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Hang gliding

Scenes from the U.S. Hang Gliding Association's National Championships make up this week's Life! cover.

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Richard Griffin looks little more than the driver of a souped up go-kart, but in the world of sprint car racing, Griffin and those four wheels are a giant. Griffin, 39, of Silver City, N.M., is a champion many times over.

BRIEFLY

Death investigated

Big Spring police are investigating the death of an infant. The report came in at 5:17 p.m. Friday, asking paramedics to respond to an unresponsive child on the east side of the city. The infant was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 6:10 p.m. by Peace Justice Bennie Green. No more information was available Saturday.

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Gliding festival response 'great'

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The formula was opposite that whispered in Kevin Costner's ear in the movie "Field of Dreams." They came, and we built it.

"They" are some of the world's best hang glider pilots, who, drawn by the ideal soaring weather, came to Big Spring this year to hold their U.S. National Championships.

"It" is a festival designed to get the community involved and to show support for the hang gliding event.



McDONALD

"It's going great!" said local Hang Gliding Committee Chairman Bobby McDonald. "I'd like another word, but 'great' will have to suffice for now. It's great!"

McDonald said the festival is a lot of fun, but gave credit to the U.S. Hang Gliding Association and the pilots for being

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Dimples the Clown entertains children at the first Big Spring Hang Gliding Festival by crafting balloon animals and balloon hats. The event, in support of the U.S. Hang Gliding Association's National Championships, sported a number of activities.

Carrying on a family tradition

Hundreds get together for annual reunion

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

It's a tradition that has spanned nearly 80 years. It's seen the Great Depression, World War II, the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall, the beginning of rock and roll, the beginning and end of disco, the first man in space and the first man on the moon.

And its seen them all from a hometown West Texas perspective.

It's the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion and it marked its 79th annual rendition Saturday at Big Spring's Dora Roberts Community Center.

"We've got a lot going on today," said a famous Howard County old settler and organizer of the event, Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
This Year's Glasscock County Pioneer Family, the Halfmanns, enjoy a lively visit before lunch Saturday at the 79th Annual Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion. The Fryars received the Pioneer award for Howard County. The event was scheduled to proceed all day Saturday, culminating in a dance starting at 9 p.m. with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys providing the boot-scootin' tunes.

"We've got quite a crowd here." Dobbs said the reunion is a great part of the

area's history. "It's our heritage," he said. "It's the families who came to this land

and made it what it is today. Today we're hon-

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West Nile virus found in horse here

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

First a bird, now a horse.

The West Nile virus, which has accounted so far for two human deaths in Texas, has been detected in a horse in Howard County, just a week after a tests indicated the virus' presence in a grackle found sick locally.

Local veterinarian Dr. Sid Hanslik became suspicious that the horse might have West Nile after it failed to respond to treatment.

Hanslik first treated the horse about the 10th of July.

"It was out east of Big Spring," Hanslik said. "The owner called me. The horse was having some problems one morning. That afternoon, the horse was really ataxic, uncoordinated in the

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
A Big Spring family tackles back-to-school shopping at Bealls Department Store Friday afternoon. Making selections are, from left, Matt Ritchey, Mike Ritchey and Robin Ritchey, while Bealls employee Jessie Garza assists.

Sales Tax Holiday gets mixed reviews early on

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The fifth annual Texas Tax Holiday has been hit and miss for local merchants.

Several stores reported better sales early on for the three-day holiday, matching and topping sales from last year's event in some cases, while others said business had been rather slow.

"We seem to be running just about even with sales from this time last year," Jay Howell, manager for Bealls department store, said Friday afternoon. "We didn't have much coming in,

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early, but after about 10:30 a.m. things picked up and have been steady ever since."

When asked if recent speculations as to a much needed economic rise have found their way to Big Spring, Howell said the future looks promising.

"Over the last four to six weeks, we've seen a marked improvement in sales, so I think things are getting better," said Howell. "Although we're running pretty much the

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Students get a jump-start on the new school year

by THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Many Big Spring Independent School District students are getting a jump-start on the coming year with the district's new Summer Reading Program.

District lead teacher Donna Amonett said this is the first year for the program, and thus far it's been a big help in preparing students for the coming school year.

"The idea here is to give these kids a head start," said Amonett. "We want to expose these children to some of the skills they will see in school next year to get them ready. We only have them for a couple of hours in the morning through the two-week duration of this program, so we're not expecting them to make great strides, just to recognize the material when they see it again."

Amonett said they also use the

program to get the children in the back-to-school frame of mind, something that can truly make or break the school year for many children entering the first grade.

"The transition into first grade is a very important one," said Amonett. "First grade is really an interesting grade. I started out teaching first grade and a lot of it, I think, is a psychological readiness."

"I think a lot of the kids we

work with and a lot of them that are in the program, if they haven't done a great deal of reading over the summer, they tend to start out behind, and have a hard time getting going. It's amazing the amount kids learn in first grade and average or above average kids can recognize very quickly if they can't do what the other kids are doing. This program is designed to give

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AUGUST 2003

Obituaries

Robert Madison Gardner



Robert Madison Gardner, 97, of Dallas and formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday morning, July 30, 2003, in Dallas. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Matthew Miles, of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Mr. Gardner was born April 15, 1906. He was the fifth child of six children born to Susie Cooper Gardner and Robert Madison Gardner Sr. Three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Rob, as he was called by his father, was reared in Oklahoma and attended school in Durant. He came to west Texas in the 1930s and sold oil field equipment throughout the Permian Basin until becoming employed by the U. S. Postal Service. He delivered mail in Big Spring for 31 years.

He married Ida Fay Millaway on Feb. 12, 1938. They made their home for the next 50 years in one of Big Spring's historic houses, taking pride in their beautiful yard. After his wife died in 1995, he moved to Dallas and made his home with his only child, Anita, and son-in-law Calvin Daniels. He was a member and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gardner delivered Mobile Meals for several years.

Bob, as he was known by friends and co-workers, is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Calvin Daniels of Dallas; one grandson, Christopher Daniels and his wife Robin; one granddaughter, Robin Daniels and her husband James Jessup; and one great grandson, Zachary Daniels.

The family suggests memorials to Mobile Meals, P. O. Box 765, Big Spring, 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Mark Davidson



Mark Davidson, 44, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, in Scurry County following a sudden illness. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Charlie Atkinson officiating.

He was born Oct. 7, 1958, in El Paso. He came to Big Spring in 1977 from Arizona. He worked 15 years for the Howard County Road and Bridge Department. At the time of his death he was a heavy equipment operator for West Texas Energy.

He is survived by one brother, Bobby Davidson of Lubbock; one sister, Vickie Davidson of Lubbock; three nieces; and one great nephew.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Emery A. Horvatic



Emery Anthony Horvatic, 67, of Big Spring died Wednesday afternoon, July 30, 2003, at St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, Ohio, after suffering an apparent heart attack. He and his wife were in Youngstown to attend their daughter's wedding reception.

Mr. Horvatic was born on March 13, 1936, in Youngstown, Ohio, a son of Stephen and Stella Vadun Horvatic, and moved to Texas in 1997. He worked for 28 years at U.S. Steel, Ohio Works, retiring as a welder in 1980. He also worked for three years at Container Products in Masury, Ohio.

He was a member of St. Joseph Mission in Coahoma. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Carach Horvatic, whom he married May 2, 1964; three sons, Emery Stephan (Cynthia) Horvatic of Coahoma, Michael Anthony (Jennifer) Horvatic of Lubbock and Nicholas Joseph (Jennifer) Horvatic of Big Spring; three daughters, Tabitha Helen (Thomas) Myers of Hermitage, Pa., Dominique Stephanie (Manuel) Marquez of Big Spring and Danielle Elizabeth Horvatic of Big Spring; three sisters, Priscilla Malagisi of Austintown, Ohio, and Nancy Grbinich and Carole Kemp of Boardman, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Family and friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kinnick Funeral Home, 477 North Meridian Road, Youngstown, Ohio. Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at the funeral home and at 10 a.m. at St. Brendan Church. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Austintown, Ohio.

Memorial services are to be held at St. Joseph Mission Church at a date to be announced.

Robert E. Barlow

Robert E. Barlow, 72, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

• **ROBERT LEE EVANS**, 22, of 903 Sgt. Paredez was arrested Friday on city traffic warrants.

• **ADAM AGUIRRE**, 20, of 1904 E. 15th St. was arrested Friday on city warrants for minor in consumption of alcohol.

• **LISA KAREN CAWTHON**, 42, of 1600 Owens was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAMES DAVID BOETTCHER**, 55, of 538 Westover Road was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JODY LYNN STOLP**, 41, of 1311 Mount Vernon was arrested Saturday on a charge of felony driving while intoxicated.

• **APRIL RENEE ROBERTSON**, 22, of 307 E. 10th St. was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• Police are investigating the **DEATH OF A CHILD** reported at 5:17 p.m. Friday. Officers responded to the call on the east side of Big Spring in reference to an unresponsive child. The child was taken by ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 6:10 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1600 block of East Third Street.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 700 block of South Gregg Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1500 block of East Sixth Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 1200 block of North Highway 87, the 300 block of South Gregg Street and the 200 block of South Goliad Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of South Douglas, the 1500 block of Sycamore Street, the 2900 block of East Interstate 20, the 100 block of Algerita Street, the 1600 block of Sycamore Street and the 1300 block of Mount Vernon Avenue.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street, the 1400 block of East 14th Street, the 400 block of North Scurry Street and the 600 block of West Interstate 20.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore Street

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- In the 600 block of Baylor. A green 2003 Ford reportedly sustained \$300 damage.

- In the 1200 block of Dixie. A white 1995 Mazda reportedly sustained \$300 damage.

Sheriff's report

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

• **PROWLER** was reported in the 200 block of South Moss Lake Road.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Main Street.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in Dawson County. Howard County deputies responded to give assistance.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 168 mile marker eastbound on Interstate 20.

• **DOMESTIC PROBLEM** was reported in the 200 block of Merrick.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1100 block of Jeffrey. Deputies made contact with the person firing guns and advised him to stop.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-21-26-29-30.

Number matching five of five: None.

Matching four of five: 130. Prize: \$626.

Matching three of five: 5,135. Prize: \$11.

Matching two of five: 51,551. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-20-33. Bonus Ball: 4.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.

Prize: \$400,000.

Number matching four of four: 16. Prize: \$1,186.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 48.

Prize: \$49.

Number matching three of four: 1,760. Prize: \$18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1,073. Prize: \$19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,930. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 11,686. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$200,000.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-5

Bulletin board

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

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.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Sr. Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years old and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 Northwest Fourth St.

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

TUESDAY

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 Aerie meeting, 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.

Weather

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs near 101. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s.

Monday...Mostly clear. Highs near 101.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 90s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 90s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 90s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 90s.

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Big Spring Independent School District teacher Mary Lou Yanez helps prepare students for the coming school year. Joining in the reading program are, from left, Monica Yanez and Alex Byrd from Bauer Elementary and Dalton Ramirez and MacKenzie from Washington Elementary.

READING

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them that edge." Amonett said when students begin feeling like they are behind their peers in studies, they tend to "give up," putting them even further behind.

"The most important thing parents can do going into this new school year is simple," said Amonett. "You have to take an active interest in your child's education if you want them to show any interest in it themselves."

"Make sure you let your kids know how important their education is to you. Ask them about their day, ask them what they learned, that sort of thing. Make sure you meet their teachers and understand the classes they are taking, so you can discuss it with them. It really makes a huge difference in the way children see school."

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Donna Amonett

In the area of reading, Amonett said it's crucial to stress the importance of reading skills and work with children to prepare them for school. "Don't just read to your kids, or let them read to you," said Amonett. "Sometimes we stress the need to read and pronounce each word perfectly, and that becomes the overall focus of reading when what you really need to teach is comprehension. Read something, then discuss it

with your children. Find out what they understood and what they didn't, and most importantly what they are taking away from it."

Funding for the Summer Reading program comes from the Governor's Reading Initiative, which was established to help children read better. Amonett said the goal of the Initiative is for all students to be reading at their grade level by third grade, and possess the necessary skills to pass the TAKS test.

"We use some of that money during the school year to work with students in the classroom," said Amonett. "When school was over this year, we had enough money that we were able to include this summer program with the idea that we could give these kids a head start."

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FESTIVAL

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the reason behind the fun. "That's the root of it," he said. "It started with that. They've really put on a great show. We've got a community with a little more zest to it now, thanks to those guys and thanks to the crowd that's coming out."

Competition organizer David Glover said the weather has been great in Big Spring all week long, and it looked like Saturday would boast the best gliding conditions yet.

"For today the task committee's drawn a 77-mile task," he said. "It goes to the north and comes back here. The guys are going to take off between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. and they'll be back here around 5:30. It's a long, hard task. We've got a stiff wind today, but we also are getting predictions of the strongest thermal conditions and the highest cloud bases that we've seen. It's going to be a stellar day, I think."



GLOVER

Glover said the pilots and their crews think the peripheral events of the festival are great. "We love it," he said. "We think it's great. It's nice to see the town come out and see the airport and check out the hang gliding. It's a real festive atmosphere and it just really adds to the event."

Despite trouble with stolen vehicles and vehicle burglaries earlier in the week, Glover said he appreciates the efforts Big Spring officials and businesses have made on

the competitors' behalf. "The Internet service from Basin 2-Way has really provided a special link to the outside world, and the Super 8 Motel has been really supportive," he said. "We just really couldn't be happier with what the city council and the Convention and Visitors Bureau has done to help us out. We look forward to hopefully coming back next year."

Hang Gliding committee member and City Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup said she was pleased with the crowd.

"I think it's really going well," she said. "We have a lot of people coming out to bring their stuff out to sell. We've got a big crowd of people, and it's getting bigger all the time, coming out to shop and browse around. Shortly, about 1 p.m., we'll have the hang gliders launching. So they're going to have a really fun day of entertainment for the family today."

The morning wind turbine tour filled four buses provided by West Texas Opportunities.

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back end and having problems getting up." Hanslik said he treated the horse that afternoon and it seemed to improve slightly.

"We were able to get it out of the sun in the pen it was in into the barn and into some shade, as hot as it was," he said. "I went back that evening again to check on the horse and the horse was down. We couldn't get it up at that time. The next morning, the horse was still down and I gave him some more medications. Then we made the decision to put the horse down."

Hanslik said he took a blood sample from the horse and sent it to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station.

The results — positive for West Nile virus — came back Monday.

Hanslik said the lab notified the Texas Department of Health.

"I think this is something we definitely need to be aware of," he said. "All these horse owners whose animals are unvac-

inated need to think about getting their horses vaccinated. And it's time for annual booster if they had their vaccinations when the bad news hit last year."

This area doesn't have a major problem yet because of the scarcity of mosquitoes — the main transmission agent for the virus — he said.

"But we have a problem out here. It's something we need to be aware of, there's no doubt," he said. "But is it a panic situation? I don't think so."

The process of protecting yourself and your family from the disease boils down to the "Four Ds", according to the

Texas Department of Health Web site:

- Stay inside during the hours of DARKNESS between dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.

- If you are in a situation in which you fear mosquitoes may be present, DRESS appropriately with long sleeves and long pants.

- Repel mosquitoes with an insect repellent containing the chemical DEET, such as Deep Woods Off.

- DRAIN standing and stagnant water on your property, such as bird-baths, clogged gutters, old tires and garden hoses.

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OUR VIEWS

Seem to be facing a no-win situation over redistricting

One can't help but wonder if anyone is ever going to win in what has become the most contentious issue of the 78th Texas Legislature — congressional redistricting.

When it became clear last week that Gov. Rick Perry was going to call a second special session on congressional redistricting and that Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst would change the Texas Senate's rules that had heretofore kept the issue off the Senate's floor, 11 of the 12 Democrats in the upper house bolted for the border.

It was a move reminiscent of House Democrats' flight to an Ardmore, Okla., Holiday Inn in the final days of the regular session. This time the Senate Democrats are held up in a Marriott Hotel in Albuquerque, N.M.

Democrats hold a 17-15 edge in the state's congressional delegation and Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, say they want a majority in the delegation and cite the state's voting trends in recent years that lean toward the GOP.

The Texas House has again approved a plan that could give Republicans as many as 21 seats in the delegation. It would also place Howard County in a congressional district stretching from the Midland-Odessa area on the west to San Antonio on the east.

That is a plan representatives of several West Texas communities — Abilene, Big Spring, Brownwood, Colorado City and Lubbock — have clearly given a thumbs down to. It's a plan that several senators in both parties have also denounced.

