

WEDNESDAY

September 4, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 70°-72° TOMORROW 90°-95°

COMING
TOMORROW

GAME DAY

Game Day, a new feature of the Herald, begins Thursday. Each week, Sports Editor Tommy Wells will have statistics from previous games as well as previews of all the Friday and Saturday pigskin matchups.

INSIDE

FIRE DESTROYS SHED

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BRIEFLY

BLOOD DRIVE COMING

United Blood Services will be holding a blood drive at the Wal-Mart parking lot on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The blood drive is being held in connection with a series of drives throughout the Permian Basin to remember the tragic acts on Sept. 11, 2001.

Eagles coat drive

The Fraternal Order of Eagles 3188, Aerie and Auxiliary is having a coat drive for school children in the community.

The coats will be given away Oct. 14, at the Eagles Lodge.

The Lodge will accept jackets, sweaters, coats, and sweatshirts of any size, color or style.

Bring them by the Eagles Lodge at 703 West Third or contact any Eagle member to have them picked up.

Call the Eagles Lodge at 263-6862 after 3 p.m. for more information.

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Hearing for youth charged in murder postponed

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A hearing to determine whether a youth accused of killing a Big Spring teen should be tried as an adult has been postponed.



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poned.

County Attorney and Juvenile Prosecutor Mike Thomas said a continuance has been granted on the youth's certification hearing on request from his attorney, Novert Morales of Midland. The hearing, originally scheduled for Tuesday, will probably occur next week, Thomas added.

The youth, whose name

has not been released due to his age, is one of two juveniles being held in connection with the Aug. 5 beating death of 16-year-old Lennon Lane of Big Spring.

Terrell Jackman, 19, of Big Spring was arrested Aug. 22, also in connection with the murder.

Thomas declined to say whether the postponed hearing is for the 15- or the 16-year-old juvenile being

charged with the crime.

The juveniles and Jackman were taken into custody shortly after Lane's body was discovered Aug. 5. The juveniles are being held in a Midland juvenile detention facility. Jackman was released due to lack of evidence, but later re-arrested.

Lane's body was discovered in a field north of the intersection of 19th and State streets in Big Spring

after his parents reported to police that he had not returned from a sleepover at a friend's house.

An autopsy positively identified Lane from dental records and determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma.

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Good Neighbor Day: Saying you care

Timeless Design and co-sponsors give away roses

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The parking lot at a Timeless Design this morning was a clutter of vehicles as hundreds flocked to take advantage of a dozen free roses.

It's Good Neighbor Day and the florist shop located at 1105 E. 11th Place along with co-sponsors were giving away 323 dozen roses, a total of 4,000.

"We thought this is something we can give back to our community and to help people take their minds off next week (Sept. 11)," owner TQ Coats said.

This is the first year A Timeless Design has sponsored the event started in 1994 by an FTD florist in Jackson, Miss.

Each bundle of flowers includes instructions for the recipient to keep one rose while giving the 11 others to friends, neighbors,



Eight-year-old Anna Scott receives a free dozen roses from QT Coats, owner of A Timeless Design, 1105 E. 11th Place. The florist gave away 323 dozen roses for Good Neighbor Day this morning.

loved ones or even a stranger.

"Meet someone new or tell someone how much you

care," the instructions read.

"We're going to be giving these to our patients,"

Debra Legg, a registered nurse with Convent Health

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Herald, FCU will salute your favorite teacher

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Hey Howard County students, want to give that special teacher a big pat on the back?

You know, the one who always made you feel important, the one whose smile made your day or that one "mean" teacher who would never let up until you did your absolute best and then challenged you go to further.

Forget polishing up an apple, here's your chance to

Submit your nomination to the Herald at 710 Scurry St., by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net or johnsmoseley@bigspringherald.com. Nominations can be mailed to Attn: Teacher of the Week, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720.

earn your favorite teacher a little spending money.

The Big Spring Herald is joining the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union to sponsor the Teacher of the Week. Each Tuesday, one

Howard County teacher selected by nominations from you, the student, will be featured in an article to run in that day's edition of the Herald.

And to really make your teacher smile, Big Spring Education Employees

Federal Credit Union will be giving the honored teacher \$25.

Also, the Herald will publish the student's nomination letter and picture in same the edition.

So type, hand write, scrawl (as long as it is legible) or draw your nomination on a piece of paper, the back of you CD receipt, on a brown paper bag or anything near (leave your little sister alone).

Remember, creativity

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Quilts, quilts and more quilts

Museum to sponsor two days of workshops, exhibits, sales

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Special to the Herald

Nothing holds history like a quilt. From crib quilts and T-shirt quilts to Sunbonnet Sue, patchwork and even "crazy" quilts, each one has a story to tell.

And talk they will at the Heritage Museum, during the West Texas Quilting Extravaganza. A host of activities, from workshops and demonstrations to sales and appraisals, will be part of the event, which takes place Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 510 Scurry.

Come see the featured exhibit, Quilting: The Patchwork Canvas of West Texas, filled with beautiful quilts made by local residents of all ages. An exquisite collection of "crazy" quilts made by Alice Kolb, accomplished quilter and author, will also be on display. Admission to the museum is free during the special event.

Want to learn how to hand-stitch quilts? Beginners can participate in a hands-on workshop taught by Syble Pope, long-time Howard County resident, learning the basics of the art. Quilters can also practice appliqué and strip-piecing techniques in a workshop taught by

INFORMATION

Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Quilt Exhibit
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - The Little Rose Quilt Sale
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Quilt Appraisals by Sharon Newman
2 p.m. - Crazy Quilt Lecture by Alice Kolb
3 p.m. - Book Signing and Reception for Alice Kolb and Sharon Newman
Saturday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Quilt Exhibit
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - The Little Rose Quilt Sale
9 a.m. to noon - Quilt Appraisals by Sharon Newman
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - The Basics of Hand-Stitch Quilting (Instructor Syble Pope)
10 a.m. to noon - Baby Quilts: Applique and Strip Piecing (Instructor Hollis McCright)
Noon Lunch
12:45 p.m. - Drawing for new members
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Crazy Quilt Workshop (Instructor Alice Kolb)

Howard County Librarian Hollis McCright.

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Campaign
Sanchez
plans stop
here Friday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Tony Sanchez is coming to Big Spring.

Sanchez, Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate, will be in town Friday to deliver a brief campaign speech, according to KBYG radio station manager Raul Marquez.



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The visit was confirmed by Howard County Democratic Party chairman W.A. "Woody" Jumper.

"He will be coming in Friday on a bus, probably around 2:15," Jumper said. "We're going to meet (tonight) for a little planning strategy session as to what we're going to do when he gets here," Jumper said. "The sheriff has already graciously said he'd do the security for us, so we're in good shape there."

Jumper said Sanchez's scheduling and contact person mentioned that Sanchez would appear at the courthouse, but Jumper said he would try to convince the candidate to speak at Heart of the City Park.

"She's saying the courthouse, I'm saying to that little park down there where the pavilion is," he said. "It would hold more people and it would be safer, I think, traffic-wise, because you

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Big Spring firefighters battle a fire in a residential garage shed in the 2300 block of Grace Street Tuesday. The fire gutted the garage and badly damaged two vehicles, one a rental. See story, Page 3.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Ross H. Boykin



Funeral service for Ross H. Boykin, 88, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Boykin died on Monday, Sept. 2, in his home. He had been in failing health for the last few years. He was born on June 17, 1914, in Sierra Blanca and had moved to Big Spring in 1929 from Fort Worth. He graduated from Big Spring High School and had attended the University of Texas in Austin until he lost his father due to an auto accident. He and his brother, Zollie, came home and assumed their father's business as rig building contractors from 1934-1953. Then they became independent oil operators, doing business as Boykin Brother's Oil Company until Zollie died in 1980. The business then became Ross Boykin Oil Company.

Ross met and married the former, Louise Hale, from Carrollton, on Aug. 29, 1938. They recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. He was a member of Staked Plains Masonic Lodge 598, AF & AM, Big Spring Chapter 178 R.A.M., and Big Spring Council 117 R. & S.M. Ross was a 32nd degree Mason, and had received his 50 year Masonic pin several years ago. He was also a member of the Shrine, and the Rotary Club. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and had served on the finance committee. He greatly enjoyed fishing, golf and helping other people. God blessed him with a loving family and many friends.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Boykin of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Annette and David Hodnett and Betty and Ronnie Wales, all of Big Spring; one grandson, Russell Hodnett of Big Spring; three granddaughters, Angela Solis and husband, Conrad, of Dripping Springs, Stacey Kushaney and husband, Jim, of Hurst, and Valerie Johnson of Pineville, La.; seven great-grandchildren, Teran Nix and Jace Nix of Hurst, Eric and Daniel Kushaney of Flower Mound, Brittany Hodnett of Anacoco, La. and Liana and Miranda Solis of Dripping Springs; one brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Valeta Boykin of Mansfield; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Craig Hodnett; one brother, Zollie Boykin; one sister, Peggy Kitchens; his father, Foote Boykin; and his mother, Bertie Hughes.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Pate, John Currie, Paul Shaffer, Bobby Hill, Jim Parks, and Steve Stone. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Pickle, and Floyd Smith.

The family suggests memorials to: First United Methodist Church, P. O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwech.com

Paid obituary

Charles Anthony Herring

Memorial service for Charles Anthony "Tony" Herring, 58, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mr. Herring died Monday, Sept. 2, in a Midland hospital.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1944, in Big Spring. He was a Methodist. Tony was the Vice President and a Gemologist for Agnew Jewelers in Odessa for 25 years. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended University of North Texas in Denton. He had lived in the Big Spring area for 30 years before making his home in Odessa.

Survivors include a son, Brian Herring of Jupiter, Fla.; a daughter, Toynette Herring of Odessa; four grandchildren; and his parents, Charles and Mozelle Herring of Big Spring.

