County	Several Bad Drivers	Movie: Mr. Deeds	Update/Arrest John Hages	Who Killed Laci Peterson	FBI Files	Law & Order	Sister, Sister
7 PM	5 Simple Rules	American Juniors	Movie: The Wildcatter	Movie: Wally World	Big Brother 4	5 Simple Rules	Dog Eat Dog	Chicago Cubs	Rebecca	Star Trek: Next	Combination	Movie: Heartbreaker	Movie: Unforgettable	Movie: Bad Boys II	Booker N. McBride	MI-5 (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order	Movie: Get a Clue
8 PM	According to Jim	Paradise Hotel	Movie: The Wildcatter	Chocolate	Guardian	According to Jim	Last Comic Standing	Breves	Nina	Movie: Thunderball	Movie: Heartbreaker	Movie: Unforgettable	Movie: Bad Boys II	Movie: Bad Boys II	Light of the Southwest	MI-5 (CC)	New Detectives	Homicide: Life	
9 PM	NYPD Blue	70s Show	Movie: The Wildcatter	Whose Line?	Judging Amy	NYPD Blue	Dateline	Seinfeld	Ver Para Creer		Movie: The Gift	Movie: Dead Like Me	Movie: Facelift	Movie: Sex and the City	Hour of Healing	Third Watch	New Detectives	Law & Order	Sister, Sister
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show	Movie: The Wildcatter	700 Club	News	News	News	Movie: Murder	Primer Impacto		Movie: The Gift	Movie: Dead Like Me	Movie: Facelift	Movie: Sex and the City	Hour of Healing	Third Watch	New Detectives	Law & Order	Sister, Sister
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden Susan	P.O.V. (CC)	Caroline Rhee	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	En las Mejores	Blind Date	Movie: Virtual Girl	Movie: Put Semetary	Movie: Put Semetary	Movie: Consequence	Update/Arrest Richman	Who Killed Laci Peterson	New Detectives	X-Files	Boy World
12 AM	Paid Program	Blind Date	American Experience	Paid Program	Show (CC)	Live (CC)	Fraser	20 Movie:	Camila	Highlander	Movie: Virtual Girl	Movie: Put Semetary	Movie: Put Semetary	Movie: Consequence	Faye Hardin John Hages	MI-5 (CC)	FBI Files	X-Files	Sister, Sister

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By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1933, American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world in seven days and 18 3/4 hours.

On this date: In 1796, Cleveland was founded by Gen. Moses Cleaveland.

In 1916, a bomb went off during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1934, a man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.

In 1937, the Senate rejected President Roosevelt's

proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

In 1942, gasoline rationing involving the use of coupons began along the Atlantic seaboard.

In 1943, American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily.

In 1946, Jewish extremists blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 90 people.

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

In 1983, Samantha Smith and her parents returned home to Manchester, Maine, after completing a whirlwind tour of the Soviet Union.

In 1995, Susan Smith was convicted by a jury in Union, S.C., of first-degree murder for drowning her two sons. She was later sentenced to life in prison.

Ten years ago: Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa agreed to

resign, following big election losses by the scandal-plagued Liberal Democrats.

Five years ago: The Senate Armed Services Committee rejected, 9 to 9, Daryl Jones' bid to become Air Force secretary.

One year ago: Factory worker Alejandro Avila was charged with murder and kidnapping in the abduction and slaying of 5-year-old Samantha Runyon of Stanton, Calif.

Thought for Today: "A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm." — Henrik Ibsen, Norwegian dramatist and poet (1828-1906).

Answer to previous puzzle

STUMP	FDR	SPLIT
PETER	EEE	TRUCE
ARENA	ALA	AIRED
MISSISSIPPI	MUD	
SIT	ORE	
BIGBEN	SPEW	ARM
OREO	ASHE	AUDIO
GEORGIA	ON	MYMIND
UNDER	RENO	POSE
SEE	ERAS	VESSEL
KEY	HID	
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PASTA	WED	DREGS