With the Senate Democrats' walkout, the partisan name calling that took place in June is right back at a fevered pitch.

And chances are, it does not bode well for West Texas.

Republican senators from West Texas like Robert Duncan, Troy Fraser and Teel Bivins were already under intense pressure — from their party and leadership on one side, and their constituencies on the other — over the issue.

That seemed like a no-win situation. But with the walkout, it is entirely possible that those constituencies will be so frustrated by the Democrats' tactic, they change their tune.

We still agree with Sen. Bill Ratliff (R-Mount Pleasant), who said not even a good congressional redistricting bill "justifies the pain, the blood, the sweat, the tears that are going to be necessary for the Senate" to pass it.

And we still maintain the controversy has already destroyed the bipartisanship George W. Bush nurtured in Austin when he was governor.

Sadly, it's not so much our senators who face a no-win situation, as those of us in West Texas and other rural parts of the state. In the long run, we'll clearly be the losers in this controversy.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Our spiritual development through your word, Lord, should be the most important part of our lives.

Amen

We've a need for spiritual revival

It came to mind the other day that "what ever feels good" isn't always good. Quite often, it isn't right. In fact, it's downright dangerous.

At Tuesday's noon meeting of the Big Spring Rotary Club, I had the opportunity to sit at the same table with 118th District Judge Robert Moore III who'd just returned from a judicial conference focusing on family law.

The judge was lamenting that it is a sad state of affairs when it seems like every one of those conferences these days deals with lifestyles that are anything but traditional.

Case in point: The first topic considered during the conference, he said, dealt with a child custody case coming out of California.

It would be out of California, right?

Anyhow, it seems that two women were breaking up house-keeping. As partners they'd decided to have a child. One donated the egg for test tube fertilization, while the other had been implanted with the fetus and given birth to the child.

Now that they were breaking up, both wanted custody.

I didn't bother to ask Bob what the final ruling had been in the case, but something tells me that even the wisdom of Solomon wouldn't have been sufficient in that instance.

I'm not going to go off on a rant against same sex marriage or homosexuality here, but it should

be noted that the entire topic seems to go back to what my father once called the "Me" generation and our "what ever feels good" mentality.

Daddy — and no, I'll not be embarrassed by using the term — for many years would sit there, shake his head and say, "John, son, we're going to pay such a price for your generation."

For a long time I didn't understand what he was talking about. I got part of it, of course, but I didn't have the wisdom needed to look down the road to what the "what's in it for me?" mindset and the "what ever feels good" mentality would do to our society.

My dad, saw what seemed like a vast majority of the teens and younger adults in my age group not being taught to have respect for the "establishment."

In other words, too many people weren't developing respect for their parents and other elders, religion, law enforcement or other figures of authority.

I'm sad to say I was doing my very best to be just like them. It was cool to have trouble with your parents when you were a teen-ager back in the late '60s and early '70s.

The problem, of course, was my dad was a lot cooler than I was. All my friends told me so.

He really was a remarkable fellow.

But getting back to the point of this missive, what I couldn't see that he understood is that if you haven't been taught to adhere to a certain moral and ethical code, if you haven't been taught to have respect for authority, you can't teach it to your children.

If all you've been taught is "if it feels good, do it" that's all you can

teach your children. And if that's all they've learned, that's all they can teach their children.

And that is why we as a community, like thousands of others across this country, find ourselves trying to find solutions to problems like a rising juvenile crime rate, the increasing number of children dropping out of school and a host of other nightmares like teen pregnancy rates, drug addiction and alcoholism.

So, what's the solution?

What we need is a revival.

No, I'm not talking about the brush arbor variety ... although those never hurt anyone.

What I'm talking about is the need for a spiritual revival in our society. One like that which motivated the greatest generation our nation has ever seen — those who grew up during the Great Depression and fought World War II — to derive their greatest satisfaction from doing what was right, rather than simply seeking the shallow rewards of instant gratification.

The satisfaction my father and those of his generation derived from doing the right thing affected the soul ... the spirit.

In recent years, I've had some experience with that kind of satisfaction. And what's so wonderful is that kind of satisfaction, that kind of reward, grows and grows. Come to think of it, I've been told it's everlasting.

I believe it.

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The 'it's not fair' battle of Texas

Oh great, now we have a bunch of Texas Democrats hiding out in Albuquerque (which is very difficult to spell), and I'm here holding the bag, trying to explain what this particular spate of lunacy in our state is all about. Spare me, Lord.

OK, if I really have to do this deal ... see if you can think back to when you were a kid — 5, 6, 7 — and you were always getting blamed for something one of your siblings had done, or you didn't mean to knock over something but your old man

whopped you for it anyway. The classic cry from the heart is, "BUT IT'S NOT FAIR!" Naturally, further on down the line, all of us experience some variant of John F. Kennedy's observation that "life is not fair." Exactly when, where and under what circumstances we give up on expecting life to be fair obviously varies from cancer to KIA to divorce to other of life's more malicious surprises.

Basically, the reason 12 Democratic senators from Texas are on the lam in New Mexico is BECAUSE IT'S NOT FAIR. You may think that's childish, but there are some important principles at stake here. Like, you're supposed to play by the rules. And you're not supposed to change the rules in the middle of the game. And then, just a minor point, there is the small matter of democracy.

Starting at ground zero, redistricting — the drawing of the maps under which politicians run for public office in various districts — is supposed to take place the year following the decennial census. In this case, 2001. Because the Texas House and Senate could not agree that year, the matter went to the courts, as it is supposed to if the legislature deadlocks. The courts drew the con-

gressional district maps, as they were supposed to, under well-established rules — and that was that. Redistricting over until 2011.

Then Karl Rove and Rep. Tom DeLay of Sugarland, Texas — neither of whom has ever been elected to run the state of Texas — decided to use the new Republican majorities in both houses of the legislature to ram a truly hideous redistricting plan through the legislature without the public hearings required by law. In the great tradition of artful gerrymandering — now called Perrymandering in honor of Gov. Goodhair — this Rove/DeLay map qualifies as a Dadaist masterpiece, with elements of Picasso. It was a beaut. Divided Austin into four districts, one of which ran down to the Mexican border. In order to stop that travesty, House Democrats fled to Ardmore, Okla., breaking the quorum necessary to conduct business. End of bill, end of session. Then Goodhair called them all back for a special session on one item — redistricting. This time, public hearings were held, and at every one of them citizens showed up to protest vociferously — the Texas Rangers had to be called in at the McAllen hearing.

The obligatory committee meetings became ever more surreal. Meetings would be called for 2 p.m. in one location and then start at 7 p.m. in another. People started to call it "hide and seek government." Citizens stayed to testify until 2 a.m. and were treated contemptuously by the presiding Republicans. Then Senate Democrats, plus the widely respected Republican Sen. Bill Ratliff, stopped the bill under the Senate rule that requires a two-thirds vote to bring up new business. Stalemate. End of first special session.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, announced he was ditching the two-thirds rule, and Goodhair promptly called yet another special session. Exit Senate Democrats, busting the quorum in their shop.

It costs the state, which, you may recall, is highly broke, \$1.7 million per special session. If you look at it another way, it could be considered public campaign financing. See, Tom DeLay can pick up maybe six new Republican votes in Congress under a Perrymandered map at a total cost to the taxpayers of \$5.1 million (assuming the D's stick it out in Albuquerque and Goodhair calls yet another special session). Whereas it would cost the Republicans tens of millions to legitimately elect Republicans under the current districts. So, all Texans are now paying for the privilege of electing more Republicans.

The irony is that the six conservative rural Democrats targeted by the R's are elected out of Republican districts, districts where the majority votes for a Republican president, governor, etc., and a Democratic congressman because they know and like their congressman. Lot of unhappy R's out there.

In the stupefying hypocrisy sweepstakes, I'd like to salute Arlene Wohlgenuth for saying, "When we (R's) were in the minority, we worked in a bipartisan manner." That would be the same Arlene Wohlgenuth who notoriously killed off dozens of bills in a fit of pique in the infamous "Memorial Day Massacre."

But the palm for hypocrisy goes to Goodhair for his immortal declaration that Democrats are harming the poor children of Texas. I thought I would upchuck. It was Perry and the R's who insisted on slashing social services, including health insurance for poor children, rather than raise taxes. He now claims the D's are holding up the distribution of a new pot of federal money we just got. He didn't even open the call of the last special session to bills to disburse the money; said it wasn't necessary.

Even in politics, no one gets to lie that bad.

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PFC Steven H. Henry is currently in Iraq and expects to return soon.

Sterling

By THOMAS J. STERLING

Staff Writer
As most small towns struggle with economic times, County Nursing is holding its own. "Smaller nursing homes have through some recently," said Larry L. year veteran. "Our County Nursing dropped over years and we a hard look at get it back up. Melton said looked at the ing an assisted facility, but it halted early.

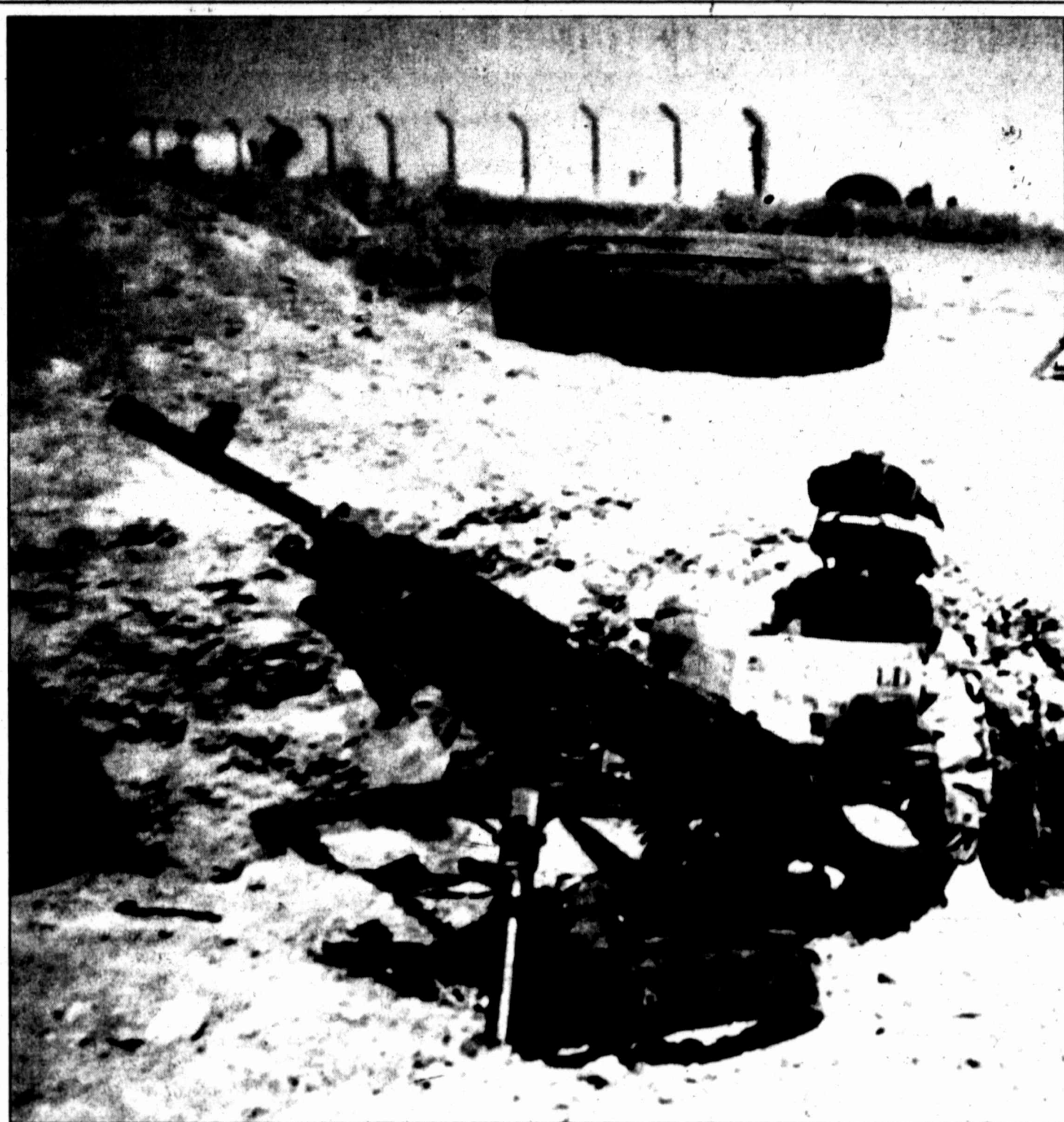
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PFC Steven Henry of Coahoma reads a copy of the *Big Spring Herald* while take a break from his duties in Mosul, Iraq. Henry is currently serving with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. He and his unit have been in Iraq since March and expect to be there for about one year.

Sterling County Nursing Home adds secure unit

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As most small businesses struggle to get a foothold in trying economic times, Sterling County Nursing Home is holding its own through diversification.

"Smaller nursing homes like ours have really gone through some tough times recently," said administrator Larry Melton, a 19-year veteran of the industry. "Our census has dropped over the last few years and we had to take a hard look at how we can get it back up."

Melton said they first looked at the idea of opening an assisted living facility, but that plan was halted early in the plan-

ning stages due to expenses.

"We considered it at first, but when we looked at the costs, we knew it was just too much," said Melton.

Forced to keep looking for a new way to boost numbers, Melton said the staff settled on the idea of offering care for Alzheimer's disease and dementia patients, which requires a great deal of security.

"Because most Alzheimer's patients have a tendency to wander, security has to be priority one," said Melton. "We've had electronic locks put on the doors in that part of the home, and the patients are monitored

more closely. We also added a new fenced-in area to our side yard, also with electronic locks, for their protection.

"We've also done a great deal of remodeling throughout that part of the nursing home, really giving it a more modern look with everything from new furniture to bedspreads."

Melton said the refurbished facility has already attracted three new patients, and with the extended responsibilities comes more hurdles to clear.

"Staffing can be a real problem when you're starting up a new service like this," he explained. "It's very important to get

people who know how to work with these types of patients, and that can be hard to find sometimes."

Melton said the facility copes with the natural tendency for Alzheimer's patients to wander by introducing different activities to occupy their time and attention.

"We've got an excellent activities director, and that helps curb a lot of the problems," said Melton.

"This sort of diversification is something most smaller facilities like ours will be forced to do in the future to keep the census up. It's the only way to survive these days."

For more information, call (432) 378-2134.

Motivational speaker to address audience in Stanton

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Motivational speaker David Ring of David Ring Ministries will be at the Stanton High School auditorium Monday evening.

The presentation, set to begin at 7 p.m., is being sponsored by area churches.

Ring was born with cerebral palsy in Jonesboro, Ark., in 1953. Faced with physical challenges throughout his life, Ring has been a nationally known speaker since 1973, sharing his story with more than 100,000 people each year.

Ring has been featured several times on "The Old

Time Gospel Hour" with the Rev. Jerry Falwell, as well as other nationally televised programs.

Ring focuses on individ-

ual's need to overcome personal handicaps and adversities in life, clearly stating to his audience "I have cerebral palsy.

What's your problem?"

For more information on Ring or his upcoming appearance in Stanton, call 756-2831.

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HOWARD-GLASSCOCK OLD SETTLERS REUNION PIONEER FAMILIES OF THE YEAR



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
The Fryars are Howard County's Pioneer Family of the Year. Since about 1906, when James William Fryar and his wife Ida Belle moved to the area, the Fryar name has been one of renown in Howard County.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
The Halfmann family has been named Pioneer Family of the Year from Glasscock County. The family has been an integral part of the area's culture since Adolf and Lena Halfmann settled in the area in 1946, moving from Runnels County.

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oring the Fryars of Howard County and the Halfmanns of Glasscock County."

The two families were named Pioneer Families of the Year at the event. Betty Thomas of Howard County spoke for the Fryars.

"We think that's great, wonderful! A real distinction," she said. "It had never even occurred to me that it was possible."

James William Fryar, born Aug. 25, 1882 in Bell County, was the first Fryar in the area. Along with his wife Ida Belle, he moved to Howard County in 1906. The couple started out with few possessions but eventually owned one of the most productive farms in the county.

The original Fryars had 10 children.

"They had all the 10 kids that they had here," Thomas said. "Well, I



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guess my dad had been born before then, but the others were born here."

Thomas said her favorite part of living in Howard County is the country lifestyle.