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

Hermanesilda Flores Zamora

Funeral service for Hermanesilda Flores Zamora, 68, of Luling was held today, Sept. 4, 2002, at Episcopal Church of the Annunciation with Father Russell Matthews officiating. Burial was in the Community Cemetery in Luling.

Mrs. Zamora died Sunday, Sept. 1, at a local hospital.

She was born April 14, 1934, in Luling and was a lifetime resident of Luling and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Rosie Ann Zamora of Big Spring; four sons, Albert Ray Zamora, Robert Joe Zamora and Bobby Gene Zamora, all of Luling; four sisters, Tomasa Camacho, Frances Rodriguez, Julia Zamora and Eusbia Zamora, all of Luling; and seven grandchildren.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marvelene Anderson

Funeral service for Marvelene Anderson, 84, of Arlington, formerly of Forsan, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Anderson died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, in Arlington.

EMS

The following is a summary of the EMS and Fire

Department: TUESDAY

8:30 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:39 a.m. — 1500 block of Robin, trauma, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:39 a.m. — 1000 block of Runnels, traffic accident, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

9:20 a.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, trauma call, service refused.

10:50 a.m. — 1800 block of North Hwy. 87, medical call, one patient transported to VAMC.

1:09 p.m. — 1000 block of Scurry, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

Police blotter

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

• **LENA YVONNE CLEGG**, 30, of 309 W. 18th St., who was listed in this section Tuesday as arrested on a local warrant, was also charged with theft \$50 to \$500.

• **CURTIS BOLTON MAXWALL**, 32, of 3307 Drexel was arrested on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

• **JUAN CARLOS CORDOVA**, 25, of 907 Abrams was arrested on a charge of unlawful restraint.

• **DOMINGO LUJAN GALAVIS**, 41, of 505 S. Bell was arrested on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest or detention.

• **SHAWN PAUL GRAY**, 19, of 1001 Birdwell was arrested on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol and presenting a driver's license issued to another person.

• **TRENT BRADLEY CORNALIUS**, 19, of 4534 Highway 21 in Nacogdoches was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton Street.

• **TERRORISTIC THREATS** were reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal Street, the 1900 block of Donley Street and the 900 block of Abrams Street.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASSING and DISORDERLY CONDUCT** were reported in the 800 block of Anna Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of South Scurry Street, the 900 block of South Main Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1400 block of Lincoln Avenue.

• **FRAUDULENT TRANSFER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** involving a 1987 Toyota Tercel was reported in person at the police station.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- In the 1400 block of Tucson Road. Items worth \$125 were reported stolen from a home in the area.

- At Halfmann's Creations in the 1900 block of South Gregg Street. Merchandise worth \$84 was reported stolen and recovered.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Anna Street. A white 1991 Chevrolet Caprice reportedly sustained \$49 damage.

Sheriff's blotter

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

• **JOHNNY LEE CHRISTOPHER SANCHEZ**, 20, of 401 Young was arrested on a motion to revoke parole for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **LORIE AVINA**, 31, of 603 Steakley was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• **FEDERICO MARTINEZ JR.**, 23, of 809 E. 14th St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated, unlawful carrying of a weapon and driving with an invalid license.

• **ROCKY LEE RODRIGUEZ**, 21, of 910 E. Sixth St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Sunday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport and burglary of a vehicle.

• **DANIEL FREDRICK HEMBREE**, 35, of 700 Driver Road was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on charges of driving with an invalid license.

• **DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ**, 18, of 203 N.E. Third St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft \$50 to \$500.

• **TONY SALAZAR**, 34, of 3701 Dixon St. was arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **EMILIO RAMIREZ JR.**, 35, of 102 N. Fourth St. in Coahoma was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated — second offense and retaliation on a public servant.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4200 block of North County Road 29. A wife reported that her husband took off driving on a 3-wheeler with a gun. Deputies settled the incident.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 5100 block of Dawson.

• **DIRTBIKES RACING** was reported in the Edgemere area. Sheriff's office units were involved in a short chase with one vehicle, but the suspect escaped.

• **HUNTERS SHOOTING** were reported in the 1400 block of Centerpoint Road. A resident said dove hunters were shooting in the direction of his property.

• **LOOSE COWS** were reported on Driver Road.

Support groups

MONDAY

□ **TOPS Club TX 21** (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ **TOPS Club TX 1756** (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell.

□ **Military support group** meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

□ **Project Freedom**, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

Lottery

Tuesday's Texas Lottery game results:

--- Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday: 3-12-33-35

Bonus number 17 Estimated jackpot: \$800,000

--- Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday: 1-9-17-23-37

--- Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night: 1-4-2

--- Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon: 5-2-6

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact Herald Features Editor Andrea Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

TODAY

□ **Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie** meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ **Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060** meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ **Coffee Club** meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located at 1706 East FM 700.

□ **Kiwanis Club** meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ **Genealogical society** meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

□ **Masonic Lodge 1340** meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ **Signal Mountain Quilting Guild** meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ **AMBUCS** meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

□ **The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club** meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ **Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance** will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

□ **The Hangar 25 Air Museum**, located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

□ **The Heritage Museum** at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ **The Pottou House** located at 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

□ **There will be a dance** at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

□ **Big Spring Squares**. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Records

Tuesday's high 94

Tuesday's low 75

Average high 90

Average low 66

Record high 104 in 2000

Record low 51 in 1961

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Firefig two ve

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A fire in the 230 Grace Street guttural garage shed and severely damaged vehicles.

Big Spring firefighters the fire alarm a p.m. Three pumps responded.

The cause of the fire remained undetermined and is under investigation by fire marshal and firefighter Carl Condor.

Firefighters on said the fire was contained to the shed, although spread to the vehicles.

"Mostly from some from the flames," Lt. James Smith said, "both damaged property but that mini-van was severely damaged, pick-up, but the salvageable."

The homeowners and Mark Roberts home when the fire broke out, but returned to find the blaze.

"We were in to bills, then I came then I went to get Mrs. Roberts said."



Amanda Spears
Wade Alexander

QUILTS

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Feeling really "crazy" quilt with fabrics, unusual embroidery accents, which were created during the era, are considered extravagant and a lifestyle of that time.

Of course, if you're the "quilt" museum will have a beautiful hand-stitched quilt, courtesy of Rose, a Big Spring visitor can bring prized quilts, old be professionally appraised by Sharon Newm.

There's also a bonus: Area residents become a member.

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Firefighters extinguish shed fire; two vehicles also suffer damage

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

A fire in the 2300 block of Grace Street gutted a residential garage shed Tuesday and severely damaged two vehicles.

Big Spring firefighters got the fire alarm at about 4 p.m. Three pump trucks responded.

The cause of the fire remained undetermined and is under investigation by fire marshal and investigator Carl Condray.

Firefighters on the scene said the fire was confined to the shed, although it did spread to the vehicles.

"Mostly from the heat, some from the flames," said Lt. James Smith. "They're both damaged pretty bad, but that mini-van is just terribly damaged. So is the pick-up, but the pick-up's salvageable."

The homeowners, Sherry and Mark Roberts, were not home when the fire broke out, but returned during the blaze.

"We were in town paying bills, then I came back and then I went to get the kids," Mrs. Roberts said. "When I



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Big Spring Fire Department Lt. Robert Muller extinguishes a hot spot in a burning shed Tuesday afternoon.

came back, it was on fire." Roberts said she didn't have any idea what might have caused the fire. The shed was being used to store items for a garage sale, she said.

One of the vehicles damaged in the fire was a rental, she added.

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SANCHEZ

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know you've got Third and Fourth streets here and they're pretty busy. But if they pulled in on Second and Scurry and parked that big old bus, then we'd have a lot more room. I don't know. That's something we'll have to talk about (tonight)."

The appearance came about as a result of the candidate's daughter, Ana Lee Sanchez's, visit to Big Spring last month, Jumper said.

"I talked to his daughter when she was here and told her that if he was in the area if he could stop by for at least a few minutes, I would be beholden," he said. "Of course, I told her he would have to have a picture with me, or he couldn't come. So she laughed and we hit it off real good."

Jumper said Ms. Sanchez said her father had a campaign stop in Odessa, but was not planning on coming to Big Spring. Jumper said she convinced him to come to town after all.

Sanchez, a native of Laredo, is a businessman with interests in oil and gas, banking and venture capital. The candidate's campaign has focused largely around education reform and universal healthcare insurance.

is wonderful." Beverly Norman, a bus driver for the Big Spring Independent School District, told Coats this morning she was worried she may not arrive in time after her daily routes to take advantage of the offer.

"I'm going to give them to my mother and am going to take one to my neighbors," Norman said Coats handed her a bundle.

With dozens upon dozens of people traipsing in, the florist was expecting to be depleted of roses by mid-morning.

"I know it was going to be like this," said owner Berneice "Granny" Coats. "I'm proud and glad we did it even if I had to fight my great-granddaughter (Stormie) this morning get her to school early so I could get to work five minutes early."

She wasn't disappointed with the turnout.

"TQ had people waiting at the door when he got here at 7:30 a.m.," Granny Coats added.

Several businesses helped to sponsor the flower giveaway.

"We had wonderful sponsors who helped in the purchase of the roses," QT Coats said.

Co-sponsors of the event included American State Bank, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Harris Ace Lumber and Hardware and KBST 95.7.

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Care told Coats. "I think it

TEACHER

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counts. Focus on how the teacher



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Amanda Spears holds 18-month-old Bree Shay as she picks up her 4-year-old cousin Wade Alexander from his first day of Headstart. The school began classes on Tuesday.

QUILTS

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Feeling really creative? Learn to make your own "crazy" quilt with beautiful fabrics, unusual shapes, and embroidery accents. These creations, which were popular during the Victorian era, are consistent with the extravagant and gaudy lifestyle of that time.

Of course, if you need a little extra help, you can always pick up Kolb's latest book, "Sew Crazy" with step-by-step instructions for this style of quilting. Meet the author and have your book signed during a reception at 3 p.m. on Friday.

