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INSIDE

AG EXPO, LUNCHEON

It's time again for residents to take off their hats to the industry that drives much of Howard County's economy. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will lead the community in a round of thanks to area agricultural producers and related businesses Thursday at the annual West Texas Ag Expo.

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PAID IN FULL

Three young men from Big Spring have formed a Christian rock band, Paid in Full. They hope to be one of the bands to play during the summer concert, Rock the Desert, in Midland.



AMERICAN PROFILE

Clowns patrol the halls of Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, dispensing a dose of humor to patients. The program was started by former nurse Bev Toelle in an effort to aid in the healing of patients. Betty Mills, who coordinates the Mirth Corps, does some clowning herself. Both women believe in the healing power of humor.

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Inquiry of BSISD board to begin

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A Texas Education Commission committee will conducting an on-site investigation this week over allegations of conflict between trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District board.

Suzanne Middlebrook, a TEA spokesperson, would not confirm which day the committee plans to be in Big Spring, but said it will be sometime this week.

The on-site investigation will include interviews of members of the board, administrators, staff and other persons who might be able to assist with the inquiry.

"Things are terribly wrong on this board. Those four believe that power, control and politics are their purpose."

BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy in a letter to TEA



The team will also review minutes and agendas from board meetings, board policies, communications files, news articles and other pertinent documents.

The investigation stems from a letter of complaint filed by BSISD Trustee Terry Wegman to the TEA governance division and signed by trustees Irene Bustamante and Frank Long.

In the complaint, Wegman referred to "a definite split" among board members as to how the school district

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HERALD file photo

Big Spring Symphony Conductor Keith Graumann leads the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale in a patriotic musical celebration at 2002's Pops in the Park festival. A July 4 Foundation meeting March 26 will include votes on the program at this year's event, including scheduling issues between the Symphony and the Air Force Band.

POPS!

CVB to consider funding assistance for 2003 celebration

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau will decide Monday whether to grant the July 4 Foundation $7,500 to help put on the Pops in the Park Independence Day Celebration.

July 4 Chairman Tim Blackshear approached the city council Tuesday about obtaining the money for the annual event, but the council decided CVB input on the subject is required.

"Over the years the Convention and Visitors Bureau has funded the Pops in the Park for general use, I guess you would say," Blackshear said. "We pay the symphony, we pay the conductor. Of course we spend about $10,000 to $11,000 on fireworks. All

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Eradication zone up for vote again

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

It's not your typical election, but its outcome is vital to area cotton farmers.



HERM

That's the message being delivered these days by Eddy Herm, chairman of the producer steering committee of the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

"Every four years, we have to have a vote to continue the eradication program," explained Herm. "Basically, I'm asking everyone to vote for continuation of that program."

Ballots were mailed out late last week to 3,150 farmers and producers in the zone.

The Permian Basin Zone was voted in by a 71 percent margin in 1999, and includes cotton acreage in Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin and portions of Borden and Midland counties.

INFORMATION

What: Referendum to determine whether to continue the Permian Basin Zone boll weevil eradication program.

Where: By mail.

When: Ballots received from the Texas Department of Agriculture must be completed and postmarked on or before April 7.

Growers pay a maximum assessment of $12 per acre for irrigated cotton and $6 per land acre for dryland cotton to fund it. If approved, those assessments would not change.

There are several reasons to vote for continuing the program, Herm said.

"It's working. We've seen over 99 percent eradication and we're a year ahead of the schedule. We're one year away from being declared functionally eradicated.

"Also, we're several million dollars under budget. We've received $15 million in state and federal aid. And we will continue to be eligible to receive that assistance as long as we have the program in place. Plus, we have the lowest assessment is the

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Final day to reserve seat on charter bus to Austin is Monday

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Monday is the last day to register for a bus seat on the caravan heading to Austin to celebrate Big Spring Area Day in the state capital.

"This is open for the entire community -- Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "We encourage every Howard County resident to participate to show our community support in Austin during this critical legislative period for rural West Texas."

The chamber will continue to take reservations at the chamber office until 5 p.m. Monday.

Around 200 people normally participate in event, which is set for April 9.

The day-long festivities include hearing a resolution of appreciation for the Big Spring area on the House floor, lunch on the capitol grounds and hosting a reception on the east grounds of the capitol for legislators and staff.