"I love living out in the country," she said. "When my husband and I decided to build a new house, we looked all around and couldn't find a better spot than out in the country."

The Halfmanns also appreciated the award, said family spokesperson Clara Cline.

"It's wonderful!" she said. "That is great. We're a big family and we like these get-togethers."

Adolf and Lena Halfmann were the first

Halfmanns in Glasscock County, arriving from Runnels County in late 1946. The couple bought 80 acres and cleared the brush with a grubbing hoe and axe. By 1947 they had the land cleared and started to plant cotton.

The couple had eight children.

Cline said the family enjoys living in West Texas.

"We love it," she said.

"We really do."

"We've had a great turnout," said Nancy Raney, event coordinator.

"We're really excited about Old Settlers. We've got the horse races that are about to go on and the dessert auction. It's just a really great time for everybody."

You don't have to be old to enjoy the Old Settlers

Reunion, Raney said.

"We want to stress to everybody that Old Settlers isn't just for older settlers," she said. "It's actually for everyone. To be considered an old settler in Howard County you technically have to be here 20 years, so I'm an old settler at 27, if that tells you anything. We're having a great time."

The event was set to

continue Saturday night with a dance, she added.

"We want to encourage everybody to come out tonight and hear Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys," said Raney. "For the dance it's \$7 and it starts at 9 p.m."

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Individuals in FBI probe say new evidence exonerates them

HOUSTON (AP) — A group of people who were either acquitted of or pleaded guilty to bribery charges related to an FBI sting operation in the early 1990s aimed at NASA contractors have asked a federal judge to review their cases because they claim new evidence shows they were the victims of a flawed and corrupt investigation.

The sting, dubbed "Operation Lightning

Strike," started in December 1991 and ended in July 1993. Agents aimed to root out corrupt contractors and government workers willing to violate federal procurement laws. The sting involved an FBI agent posing as a corrupt businessman who wanted to get a bogus kidney device flown on the space shuttle.

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same through the tax holiday right now, our sales for the overall week are a lot better than last year's."

Another local retail outlet reporting good business during the Sales Tax Holiday was Burke's Outlet.

"We're doing just great," said Burke's supervisor Karri Tindal. "The business has been really good and steady so far. In fact, I'd say business is probably double what it normally is right now."

Dunlap's Department Store reported only a slight upswing in business, citing the current economic slump for the lack of sales.

"Things have picked up a little," said manager Judy Castro. "These hard economics time have taken quite a toll."

Ward's Saddle and Western Wear also reported a slight increase in business, and according to Bill Ward, early in the tax holiday the results were on par with last year's.

Angela Brown, manager of C Bar G Western Wear, said business had actually been quite slow early Friday at her establishment.

While the early results were mixed, parents seemed to agree, the tax holiday is nothing short of a blessing.

"We've never missed one of these tax holidays," said Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey while shopping for back-to-school clothes at Bealls. "We always make sure we take advantage of this as much as possible."

Although the Sales Tax Holiday was designed to

Texas Comptroller
Carole Keeton
Strayhorn estimates Texans will save \$43.8 million in sales tax this holiday alone, having already saved shoppers an estimated \$150.2 million since it's inception in 1999.

help parents provide their children with back to school clothes and necessities, Ritchey said he and his family take advantage of it to the fullest degree possible.

"We try to buy clothes for everyone in the family during this time," said Ritchey.

Though both Ritchey and his wife Robin were eager to get the school shopping done, son Matt had a different take on things.

"When we came in today to shop, Matt gave me a time limit," Mrs. Ritchey said with a laugh. "He said we came in at 3:30 p.m. and we'd better be out of here by 3:45 p.m."

Like most young men, Matt Ritchey is no fan of clothes shopping. When asked what part of it he dislikes most, the young man simply replied "all of it."

The Sales Tax Holiday allows shoppers to purchase many items — primarily clothing and footwear — without having to pay any local or state sales tax. Many merchants will allow customers to put items on layaway during the "holiday" period, which ends at midnight Sunday.

Not taxed:

Baby clothes
Belts with attached buckles
Boots — cowboy, hiking
Caps/hats — baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
Coats and wraps
Diapers — adult and baby
Dresses
Gloves (generally)
Gym suits and uniforms
Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
Hosiery
Jackets
Jeans
Jerseys — baseball and football
Jogging apparel
Neckwear and ties
Pajamas
Pants and trousers
Raincoats and ponchos
Robes
Shirts
Shoes — sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
Socks (including athletic)
Shorts
Suits, slacks, and jackets
Sweatshirts
Sweat suits
Sweaters
Underclothes
Work clothes and uniforms

Taxed

Accessories (generally) — barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
Backpacks
Baseball cleats and pants
Belt buckles (without belt)
Boots — climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
Buttons and zippers
Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
Dry cleaning services
Football pants
Golf gloves
Handbags and purses
Handkerchiefs
Hard hats
Helmets — bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
Jewelry
Laundering services
Leather goods — except belts with buckles and wearing apparel
Pads — football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
Personal flotation devices
Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
Roller blades and skates
Safety clothing, glasses

School days approaching quickly

New student orientation begins Monday in Howard County

Herald Staff Report

Howard County public school districts are gearing up for the new school year with some campuses registering new students as early as Monday.

Big Spring ISD

Registration for students in grades 9-12 new to the district will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday. Returning BSHS students can pick up their schedule packet on the following dates: Seniors, Aug. 6; juniors, Aug. 7; and sophomores, Aug. 8.

On those dates, packets will be available beginning at 8 a.m., with scheduling conflicts to be worked out between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Freshman orientation is slated for Aug. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the BSHS Auditorium. Parents will get the chance to tour the campus, as well as meet with the teachers during this time. All conflicts with freshmen schedules will be handled the next day, Aug. 15, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the high school.

For more information on these and other back-to-school schedules, contact BSHS at 264-3641.

Big Spring Junior High School will hold registration for grades 7 through 8 between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., including the noon hour, on Aug. 7-8. Orientation, open house and schedule pick up for seventh grade students is slated from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. on Aug. 14.

BSJHS eighth graders will attend orientation, open house and schedule pick up between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Aug. 14. Parents are required to attend orientation sessions. For more information, contact the school at 264-4135.

Goliad Intermediate School will also be holding registration Aug. 7-8, between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., including the noon hour. Fifth grade students will attend orientation Aug. 14, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. All sixth grade students will attend orientation and schedule pick-up Aug. 14, between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Again, attendance by parents is required. For more information, contact Goliad Intermediate School at 264-4111.

Registration at any of the BSISD elementary schools, including Bauer,



In slightly more than two weeks, public schools in Howard County will be ringing their bells. New student orientation begins Monday for Big Spring and Coahoma ISDs and on Wednesday at Forsan.

Kentwood, Marcy, Moss and Washington, is also scheduled for Aug. 7-8, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., including the noon hour. Students must be registered in their attendance area unless a transfer request was approved no later than June 15. For more information, contact the school individually.

Coahoma ISD

Coahoma Independent School District will hold student registrations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday for grades kindergarten through 6, at the Coahoma Elementary School office. Registration for junior high students is slated for Aug. 14, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Coahoma Junior High School building. Coahoma High School students can pick up registration and parking forms at the High School office Aug. 7 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and again on Aug. 8 between 8 a.m. and noon.

High school students will be able to pick up their schedules Aug. 11 at the following times: Seniors, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.; juniors, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; sophomores, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.; and freshmen, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Students will not be allowed to pick up schedules if they don't have their registration and parking forms filled out and in hand.

The first day of classes

bring proof of residence, birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization records and records from previous schools.

New students in grades kindergarten through fifth will register at Elbow Elementary. New student registration for grades 6-12 will be held at Forsan High School.

Forsan Junior High School will be hosting an orientation for all incoming sixth grade students on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 2-4 p.m. All incoming sixth grade students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Forsan High School seniors and juniors will register and pick up schedules at the Forsan Junior/Senior High School Office Monday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sophomores and freshmen will register and pick up schedules in the Forsan Junior/Senior High School Office Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

is Aug. 18.

Students new to the district must make an appointment to register. For more information, contact CISD at 394-4290.

Forsan ISD

Forsan Independent School District will hold new student registration on Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. This will be for all students kindergarten through 12th grade who are new to the district.

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Care packages sent to Texas 11' include fruit and diapers

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Flower arrangements, mylar "Thank You" balloons and fruit baskets adorned a hotel caucus room Friday, expressing support for 11 Texas Democratic senators self-exiled in Albuquerque.

Then came the package containing diapers, baby rattles, pacifiers and child leashes.

Day 5 of the standoff between the "Texas 11" — Democrats who fled their state to avoid a vote on redistricting — and the Republican majority that wants to redraw state congressional districts.

Gifts have been arriving daily at the hotel for the Democrats. Besides the care packages, a Texas Republican woman constituent offered to pay a week's lodging for Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, which Barrientos said was a gesture of support. He declined the thanks.

But not all the deliveries were friendly or supportive — i.e. the diaper message.

"We hope that these behavior-appropriate items make the Democrats a little more comfortable while they are AWOL from their elected duties," Texas

GOP chairwoman Susan Weddington said of the diaper-pacifier collection.

The baby items were sent in response to a Dallas Morning News story that stated the senators were underpacked and had to buy underwear and socks at an Albuquerque mall.

"They're poking fun at a very serious issue and that is so immature and so irresponsible," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini of Laredo. "But let them have a good time. They must have nothing better to do."

At a Friday news conference, Sen. Leticia Van

de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, said the senators sent a letter asking Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to restore a rule requiring a two-thirds vote to take up issues, including redistricting.

"We were forced to leave Austin when we learned of a plan to call an immediate second special session during which the two-thirds rule would not be in effect," Van de Putte said. "On an issue that affects the very essence of democracy for the 7.6 million Texans we represent, changing the rules placed partisanship

ahead of our right to protect millions of minority voters."

The lawmakers began visits with New Mexico state and education leaders this week and plan to continue meeting with leaders of other groups during their anticipated 30-day stay.

Sen. Mario Gallegos Jr. of Galena Park said they plan to visit the state Capitol in the coming weeks. He also said he plans to visit trauma centers around the state.

"We plan to make it more of a working stay and learn about the state of New Mexico, their

infrastructure," Gallegos said.

The senators will be featured on Friday's episode of HBO's political talk show, "Real Time with Bill Maher."

"I have no problem at all (going on the show). I think what is happening in Texas can affect the United States if this super majority gets into the U.S. Congress because of what Tom DeLay's doing," said Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso. "But ultimately, at the national level, it's about what is happening in Congress and potentially the Voting Rights Act in two years."

NEWS BRIEFS

Chechen rebels suspected in bombing

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — Russian authorities suspect Chechen rebels in a suicide truck bombing of a military hospital near Chechnya that killed 35 people.

The Friday blast in the city of Mozdok collapsed the four-story brick hospital like a house of cards, said Regional Emergency Situations Minister Boris Dzagoyev.

The deputy head of the regional Emergency Situations Ministry, Maj. Gen. Nikolai Lityuk, said 33 bodies were recovered from the rubble by Saturday morning. Another two bodies spotted in the debris, he said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack — the latest in a surge of suicide bombings that have killed more than 100 people in and near Chechnya and in Moscow since May — but Russian officials said they suspected Chechen rebels.

Russian Deputy Prosecutor General Sergei Fridinsky said that because military personnel who fought rebels in Chechnya were being treated at the hospital, "we are inclined to view this crime as an act of revenge," Interfax reported.

Woman's lawyer says no crime committed

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The lawyer for a woman accused of hoaxing an Indiana couple by posing as their long-lost daughter says his client will fight extradition to Indiana, claiming that no crime was committed.

Donna Lynette Walker remained in custody in the Shawnee County on \$100,000 bond, an amount set Friday by District Judge Thomas Conklin, who called Walker a flight risk.

Walker is charged with identity deception and false reporting for committing what police called a "cruel hoax" by claiming she was Shannon Marie Sherrill to the missing woman's parents over the phone.

Jockeying continues in California race

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As actor Arnold Schwarzenegger leans against running in California's gubernatorial recall race, Richard Riordan apparently is leaning toward it.

A candidacy by the popular former mayor of Los Angeles could further pressure Democrats to field a candidate of their own on Oct. 7, straining Democratic unity.

Riordan, a moderate Republican, is assembling a campaign team and said he will seriously consider getting in the race if actor Arnold Schwarzenegger does not.

Bush optimistic about North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sees hope that North Korea can be persuaded to dismantle its nuclear weapons programs because that goal is shared by the United States and other countries which will take part in multilateral disarmament negotiations with Pyongyang.

"In the past it was the lone voice of the United States speaking clearly about this. Now we'll have other parties who have got a vested interest in peace on the Korean peninsula," Bush said.

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Old-time superstitions live on during South Texas swelter

HARLINGEN (AP) — It wasn't that long ago that small children were kept inside during the "dog days" of summer for fear the fiery sun would weaken them to disease. People didn't cut their hair. They put off surgery.

But the traditions and superstitions associated with the six-week stretch of high dry summer between July and September have slowly faded with modern life and air conditioning.

"If you ask somebody who is 20 years old what the canicula is, he'll say 'what is that, a movie?'" 53-year-old landscaper Frank Gonzales said. "But people who have been here a long time, they know. Especially people who are outside all the time. It's a matter of life or death."

Canicula is the Latin name for the "dog star," the luminous dot of Canis Major seen over Texas these days as the sun rises. It's believed Spanish missionaries dubbed the time the "dog days" when the apparent second sun in the horizon meant the hottest, driest times of summer were to follow.

Tony Ramirez, a Laredo-based ethnobotanist who researches how native cultures used native plants for rituals and healing, said some indigenous peoples linked the hot period to visits by the mythical serpent-like creature roaming their universe.

It was an apt explanation for days in South Texas that can easily top 105 degrees, he said.

"There's definitely a consuming fire to the season," Ramirez said. "It's a much more powerful force than anything man can control."

Spaniards over the centuries mimicked the Mayan and Aztec rhythms of planting, adopting early September as the prime time for planting. As ranching took hold in Texas, more patterns were set. Cattle were branded in the hot, dry air, then left to loll as ranchers busied themselves cutting sundried mesquite into fence posts.

Anglo settlers heeded the instincts of the Mexican and Indian natives, tuning into the almost daily talk of when the canicula might end.

In some cases, that prediction was made in January during a period known as the cavanuela, a remnant of an ancient belief that the weather pattern for the year could be decoded during the first month.

Climatologists love the legend of the canicula, meteorologist Kurt Van Speybroeck said, but long ago concluded it had nothing to do with the stars.

What's really being experienced, he said, is an annual westward expansion of calm air known the Bermuda High. During July and August the still mass of air tends to hang as far south as Central America and as far north as the southern United States.

"People always try to find some reason why things are happening and sometimes it's just coincidence. And really, that's what it is. A coincidence," Speybroeck said.

Gonzales, the landscaper, said the canicula's rhythms were lost with the emergence of dryland crops like cotton and grain sorghum.

A cotton farmer's son, Gonzales said the dog days to him meant the miseries of the harvest. One of his jobs was taking water to the workers. He

would freeze bowls of water into chunks of ice that would melt as he crossed the fields.

"We continued working, but it was just at a slower pace," he said. "It was just so hot. A lot of people would get sick."

As a landscaper, those things still hold true for Gonzales during the canicula. While his work doesn't stop, his clients

"People always try to find some reason why things are happening and sometimes it's just coincidence."

learn to accept that there may be some waiting. For example, he has designed a bed alongside a road

that will stay barren until the inevitable September rain breaks the canicula. Only then, he said, is it

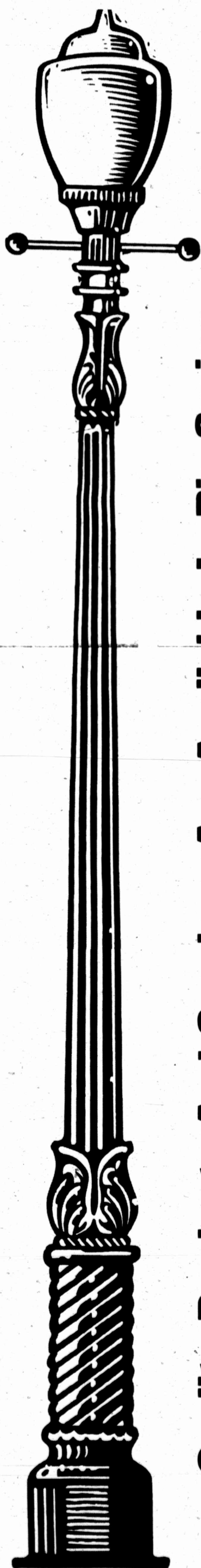
sensible to plant the seeds for Texas bluebonnets.