Even if you don't feel you're the "quilting type," the museum will have beautiful hand-stitched quilts on sale, courtesy of The Little Rose, a Big Spring vendor. Visitors can bring their own prized quilts, old or new, to be professionally appraised by Sharon Newman, certified appraiser from the American Quilter's Society.

There's also a special bonus: Area residents who become a member of the

Heritage Museum by Saturday will be registered to win a king-size, hand-stitched cotton quilt with matching shams and bed skirt! The winning member will be announced on Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Heritage Museum. Fees for workshops, appraisals, and

rentals are as follows: Crazy Quilt Workshop, \$35; The Basics of Hand-Stitch Quilting, \$20; Baby Quilts: Applique and Strip Piecing, \$20; Lunch, \$5; Appraisals, \$35 for 30-minute session; Sewing Machine Rental, \$10.

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OUR VIEWS

Quilting 101 and more at the museum

It's called the West Texas Quilting Extravaganza and extravaganza is certainly the proper description. Everything from exhibitions, workshops and demonstrations to appraisals and sales of quilts will be going on Friday and Saturday at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. In other words, whether you just want to look at quilts, learn to make quilts, purchase a quilt or learn the value of a quilt already in your possession — this is the place to be.

Activities get started both days at 9 a.m. and will feature a quilt sale and exhibit until 5 p.m. Friday's scheduled activities will end with a book signing and reception for Alice Kolb, quilter and author, and Sharon Newman, appraiser from the American Quilter's Society. Saturday's activities will conclude with a "crazy quilt" workshop.

It's one of several workshops scheduled Saturday. Others are the basics of hand-stitch quilting, applique and strip piecing for baby quilts and quilt appraisals. Prices for the workshops range from \$20 to \$35. Sewing machines can be rented for \$10.

Lunch will also be served Saturday at noon. The cost is \$5.

There is no cost to see the quilts on exhibit or to purchase a quilt. And, as an extra bonus, those who decide to become a member of the museum will be registered to win a king-size, hand-stitched cotton quilt with matching shams and bed skirt.

Proceeds from the extravaganza go to the museum — a wonderful cause in itself.

So whether you are interested in making a quilt, purchasing one or just viewing them, make plans Friday and Saturday to attend the West Texas Quilting Extravaganza.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, oil the squeaky hinges of the doors of our lives with your love and grace. Amen

In hopes of making a temporary swap

I've been looking at French villas, English country houses and Perth palaces. Not to buy, mind you, but to trade for a swamp house in Louisiana.

Such a swap is possible, they say, if you pay a small fee and list your house on a certain Web site. Thousands of other potential home-swapping hopefuls then will see your ad and suggest a time they might stay at your place while you stay at theirs. This way, long vacations in exotic places are possible without the high cost of lodging.

I paid the fee. The home-exchange agency sent me a couple of catalogs with domiciles to die for, absolutely nothing like what I have to offer in turn.

Most of the swap houses are so grand I cannot believe anyone would be willing to let strangers

inhabit them, even for a few weeks. They have swimming pools and white sofas and antique paintings hanging on the walls. They are seaside, bona fide, somebody-rich-died mansions, elegantly furnished and usually located in resort areas.

Photographs can lie — and people lie constantly — but how shabby could a "150-year-old town flat with sea views in a fishing town on the Yorkshire Moors" be? Or a "big stone house, southern-facing, 20 minutes from Cannes"?

On the back of the catalog was a cartoon of two homeowners swapping keys. One held a ratty little house with a dead tree in the yard; the other character was offering a castle with poplars and hedges surrounding it. The drawing gave me hope.

I turned to the task of describing my little Louisiana duck camp. I thought about using the word "charming," which it certainly is, but that word seemed over-used in the listings by homeowners along the French Riviera and on Costa Rican plantations.

The agency urges honest descriptions, but there's nothing wrong with accentuating the positive. So I wrote:

"Acadian-style cottage near the Atchafalaya Swamp."

Then I worried that the word "swamp" might not sound as desirable as a doctor living near the Louvre in Paris as it sounds to me. I love the swamp, find it beautiful and exotic in its own right. But suppose that to a foreigner it conjures up visions of mosquitoes, which only leads to thoughts of West Nile virus and death? That would never do.

I deleted that and wrote: "Small but comfortable cottage in craw-fishing village in the heart of Louisiana Cajun Country."

No false promises, only one truly misleading word. A "village" connotes thatched roofs and red doors and happy children gathering around a stone well in the town center. A village has tree-lined, cobblestone streets.

My camp is in a village with no center, only a string of seafood processing plants and bait shops along

an asphalt road that dead-ends in the swamp. Nothing storybook about it. There are few trees, and certainly no thatched roofs. There are lots of sugarcane fields and some happy children.

So I deleted and wrote: "Small but comfortable cottage in workaday, craw-fishing town with happy children ..."

Now my job is simply to sit back and wait until the owner of the big house beside the lagoon in French Polynesia writes, or the bank executive with the Victorian lady in Brighton beckons. Only then will it be time for full disclosure, that is to give the poor sap some idea of temperatures in Louisiana summertime, which is when most Europeans want to vacation.

"Temperatures in Southwest Louisiana during July and August are conducive to swimming, boating, frequent showers and long stays in the air-conditioned, small but comfortable cottage in workaday, craw-fishing town with happy children ..."

All that's left is to pack my bags.

I SAID, YOU NEED TO GET OUR APPROVAL FIRST!...



A visit back to my 'hometown'

I visited Waco, the city where I was born. My nephew John Lewis lives there and

asked if I wanted to see the place. I did. I've always had fun in Waco. He took me to our old house on Burnet street. It was not a pretty sight. A rooster strutted among the old cars and trash. I remembered Blaze, my Shetland pony. He was kept in a lot behind the house. Blaze and I used to race motor scooters. We won every time. I could ride Blaze without the benefit of saddle or bridle.

Nearby was Bell's Hill Elementary School where as a first grader I posed as a wounded soldier on stage during a War Bond drive. I remembered the blackouts and the air raid wardens that came by to make sure all the lights were turned off. Back then, everybody was involved in the war effort. We went to 16th & Clay where my daddy had the

meat market leased in a grocery store. I used to play in a huge cave that was dug in a lot behind the store. It had electric lights strung along the ceiling and wooden boards on the floor of a tunnel that led to a large room.

We saw the Cotton Palace grounds and drove around the Baylor campus where I spent four of my best years. I told John some of my college adventures, like hitting golf balls out the windows of our room at Brooks Hall or sailing tin pie plates before the days of Frisbee. I was a trumpeter in the basketball band.

At Lovers' Leap in Cameron Park we threw rocks into the air and watched them fall into the Brazos far below. The park is one of the biggest city parks in Texas. Mountain bike trails wind down the wooded limestone hills.

John showed me his law office in the renovated Waco Hardware Building which has been transformed into an apartment, office, restaurant and entertainment complex. The famed suspension bridge is nearby. On the wall of John's office suite is a framed picture of the cover of the Yellow Pages. John's photo is on it.

I spent the night, then left the next morning for an interview trip to East Texas. Before I left Waco, though, I took a ride around town by myself. I've always thought Waco is a beautiful city. I saw the homes of old friends, the Red Cross Blood Center where I worked my senior year at Baylor. The building is now vacant and decaying. I saw the building which housed Dub King's Ad Agency, where I worked for two months when I got out of the Army. I drove by the old Toddle House diner, which my friends and I used to visit regularly. It, too, is ready for the bulldozer.

I saw the stately old homes on Austin Avenue and the mansions around the lake. One lot with a lake view is priced at \$399,000. I went to Castle Avenue and saw the garage apartment my roommate and I shared our senior year. I saw Baylor Stadium, where our efforts at guarding the campus during homecoming my freshman year didn't prevent some TCU students from painting their school's initials on the stadium wall.

The nostalgia was fun. I guess you can go home again. For a while, at least.

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September is Key (3641) or Alicia Brunson. Pictured are bottom Brunson, Megan Kelly, Kelly Warrington, Heather Pamell, and Vanessa Parra and

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told, and forgiveness is given.

On her way home from school on a snowy December day in 1973, 14-year-old Susie Salmon ("like the fish") is lured into a makeshift underground den in a cornfield and brutally raped and murdered, the latest victim of a serial killer—the man she knew as her neighbor, Mr. Harvey.

Alice Sebold's haunting "The Lovely Bones," unfolds from heaven, where "life is a perpetual yesterday" and where Susie narrates and keeps watch over her grieving family and friends, as well as her brazen killer and the sad detective working on her case.

This is an odd yet affecting coming-of-age story. Susie struggles to accept her death while her family disintegrates in their grief; her father becomes determined to find her killer, her mother withdraws, her little brother Buckley attempts to make sense of the new hole in his family, and her younger sister Lindsey moves through the milestone events of her teenage and young adult years with Susie riding spiritual shotgun.

This is a powerful and moving book.

Now for some action books. "Sharkman Six" by Owen West takes place as American forces invade Mogadishu and an untimely death unleashes a maelstrom of anti-American feeling toward the soldiers.

Lt. Kelly struggles to support his men while finding out the truth. David Poyer

(writer of "Tomahawk" and "China Sea") has come out with "Black Storm."

Six days before America invades Iraq, Saddam issues an ultimatum: if coalition forces crosses the border, then Israel will become a crematorium.

The mission changes: Gault and his crew must be inserted into Iraq, find the weapons of mass destruction, and target it for destruction. Gosh, that sounds like today's headlines.

In "Top Hook" by Gordon Kent (author of "Rules of Engagement" and "Peacemaker") has brought Alan Craik back into action.

The Navy officer must find "Top Hook" and bring the spy down.

Wherever the President of the United States goes, there are four perimeters of defense that surround him. The fourth and final ring is a nearly impenetrable ring of agents.

"The Fourth Perimeter" by Tim Green is about the President of the United States who is spinning out of control. This is a thriller with highly charged emotion, unexpected twists and turns, and riveting action. The library does have another one of Green's books, "The Letter of the Law."