"We encourage every Howard County resident to participate to show our community support in Austin during this critical legislative period for rural West Texas."



Debbye Valverde, chamber director

The cost for a bus ticket is $65 and includes breakfast and a box lunch.

People traveling sepa-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Sixteen-year-old Tony Marquez and 18-year-old Ana Rodriquez, along with several Workforce Investment Act youth participants, help clean up part of FM 700. The program, sponsored by the Workforce Network of Big Spring, helps high school-age youths gain work experience to prepare them for future careers. Civic service is one aspect. For more information about the program, call Patrick Wilbert at the center, 263-8373.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

D. H. "Bub" Griffith

D. H. "Bub" Griffith, 87, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at his residence. Graveside funeral services were at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1915, in Big Spring and married Ireba Long on Oct. 23, 1937, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Nov. 13, 1993.

Mr. Griffith was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He had farmed on the family farm before going to work for Cosden Oil and Chemical where he had worked as an electrician for over 25 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a member of the Cosden 25-Year Club and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 826.

Survivors include his son, Jimmy Griffith of Fairfield, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jody Nix, Harold Griffith, Roy Griffith, Tommy Wyrick, Jody Griffith and Jimmy Griffith.

The family suggests memorials to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring, 79720 or to a favorite charity.

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

Meetings

Stanton Independent School District Board of Trustees Monday 7 p.m.

Trustees for the SISD will consider implementing a drug testing policy during their regular meeting held at the school administration office, 200 N. College St.

Also on the agenda:

- Consider textbook adoption.
- Consider CISCO course.
- Consider bank depository bids/resolutions extending depository contract.
- Consider classroom teacher contracts.

Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees Monday 7 p.m.

The Coahoma Board of trustees will hold a special budget workshop in the board room of the administration building, 600 Main St., Coahoma.

Included in the meeting are legislative issues, revenue projections and the resulting implication for fund balance.

Trustees will look at several scenarios for expenditure reductions including reductions/reorganizations in extra-curricular, support and special programs, campus reorganization and reduction in personnel.

Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees 7 p.m. Monday

School funding will highlight the FISD trustee meeting. Trustees will meet at the board room in the administration office.

Also on the agenda:

- Update on scholarship foundation.
- Employee awards presentation.
- Report on baseball/softball study.
- Consider 2003-2004 school calendar.
- Consider textbook adoption.
- Consider technology plan.
- Consider Texas Association School Board resolution against vouchers.
- Consider teacher contracts.

Police blotter

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

- **CHRISTOPHER ALLEN POSEY,** 24, of 1500 block of East 11th was arrested on four capias warrants.
- **JUAN JOSE BUSTAMANTE,** 24, of 1409 Mount Vernon was arrested on two capias warrants.
- **ALEX SANCHEZ,** 17, of 610 S. Douglas was arrested on three local warrants.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT — LANGUAGE** was reported in the 600 block of South Douglas.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1600 block of East Fourth Street, the 300 block of South Birdwell Lane.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore Street, the 800 block of South Goliad Street, the 2500 block of Langley Drive and the 2500 block of Kelly Circle.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2100 block of South Main Street, the 2500 block of Gunter Circle and the 2900 block of West Highway 80.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 600 block of South Douglas.
- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

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

- **MICHAEL ROY ROBERSON,** 20, of 1312 Lindbergh was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Wednesday on a motion to revoke parole for failure to identify and on a charge of evading arrest or detention by vehicle.
- **CURTIS WAYNE CULVER,** 20, of 2509 March Circle was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Wednesday on a charge of hindering secured creditor.
- **ANGELA DENISE MCMULLEN,** 27, of 4102 Dixon was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **STORMY KAY NIX,** 23, of 1117 Jeffery Road was arrested on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **JOSH CLIFTON BEATY,** 20, of 1303 Johnson was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Tuesday on a charge of prohibited weapon — switchblade or knuckles.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the Leatherwood area.
- **POSSIBLE RABID DOG** was reported on Merrick Road.
- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 1400 block of Hilltop Road.
- **JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported in the 400 block of South Moss Lake Road.
- **LIVESTOCK IN ROADWAY** was reported near the 189 mile marker westbound on Interstate 20.

VITA Volunteers

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

Those who participate are asked to park in the east lot of the Senior Center.

Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.

Anyone who cannot come in on Monday mornings or who is handicapped and needs at-home assistance — or, anyone needing further information — should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

Bulletin board

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

Sunday, March 16

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

Monday, March 17

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

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

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

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, Bethel Street, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

Tuesday, March 18

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

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

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park.

Big Spring Band Boosters, 6 p.m., Big Spring High School band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for dinner and meeting to follow, First St. and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main St.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

Wednesday, March 19

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

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 9:30 a.m., at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. For more information call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

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

Eagles Lodge Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

Weather

Today...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs In the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 Percent.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.

Support groups

SUNDAY

❑ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m

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

MONDAY

❑ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

❑ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, 6 p.m. Monday, March 17, at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels. Enter through the north door for a St. Patrick's Day party and covered dish. Wear something green for the celebration. For more information, call 393-5522

❑ The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

❑ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

❑ New Voice Club support group for laryngetomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

TUESDAY

❑ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

❑ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

❑ The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth Streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

THURSDAY

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

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

Lottery

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 17-23-32-35

Bonus number 17

Estimated jackpot: $1,000,000

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 9-20-26-32-34

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-2

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BSHS 2000 yearbook wows 'em

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School 2002 yearbook has been recognized by a major publishing company as among the best in the nation.

"We were really excited," said Victoria Patterson, a third-year staff member and senior editor of the 2003 yearbook. "Mr. (Leland) Mallett, (high school journalism teacher) has worked really hard. He's been here for three years and our class has come far."

The staff was recognized by Taylor Publishing Company with an Award of Excellence honoring its accomplishments in yearbook design and coverage.

Out of the more than 8,000 yearbooks published by Taylor nationwide, only the top 5 percent are recognized by the company for outstanding yearbook achievement.

"The Award of Excellence is given each year to a small percentage of yearbook staffs nationwide that demonstrate excellence in yearbook creation," said Mike Taylor, marketing manager at Taylor Publishing. "We applaud these staffs or their outstanding work and support their efforts in scholastic journalism."

Five independent judges from around the nation evaluate the semi-finalists on one or more of the following areas: Cover design, theme development and page design.

A two-page spread on the high school softball team from the 2002 BSHS yearbook themed the "Golden Rule" will be showcased in the company's *Yearbook*, *Yearbook* publication.


MALLETT

"Yearbook staffs use the *Yearbook*, *Yearbook* to get layout ideas," said Mallett. "Everyone who publishes with Taylor gets a copy and a lot of other publishing companies will purchase it for use."

Clif Palmberg, *Yearbook*, *Yearbook* editor, said the two-page spread and BSHS yearbook were both impressive.

"They had a really cool design layout," Palmberg said. "They made good use of the pictures. It had a cool look for the book. The theme carried out made it a consistent look, which is a big plus in yearbooks."

The BSHS yearbook, which was delivered to students during the first week of school, is a compilation of pictures of students, faculty, staff and events, along with articles of news that occurred during the school year.

"We want to thank the community because without our advertisers, Big Spring wouldn't be able to have a yearbook," Patterson said.

The yearbook staff and entire high school journalism department are at work on the 2003 annual, with the theme About Face.

The deadline to order an annual at the regular price is Friday, March 21. Students can order online at www.smartpay.com or call Mallett at 264-3641 ext. 149.

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INQUIRY

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should be managed. He noted that "votes of any significance" have been split 4-3 for the past seven months.

Specifically, Wegman charged that attempts by the four trustees to "micro-manage" the district prompted BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy's retirement as well as retirements or resignations of the district's assistant superintendent, director of technology, vocational director and high school vice principal.

Wegman's complaint was signed by board members Irene Bustamante and Frank Long, president.

After learning of the investigation, Murphy also wrote a letter of complaint to the TEA governance board.

In the letter, Murphy and outlined instances he perceived as micro-managing by four board members — Alan Partee Mike Dawson, Kent Sharp and Phil Furqueron — and possible collusion between those members outside the board room.

"Things are terribly wrong on this board," Murphy wrote. "Those four believe that power, control and politics are their purpose. I retired simply because it had gotten to the point of impasse and was beginning to cause damage. Community and staff morale are at all-time lows."

In concluding his letter, Murphy requested that someone from TEA monitor the district's board meetings.