He also won't transplant anything that's been raised in a greenhouse; it wouldn't be tough enough for the August sun. In general, he avoids stirring the soil and exposing the roots during the extended heat.

Mary Margaret McAllen Amberson, who recently collaborated on a history

of the McAllen ranch, namesake of the fast-growing city of McAllen, said she swears by the canicula-minded advice of another landscaper who works for her father.

"I'll say something like 'I want to plant these plants' and he'll say 'wait until the end of the canicula, there'll be a good rainstorm.' He's usually right."



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Gridders, spikers return to scene Monday

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

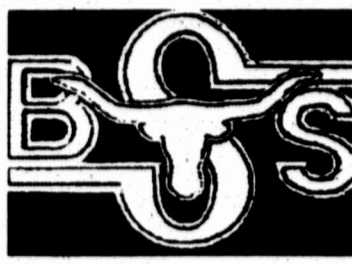
The one thing more important than chili and oil in West Texas will return in earnest in less than 48 hours: high school athletics.

The Crossroads won't be immune to the return of prep sports, either. All seven area high schools will begin preseason two-a-day workouts Monday morning in preparation

for their respective season openers.

The Big Spring Steers, entering their 13th year under head coach Dwight Butler, will open football camp with the first of two workouts at 8 a.m. at Blankenship Field. The Steers, who advanced to the Class 4A Division II quarterfinals last fall, will also practice later in the day.

The Steers, who will practice the first week in



t-shirts and helmets, are slated to make their first preseason outing on Aug. 16 at home against Socorro, N.M.

The BSHS Lady Steers' volleyball players also

report for three-a-day workouts on Monday.

The Lady Steers, who won 20 games for the first time in more than a quarter of a century in 2002, enter preseason under new head coach Revis Ward-Daggett, a former Division I college coach.

The Big Spring girls will begin practice at 8:30 a.m. in the Steer gym. All other workouts will be held in the junior varsity practice gym.

The BSHS girls will also practice from 2-5 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. daily.

The Lady Steers will scrimmage Midland High and Midland Lee on Aug. 15 before opening their 2003 season on Aug. 19 against Midland Greenwood.

The Steers and Lady Steers won't be the only athletes returning to the scene locally.

In Coahoma, Robert See **RETURN**, Page 11A

Hendricks nets TAAF bowling accolades

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Kay Hendricks knew heading into the 2003 Texas Amateur Athletics Federation Games of Texas that she had a chance to write her name into the history books.

She didn't miss the opportunity.

Hendricks captured the TAAF women's bowling crown in the 160-179 Division last Saturday afternoon with a solid effort at Show Place Lanes in Euless. She rolled a score of 429 to top her class and become the only Big Spring champion at the week-long tournament.

Hendricks was far from the only Big Spring bowler making their presence felt, however. In all, five Crossroads bowlers finished in the Top 5 in their respective divisions.

Ken Beeler walked away from the state tournament with a bronze medal in the men's 65-69 Division.

Beeler recorded a final score of 553 in the event and finished just 55 pins off the winning pace set by Bill Campbell of Houston.

Paul Salyers of De Valle was second in the division at 601.

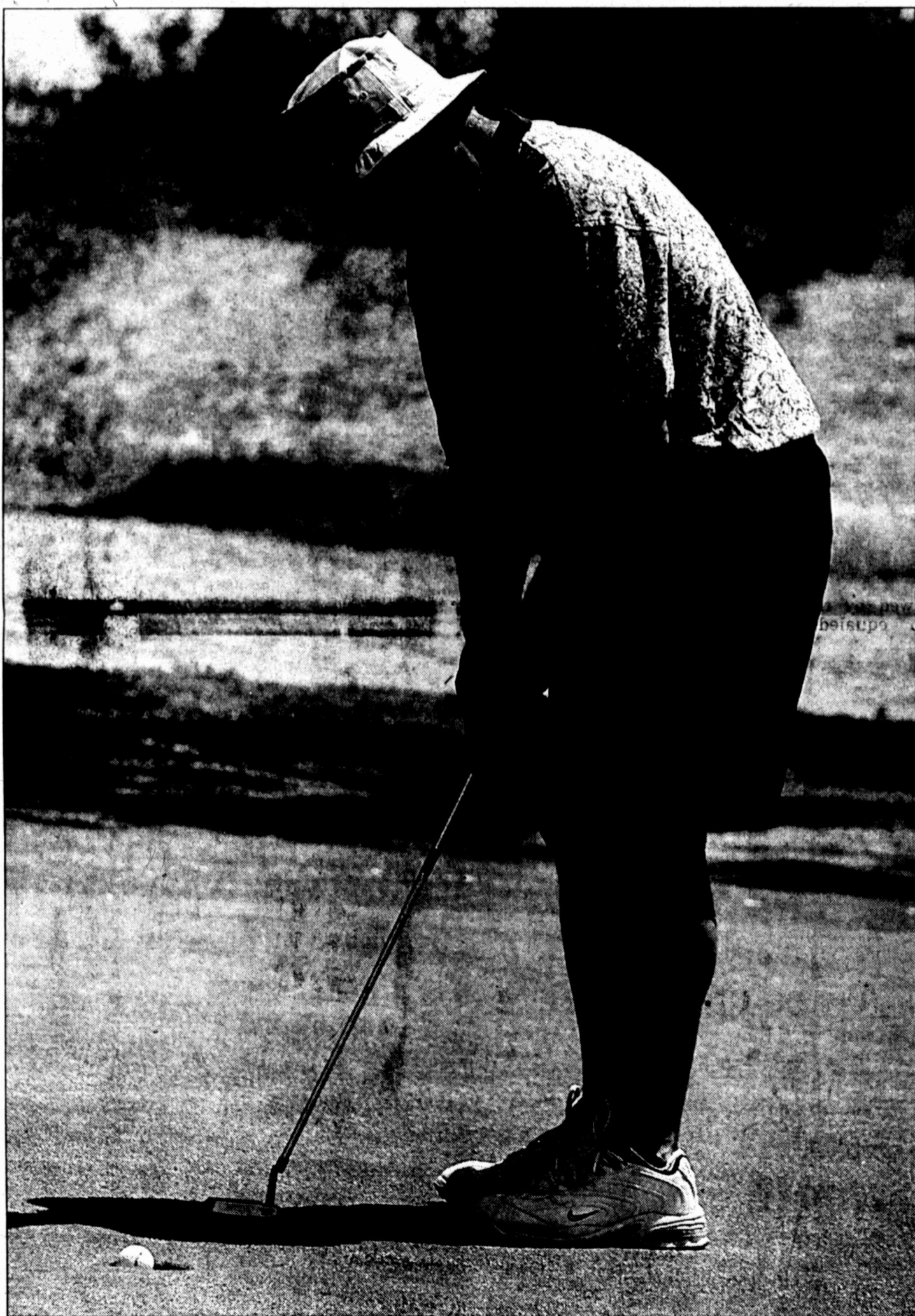
Big Spring's Jim Gaither also finished well. He took fourth in the overall standings in the 60-64 classification with a score of 550.

Killeen's Bud Herron dominated the division, rolling a mark of 598 to win the title. Houston's Tony Feiza edged out Russell Meier of Copperas Cove by 10 pins to take third.

Erik Hendricks also took fourth in the 140-149 division, posting a score of 395.

Stephen Ewing was Big Spring's top youth finisher. He was fourth in the boy's 12-14 division with a 659.

TITLE HOPES



Bill Bauer sinks a short putt during Saturday's first round of the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The annual golf tournament is scheduled to run through Sunday afternoon. Complete results will appear in Monday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

Cowboys, Texans to renew their 'Battle of Texas' ... sort of

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Even if a rivalry started to form when the Houston Texans beat the Dallas Cowboys in the opener last season, their matchup Saturday can't exactly be billed as Round 2.

This get-together doesn't count in the standings, not even the preseason ones. It's just a practice in the morning and a scrimmage at night. Coaches will be focusing on sorting out their depth charts, not upholding territorial pride.

But to some players, there is a bit of pride at stake.

The teams began building ill will after tussling

in a scrimmage, then meeting again in the opener. Plus, this will be the first chance for all of them to take out their training-camp frustrations on someone wearing a different colored jersey.

"I think our guys want to go out and prove something," Texans quarterback David Carr said. "Even though we won that game last year, the scrimmage was a little lopsided. They came out and kind of hit us in the mouth last year. We definitely have some guys that want to go back and get back at them."

Cowboys receiver Antonio Bryant said he thinks many teammates

"have a lot on their chests from last year."

"It's going to be high intensity," Bryant said. "That's what we're looking for."

After selling out 27,536-seat Robertson Stadium in Houston for last summer's scrimmage, more than 20,000 tickets ranging from \$10 to \$50 are expected to be sold for Saturday night's event at the Alamodome, where the Cowboys are holding camp.



Dallas Cowboys Training Camp

Each team will have 10-play drives starting at their own 20-, 30- and 40-yard lines, midfield and the opponent's 35. If a team doesn't make a first down in three plays, they'll go back to the starting point. And if they're still driving after 10 plays, they can keep going.

"I don't really think

we'll go out there with the idea of really trying to attack as much as we'll go out there with the idea of trying to look at guys doing things more," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "That's what a scrimmage is supposed to be. A scrimmage isn't supposed to be a game."

See **COWBOYS**, Page 11A

Lady Steers Boosters to hold organizational meeting Monday

Parents of all Big Spring High School girls participating in volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading this season are invited to attend an orga-

nizational meeting of the Lady Steers Booster Club on Monday.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the BSHS library

IN BRIEF

BSHS girls' volleyball
The Big Spring High School girls' volleyball team's season tickets are now on sale at the Alamodome Training Center.

Current season ticket holders can reserve their tickets from Aug. 4-15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Aug. 16.

Tickets to individual games can be purchased the day of the contest at the ATC from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads football sign-ups under way

Registration for the 2003 Crossroads 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.

For more information, call 268-9634.

BSCC to hold 2-day, 2-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a two-day, two-person gold scramble on Aug. 9-10.

Teams competing in tournament will consist of one male and one female member. Entry fee is set at \$135, excluding the cost of the cart.

For more information, call 267-5555.

Football boosters to hold meeting Monday

The Big Spring High School football boosters will hold a meeting Monday night in the ATC. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Randy Phillips at 264-6600.

WTGSC to hold 100-hole golf marathon

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will be holding a golf marathon on Monday 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 play at their own speed using modified rules.

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

Patenters tourney, HR bash scheduled

The Texas Patenters Softball Tournament and Home Run Derby will be held Aug. 9-10.

Entry into the event is set at \$115 per team. Class D and E squads finishing first through third in the overall team standings will receive trophies and shirts.

For more information, contact Manuel Gonzales at (817) 816-8433 or Carrillo at (817) 8219.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event, Time	Station	
Astros vs. Florida, 4:40 p.m.	1490	Aug. 2
Astros vs. Florida, 12:30 p.m.	1490	Aug. 3
Astros vs. Yankees, 5:30 p.m.	1490	Aug. 5
Astros vs. Mets, 6:40 p.m.	1490	Aug. 6
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DiMarco leads Woods and the field at '03 Buick Open

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — Tiger Woods threw his hands in the air, smiled and laughed.

His eagle from a bunker on his first hole Friday still wasn't nearly enough to close the big gap between himself and Buick Open leader Chris DiMarco, who is 13 under after an 8-under 64 in the rain-delayed second round.

Woods was 5 under through 15 holes and five strokes behind DiMarco when play was stopped for the day. Woods had to return Saturday to finish the second round, which was delayed for five hours because of lightning and heavy rain and was later suspended by darkness.

Woods started the day 3 under — 10 strokes behind DiMarco — in his final tuneup before playing the PGA Championship in two weeks, his last chance this season to win a major.

David Sutherland and Paul Gow shot 67s and were two shots behind DiMarco, who finished his round in perfect conditions well before the weather delay.

Woods was lining up an 18-foot birdie putt at No. 4 when the weather alarm blared at Warwick Hills forcing players to stop play and fans to seek shelter. He looked up and

grinned at a blue sky sprinkled with white clouds.

The PGA Tour decided to call for the delay because a storm was expected to reach the course within 15 minutes. However, it didn't start to rain for about two hours.

Gow agreed with the decision.

"They have got to worry about the spectators and the players," he said.

The delay lasted for another two hours before the players were allowed to start practicing and resume the round.

DiMarco, who began the second round 5 under, fell to 4 under before putting together nine birdies over the next 12 holes.

DiMarco, third in two of the first four tournaments this year, has seven top 10 finishes and is 14th on the money list. He has won one tournament in each of the last three seasons.

At the 2001 Buick Open, DiMarco shot a 23-under 265 to finish second to Kenny Perry by two strokes.

"I have a lot of good memories," DiMarco said.

DiMarco knows he can't get comfortable with his lead because the short course with true greens is always susceptible to low scores regardless of the conditions.

"I'm going to go out and try to make birdies and play aggressively," he

said. "With the rain, the greens are going to stay soft so you can fire at the pins."

Woods got off to a great start at No. 1 while overcoming a difficult lie — his left foot on grass and his right in the sand — in a greenside bunker with an eagle from 68 feet.

When his ball trickled down a hill left to right and found its way to the cup, the crowd cheered and a fan yelled: "Good start, Tiger!"

Woods was still smiling while he walked to pick up his ball.

He just missed birdie putts at No. 3, from about 7 feet, and on 5, after the delay. He had three birdies before the round was ended by darkness seconds after Woods parred No. 15.

Woods did not speak to reporters on his way to a car parked near the 16th tee.

Gow made the cut just twice in 11 events this season, including the British Open where he was tied for 33rd, and is No. 216 on the money list. His best career finish came at the 2001 B.C. Open, where he was second.

Sutherland played the first 10 holes 6 under Friday, but had two bogeys the rest of the way. His best finish this year was a tie for 13th at the Shell Houston Open.

Rangers hit 7 homers in rout of Tribe

ARLINGTON (AP) — Mark Teixeira and Todd Greene each homered twice and the Texas Rangers tied a team record by hitting seven home runs in beating the Cleveland Indians 10-3 Friday night.

Michael Young set the tone for the Rangers when he led off the first with his 10th home run of the season.

Alex Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro also homered for the Rangers, who won their third consecutive game. Teixeira had three hits and drove in four runs.

It was the third time in club history the Rangers hit seven home runs in a

game. The Rangers last accomplished the feat Sept. 21, 1998, against the Minnesota Twins.

The seven home runs allowed by the Indians also equaled a club record. Milwaukee Brewers hit seven off Cleveland on April 29, 1980.

Cleveland's Ben Broussard hit his ninth home run of the season, a two-run shot in the seventh.

The Rangers' power surge was more than enough for starter John Thomson, who won for the fifth time in six decisions.

Thomson (9-10) gave up three runs and five hits in

eight innings.

After Young's homer in the first, Rodriguez singled and Palmeiro drew a walk. Teixeira hit a three-run homer off Billy Traber (5-6) to give the Rangers a 4-0 advantage.

Rodriguez hit a two-run homer in the second off Traber. It was his 26th home run of the season.

Traber was pulled after two innings. It was his shortest start of the season.

Terry Mulholland relieved Traber in the third and allowed three home runs to the first four batters.

Palmeiro, Teixeira and Greene connected off Mulholland.

Kent's HR helps Astros upend Marlins

MIAMI (AP) — Jeff Kent's solo home run and Josh Beckett's balk were enough for the Houston Astros to defeat the Florida Marlins 2-1 Friday night.

The Marlins lost for only the second time in 10 games.

Tim Lincecum (8-9) gave up one run on six hits in seven innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Octavio Dotel pitched a scoreless eighth and Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his 32nd save in 35 chances.

Beckett (5-5) got the loss despite pitching well. He allowed only two hits in seven innings, striking out nine and walking none.

Kent homered off the left-field foul pole in the second inning.

Jeff Bagwell wound up with a standup triple in the fourth when he hit a line drive that diving center fielder Juan Pierre could not catch. Bagwell scored when Beckett was called for a balk.

The Marlins scratched back a run in the fifth inning, helped by a couple of odd plays along the foul lines.