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Howard County Library has received "Starting Over Single: Life and Hope After the Death of a Marriage" by Mervin E. Thompson.

Thompson writes that this book is not designed to encourage divorce, but is designed to bring about the healing process that must take place after the death of a marriage.

Are you in a management position where you deal with difficult people? Perhaps "Dealing with

People You Can't Stand" by Dr. Rick Brinkman can give you some insight on how to manage the bully boss, the whiner who brings everyone down or the co worker who promises results but never delivers the goods.

Another management book is "The Gentle Art of Written Self-Defense" by Suzette Haden Elgin.

I am a wimp and hate confrontations in person or over the phone. Some situ-

ations can be handled by a carefully crafted letter and this book has ready-to-use model letters that help you handle those delicate situations.

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Lady Steers dump Water Valley, Central

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring Lady Steers' head coach Traci Pierce has been telling her team they have the talent to compete with anyone. On Tuesday night, they found out she wasn't kidding.

Playing in front of a large crowd in the Steer Gymnasium, Big Spring reeled off its fourth straight win by sweeping both ends of a double-header against state-ranked Water Valley and San Angelo Central. The Lady Steers dealt 4th-ranked Water Valley a convincing 15-11, 15-8 set-

back in the first bout of the night and then came back to deal Central, a Class 5A squad, a 15-7, 15-12 loss.

"We played the ball really well," said Pierce, whose squad is ranked behind both Water Valley and San Angelo Central in the West Texas prep volleyball poll. "We did a pretty good job of spreading the ball around. I think people are trying to keep the ball away from Kim (LaKenya) and Leina which has allowed Ka'Rissa and Krystle to step up."

"Someone has stepped up every game for us," she added.

Big Spring dominated Water

Valley with a hard-hitting effort from Leina Braxton, LaKenya Wrightsil and Ka'Rissa Magers. The trio helped hold Water Valley in check by combining for 26 kills in the straight set victory.

Big Spring survived a Water Valley scare in the first game. Water Valley, now 8-4 on the year, taxed the Lady Steers for 11 points in the first game — and took an early lead — before faltering.

Lindsay Phillips led Big Spring's rally. She scored five service points in the first game and helped key the Lady Steers rally for a 15-11 win.

Big Spring didn't have any trouble

in second game. The BSHS spikers, led by four points from Phillips and Wrightsil, jumped on Water Valley early and never looked back, winning 15-8.

Phillips finished the affair with four aces.

San Angelo Central, rated No. 5 in West Texas, didn't have any more success against the Big Spring onslaught. The Lady Steers pounded the Lady Bobcats by a 15-7 clip in the first game of twinbill's finale.

San Angelo did manage a stronger effort in the second game. The Lady Bobcats, riding the arm of Ashley

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IN BRIEF

Youth soccer clinic slated for Sept. 7

The Big Spring High School Boys Basketball Booster Club will be holding a soccer clinic for students in grades K-3 at the soccer fields, located at 3100 Hudgens Memorial Drive, on Sept. 7. The clinic is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. until noon.

The cost for the clinic is \$15 per child. Sign-ups for the clinic will be on Sept. 5 in the Mall.

For more information contact Christine Bowling at 267-1267 or Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

BS Lady Steers' Boosters to meet

The Big Spring Lady Steers' Booster Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 12 in the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

For more information contact Beverly Hayworth at 264-0356.

Celebrity auction slated for Sept. 21

Beverly and Roy Beauchamp will be sponsoring a celebrity auction on Sept. 21 to help raise funds for the Big Spring athletic department.

Larry Mantle, the brother of former Yankee great Mickey Mantle, will serve as the keynote speaker at a banquet prior to the event.

Gymnastics classes start Sept. 9 at 'Y'

Instructional classes in gymnastics and tumbling for girls and boys begins Sept. 9 at the Big Spring Family YMCA. Registration begins the week before classes begin.

For more information about the classes or registering contact Pete Thiry at (915) 267-8234.

HC cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Howard College cheerleaders will be holding a Mini-Cheer Camp on Sept. 7 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m.

The camp is open to students in grades 1-8. The cost of the event is \$25 per person.

For more information call 264-5024.

BS Bass Club to hold benefit tournament

The Big Spring Bass Club will be holding a benefit tournament for Don Lindsey on Sept. 21 at Lake Alan Henry.

Lindsey was recently diagnosed with cancer. The entry fee for the tournament is \$40 per person.

The tournament will run from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and be headquartered at Grubs Bait and Grill entrance.

For more info call Gary Gillihan at 264-6528.

'Small Jalapeno' tournament slated

The Small Jalapeno Softball Tournament will be held Sept. 20-22 in Stanton. The tournament is for Class D teams.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$110 per team. The top three teams will receive prizes.

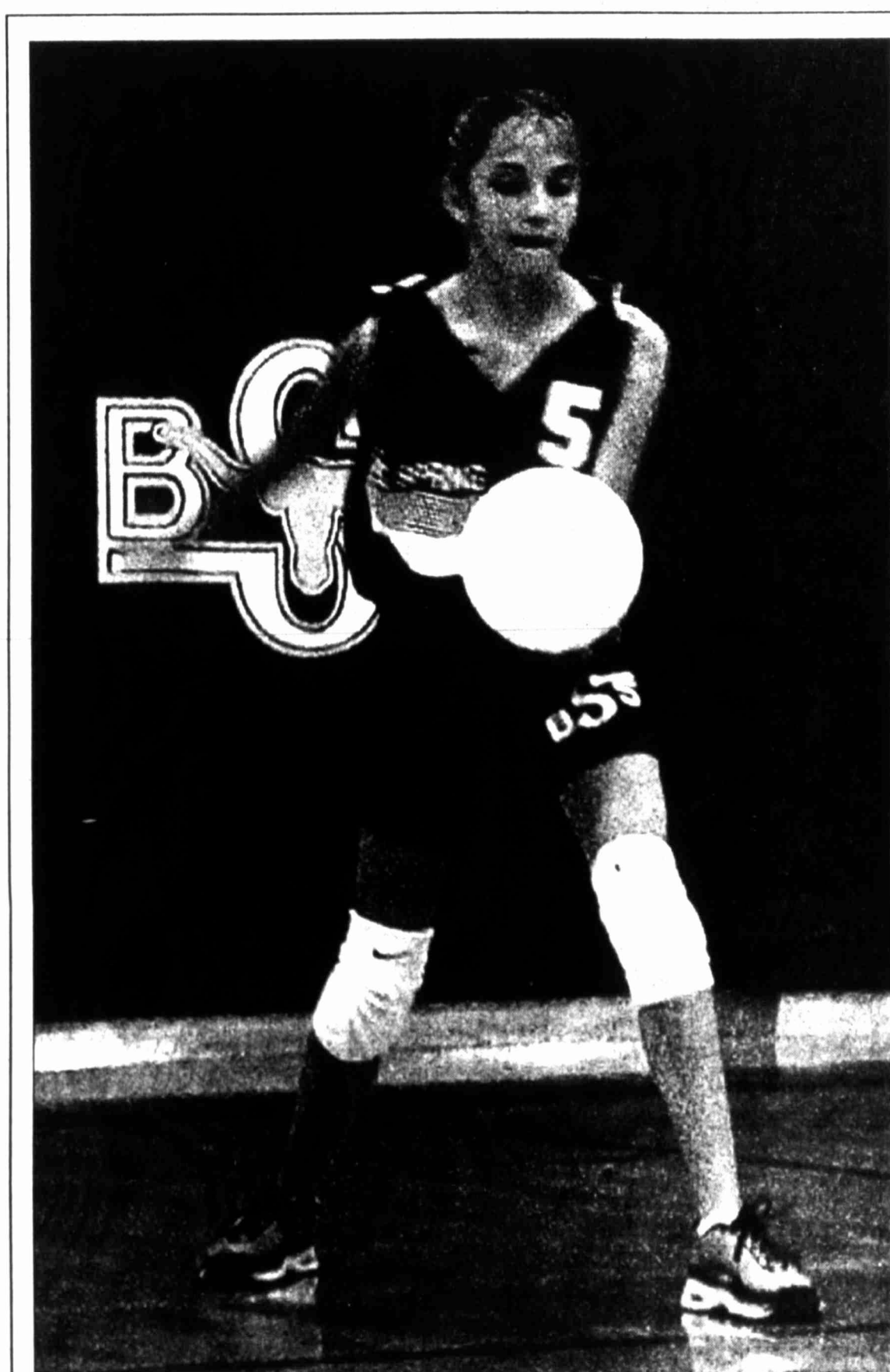
For more information contact Joe Reyes at 756-2126 or Jesse Montez at 756-3763.

Steelers-Falcons to scrimmage Thursday

The Steelers and Falcons will scrimmage Thursday at 6 p.m. at the CLFL football field.

The CLFL 2002 season begins this Saturday at 9 a.m.

The Steelers practice every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Comanche Trail Park, across from Cotton Mize Field.



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Back in that old swing ...

Big Spring's Cassie Quinn serves the ball during recent junior high school volleyball action. Quinn and the Lady Steers' are scheduled to return to action tomorrow afternoon when they host the Snyder Junior High School spikers in the Big Spring Junior High School gym. The BSJHS seventh grade "A" and "B" teams will begin play at 5 p.m. The Lady Steer eighth graders will play immediately after the conclusion of the BSJHS-Snyder seventh graders

Oswalt lifts Astros past San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Roy Oswalt is in command, and he knows it.

Oswalt dodged a bases-loaded jam in the sixth inning and won his eighth straight start as the Houston Astros beat the San Diego Padres 6-2 Tuesday night.

Oswalt (18-6) was coming off a five-game suspension for throwing at Chicago's Alex Gonzalez on Aug. 12. He won for the second straight start against the Padres, whom he beat 2-1 in Houston last Wednesday.