Following the visit, TEA will submit a written preliminary report which the district will have time to appeal if it chooses. A final report will then be issued.

A variety of outcomes can occur from the investigation. They include dismissing the complaint, requiring board members to have more training, assigning a monitor to the board, to appointing a master. A master has the right to overrule board members.

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the different things that become involved. We spend somewhere around $28,000 to $30,000 a year putting on Pops in the Park."

Blackshear said donations from the community usually make up most of the funding for the Pops event.

"Of course, it's free to the public," he said. "We do take up donations, and the donations we take up at the door are pretty small in comparison to what's needed. The rest of the money comes from the community, and the community's always been really great about helping out. But we depend on a large donation from the CVB in order to put the cap on it."

This year's request is a little larger than it has been in the past.

"I think the donation from the CVB has been around $5,000 or somewhere in that neighborhood before," he said.

The July 4 Foundation will meet at noon March 26 at the Big Spring Country Club to finalize the Pops program, scheduled July 3. The program will probably include the Air Force Band early in the event, followed by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale and fireworks.

"The Air Force Band comes in and does that for free," Blackshear said. "They ask for a good place to play, they ask for a little publicity, chairs and maybe a cool drink of water. That's all they ask for. They bring their own sandwiches. So it's really a good deal. We're looking forward to seeing what they've got to offer."

Blackshear said he's looking forward to a great program, as always.

"I think it's going to be a really good year," he said. "Last year we were just coming off the 9-11 scare and we had a good program around that and I think we'll have another good program this year. I'm looking forward to it."

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BUS

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rately to Austin must register for a box lunch by April 4 if they want one. The cost is $7.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to purchase a Big Spring shirt to wear during the festivities.

Shirt orders are under way at the chamber office and sell for $26. Short sleeve and long sleeve shirts are available and must be specified when making the order.

To make a reservations for a seat on the bus, lunch and shirt, visit the chamber office at 215 W. Third Street or call 263-7641.

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VOTE

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state at $6 and $12," he added.

Because of the initial cost of the program — and some continuing costs — growers are paying for the program over a 12- to 14-year period. That won't change if continuation is voted down — growers will still have to pay — but the zone won't be eligible for any financial assistance.

Growers should take the ballot they receive in the mail and fill it out, returning it to the Texas Department of Agriculture with the postage-paid return envelope enclosed. It must be postmarked on or before April 7 to be counted. Votes will be canvassed April 15.

A simple 51 percent majority is all that is needed to continue the program.

In addition to the vote on continuing the eradication zone, growers will also elect a board member from the Permian Basin Zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Herm, a cotton producer who has farmed in Howard, Dawson, Martin and Borden counties since 1972, is the only one on the ballot.

Three meetings have been slated to inform growers about the eradication zone and its progress. The informational meetings will include a slide show presentation and a question and answer session.

They will be held on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Lamesa Community Center and again at 3:30 p.m. at the Grady High School Auditorium, with the third taking place Thursday at the annual Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. An exact time of that meeting has not been set.

For more information about the program, contact Herm at 268-3110 or the Texas Department of Agriculture at 512 463-7593.

Thank You
The Family of Anita Johnson wishes to say "Thank You"
for the prayers, flowers and food that everyone gave from their hearts. We wish to express our sincere gratitude for all the memorials sent in honor of Anita.
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OUR VIEWS

We need to treat each other with a lot more respect

In his recent "State of the City" address Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen spent considerable time emphasizing what's good about our community.

While there is no question that there is plenty of good for anyone to extol when discussing Big Spring, we need to make sure we don't put on a pair of rose-colored glasses when we look at our city.

And while none of us wants to be overly negative, we do need to acknowledge that we definitely have our problems.

To our way of thinking, the most serious of them is the divisive atmosphere that seems to rear its head on just about every issue that arrives for consideration.

Perhaps it's simply a result of the mean-spirited nature that politics has taken at the national and state level, but there's little question that the "loyal opposition" concept is being lost even at the local level.

Maybe it's because having respect for our elders and other figures of authority seemed to walk out the door in the late 1960s and has never fully returned.

For some reason, however, we can't seem to agree to disagree and still come together on other issues.

Instead, there's a distrust and "we'll get them" mentality that lingers.

It could be that we are all, to some extent, responsible for that atmosphere.