With one out, Beckett squared to bunt Alex Gonzalez to second. As the ball rolled toward first base, Bagwell followed it along the line,

waiting for it to roll foul — but it never did, giving Beckett a hit.

An out later, Luis Castillo slapped a ball up the first-base line that angled back into fair ter-

ritory for an RBI single.

Mike Lowell's 11-game hitting streak ended for Florida.

The Astros made it four wins in a row over the Marlins.

COWBOYS

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Texas coach Dom Capers said he hopes to learn more about his team.

"I always believed that during the preseason you do the best job of evaluating your players when you are going against somebody else," Capers said.

Last summer's scrimmage turned tense after Texans center Steve McKinney and Cowboys

defensive tackle John Nix tangled after Carr completed a pass. McKinney said he was upset because the Cowboys "were moving around and they were coming."

Dallas outplayed Houston that night, which might've given them false confidence going into the opener. The Texans won 19-10, making them only the second expansion team to ever start 1-0.

"I don't think they are going to forget that," Carr said.

RETURN

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Wood and the Bulldog coaching staff will begin erasing the memories of an injury-plagued 2002 season at 8 a.m.

Coahoma was the District 3-2A champion in 2001.

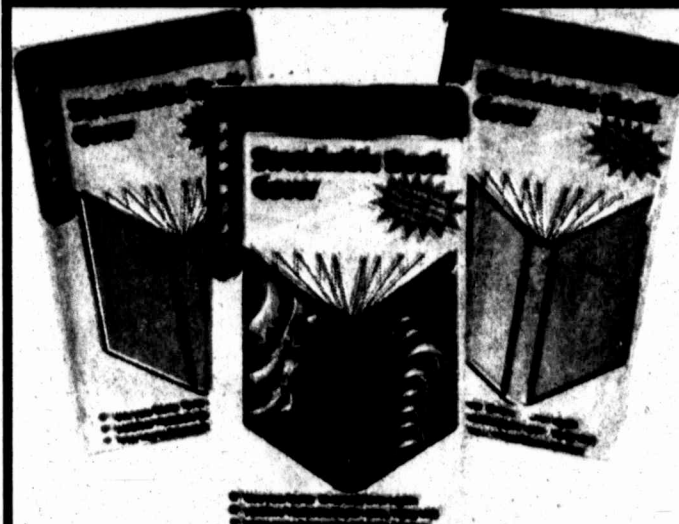
Tommy Thompson begins his reign as head coach in Forsan Monday as well. The Buffaloes came within four quarters of advancing to the state playoffs last season.

In Ackerly, Larry Reid will head into his second preseason camp with the Sands Mustangs.

Carl Krug also begins his second year in control of the Grady Wildcats. The Wildcats, powered by junior Andrew Villa, are one of the favorites to nail down a playoff berth in the District 6-A six-man race.

In Garden City, Ken Hoskins takes control of a young Bearcats squad, that endured a 1-9 mark in 2002.

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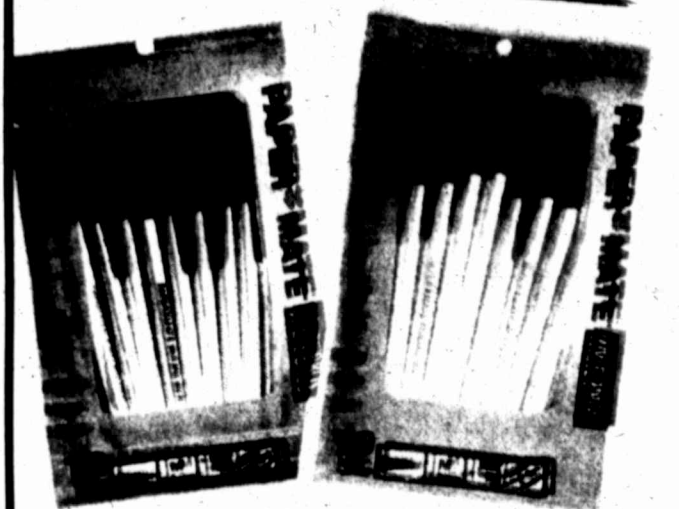
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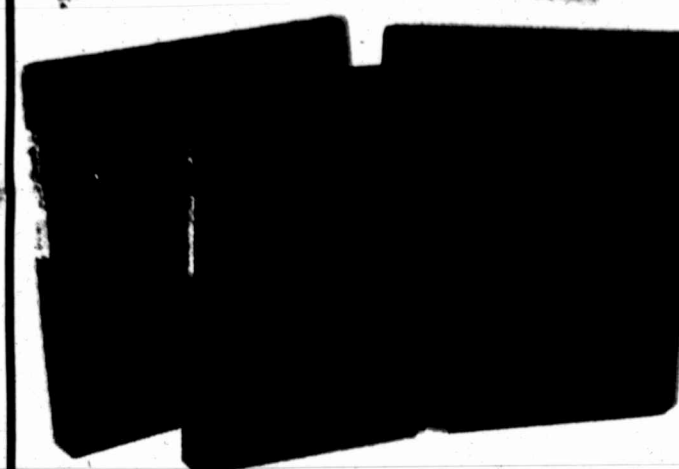
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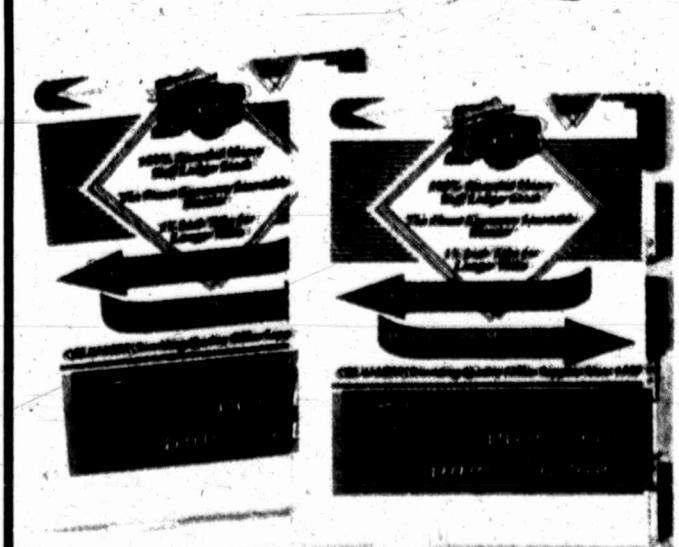
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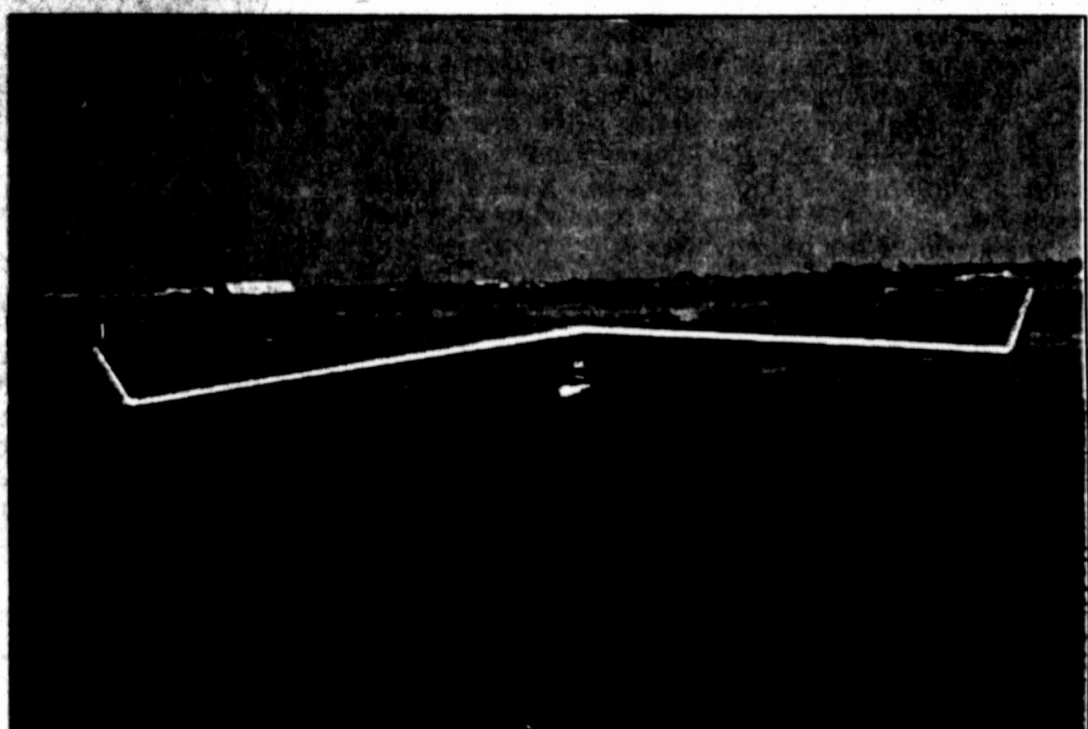
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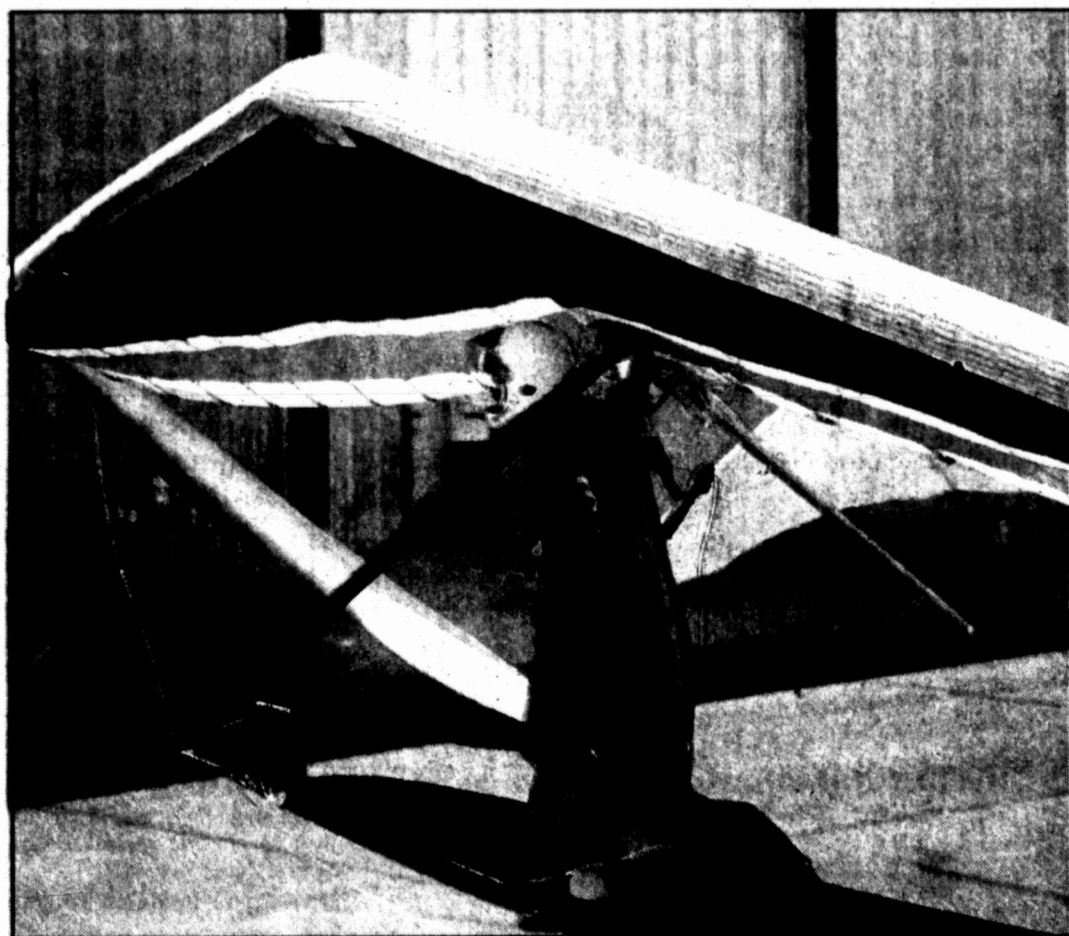
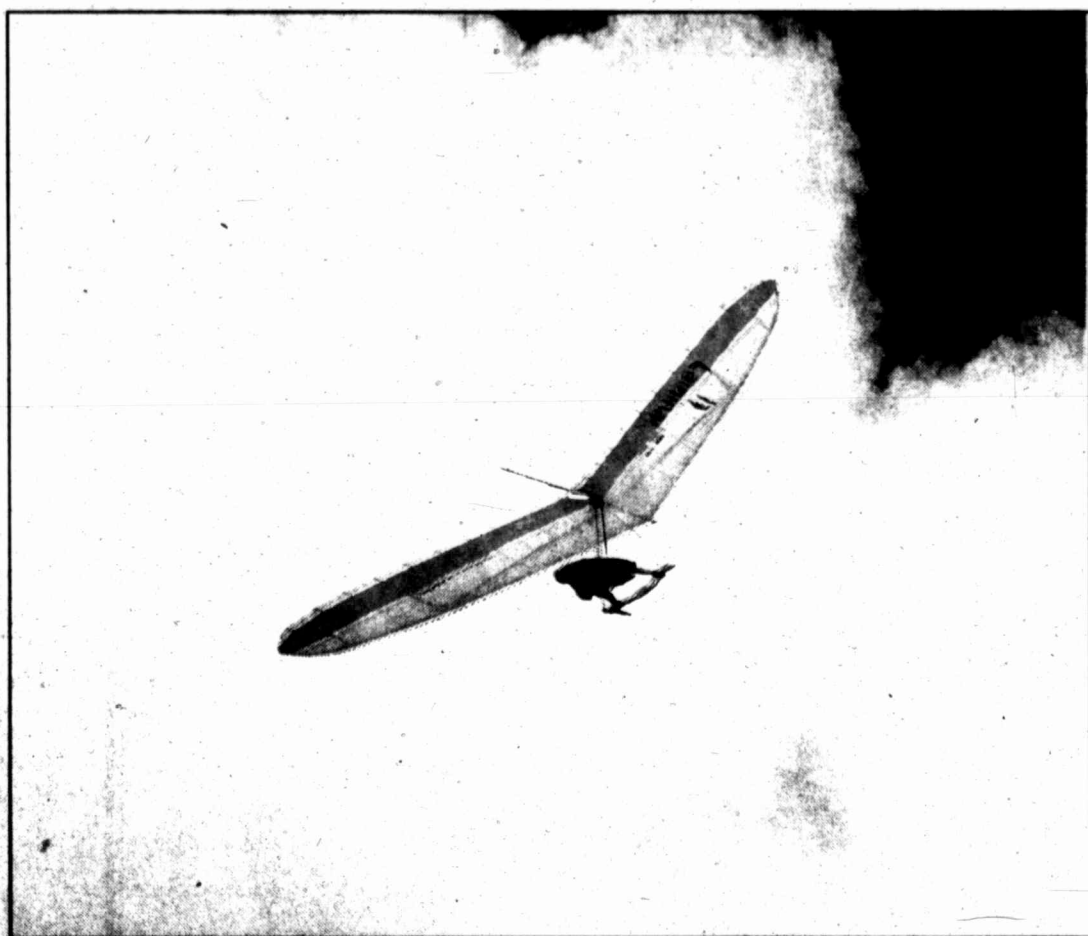
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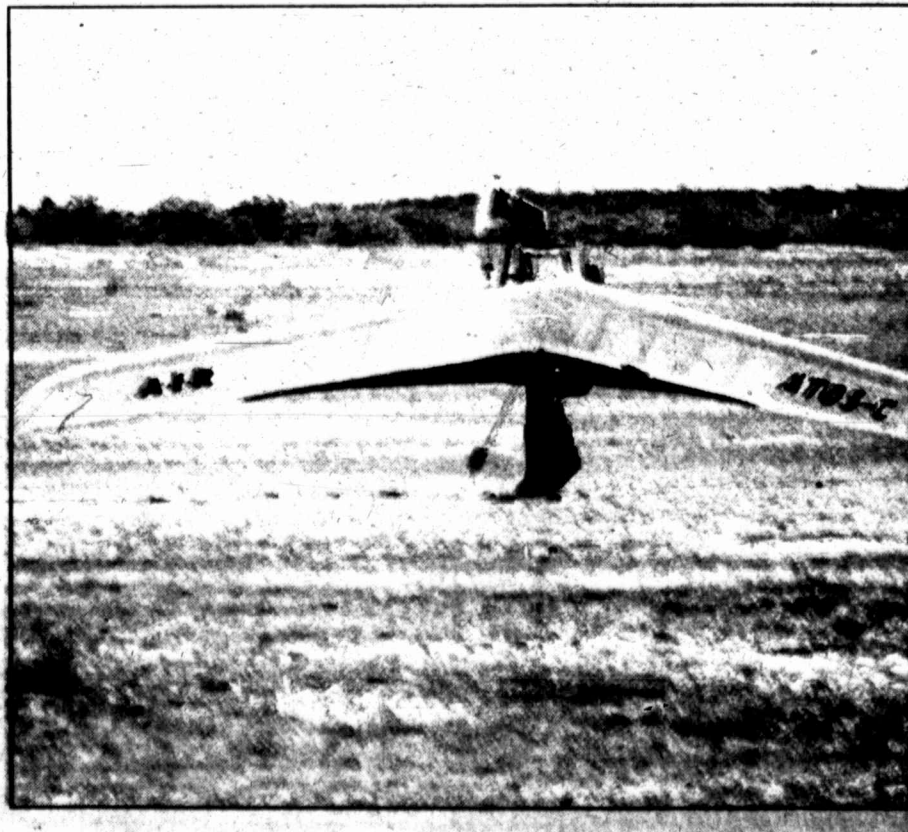


FREE FLYING



U.S. Hang Gliding Association National Championships
Clockwise from top: Big Spring hang glider pilot Chris Chaney of Chaney's Jewelry gets ready to land Thursday; Paris Williams of Groveland, Fla. is a two-time national flex-wing champ; Glen Volk of San Diego, Calif., totes his flex-wing glider back to the hangar after a flight; rigid-wing national champion Bruce Barnakian of Alta Loma, Calif., lands hard after finishing a daily competition task; Kraig Coomber of Sydney, Australia, pulls his "landing gear" — his legs, from the flight sheath in preparation for a return to Mother Earth; Rich Sauer of Witter Springs, Calif., soars over Big Spring; Junko Nakamura of Brisbane, Calif., brings her "Swift" glider in for a perfect one-point landing.