The right-hander started his winning streak July 27 against Pittsburgh, then won all six of his starts in August, becoming the fourth pitcher in Astros history with six wins in a month.

Backed by three double plays, Oswalt allowed one run and eight hits in seven innings, struck out three and walked one. He improved to 3-0 with a 1.09 ERA in five career appearances against San Diego, including three starts.

With the Astros leading 3-1 and two outs in the sixth, Oswalt put the heart of the Padres' order on base by allowing singles to Ryan Klesko and Mark Kotsay, and walking Bubba Trammell. Oswalt ended the threat on his next pitch when he got rookie Sean Burroughs to fly out to left.

Oswalt and Burroughs were teammates on the U.S. Olympic team that won the gold medal in Sydney.

Billy Wagner came in with runners on first and third, and struck out Julius Matos for his 31st save in 37 chances.

Three Texas pitchers hurl 1-hit gem at Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP) — An unlikely trio of Texas Rangers nearly combined to pitch an unusual no-hitter against the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

Jerry Hairston hit a triple in the ninth inning, ruining the Rangers' bid, but Texas handed the Orioles their 10th straight loss, 7-1.

Rangers starter Aaron Myette was ejected after

throwing two pitches, and Todd Van Poppel pitched two innings. Rookie Joaquin Benoit then extended the no-hitter through eight innings before allowing the Orioles' lone hit.

On a 1-2 count, Hairston hit a sinking liner that dropped in front of Carl Everett and rolled to the wall. Chris Richard followed with an RBI groundout.

The Rangers came in with a 5.22 team ERA, worst in the majors, but the Orioles had no success until the ninth. The only close call came in the sixth, when Melvin Mora was thrown out by third baseman Herbert Perry on a grounder behind the bag.

Myette was ejected by plate umpire Mark Hirschbeck after his first two

pitches went behind Mora, an apparent retaliation for Alex Rodriguez being hit by a pitch in the top of the first.

Van Poppel (3-1) finished the walk, then walked Hairston before striking out the side. He worked a perfect second inning, striking out two, before Benoit took over.

The rookie right-hander,

who was scheduled to start today before being pressed into action, struck out four, and hit two batters in earning his first save.

Perry homered and Michael Young hit two homers for the Rangers.

Perry's homer extended the Rangers' streak of games with a home run to 21, matching a club record, set earlier this season.

Cowboys see playoffs as realistic goal heading into '02 campaign

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones isn't making any predictions this year.

No bold declaration of 10 wins, not after the Dallas Cowboys struggled to win half his predicted total last season. And no comparisons to the New England Patriots, the defending Super Bowl champions who went 5-11 the year before winning it all.

But that doesn't mean Jones is without expectations. High ones.

With quarterback Quincy Carter a year older, the team's salary cap issues resolved, a draft that produced three starters and the addition of several key free agents to an already solid defense, Jones believes the playoffs are "a realistic goal, absolutely."

"I'm not predicting," Jones quickly adds. "It's

certainly realistic, and I feel better about that as this thing has evolved. It's a building-block thing."

The Cowboys haven't been to the playoffs since 1999, and their last postseason win was in '96. That came after three Super Bowl titles in a four-year stretch.

Jones' first championship came in his fourth season. Dallas has gone six seasons since its last one, the longest drought Jones' ownership.

Still, there are indications the Cowboys are on the way up after a pair of 5-11 runs.

During the off-season, Jones was able to sign defensive tackle La'Roi Glover, linebacker Kevin Hardy, quarterback Chad Hutchinson and defensive back Bryant Westbrook.

Jones also had a solid draft. The top three picks —

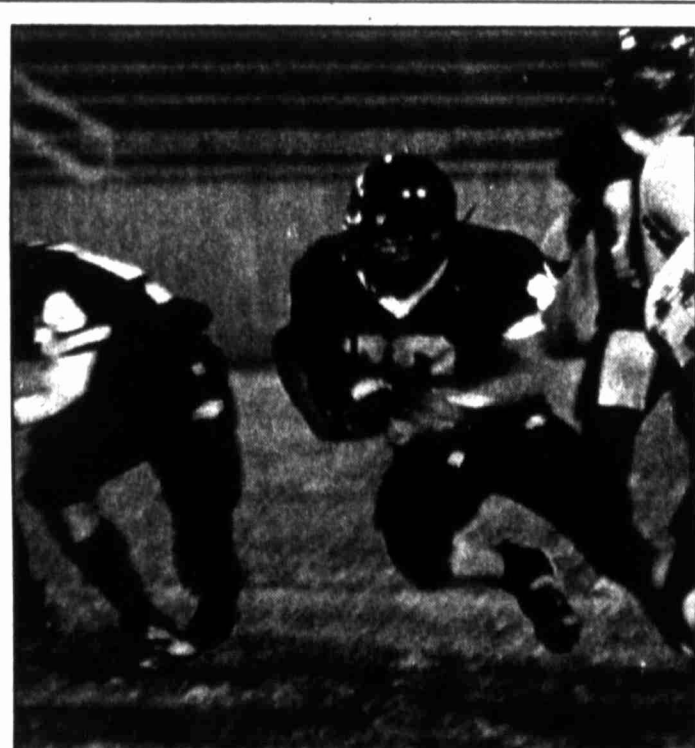
safety Roy Williams, center Andre Gurode and receiver Antonio Bryant — all will start in the opener Sunday against the Houston Texans.

Plus, Carter is healthy after being injured half of his rookie season. He solidified his status as the starter this preseason by completing 38 of 60 passes (63 percent) for 383 yards and one touchdown.

The Cowboys were 2-8 when Carter returned from thumb and hamstring injuries last season. They went 3-3 the rest of the way.

Hutchinson, whose \$3.1 million signing bonus was slightly less than Carter's five-year deal, is the backup. The 25-year-old rookie needs time to shake off the rust from four seasons in pro baseball. Clint Stoerner was kept as the third quar-

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The second week of the 2002 high school football season gets under way tomorrow evening when the Big Spring junior varsity and freshman teams face Odessa Permian at Ratliff Stadium. Both BSHS teams posted wins over Odessa High last Thursday.

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SPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L
New York	85	52
Boston	77	59
Baltimore	63	73
Toronto	60	78
Tampa Bay	47	90
Central Division	W	L
Minnesota	80	59
Chicago	68	70
Cleveland	60	77
Kansas City	55	73
Detroit	51	87
West Division	W	L
Oakland	83	55
Anaheim	81	57
Seattle	81	57
Texas	62	79

Tuesday's Games	W	L
Texas 7, Baltimore 1		
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 2		
Detroit 4, Cleveland 0		
Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto		
Anaheim 10, Tampa Bay 2		
Wednesday's Games	W	L
Minnesota (Ried 12:7) at S		
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6:05 p.m.		
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(Walker 7-4), 6:05 p.m.		
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Anaheim (Appier 13-9) at Ta		
3:14, 6:15 p.m.		
Kansas City (Byrd 15-10) at		
12:9, 9:05 p.m.		

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L
Atlanta	87	50
Philadelphia	69	68
Florida	68	69
Montreal	68	70
New York	62	74
Central Division	W	L
St. Louis	77	61
Houston	73	65
Cincinnati	67	71
Pittsburgh	61	78
Chicago	59	80
Milwaukee	50	89
West Division	W	L
Arizona	85	53
Los Angeles	81	57
San Francisco	78	59
Colorado	62	77
San Diego	59	79

Tuesday's Games	W	L
Florida 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 12 a		
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Montreal 7, Philadelphia 6,		
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 0		
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee		
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1		
Los Angeles 3, Arizona 2		
Houston 6, San Diego 2		
San Francisco 4, Colorado 2		
Wednesday's Games	W	L
Milwaukee (Figueroa 1-5)		
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Los Angeles (Ashby 9-10) at		
19:55, 5:05 p.m.		
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Houston (Munro 5-2) at San		
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Colorado (Neagle 7-9) at		
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Realize more of what you
need from others by learn-
ing to ask more often. You
can be very persuading
when you want to be.
Understand those in your
life more fully. Reach out
for others, thinking in
terms of gain and under-
standing. Your professional
image becomes very impor-
tant to your moneymaking
ability. Work through
stress more regularly. Hard
work does pay off, but so
does relaxation. If you are
single, a romantic tie
builds. You could meet
someone quite special this
year. If you are attached,
your relationship will grow
to a new level if you are
willing to not get stuck in
difficult thinking. LEO
pushes your buttons.

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

ARIES (March 21-April
19) ***** Your imagination
delights someone close to
you. Brainstorming with
this person always proves
to be a pleasure. Under-
stand what might help,
especially if a friend does
a reversal. You might not
be completely grasping the
situation. Tonight:
Think weekend. Make an
effort toward a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20) *** Your work could
inordinately pressure you.
Schedule yourself accord-
ingly. It might not be worth
working especially hard in
order to get out early on
Friday. Express your dili-
gence, though a boss might
not agree with you. Don't
give yourself a migraine
over this issue. Tonight:
Push paper. Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Keep conversations
moving as only you can do.
Laughter marks your deci-
sions, making it easier for
others. When upheaval
strikes, adjust your plans.
Listen carefully to others
who seek you out. Make an
effort toward a child or new
friend. Tonight: Out and
about.