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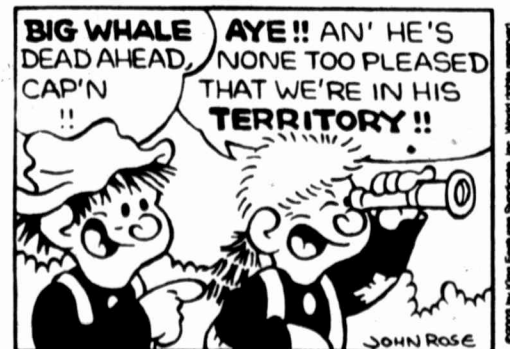
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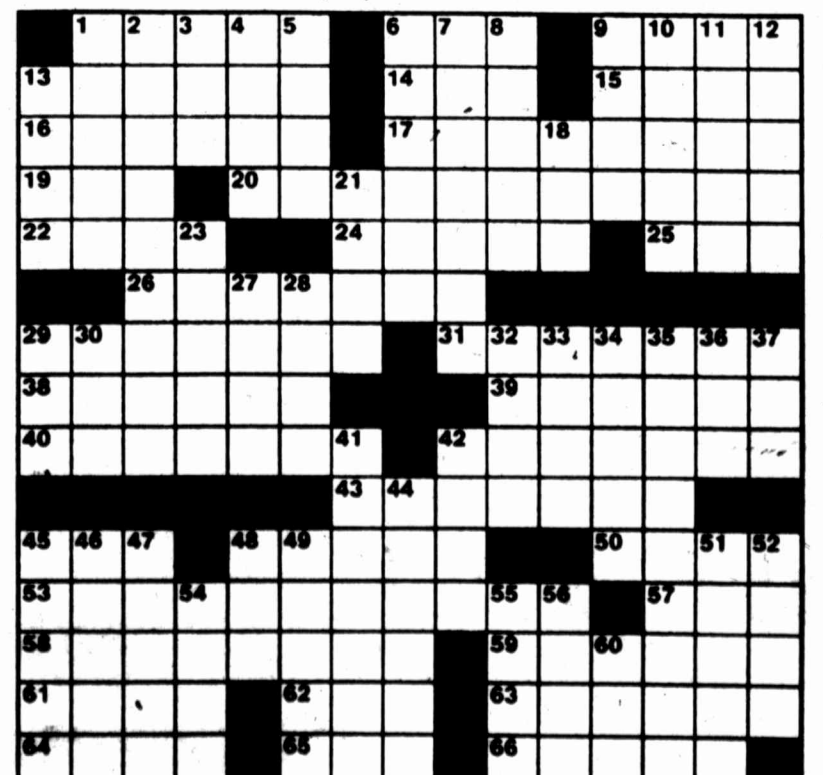
- 1 Garden tool
6 Sinbad's transport
9 Take a tumble
13 Perfect place
14 Bambi aunt
15 Feverish chill
16 She cheers for the team
17 Birthright
19 The sun
20 Post-thaw restlessness
22 Choir voice
24 Sandwich cookies
25 Superman's insignia
26 Covered passageways
29 Corned-beef companion
31 Gave a high-five
38 Different from
39 borealis
40 Emily Dickinson, e.g.
42 Made broader
43 Lingered
45 Stiff board
48 Watered silk
50 Monster's loch
53 Made sleek
57 Map notation: Abbr.
58 Balcony barriers
59 Like a phoenix
61 Swelled heads
62 "That's amazing!"
63 Treated harmfully
64 Salamander

DOWN

- 65 Infomercials, e.g.
66 Scarecrow stuffing
1 Three-legged seat
2 Where eightball is played
3 Appropriate
4 Conks out, as a car
5 Marshal Wyatt
6 Put back on the payroll
7 Unity
8 Ship's load
9 Kismet
10 Desert plant
11 Olympic sleds
12 Glances from Groucho
13 Bear in the sky
18 "No __, ands, or buts"
21 Went on horseback
23 Space shuttle's path
27 Wedding dessert
28 Refines, as wine
29 Tea holder
30 Pitch __-hitter
32 Hideout for Simba
33 Autobahn vehicle
34 Fuss at the mirror
35 Bonanza ranch
36 Poet's preposition

ACROSS

- 37 June honoree
41 Very constrained
42 Small songbird
44 Greets the day
45 Colorado ski town
46 Performers' platform
47 "You are here" symbol
48 Road guide
49 Last Greek letter
51 Scatter about
52 Mail out
54 Right, on maps
55 Geological periods
56 Something owed
60 Sharp seed coat



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