Photos by Roger Cline, Susanne Reed and Bruce Schooler



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WEDDING



Turner-Johnson

Courtnee Kae Turner and Brandon James Johnson, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on July 12, 2003, at 2 p.m., at First Christian Church with Gary Groves, pastor of First Christian Church in Midland, presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Laura Turner of Big Spring and Jay Turner of Horseshoe Bay and the granddaughter of Fran and Carolee Bordsoske and Don Caudill, all of Abilene, and Ruby and the late C.D. (Dennie) Turner of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Leslie Johnson and Jimmy Johnson of Big Spring and the grandson of Carolyn and Gene Welsh of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Harold and Emma Jean Johnson Hall and the late James L. Johnson Jr., all of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jay Turner, and wore a gown by Victoria. The strapless, Victorian candlelight satin gown featured flattering side drapes at the waist with openings showing beaded lace motifs. The dress laced down the back and was complimented with beaded motifs on the cathedral-length train. She carried a bridal bouquet with a mixture of magenta Gerbera daisies

with accents of Star Gazer lilies, white lilies, and Asparagus fern. Entwined in the arrangement was her baby cap that was presented to her by her aunt, Cheri Sparks, at birth that became a handkerchief to be carried with her on her wedding day. Something old was an antique family heirloom handkerchief given to her by the groom's maternal grandmother, Carolyn Welsh. It was the handkerchief that his great grandmother had carried on her wedding day. Something new was a bride's Bible that her father, Jay Turner, had presented to her earlier in the week. She borrowed a penny from a bridesmaid for good luck and something blue was her garter.

Music was provided by Angelo Kohl Conner. She played pieces of Canon in "D." by Pachelbel, Jesu, Joy of Mans Desiring, By Bach, followed by the prelude with the Wedding March by Handel. Singing the Lords Prayer acappella was Terry McDaniels of Big Spring.

Matron of honor was Lindley Turner, cousin of the bride, of Austin. Bridesmaids were Sarah Smith and Kelley Harris, both of Big Spring.

Best man was Brian Johnson, brother of the groom, of Big Spring.

Groomsmen were Justin Hobbs of Big Spring and Jeff Johnston of San Antonio.

Candlelighter was J. Rich Sparks, cousin of the bride, of Big Spring.

Ushers were Matthew Turner, cousin of the bride, of Horseshoe Bay, Cliff Lewis of San Marcos, Josh Cox of Austin, Colby Wegman of Dallas and Andrew Fraser of Austin.

A reception was held at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Nieman Talbot Hill of Dallas, Angelo Ochoa of San Angelo and Kristi Hobbs of Big Spring served refreshments to the guests.

The bride's table was covered with a lace table cloth, flanked with two large flower arrangements of magenta roses, magenta Gerbera daisies, Star Gazer and white lilies. The bride's bouquet was placed in the middle for the centerpiece. The cake was a four-tiered stacked white cake representing antique hat boxes. Placed on top of the cake was a porcelain entwined bride and groom statue. Punch was served from a sterling silver punch bowl.

The groom's table was covered with a lace table cloth. The cake was a two-tiered chocolate cake with chocolate dipped strawberries spiraling down, matching the bride's cake. Coffee was served from a silver tea service.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and has attended Howard College.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School and has attended college at Austin Community College and Southwest Texas State at San Marcos. He is presently employed by Southwest Tool.

Following a wedding trip to Santa Monica, Los Angeles and Hollywood, Calif., the couple have made their home in Big Spring.

Church News and Club News should be turned in by Wednesday noon before the Friday they are to appear, are subject to editing and will run as space allows.

BIG SPRING HERALD

WEDDING



Tindol-Lewis

Cassie Tindol of Coahoma and Paul Lewis of Amarillo exchanged wedding vows on July 12, 2003, at Lubbockview Christian Church in Lubbock with Jarrod Stenger officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Jennie Tindol of Coahoma and the granddaughter of Grady and Sue Tindol and Eddie and Flo Kohanek.

The groom is the son of Greg and Sherry Lewis of Amarillo and the grandson of Eugene and Evelyn Day.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and wore a white, two piece, strapless, lace-up corseted satin gown with crystal and pearl bead-

work on the bodice, skirt edging and semi-cathedral length train. She carried a bouquet of red, yellow and confetti roses.

The vocalist was Jared Fuller.

Maid of honor was Aly Galbraith of Addison. Matron of honor was Kimberly Tindol, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shea Hudson and Natalie Fuller of Amarillo and Kenna Thomas of Arlington. The bridesmaids wore black, spaghetti-strapped dresses and carried confetti roses.

Ring bearer was Dyllan Tindol, nephew of the bride. Flowergirl was Kailey Tindol, niece of the bride.

Best man was Josh Fuller of Amarillo. Groomsmen were Aaron King of Lone Oak, Andy Hudson and Josh Sluder of Amarillo and Dustan Manes of Stephenville.

Ushers were Adam Tindol, Sam Tindol, brothers of the bride, and Jesse Lewis, brother of the groom. Candlelighters were Kendra and K.K. Tindol, cousins of the bride.

A reception was held at Jennings Hall at the church. The houseparty consisted of Kelli Kemper and Kenni Kay Wright, Kortney Kemper, cousins of the bride, and Julie Tindol and Diana Best, aunts of the bride.

The guestbook attendant was Karen Reagan, cousin of the bride.

The bride's cake was a three-tiered white cake with white scrollwork icing and was edged with fresh strawberries.

The groom's cake was a round chocolate cake with chocolate scrollwork icing and was topped with fresh strawberries.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2003 graduate of Tarleton State University. She is presently employed by River Road ISD.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Tascosa High School and a 2002 graduate of Tarleton State University. He is presently employed by Popeye's.

Following a wedding trip to Tortola-British Virgin Islands the couple have made their home in Amarillo.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Esthela Ornelas, the daughter of Elsa Hernandez and Frank Ornelas, both of Big Spring, was recently promoted to her current rank while serving aboard the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship

USS Wasp, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Ornelas joined the Navy in August of 2001. She was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in her designated specialty, Navy officials said.

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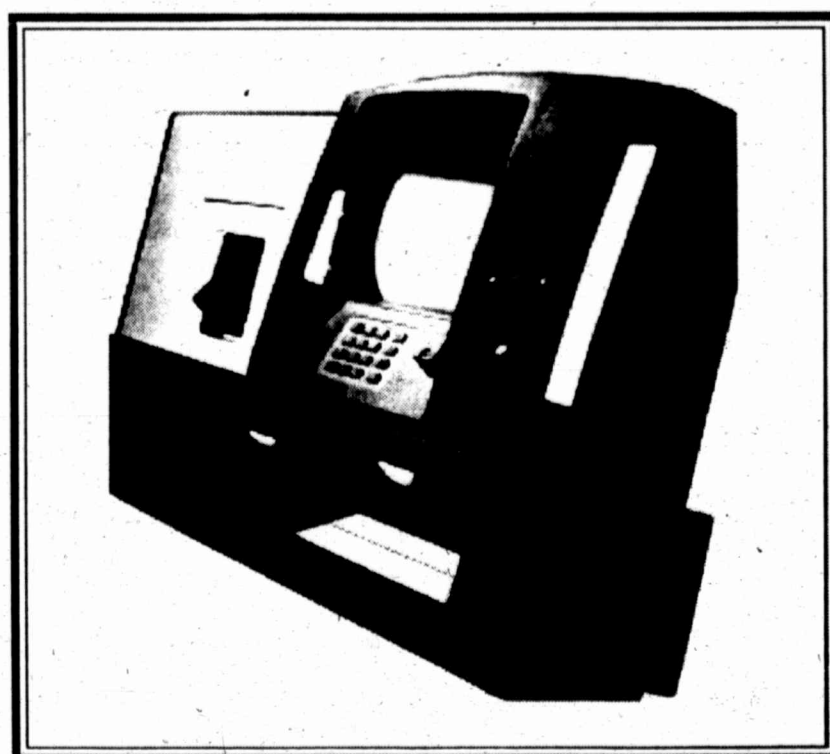
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Amy Beth and Justin Schwartz, both of Lawrence, exchanged wedding vows on July 12, 2003, at St. Catholic Church with Father Plagens presiding. The bride is the daughter of David and Weishuhn. Lawrence and daughter of and Helen J. Lawrence and Ethel W. Wall. The groom is Ernie and Schwartz of St. and the grand and Bernadet and Joe a Schwartz, al Lawrence.

The bride was married by David Weishuhn, a stunner Italian satin Impression. The bodice was with a triple braid, pearls beads in a floral. The look was throughout the gown and onto the straps. The Ballerina allowed the gown skirt to fully to the swept into a drapal train. The finished with appliques from line to the floor. The bride carried a bouquet of Mountain lilies, roses, stock, Gerbera daisies and a color. Vocalists/instrumentalists were Stuart Jost, the bride, both Lawrence and Schwartz of W. Maids of honor were Lindi Fisher, Ballinger and Hirt, cousin of St. Bridesmaids were Kasberg and Meagan Good of the groom Lawrence.

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WEDDING



Weishuhn-Schwartz

Amy Beth Weishuhn and Justin Dale Schwartz, both of St. Lawrence, exchanged wedding vows on July 12, 2003, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Bernard Getigan and Father James Plagens presiding.

The bride is the daughter of David and Belinda Weishuhn of St. Lawrence and the granddaughter of Lawrence and Helen Jost, of St. Lawrence and Presley and Ethel Weishuhn of Wall.

The groom is the son of Ernie and Debra Schwartz of St. Lawrence and the grandson of Ed and Bernadette Plagens and Joe and Rose Schwartz, all of St. Lawrence.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, David Weishuhn, and wore a stunning gown of Italian satin from the Impression collection. The bodice was accented with a triple band of crystals, pearls and bugle beads in a floral pattern. The look was echoed throughout the bodice and onto the spaghetti straps. The Basque waistline allowed the full ball gown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and swept into a mid cathedral train. The train was finished with beaded appliques from the waistline to the floor. She carried a bouquet of white Mountain lilies, Freesia, roses, stock, Calla lilies, Gerbera daisies, carnations and a collar of Fala.

Vocalists/instrumentalists were Steven Jost and Stuart Jost, uncles of the bride, both of St. Lawrence and Theresa Schwartz of Wall.

Maids of honor were Lindi Fischer of Ballinger and Deidra Hirt, cousin of the bride, of St. Lawrence. Bridesmaids were Kristin Kasberg of Ozona; Meagan Goodwin, cousin of the groom, of St. Lawrence; J'Layne

Niehues of St. Lawrence; Tracy Millican of Robert Lee; Carrie Weishuhn, cousin of the bride, of Wall; and Ashley Hirt, cousin of the bride, of St. Lawrence.

Ring bearers were Ethan Goodwin, cousin of the groom, and Edwin Jost, cousin of the bride, both of St. Lawrence.

Best men were Galen Schwartz and Kyle Schwartz, brothers of the groom, both of St. Lawrence. Groomsmen were Bradly Batla, cousin of the groom, of St. Lawrence; Cory Batla, cousin of the groom, of Lubbock; Chad Hirt, cousin of the bride and groom, of San Angelo; Derek Dieringer of St. Lawrence; Josh Slayden of Muleshoe; and Todd Weishuhn, brother of the bride, of St. Lawrence.

Ushers were Cory Batla, cousin of the groom, of St. Lawrence; John Hoyle, of Wall; Michael Cox, of Lubbock and Kelly Lankford of San Angelo.

Candlelighters were Bridgett Jost and Cassy Jost, aunts of the bride, both of St. Lawrence.

A reception was held at St. Lawrence Parish Hall, followed by a bar-b-que dinner and country western dance.

The bride's cake was a five-tiered white cake accented with a colorful array of fresh flowers.

The groom's cake was a two-layer chocolate cake decorated with the couples' monogram and accented with chocolate-covered strawberries.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is presently employed by Morgan Buildings and Spas.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple have made their home in Lubbock.

WEDDING



Huff-Lewis

Jennifer Lynn Huff of Big Spring and David James Lewis of Atascadero, Calif., exchanged wedding vows on June 21, 2003, at Atascadero Nazarene Church in Atascadero, Calif., with the Rev. Jerry Ferguson, the Rev. J. Roger Huff of Big Spring, and the Rev. Steve Cobbs, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. J. Roger and Kristine M. Huff of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Brad and Jan Lewis of McArthur, Calif.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, the Rev. J. Roger Huff and wore a strapless, white, two-piece satin gown accented on the fit-

ted bodice and the semi-cathedral length train with beaded embroidery. She wore a fingertip illusion veil that belonged to her mother, adorned with a crystal tiara. She carried a bouquet of wrapped yellow and white roses, tulips, freesias and lizianthis.

Vocalists were Tammy Delve and Henry and Laurie Valaau.

Matron of honor was Cheryl Farino.

Bridesmaids were Christina Silva, Tamika Steffanauer, Sarah Siems and Sara Lewis, sister of the groom. Junior bridesmaids were Kaitlyn and Amanda Lewis, sisters of the groom.

Ring bearer was Micah Steffanauer. Flowergirl

was Kelina Silva. Bible bearer was Taylor Cobbs. Train bearer was Angela Cobbs.

Best man was Will Steffanauer. Groomsmen were James Silva, Richard Adams, Wade Nason and Brent Huff, brother of the bride.

Candlelighters were Elena and Anna Lewis, sisters of the groom.

A reception was held at Atascadero Pavilion on the Lake. Entertainment was provided by violinists Shawna and Tess Harcourt.

The bride's cake was a round, four-tiered stacked cake with buttercream frosting, decorated with Cornelli lace and flower clusters.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Forsan High School and is attending Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Grace Christian in Atascadero, Calif.

Following a Mexican cruise the couple have made their home in Oklahoma City, Okla.

WHO'S WHO

Meredith Fillingim, Amy Hanes and Tina Woodruff of Big Spring were selected as members of the newly formed Texas Baptist All-State West Choir for high school students, headed by Dr. Loyd Hawthorne, veteran choral conductor and current member of the Hardin-Simmons University School of Music faculty.

Hawthorne explained that the choir includes high school students principally in the western part of Texas, including the Panhandle, but includes several musicians from Houston, Boerne, Mineral Wells and Weatherford.

Chelsea Ann Helsley and Laurie Annette Sewell, both of Big Spring, were among the more than 2,000 Baylor University students named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for

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Ruiz-Rios

Stephanie Ruiz and Jacob Rios, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on July 12, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Felix C. Cubelo presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Nancy Garcia of Big Spring and Richard Ruiz of Midland.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Rios of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Richard Ruiz, and wore a white gown with a silk train decorated with pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses, ribbon, and pearls.