CANCER (June 21-July
22) **** Be more experimen-
tal when dealing with your
work and finances. Don't
step in the red, but consid-
er different ways of manag-
ing these areas. Your
instincts guide you finan-
cially and help you see the
other side of a question.
Tonight: Just do. Curb wild-
ness — for now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****

Feel free to follow through
on what you know to be
true. How someone reacts
to a changing situation
gives you more information
about what he or she is
about. Your intense creativ-
ity and dynamic personal-
ity convinces others that
you're right. Tonight: Beam
in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** A boss makes a
demand. You might not
know how to respond. You
could be a bit touchy about
a situation. Pressure builds
because of judgments.
Expenses could overwhelm
you. Use your innate tal-
ents. Tonight: Take a break.
Opt for some downtime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Reach out for others
at a distance. You get
important information. You
gain as a result. Your inge-
nuity takes you down a new
path, but others could give
you some flack. Unexpected
developments point out a
potential problem. Tonight:
Gather your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21) **** You demand high
performance. Realize limits
more clearly. Humor plays
a significant role when
you're dealing with
finances. Don't do anything
you might regret at a later
date. Be sensitive to a par-
ent or family member who
could be upset. Tonight: In
the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21) ***** Your mind
might already be tuned to
weekend mode. Unexpected
developments take you into
a new dimension. Others
dance to a different tune.
Be easygoing with a volat-
ile person or a change of plans.
The easier you are, the eas-
ier it will be. Tonight: Take
off ASAP.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19) ***** Others will
seize control, especially if
you're iffy. You'll find
answers, if you relax and
listen. Sometimes your
ingenuity falls apart when
you have pushed way too
hard. A must appearance
draws many people's atten-
tion. Brainstorm in a meet-
ing. Tonight: Build on a
relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18) **** You might be con-
fused by someone else's
antics. Keep conversations
rolling. Don't feel as if you
have to make a choice right
now. Relax in the company
of a dear friend or special
associate. Discussions bring
a new vision. Tonight: Go
along with another's wish-
es.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20) ***** Push hard to com-
plete work, errands or any-
thing else that might inter-
fere with your weekend.
Work directly with an asso-
ciate. Your abilities to
interact and reach out for
others take you down a new
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tant. Tonight: Get a good
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Dear Annie: My husband,
"Barry," has a best friend
who is single. I'll call his
friend, "Joe." I set Joe up
with a cute girl in my
office, and they hit it off
very well. The problem is,
when Joe and his new girl-
friend go out, they invite us
to join them only on those
evenings when they know I
cannot come. This happens
twice a month.

I am hurt that they do
this on purpose, and more
hurt that Barry agrees to go
without me. On the rare
occasion that I have pre-
vailed upon him to send his
regrets, he always calls Joe
and makes it sound as if I
am forcing him to stay
home and threatening him
with divorce.

I have asked Barry to talk
to Joe about excluding me,
but he refuses. He says if I
have a problem with Joe, I
should talk to him myself. I
don't think this is right.
After all, Barry has known
Joe for over 20 years and
should speak up on my
behalf.

This is putting a big
strain on our marriage
because we fight about it
every time Joe calls. What
can I do? — Left Out in
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Columbia: Why
would Joe's girlfriend, who
is a friend of yours, want
you out of the picture?
There is something else
going on here. If Barry
won't give you a straight
answer, talk to Joe directly,
or ask the "cute girl" in
your office what the scoop
is. There is no reason for
the "gleesome threesome"
to consistently arrange
their evenings to avoid you.
Something is rotten in
Missouri.

Dear Annie: My husband
and I recently separated
after three years of mar-
riage. I live in New York,
and "Adam" lives in Utah.
He has been overseas for
the past 16 months and
barely knows our daughter,

BORN TODAY Queen
singer Freddie Mercury
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Reason hubby shouldn't watch delivery



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

"Mandy," who is 2 years
old.

Adam would like to take
Mandy to Utah for two
months. He says it will
provide a good opportunity for
them to bond. Adam is
great with kids, and I am
not worried about her care.
In fact, I am eager for her
to develop a relationship
with her father. However,
Mandy does not know
Adam, and I don't want to
traumatize her. Please tell
me how to handle this. —
Concerned Mother Out East

Dear Concerned: Ask
Adam to visit New York
and spend some time with
Mandy in familiar sur-
roundings. Show her pho-
tographs of Daddy, and tell
her good things about him.
Consult your pediatrician
about Mandy's level of
readiness, and when you
believe she knows her
daddy well enough, let her
go.

Dear Annie: My son will
be celebrating his 6th birth-
day soon, and I have sched-
uled a party for him and 10
of his friends at a local chil-
dren's party place. I sent
the invitations two weeks
ago and put an RSVP num-
ber on them.

So far, one person has
confirmed that her son is
coming to the party. What
should I do about the oth-
ers? Is it OK for me to call
these people and ask if
their kids are coming or
not? I don't want to do any-
thing tacky. — Mom in
Delaware

Dear Mom: You are not
being tacky. They are.
People should RSVP when
asked to do so. It is perfect-
ly OK for you to call the
parents and inquire if their
children will attend the
party. And please wish
your son a happy birthday
from us.

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AT THE TABLE:

Peaches, plums and nectarines ripe and a must-have

As Mother Nature turns up the heat, peaches, plums and nectarines will begin arriving in abundance at the local supermarkets and fruit stands. Like hot days and balmy nights, these delicious summer fruits begin arriving in late spring and disappear with the first hints of autumn.

There's nothing quite like biting into a juicy, fragrant peach or a plump, flavorful plum at the peak of ripeness. Perfect in a lunch bag or as an afternoon pick-me-up, peaches, plums and nectarines are the ultimate healthful summertime treat.

What's more, of course, is they're just as great in recipes as they are eaten fresh.

They add distinctive color, flavor and pizzazz to summertime meals - at any time of the day. The versatility of peaches, plums and nectarines is one of the reasons chefs love to cook with them - and why you'll find them in recipes from breakfast to dessert, from the very simple to the very elaborate.

The California Tree Fruit Agreement, an organization representing California's 2,000 peach, plum and nectarine growers, held a recipe contest earlier this year to get chefs thinking about the abundance of tree fruit available during the summer months.

Chefs from all over the United States and Canada responded with an incredibly wide range of creations: waffles with toasted pecans and juicy plums, an almond crusted pork loin with a colorful peach chutney, and a spinach salad with nectarine vinaigrette and marinated flank steak were among the winning recipes.

"I love cooking with fresh fruits because they're so versatile," said Mark Salter, a St. Michaels, Md., chef who won first prize in the lunch category for his creation, a phyllo tart with California nectarines, smoked chicken and lime-cumin dressing. "Fresh or cooked, they not only lend themselves well to desserts but can also be used in great appetizers and entrees too."

Wolfgang Hanau, the grand prize winner and creator of a dessert called Gianduia Peaches, said he enjoys cooking with summer fruits because of their healthful aspects and natural sweetness.

"Fruits provide the sugar your body needs to sustain itself, and their natural flavors are so good they sweeten desserts beautifully," said the chef from West Palm Beach, Fla.

They're versatile, they're delicious - and they're also good sources of fiber, vitamins and minerals. What's more, peaches, plums and nectarines also contain antioxidants, according to a recent study by the University of California-Davis. Antioxidants are critical to maintaining healthy skin, yet another great reason to stock up on peaches, plums and nectarines during the hot, sunny summer months.

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

Peaches, plums and nectarines come in an abundance of varieties. The state of California, which pro-



As summer continues, more and more fresh fruit, like the plum, peach and nectarine pictured here are available in local stores.

duces more than 80 percent of the fresh peaches, plums and nectarines packed each spring and summer in the United States, commercially produces more than 206 varieties of peaches, 200 varieties of plums and 175 varieties of nectarines.

Most peach varieties are freestone, meaning the flesh of the fruit easily slips away from the pit. For nectarines, freestone varieties are generally available in June and July. All plum varieties are clingstone.

Over the past few years, California growers have been producing increasing quantities of Summerwhite peaches and nectarines. Summerwhite peaches and nectarines have a pale white skin with splashes of bright pink, while the flesh is light pink or white.

Summerwhite varieties represent about 20 percent of the peaches and nectarines packed in California. They tend to be sweeter than the traditional yellow varieties and are increasingly popular with consumers across the country.

SELECTING, STORING AND HANDLING FRUIT

When purchasing peaches, plums and nectarines in the grocery store, they often feel hard to the touch and are not fully ripe. The best way to ripen stone fruit is to place the fruit in a paper bag, fold the top of the bag over loosely, and place the bag on the counter for one to three days. Never store hard fruit in the refrigerator, in plastic bags, or in direct sunlight.

Check the fruit daily. When it is ripe, it will be aromatic and will give slightly to gentle pressure. Once ripened, it can be stored in the refrigerator for about a week.

Peaches, plums and nectarines are easy to prepare: simply rinse under cool water and they're ready to go. Unless a recipe calls for it, you never need to peel any of these fruits: in fact, many of the nutrients found in stone fruits are contained in the peel, and it's highly recommended that the peel be consumed along with the flesh.

Spinach salad with nectarine vinaigrette and marinated flank steak

Makes 4 servings
Tender, nectarine-marinated flank steak "beefs up" this colorful spinach salad. Fresh bite-size spinach greens are tossed with a vinaigrette made with a fresh California nectarine, then layered with slices of flank steak. The steak may be placed in the marinade for two hours for just a hint of flavor, or soaked up to 12 hours for a more intense flavor. Fresh nectarine and red bell pepper slices for garnish complete the look and flavor of this simple but exotic salad.

Ingredients:

Flank steak:
1-1/2 lbs. flank steak
1 California nectarine, pitted and coarsely chopped
1 cup chardonnay
3/4 cup low sodium soy sauce
1 tablespoon sambal oelek paste*
2/3 cup red onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon finely minced cilantro

Vinaigrette:
1 California nectarine, peeled, pitted and coarsely chopped
1/3 cup rice vinegar
3/4 cup canola oil
3/4 cup olive oil

Salad:
8 cups of pre-washed, pre-



cut spinach (About 1-1/2 bags; allow about 2 cups per person, loosely packed.)

1 California nectarine, pitted and neatly sliced (for garnish)
1 red bell pepper, roasted, seeded and sliced (for garnish)

* Sambal oelek is a Vietnamese ground chili paste. It may be found in

large supermarkets or Asian markets.

Method:
For Flank Steak: Blend chopped nectarine and chardonnay in food processor until mostly liquefied. Pour into an oblong glass dish that will be used to marinate the flank steak.