Surely city fathers have more important issues facing them than whether or not people park vehicles in their yards.

Rather than recognizing that fact, however, the Big Spring City Council, in a move slightly reminiscent of its handling the controversy surrounding the creation of an airpark manager's job a little more than a year ago, pressed on.

The resulting opposition that issue created proved so long winded and repetitive during Tuesday's council meeting, that now McEwen is suggesting that the council officially limit the time citizens are allowed to address them during meetings.

It's a suggestion that is surely understandable — one that many other city councils, school district boards and county commissioners courts long ago adopted.

Still, that proposal is obviously going to create some angst.

And that can't possibly be the atmosphere city fathers want, especially when some say they believe they will need to seek voter approval for a bond issue later this year.

It's time for all of us to work together. Time to work smarter. And above all else, have a little respect for one another.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

May we focus on your love and goodness, Lord, and not on every problem.

Amen



Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Howdy. Today we shall address some of those who choose to write letters to the editor.

First, for the many who choose to send in these personal attack letters, I have these comments:

If a letter has no return address on it, in this day of terrorism, I am extremely reluctant to open it. In fact, I've told employees if they choose not to open envelopes without return addresses it is OK by me.

I have opened a couple without return addresses and in turn have found they contained not some biological substance but something that in our business is almost worse — an unsigned letter.

So there is no misunderstanding here, for those who choose to write letters and send or deliver them to the newspaper office, the **FIRST THING** we look at in a letter is the signature. No name — a circular file awaits. Actually, in my office it takes on a square shape more than a circular one.

We also **REQUIRE** an address and phone number for verification. We're not coming to your house. We just need to have it on file for our own records. We only print name and city, never street or phone number.

Unsigned letters and the people who write them rank right up there with those unnamed persons who leave voice messages for me instructing me to fire a staff member - or those who send me an e-mail with no name or point of contact with a responding name of something like www.whodoneitnow.com or www.youdoneitwrong.com (by the way, I delete those so I don't know what you said).

Next we need to talk about what is in the letters we do read . . .

While we are far, far, far from perfect, as we are so often reminded, we do our very best to prevent you — and the newspaper for that matter — from going into civil court after being served papers naming you as the defendant in a lawsuit.

There are some parameters we try to follow and there are some things we look at, however, we can't let you say just anything about anybody. It doesn't work that way.

I spend most every working day trying to find ways to make this paper better. My staff is dedicated to the same thing and that's important to you.

Our brand is to be a very local paper. And we believe we are refining that at a level that we can say you get more about Big Spring in our paper than anywhere else. That's why we are here. I tried to listen when people told me what we needed to do and have tried my best to give them that.

On the editorial page there is an information box showing the names of the publisher, managing editor and news editor. These are three people the *Big Spring Herald* has used for years as its editorial board.

We talk to candidates together, we discuss topics for editorials and ultimately form a group opinion. It is a democracy/dictatorship. What that means is if the majority votes the way I like, I don't overrule it.

Obviously I am kidding. However, we take seriously the role of this newspaper in this community and try to be involved in what is going on.

We have received many letters and calls without identification. These have been personal attacks — not a reasonable attempt to sway opinion. We cannot allow faceless and nameless people into the process.

If you read this paper, you can tell my name is on this column as are John Moseley's and Bill McClellan's when they write columns. Our e-mail addresses appear in the newspaper and we have done our very best to make certain we agree, at least in the overall principle, in what appears.

We encourage you to write us letters to the editor. We want your opinion. We don't ask that you agree with us any more than we will automatically change how we feel about a certain topic based on how you feel about it.

It is newspaper policy (that dictatorship thing again) that we run letters to the editor. This means all of the letters, if at all possible, as long as they follow the path of compliance to a few simple rules, which I have already outlined.

Please don't send letters we cannot use. Sign them, identify yourself, give us a phone number and we will try to publish your letter.

Remember, the length of the letter also plays a part in what we can do. We can only do 300-350 words. Sometimes we break that rule, but you cannot count on that.