Vocalist was Cindy Chavez.

Maid of honor was

Brooke Rios. Bridesmaids were Nancy Vega, Rachael Ruiz, Kimberly Ruiz and Karen Ruiz.

Ringbearer was Matthew Rios. Flowergirl was Jacobie Rios.

Best man was P.J. Dominguez. Groomsmen were Tony Vega, Valentine Torrez, Victor Castillo and Robert Ruiz.

Ushers were Nancy Garcia and Erlinda Rios.

A reception was held at the Howard County Fairbarn with D. J. Extreme from San Angelo providing the entertainment.

The bride's five-tier cake was white with navy blue roses and trimming.

The couple have made their home in Big Spring.

Sara Nicole Velasco, baby girl, born on July 20, 2003, at 9:19 p.m. weighing 10 pounds, 8 ounces and 19 inches long. The new and proud parents are Elizabeth Hernandez and Cristoval Velasco of Midland. Grandparents are Odilon and Martha Hernandez and Alonzo and Eunice Velasco, all of Big Spring.



Kesley Kristine Henson

Jeff Henson and Michele Wilson Parker,

along with big brother Kevin Parker, announce the arrival of Kesley Kristine Henson. She was born on July 3, 2003, at Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Submitted by Scenic Mountain Medical Center



Anthony Jose Hilario

Anthony Jose Hilario

Jr., boy, born July 24, 2003, at 8:58 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Parents are Lupe Aleman and Anthony Hilario. Grandparents are Jose and Beatrice Aleman and Barbara Hilario, all of Big Spring.

Jessica DeAnn Gilbert, girl, born July 16, 2003, at 11:56 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Charles and Debbie Gilbert of Stanton. Her grandparents are Elton and Becky Williams of Stanton and Mildred Gilbert of Brownfield.

Thomas Calvin Ames, boy, born July 19, 2003, at 12:09 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Tiffany and Jerry Ames.

TaToya Daniela Jenneine Alvarez, girl, born July 18, 2003, at 12:09

p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her mother is Rosemary Alvarez. Her grandparents are Gloria Alvarez and Fidel Martinez.

Ja'liya Alexius Deauion Francis, girl, born July 25, 2003, at 7:43 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Joshua Francis and Chasiti Marshall. Her grandparents are Linda Marshall and Linda Francis, both of Big Spring, Sherman Francis of Louisiana and James Talley of Ohio.

Victorya Felise Johnson-Aldridge, girl, born July 22, 2003, at 3:30 p.m. weighing 6, pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Victoria Aldridge and Eljia Johnson. Her grandparents are Billy and Sylvia Aldridge.

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the 2003 spring semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student had to be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Julian L. Garcia of Big

Spring, has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Garcia, who attends school in Big Spring, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Garcia is the son of Sammy and Irma Ortega and the grandson of Ray and Janie DeLeon and Mary O. Garcia, all of Big Spring.

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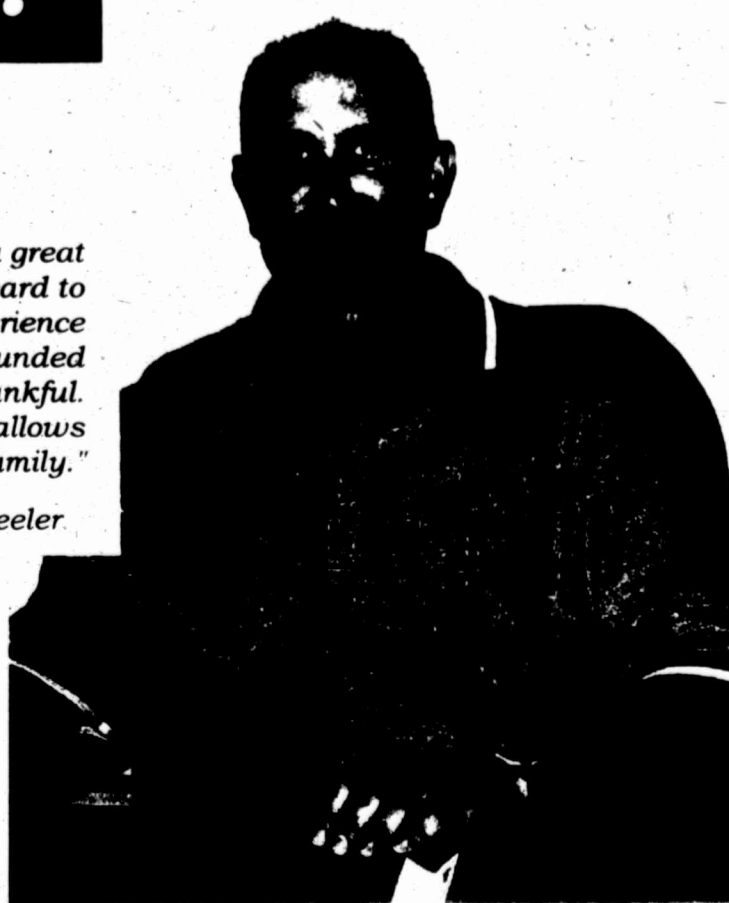
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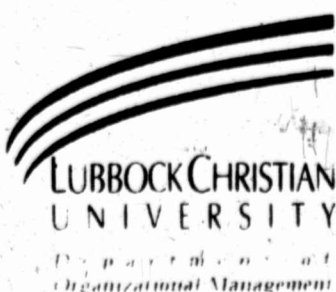
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Custom

By THOMAS J. E

Staff Writer

The Oasis is offering something new in the dining industry. It has become a new service.

Thomas Mo Geneva Cox leased The Oasis north of Big Spring. They are carrying something of a tradition, with a new twist.

"This building of history here in Big Spring," said "The Oasis has been in the area for 30 years, so there's certainly no shortage of history here."

"We're doing to keep things the regulars like always tell the really their place than mine. The coming here and we've just gotten into the still trying to be new things, the Morgan said biggest hurdle restaurant to open the building's which before over was a costore."

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By KEVIN COW

The Baltimore S

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Home cookin' at the Oasis

Customer service tops at a well-known meeting spot

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Oasis Restaurant is offering something in the dining industry that has become a commodity: Service.

Thomas Morgan and Geneva Cox recently leased The Oasis, located north of Big Spring, and are carrying on something of a tradition in the location, with a slightly new twist.

"This building has a lot of history here in Big Spring," said Morgan. "The Oasis has been open in the area for more than 30 years, so the name is certainly no stranger to the area."

"We're doing our best to keep things the way the regulars like it. Like I always tell them, this is really their place more than mine. They've been coming here for years, and we've just recently gotten into this. We're still trying to bring some new things, though."

Morgan said one of the biggest hurdles for the restaurant to overcome is the building's set up, which before they took over was a convenience store.

"The owners before us had the inside set up a lot more like a convenience store than a restaurant, and some of the things that we really need to move are major parts of the building's electrical system," said Morgan,



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Geneva Cox and Thomas Morgan are leasing the Oasis Restaurant which has been a part of the Big Spring community for more than 30 years.

pointing to a bar near him. "We're getting to those things a little at a time."

While Morgan does the majority of the restaurant's cooking, Cox is responsible for what both agree is their main goal: Customer satisfaction.

"One of the reasons we started this restaurant was because we were tired of going out to eat

and getting bad service," said Cox. "We want the customer to enjoy their meal, and enjoy the service. If the service is no good when you go out to eat, then you might as well stay home and cook."

Cox is a native of Stanton and a long time employee of the Veterans Medical Center. Morgan was born in Uvalde, and

has restaurant management experience at Godfather's Pizza and Joe Boy's in Big Spring.

Both agree that while they continue to serve the regular and long-time patrons, they are offering a great deal of originality to their restaurant.

"We're offering homemade pies that are really

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Landlord proposes formation of local renter's association

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Are you a renter? Do you ever feel at the mercy of your landlord?

A local landlord is looking to help empower local home renters by backing a local renter's association.

"We need to get two or three people, renters, who are interested in being in charge of it, to get the thing started," said Ken Haas, owner of Big Spring's Hillside Properties. "They've got to do it themselves. I can't physically do it myself. As a landlord, if I don't watch it, I'll intimidate tenants from doing any complaining."

Haas said he has office space and a computer lined up through a local agency, and needs a few renters with extra time on their hands to answer phones, organize meetings and distribute information.

"We need to get two or three people, possibly retired, who have the time and the ability," he said. "Every month or twice a month, legal aid will come here and hold a meeting with the tenants," he said. "They'll explain if they're right or wrong. Some tenants will be wrong, too."



HAAS

Haas said he's heard some horror stories from his tenants about their previous landlords.

"I hear a lot of stories that are unbelievable," he said. "I've had tenants come and say, 'Hey, I've had a leaky roof for six months. I've had to pay the rent, but this guy wouldn't do anything about it.' I've had people say, 'Hey, I've had a lease with an option, and then when I go ahead and fix up the house and spent \$3,000 or \$4,000 or \$5,000 fixing up the house, the guy kicked me out.' Stuff like that. That isn't right."

Haas said he has also considered starting a landlord's association.

"I'm more interested in starting a renter's association because they're more vulnerable," he said. "These people have no money. A lot of them are uneducated. They don't know the rules of the game. Landlords like myself have the bucks, naturally, and do what they want to do, if you don't watch it."

Haas has offered to pay incidental costs such as for printing pamphlets and providing materials. Anyone interested in helping organize a renter's association can contact Haas at 263-3461.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Radio-controlled helicopter provides unique crop views

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — Researchers at the University of Illinois are working with a radio-controlled helicopter to help grow bigger and better crops.

Equipped with cameras, the miniature helicopters provide photographs that can identify fields or even portions of fields that could be infested with a particular weed or have a nutrient missing from the soil, said Lei Tian, an associate professor of

agricultural engineering. Tian's research is one of the newest advances in the science of precision agriculture — the use of technology to measure variability of conditions in the field.

Satellites and airplanes have been used for years to help scientists and farmers monitor weeds or the movement of pests. But those photographs are often out of date

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Social Security Administration Regional Commissioner Horace Dickerson cuts the grand opening ribbon at the new Big Spring Social Security Office, located at 2006 E. FM 700. The event was hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

HERALD photo / Thomas Jenkins

Don't get me started: Sue-happy Americans are a big, fat joke

By KEVIN COWHERD

The Baltimore Sun

If there's a message being delivered to the American people this summer, it's this: We're a bunch of fat slob.

And we'd better do something about it, pronto.

Earlier this month, Kraft Foods announced it was joining the war on obesity — I hear that term and picture battalions of U.S. Marines sweeping through the streets, bayonets fixed, battling chunky people wolfing down Big Macs, Snickers bars, etc. — by reducing portion sizes, changing the recipes for some of its foods and providing "alternative choices."

Since Kraft makes such fat-filled foods as Oreos and cheesy snacks and lunch meats, it seems to me one logical "alternative choice" would be: Don't eat this stuff.

Unless you don't mind getting fat. But maybe I'm just old-fashioned.

Now comes the stunning news that Applebee's, the giant casual restaurant chain, has teamed up with Weight Watchers International to offer low-calorie choices on its menus.

Think about that for a moment: Applebee's and Weight Watchers.

Could there be a more unlikely pairing?

Applebee's teaming with Weight

Watchers is like Phillip Morris teaming with the American Cancer Society. It's like Exxon teaming with the Sierra Club. It's like the United Veal Producers teaming with PETA.

Driving all these announcements of food retailers changing their ways and offering healthier fare, of course, is the fear of lawsuits.

Apparently a lot of the fatsos in this country are coming down with all sorts of health problems, like diabetes and chronic heart disease.

And they're starting to do what Americans have always done when facing hard times: They're blaming someone else, looking around for someone to

sue, taking someone to court.

"It's not me, it's that company over there," goes this form of thinking. "Sure, I just ate that whole bag of Doritos. But they made it."

Obviously, there's a precedent of sorts here: cigarette smokers who have successfully sued the pants off the big tobacco companies.

Look, I'll be honest with you. When smokers started suing the tobacco companies years ago, I never thought they had a chance of winning.

My feeling was: How could anyone in this day and age not know that smoking

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August 15 tax extension deadline nearing, IRS notes

WASHINGTON — Most taxpayers already have filed their tax year 2002 federal income tax returns. But for more than 8.5 million taxpayers, the deadline is Aug. 15 if they opted for the automatic extension of time to file by completing Form 4868 by April 15.

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers with extensions to file their returns by Aug. 15 to avoid the late filing penalty, which is 5 percent per month of the unpaid tax. Help

may be available, however, for people who cannot file by Aug. 15.

Taxpayers with special circumstances, such as a hardship, that prevent them from preparing and filing their tax forms in time may request an additional two-month extension by completing Form 2688 that will give them until Oct. 15. These taxpayers will be granted an extension of time to file even if they cannot send in payment of outstanding 2002 taxes with

the extension request.

Taxpayers granted the additional time to file will not be penalized for late payment of tax if they pay the balance of their 2002 tax when they file the tax return by Oct. 15 provided 90 percent of their total tax was paid by April 15.

To request the additional time to file, taxpayers must file Form 2688 with the IRS by Aug. 15. Form 2688 is available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov. The IRS will advise filers in writing

whether or not their requests are granted. Form 2688 can be filed electronically or mailed to the IRS.

Taxpayers may continue to take advantage of the Free File program until Oct. 15. Free File enables qualifying taxpayers to e-file for free. As of June 30, 2.78 million taxpayers have used Free File to e-file their tax returns. E-file is available until Oct. 15. To e-file, taxpayers can use tax preparation software on their own computers or file

electronically through an authorized e-file provider. Both options offer taxpayers security and accuracy in filing their returns as well as faster refunds.

Once taxpayers have filed their tax returns, they can use the "Where's My Refund" feature in the IRS Web site to check the status of their refund checks.

The IRS expects to receive more than 3 million Forms 2688 during 2003.

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just out of this world," said Morgan. "We've also put in a salad bar, which has been really popular. Our biggest seller right now though is our hamburgers."

"People tell us a lot of the time we have the best burger in town, and we appreciate that. At the same time though, a lot of people don't realize we serve things like homemade style chicken fried steaks and chicken strips, steak sandwiches and things like that. We offer a lot more than just hamburgers."

The Oasis is located on Highway 350 north of Big Spring near FM 700.

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is bad for you?

Let's go over the evidence here, OK?

You're sucking in gobs of smoke and tar and charcoal and God knows what else every day.

You're coughing your brains out. You wheeze every time you walk up the steps. Your clothes stink. Your fingers are stained yellow.

How could any smoker go through all that and think: Gee, I wonder if this is bad for me?

So how could they turn around and sue these tobacco companies and say: Hey, I didn't know smoking was a health

risk! You guys never told me that!

To me, it's the same thing with these overweight people who sue the food companies and fast-food restaurants.

Take the great Caesar Barber, the New Yorker who sued McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

I wrote about this guy last year, because his story was such a breathtaking example of denial that it belonged in the Denial Hall of Fame.

The great Caesar Barber stood 5-foot-10 and weighed 270 and said he used to eat fast food four to five times a week, even after suffering a heart attack.

In his class-action lawsuit, he said the fast-food chains never explained to him exactly what

was in their foods or the risks of eating too much of it.

So that's why he was real fat, diabetic, suffered a second heart attack, etc.

Is that beautiful or what?

Think about that.

Not once did Caesar Barber say: I was a pig and ate way too much of that stuff.

Not once did he say: Everyone knows that stuff is high in fat and salt and sugar and cholesterol — I need to have my head examined.

No, what he said to the fast-food chains, in effect, was: It's your fault. You didn't tell me how bad it was for me. You didn't stop me.

Of course, with all the lawsuits being filed now against the food industry, you know what the next step is here.

The next step is: warning labels on food, just like on cigarette packs.

And they're going to be equally meaningless and stupid.

"WARNING: This product will make you fat if you eat it three times a day and don't exercise and sit around the house playing video games."

Or:

"WARNING: Constant consumption of this product will cause you to blow up to the size of Wyoming, and then you'll start feeling tired and listless and you won't get any dates and when they choose up sides for pickup basketball, you'll be the last guy chosen. And whatever you do, don't blame us like that knucklehead Caesar Barber did."

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before they're available to use, Tian said.