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Phyllo tart with nectarines, smoked chicken and lime-cumin dressing

Makes 6 servings
This phyllo tart stuffed with juicy, ripe California nectarines, smoked chicken and vegetables is perfect for a light lunch or lunch appetizer. The tangy lime-cumin dressing is the perfect complement to the tart's delicious filling, creating an interesting sweet-and-sour sensation.

Ingredients:

Tart:
3 sheets phyllo pastry
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
3/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Filling:
2 California nectarines, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
2 ounces snow peas, blanched
1 stick of branch celery, julienned
2 - 4 ounces breast of smoked chicken, shredded (about 3/4 cup)
Salt and cracked black pepper

Juice from 1 lime
4 tablespoons light olive oil
1 teaspoon chopped cilantro
1 teaspoon chopped mint

Dressing:
1 tablespoon plus 1 cup light olive oil
2 shallots, peeled and chopped into small pieces (1/4-inch cubes)



1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 tablespoons egg yolks (approximately 2 yolks; preferably pasteurized)
Juice from 1 lime
Salt and pepper to taste

Garnish:
2 California nectarines, thinly sliced
6 sprigs cilantro
1 cup arugula
Light olive oil to drizzle

around plate

Method:
For tarts:
Preheat oven to 375° F. Brush a sheet of phyllo pastry with melted butter and sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Continue the same procedure for the next two sheets, placing each sheet

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Orange juice can be the start of a healthier diet for children

In many ways, the nation's children have never been healthier. According to National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's annual report card on children in the United States, released last July, more than 80 percent of children are in good or excellent health.

However, one area that continues to concern researchers is the diet of American children. The study reported that just 27 percent of children eat a healthy diet. The main culprits are too much fat and too little calcium. While it is recommended that children eat five fruits and vegetables daily, the reality is that they are only eating two a day.

"Two-thirds of all 6 to 12 year-olds do not get enough calcium," says Carla McGill, PhD, RD, a nutrition scientist for Tropicana Products, Inc. "And we find that their diets are low in antioxidants like vitamins A, C and E, as well as Folate (a B vitamin)."

of the possibility of nutrient deficiencies. In fact, at least 93 percent of moms surveyed by Tropicana expressed concern about their children getting enough nutrients, specifically calcium, vitamin C, vitamin E and vitamin A.

Here's a brief look at other areas of concern in children's nutrition today:

- 91 percent of kids 6 to 11 years old are not eating five servings of fruit and vegetables daily.

- A recent report from the USDA on children's diets found that intake of vitamins meet the RDA except for vitamin E, folate and vitamin zinc. Only one-third of 6 to 11 year olds meet the RDA for vitamin E2. HK is an excellent source of vitamin E and a naturally good source of folate.

- Two-thirds of all 6 to 12 year olds do not get enough calcium.

- Median intake of vitamin A is low in children under 13 and vitamin A is one nutrient that moms think their kids are getting too little of.

- Order of importance of vitamins and minerals to moms is vitamin C, E, A

and calcium.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Family eating patterns have changed dramatically over the past three decades. There are fewer family meals eaten together; no set meal times; more meals eaten out; more takeout food eaten in; bigger portions, and a much greater frequency of kids cooking or at least microwaving their own meals, according to Williams.

"Unfortunately, these newer habits have a negative impact on health and nutrition," Williams says. "Families who eat meals together tend to eat more vegetables. People who eat meals at set mealtimes tend to snack less and have proportionately lower intakes of saturated fat and calories." Additionally, says Williams, parents should focus more on the nutrient density of foods rather than total calories. "For example, a glass of 100 percent orange juice contributes a significant percent of the child's daily requirements for vitamin C, potassium, several B

Tailgating the easy way

It's that time again. The time when many schedules are planned around the next college football game. Whether you support the weekend game with its tailgate party is an event to look forward to. It's both fashionable and fun to serve food outside, either at pre-game parties at home or from the back of your vehicle outside the football stadium.

Instead of serving the same old chips and store-bought dip, impress your fellow football fans with a hearty, flavorful dip with a kick developed by the culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand. Make Tex-Mex Tailgater's Chili Dip for your next tailgate party or picnic. The sure-to-score combination of Tex-Mex flavors continues to be popular with tailgaters everywhere.

This versatile recipe can be made a day or two ahead, or at the last minute if needed. Packaged brown gravy mix keeps the list of ingredients short, the preparation quick, and the taste tantalizing. The recipe combines fresh lean ground pork with chunky salsa, black beans and brown gravy mix for a mildly spicy taste. Extra heat can be added by stirring in chopped jalapeno pepper.

Tailgate snacks and meals need to be simple to

transport, and this one is. If you've made the dip ahead of time, reheat it just before you leave for the game. Pack the hot dip in a thermal carrier with a microwavable heating pad; heat the pad and place it under the hot dip. These carriers help keep foods hot for hours, which, according to the food professionals at Pioneer Brand, is recommended for food safety.

Tex-Mex Tailgater's Chili Dip

Serve this flavorful dip to kick off your next tailgate party. Pack it in one of the popular heat-and-tote carriers to keep it hot until serving time. You can also serve the dip in a candle-heated server.

1 lb. lean ground pork or beef

1 jar (16 oz.) chunky salsa (2 cups; mild, medium or hot, depending on personal preference)
1 cup water (divided)
1 package (1.61 oz.) brown gravy mix* (No-Fat or Regular, such as Pioneer Brand)
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 to 2 teaspoons finely chopped jalapeno pepper (optional)
Tortilla chips or crackers

In 2-quart saucepan or large skillet, cook and stir ground pork until pork is no longer pink; drain. Add salsa and 1/2 cup water; heat to boiling. Meanwhile, in small bowl, blend gravy mix with 1/2 cup cool water;

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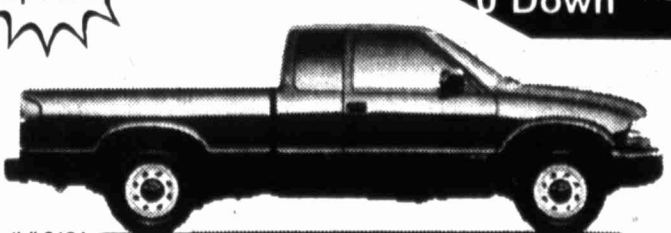
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on top of each other. Cut into six equal squares, then lay pastry in fluted molds (6 inches x 3/4-inch); place the same size mold on top and press down. With molds in place, bake at 375° F for 3-5 minutes until golden. Cool slightly, then remove the top mold and turn out the pastry from the bottom mold. Cool.

For filling:

Cut nectarines in half and remove pits, then cut into 3/4-inch cubes. Mix with blanched snow peas, sticks of celery and shredded smoked chicken breast. Season with salt, pepper, lime juice, and light olive oil. Add the chopped cilantro and mint. Place arugula in the bottom of each tart followed by the filling.

For dressing:

Gently cook the shallots in 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add the ground cumin and cook for another minute. Remove from heat and place in a food processor. Blend together with the egg yolks until smooth, then add the light olive oil, lime juice, salt and pepper. This should form a fairly thick sauce.

Assembly:

Place a spoonful of dressing onto each plate underneath the tart to keep it from moving. Spoon the dressing over the tart and filling. Garnish with five segments of unpeeled California nectarines and a sprig of cilantro; drizzle olive oil around the outside of the plate and serve.

Nutrition information per serving - PROTEIN: 17 grams; FAT: 46 grams; CARBOHYDRATE: 18 grams; FIBER: 2 grams; SODIUM: 262 milligrams; CHOLESTEROL: 71 milligrams; CALORIES: 547 calories

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STEAK

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and add the soy sauce, sambal oelek paste, red onion and cilantro. Add flank steak, cover with plastic and refrigerate for 2 to 12 hours, depending on the intensity of flavor desired. Turn at least once during the marinating process. Discard marinade. Grill over direct heat near time of service, about 10 minutes per side for 1-1/2 inch thick flank steak, until meat reaches an internal temperature of 140° F for medium doneness. Allow to rest for five minutes, then slice very thinly against the grain.

For Nectarine Vinaigrette: Process chopped nectarine and rice vinegar in food processor until totally smooth. With processor running, gradually drizzle in canola oil and olive oil and process until thoroughly mixed. Makes 1-1/2 cups dressing.

Assembly: Toss spinach in bowl with enough salad dressing to coat leaves lightly. Dish salad onto plates. Arrange flank steak slices on top of spinach and garnish with nectarine and red bell pepper slices. Pass additional dressing at the table.

Nutrition information per serving - PROTEIN: 37 grams; FAT: 40 grams; CARBOHYDRATE: 14 grams; FIBER: 10 grams; SODIUM: 405 milligrams; CHOLESTEROL: 85 milligrams; CALORIES: 570 calories.

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DIP

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stir in cumin. Pour gravy mixture into boiling mixture. Heat and stir until thickened. Stir in beans and jalapeno; reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Transfer hot dip to heated server. Garnish with fresh cilantro leaves, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

*This recipe was developed for and tested with

Pioneer Brand Brown Gravy Mix.

Chili Dip Quesadillas: Spread dip on flour tortillas; sprinkle with shredded cheese. Place another flour tortilla over each. Cook on hot griddle for 2 to 3 minutes per side. Cut into quarters.

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vitamins, and — if a calcium-fortified juice is chosen — as much calcium as a glass of milk. Yet, the calorie 'cost' is similar to a comparable amount in many other beverages which provide no nutrients."

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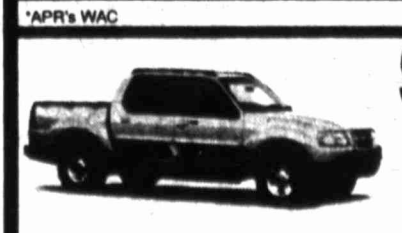
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A cowboy's favorite meal

Hey, rodeo fans! Let's eat like the cowboys! When your 'cowboys' get home from the rodeo, they'll be ready to sit down to a plentiful meal. Serve your 'buckaroos' Ramblin' Rodeo Stewed Beef with Cobblestone Biscuits, developed by the culinary cowboy cooks at Pioneer Brand. It's just the meal to satisfy their hearty appetites.