Unlike a satellite or an airplane, the radio-controlled helicopter can be maneuvered to take a photograph from a low altitude, and it can hover so the camera can be aimed to a specific spot or angle. All it takes is an experienced person at the controls, Tian said.

"If you're trying to identify where the roads are or where the building is, it doesn't change much," Tian said. "But

if you're trying to identify variability in the field, it's changing day by day. So we believe there must be a best time to identify certain problems.

"We want to be able to get into the air and track data any time we feel we may get some feature we can extract," he said.

That ability could allow researchers to create a "crop calendar" of sorts by photographing a field at various times during the growing season.

"We want to pinpoint the critical timing. To generate this kind of database, you need to have something that can pro-

vide really high-resolution images to qualitatively identify the problems," Tian said.

Using the small helicopter to find the best time and place to apply fertilizer or other chemicals makes sense because it can do so quickly and accurately, said Mark Jenner, an economist with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"The reason we have nutrients running out drain tiles and going places we don't want them is that we just don't have the (proper) data," Jenner said.

"Precision agriculture is a tool that producers have that allows them to put materials where they want them and get the best

use out of them."

The helicopter is a custom-built machine measuring about 4 feet long and 2 feet tall. It's made of aluminum tubes and lightweight plastics and is balanced to carry the weight of a digital camera inside a spherical nose cone, said its designer, Brett Nelson.

The chopper generally flies at an altitude of 300 to 600 feet, depending on the data needed, Tian said. It is operated by a pilot who works the radio controller and another operator who remotely controls the camera, which sends images to a video monitor so scientists can make decisions about the com-

position of a photograph before it is taken, he said.

One graduate student is trained to fly the machine and a local hobby pilot will help out, Tian said. Ultimately, he'd like to automate the helicopter so it could be controlled by a computer programmed with a predetermined route and altitude.

"We see this as a very economical way for the ag industry to collect remote sensing data any time they want," Tian said. "It could be (a) farmer would need only a tractor, a combine and a helicopter like this to do the farming."

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No. P-13,046
ESTATE OF
NINA BETH NEWMAN,
DECEASED
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HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
Notice is hereby given that
original Letters Testamentary
for the Estate of Nina Beth
Newman, Deceased, were
issued on the 7th day of June,
2003, under Docket No. P-
13,046, pending in this County
Court of Howard County,
Texas, to John Edward
Newman.
Claims may be presented in
care of John Edward Newman
to the Estate addressed as fol-
lows:
Estate of Nina Beth Newman
c/o John Edward Newman
2307 Morrison
Big Spring, Texas 79720
All persons having claims
against this Estate who are
currently being administered
are required to present them
within the time and in the man-
ner prescribed by law.
DATED this 7th day of July,
2003.
JOHN EDWARD NEWMAN,
Independent Executor of the
Estate of Nina Beth Newman,
Deceased
#3954 July 31, 2003

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The Libra moon likes us
to check and double-check
as to the fairness of recent
decisions — not a time to
stubbornly
stick to
what you
said just
because you
said it. The
more
mature side
of us can
admit that
sometimes
we're
wrong. Partners are driven
to work together for a
compromise that's going
to be comfortable.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April
19). When you value loyal-
ty, it shows up in your life
over and over. Today, ser-
vice to others, especially
those older than you, is
what you find most grati-
fying. One who used to
bring out the worst in you
has no power over you now.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). Take action to back
up what you believe in, or
others don't take you seri-
ously. A love interest
extends a special invita-
tion. Keep trying to get a
message through to a
friend or associate, even if
this person doesn't seem
receptive.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). All it takes is a little
acknowledgment from
loved ones to make you
feel wonderful. Pisces
partners are priceless, so
continue to be true. Focus
on a special task that's
been nagging at you for
months.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). With a few thrifty
decisions, you strengthen
your entire financial
health. Old decisions no
longer reflect the way you
feel; make this clear to
others involved. Be grate-
ful for encouragement
from new friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Your wit and vivacious
personality are great
assets. Make sure you
really want what you
wish for. Underestimating
the power of your
thoughts is a mistake. Say
"yes" to spur-of-the-
moment suggestions
tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). Baby yourself, as you
certainly deserve it.
Relaxing with your
favorite entertainment
and letting your musical
side come out to play are
both exceptionally lucky
activities. Don't let a neg-
ative person get the worst
of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). Fear is a warning sig-
nal — use it to see clearly
the job that must be done.
Romance will present
itself late in the day. Your
financial outlook
improves if you set spend-
ing limits and draw up a
budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Your natural sensitiv-
ity will be an asset. You
are impressive to contacts

when you get all the facts
and faces straight. Realize
who is influenced by you
— children take you liter-
ally, so pay close atten-
tion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). You wish oth-
ers would take care of
you, but ultimately, you
need to do the job. It's
time to overhaul that rela-
tionship that no longer is
tolerable. Tonight, take
steps to protect your time
from intrusions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). You laugh, even
when no one else does,
proof that your emotions
are not dependent on oth-
ers. Provide leadership,
and steer clear of friends
in a bad mood. The
stronger you become, the
more attractive you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Be patient
toward loved ones who
are driving you nuts —
change is in the wind.
You're getting better at
communicating your
thoughts. Try what you
never would have before.
Get out and show every-
one tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). Why wait and see if
others notice your accom-
plishments? Make sure
you get the respect you
deserve by asking for it.
Keep an open mind
because someone who
used to be a competitor
might actually help you
out.

**FORECAST FOR THE
WEEK AHEAD:** The Leo
sun keeps the high-spir-
ited party rolling, and the
Libra moon says grab a
partner for the howdown.
Working as a twosome
will make both your work
and play sweeter, and
these days, who can tell
the difference between
the two? Monday brings a
caution: Follow the direc-
tions, the etiquette, the
company rules and the
recipe. The Leo sun wants
to put a stamp of original-
ity on everything, but
sometimes, sticking to the
traditional way will keep
us from having to rein-
vent the proverbial wheel.
If it's been successfully
done a million times
before, do it that way, and
build from there. The
Scorpio moon introduces
some sex appeal into the
middle of the week, but
things get truly romantic
on Thursday, when
Neptune and Venus do a
little flirting. Those
falling for someone new
will get swept up as the
symphony swells with
movie music and the sky
turns a rosy hue. It's a
happily-ever-after type
feeling, until you wake up
and smell the coffee on
Friday. But it's not all
bad. Just because some-
thing gets realistic doesn't
mean it has to take a
negative spin. Reality can
be even better than the
movies!

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PUBLIC NOTICE
An Ordinance of the City of
Big Spring authorizing and
directing the Director of Public
Works to designate and mark
"ONE WAY ONLY" on 18th
Street from Birdwell to
Muleshoe a direction East to
West
Big Spring City Code Article
3: Operating of Vehicles
Generally, Sec. 18-75, One
Way Streets, Designation
and Marking, 18-750, "ONE
WAY ONLY". Authorizes the
Director of Public Works to de-
signate each entrance to the
one-way alley and the direction
in which vehicles shall lawfully
travel by arrows indicating the
direction and location at such
points as may be deemed
advisable.
#3951 July 31
& August 3, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
An Ordinance of the City of
Big Spring authorizing and
directing the City Manager to
designate the placement and
maintenance of a four way
stop intersection at North
Runnels and N.E. 9th Street
(State Law provides that it is
a misdemeanor offense to run a
stop sign punishable by a fine
of up to \$200.00 on convic-
tion and providing for publica-
tion.
Big Spring City Code, Sec.
18-133, Stop Intersections.
Authorizes the City Manager to
designate and maintain stop
intersections on streets as
directed by the City Council.
#3953 July 31
& August 3, 2003

PUBLIC RECORDS

Hot Checks/Warrants issued:
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. If there are any problems with this list, please call 264-2226.

Aguilar, Ernesto, 804 E. 12th St., Colorado City
Bhuiyan, Kerrie Lea, 506 E. 16th St., Big Spring
Biehl, Mary Gonzales, 1 Cedar Hills, Merkel
Brashers, Allen, 306 38th St., Snyder
Brown, Carolyn (Carroll), 907 Interstate 20 No. 28, Big Spring
Brown, Mary, 3241 Franklin Suite C, Midland
Buretz, Samantha, 1200 E. 61st St., Odessa
Bustamante, Aaron Ramiro, 1419 W. County Road No. 116, Midland
Crockett, Sheila Louise, 605 S. Bell St., Big Spring
Cruz, Stephen, 511 S. Nolan, Big Spring
Dennis, Scott, 1319 N.W. 13th St., Andrews
Ellison, Charles Wesley, 3906 Connally, Big Spring
Fontana, Jacob, 606 E. 24th St., Snyder
Franks, Clarence Eric, 2209 Cecilia St., Big Spring
Fuentes, Jacob, 606 24th St., Snyder
Galaviz, David, 705 E. 15th St., Big Spring
Garrett, Kay L., P.O. Box 809, Coahoma
Gaskin, Courtney, 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 222, Big Spring
Gomez, Christina, 2411 College, Midland
Goodblanket, Lahoma Renee, 1905 Wasson Road Apt. 22, Big Spring
Heath, Ian Dylan, 1008 Maple Ave. Apt. C, Odessa
Henry, Tammy Michelle, 306 Settles, Big Spring
Hernandez, Henry Clay, 906 S. Scurry St., Big Spring
Holley, Bobby Lee, 2606 Shonel Road, Big Spring
Holt, Joseph, 2600 Oaklawn Boulevard, San Angelo
Holt, Michael Wayne, CRB 2400/P.O. Box 1522, Stanton
Johnlouis, Andrew, 1002 N. Main Apt. 52, Big Spring
Jones, Jennifer, P.O. Box 26, Hermleigh
Jones, Mary K., 512 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard Apt. 1804, Lubbock
Jordan, Sandy A., 707 E. 16th St., Big Spring
Kelley, Belinda, 1809 Nolan, Big Spring

Kelso, Willie, 601 N. Calvert Ave., Spur
Lane, Arthur, 4104 Ave. U., Snyder
Leal, Monica, 2323 Country Club Drive, Pecos
Leavenworth, Rian R., 4400 Holiday Hill No. 605, Midland
Little, Jessie, 1710 Young, Big Spring
Locke, William Ryan, 3205 11th Place or 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt 110, Big Spring
Lopez, Magdelene, 1905 Wasson Road No. 27
Martinez, Veronica, 2006 Ave. L., Snyder
Minear, Willie P., 5290 Lake County Road 256, Colorado City
Mitchell, Barry, PO Box 692, Sterling City
O'Callaghan, Judy Roxan, 907 E. Interstate 20 Space 22, Big Spring
Ochoa, Erica Moreno, 1407 Mesquite, Big Spring
Parker, Shelby, 907 N. Gregg, Big Spring
Phelps, Jamison J., 1003 S. Main St., Big Spring
Pitts, Ricky, 1209 E. Fifth St. or 102 Airbase Road, Big Spring
Prince, Julianna Sassar, 4511 S. County Road 1185, Big Spring
Roe, Eleanor L., 1310 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring
Rutledge, David H., 210 W. Robinson or 2311 Robb Drive, Big Spring
Strickland, Billy W., PO Box 42, Stanton
Swinney, Eloise, 417 Meeker Street, Kerrville
Thorndyke, Debra P., 1701 Runnels, Big Spring
Valencia, Felicia, 1503 Wood, Big Spring
White, Jeremy James, 6801 N. Interstate 20, Big Spring
Wynn, Lareece R., 2832 Kilburn, Dallas

District Court Filings:
State of Texas vs. Grant Perdew, habeas corpus
Dotty Ann Arriaga vs. Fernando Arriaga, family protective order
Esmeralda Viera vs. Jon E. Province and Terry Cervantes, injuries and damages — motor vehicle
Ariel Perez vs. Georjeanna L. Shelby, divorce
Patricia Lloyd vs. Rodger Lloyd, family protective order
Freddie L. Hawkins Sr. vs. Debra Ann Hawkins, divorce
Doug Vickers vs. Lerla L. Johnson, other civil

Marriage Licenses:
William Richard Johnston, 61, of Grandview and Judy Miller McCutchan, 59, of Big Spring.
James Everett Pope, 19, and Angela Marie Christian, 22, of Big Spring.
Jarod Luke Wells, 19, and Suzanna Dean Wood, 21, of Coahoma.
John Wesley Earp, 48, of Big Spring and Jayne Connie Biemeret, 41, of Abilene.

Warranty Deed:
Grantor: Sammy Barnes and Heather Barnes
Grantee: Ricardo Arguello
Property: Lots 2 and 3, Blk. 17, Cedar Crest Addition
Date filed: July 22, 2003

Grantor: Betty Jeanette Wallace and Marie Erwin
Grantee: Edith Haney, Paul R. Haney, Sarah S. Haney and Robert E. Haney Jr. as trustees of the Wildhorse Farm Trust
Property: A 30-acre tract in the E/2 of the W/2 of Sec. 5, Blk. 31, T-1-N, TP RR Co. survey
Date filed: July 23, 2003

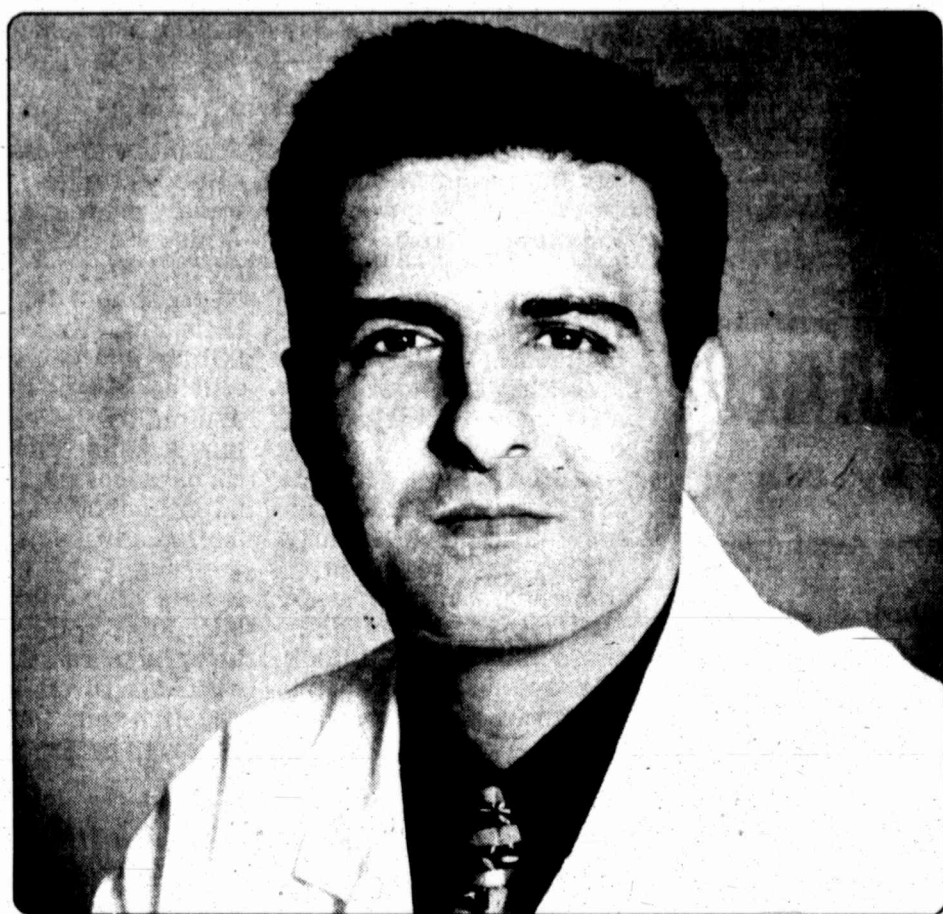
Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Leon Byrd and Cheryl Byrd
Grantee: Isaac Martinez and Levi Burchett
Property: Lot 7 and E/10 feet of Lot 8, Blk. 35, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date filed: July 22, 2003

Grantor: Michael L. Seal
Grantee: Joe D. Guerrero and Elizabeth A. Guerrero
Property: N/50 feet of N/4 of Blk. 36, College Heights Addition
Date filed: July 23, 2003

Grantor: Arnold K. Allen and Modina Sue Allen
Grantee: John D. O'Brien
Property: Lot 11, Blk. 8, Highland South No. 6 Addition
Date filed: July 23, 2003

Grantor: Bombardier Capital Inc.
Grantee: Ryan Burrow and Tamberlyn Burrow; Vernon Bloodworth and Vickie Bloodworth
Property: 5.03 acres in NE/4 of Sec. 41, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
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