This incredibly easy one-pot main dish starts with a beef roast or beef stew meat that's been seasoned with brown gravy mix (the secret ingredient).

Layer the beef over chopped onion in the bottom of a slow-cooker. Pour a mixture of chili sauce, vinegar, honey and chipotle peppers over the top. Let the slow-cooker do the work as the beef simmers all day, tenderizing the beef chunks and creating a savory honey-barbecue flavored gravy.

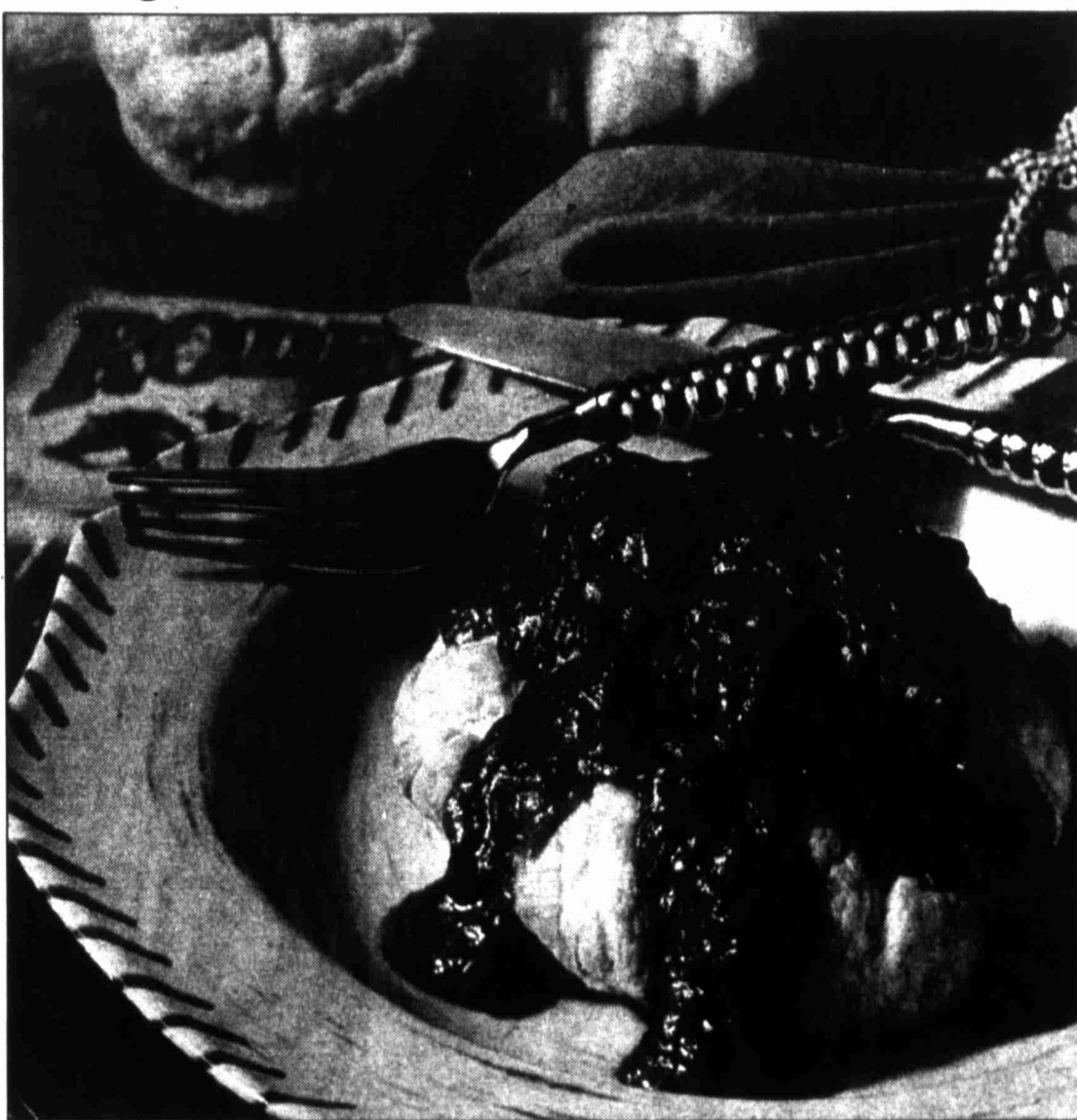
You can spend the day with your family at the rodeo, knowing that an enticing aroma and a satisfying meal await you when you return.

While the rest of the family is setting the table for supper, you'll have time to mix up the Cobblestone Biscuits and pop them in the oven. Milk and butter stirred into the biscuit and baking mix make these biscuits not only extra easy, but extra moist and delicious.

The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand suggest that, once you've placed the biscuit rounds on the baking sheet, you use a knife or pizza cutter to make slits in the top of the dough to resemble a cobblestone design. Brush the tops with butter and bake. You'll be ready to feed your famished family in just 10 minutes!

Ramblin' Rodeo Stewed Beef with Cobblestone Biscuits

Serve this easy-to-make stewed beef to your favorite 'cowboys.' The



slow-cooking process tenderizes the beef and allows the sweet and tangy flavors in the sauce to blend together to make the perfect Western fare!

1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 cup)

2 to 2 1/2 lb. extra-lean beef chuck roast, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (or beef stew meat)

1 package (1.61 oz.) brown gravy mix* (No-Fat or Regular, such as Pioneer Brand)

1/2 cup bottled chili sauce

3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar or cider vinegar

3 tablespoons honey

1-1/2 teaspoons chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, chopped

Cobblestone Biscuits:

4 cups buttermilk biscuit & baking mix* (such as Pioneer Brand)

1 1/4 cups milk

6 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
2 tablespoons milk or melted butter

Place onion in large (3-qt.) slow-cooker. Place beef pieces in plastic bag; sprinkle dry gravy mix over beef; shake to coat beef. Pour over top of onion. In 2-cup glass measure, combine chili sauce, vinegar, honey and chipotle pepper until well combined. Pour over beef; stir to combine. Cover with lid. Set slow-cooker on lowest temperature setting; cook for 7 to 8 hours or until beef is tender when pierced with a fork.

Just before serving, make Cobblestone Biscuits. In mixing bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, 1 1/4 cups milk and 6 tablespoons melted butter until dough forms a ball. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 or 8 times.

Roll out to 1-inch thickness. Using a 4-inch round cookie cutter, cut out dough. Place on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Using a knife or pizza cutter, make cross-wise slits through biscuits about every 1 inch in both directions to make a cobblestone design. Brush tops with additional milk or butter. Bake at 450° for 10 to 13 minutes or until golden brown. Serve stewed beef over biscuits. Makes 6 large servings.

*This recipe was developed for and tested with Pioneer Brand Brown Gravy Mix and Pioneer Brand Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix. It can be easily doubled to serve a larger crowd of hungry cowboys.

For more information, visit the Pioneer Brand Web site at: www.pioneer-mills.com

Almond crusted pork loin with peach chutney

Makes 4 servings

Crunchy almonds and a California plum paste jazz up a pork loin while fresh California peaches and bell peppers star in a colorful chutney on the side. This recipe is as appealing to the eye as it is delicious. The abundance of fresh summer fruits makes this pork loin a wonderful choice for a special summer dinner.

Ingredients:

Almond Crusted Pork Loin:
2-1/2 lbs. pork loin
2 cups blanched almonds, sliced
4 to 5 medium California plums
2 tablespoons water
3/4 cup miso paste*
3/4 cup aja mirin**
3/4 cup rice vinegar
2 tablespoons canned chipotle peppers, chopped

Peach Chutney:
3 yellow California peaches
3 white California peaches
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium red onions, chopped
1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
2 medium green bell peppers, seeded and chopped
1 tablespoon jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
3 cups peach nectar
1 cup orange juice concentrate
1 cup champagne vinegar
8 oz. brown sugar
Salt and cracked black pepper, to taste

* Miso paste is a thick paste made from soybeans and grains; it's a staple in Japan where it's used to flavor soups, dipping sauces, meats and dressings. It may be found in the refrigerated section of Japanese food markets, health food stores or large supermarkets.
** Aja mirin is salted sweet rice wine that may be found at Asian food markets or large supermarkets.

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Roast pork loin until 2/3 done (with an internal temperature of 120° F). Set aside and cool 20 minutes. Toast almonds slightly then crush.

Make plum paste: Remove stems (if any) from plums and place a small "X" on the bottom of each with a paring knife. Dip in boiling water for 30 seconds and then remove to a bowl of ice water for 1 minute. Peel; remove the flesh from the pit and cut into chunks. In a medium saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons of water and plum pieces. Cook until softened; cool slightly. Add miso paste, aja mirin, rice wine vinegar and chipotle peppers to cooked plums. Place mixture in a food processor to make a paste; set aside.

Cut pork loin into eight 4-1/2 ounce portions. Coat with plum paste, then roll in almonds. Finish in the oven at 350° degrees about 10 minutes. Serve with Peach Chutney.

Peach Chutney:
Cut the peaches in half and remove the pits. Slice peach halves into 3/4-inch slices. Mix white and yellow peach slices together. Set aside. Over high heat, sauté peppers and onion in olive oil until transparent. Add peach nectar, orange juice concentrate, champagne vinegar and brown sugar; bring to a boil and cook until reduced by half (by volume). Add peaches and bring to a boil; reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and season with fresh cracked black pepper and salt to taste. Makes 6 cups.

Nutrition information per serving (pork loin plus 1 cup peach chutney):
PROTEIN: 81 grams; FAT: 62 grams; CARBOHYDRATE: 144 grams; FIBER: 16 grams; SODIUM: 1077 milligrams; CHOLESTEROL: 170 milligrams; CALORIES: 1399 calories.

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