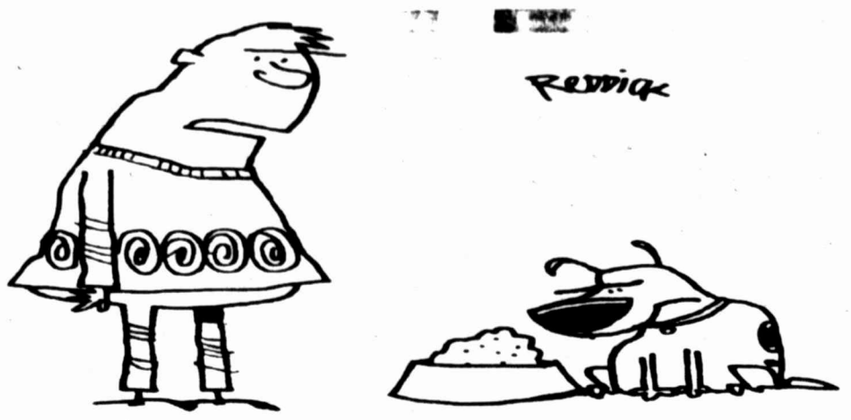
Also, we **reserve the right to edit** anything presented for publication in this newspaper including the letters and articles. We make every effort not to change tenor or intent of a letter but we also do believe we owe it to you, to us and those you write about to offer some quality review and reflection before presenting the information to the public.

As Dean Martin used to say at the end of his weekly variety show . . . "Keep those cards and letters coming in."

Thank you for your time and understanding of this very important process.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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"Aw, come on! How could you possibly know that's cat food?!"

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Self-talk is very important



JIM DAVIDSON

My wife and I have a wonderful relationship, but every once in a while when she is deep in thought, I come up on her blind side and when I say something or make a noise, she almost "jumps out of her skin." This is always followed by, "Don't do that!", along with some other stern admonishments, especially if she thinks I did it on purpose.

Because of the way the human mind is constituted, we all spend some time each day in deep thought, and we also spend a great deal of this time talking to ourselves. I don't know about you, but I spend a great deal of time talking to myself, "out loud", especially when I am alone. This self-talk may be more important than many people realize and this is what I want to talk with you about. In his wonderful little book, Think And Grow Rich, Napoleon Hill talks about "repeated affirmations" of one's chief aim in life. This is simply the process of self-talk being used to systematically reinforce a purpose or a goal into the recesses of our subconscious mind.

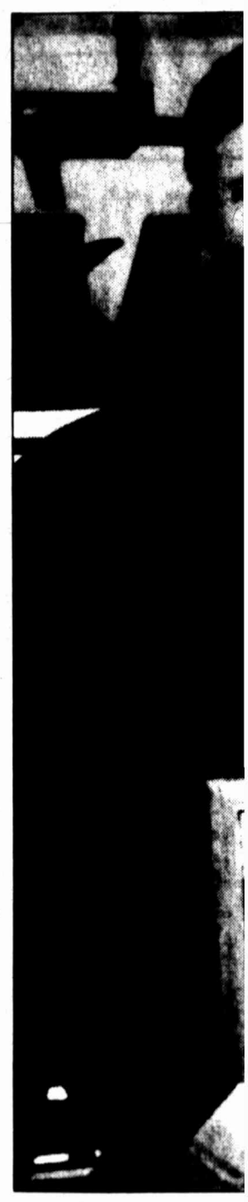
In terms of achieving personal success, the problem for most people is that they don't have any specific, written goals. Because they have no goals, their thinking is not focused or directed to achieving anything that is truly worthwhile. We live in a negative world, where the news of the day is constantly negative, and for this reason it's much easier to think negative than it is to think positive. It's just common sense to realize that if our thinking is negative, then our self-talk will also be negative.

One of the best examples of negative self-talk that I've ever heard, can be found in the following story: Late one night, before most people had a telephone, a young man and his girl friend were driving down a lonely, deserted gravel road and they had a flat tire (really!) When the young man got out and opened the trunk to change it, he discovered he didn't have a jack. At this point, they both realized the dilemma they were in, because they had passed just one house and it was about a mile back up the road. After some discussion, it was decided the best thing to do was for the young man to walk back to the house to see if he could get help or at least borrow a jack.

As he walked along, he began to talk to himself. At first, he was very hopeful about his prospects to get help, but then his thoughts began to turn negative. As he continued to walk and the closer he got to the house, the more negative he became. Soon he was completely overcome by his negative thinking and he said to himself, "this fella is probably going to be mad when I wake him up and he sure won't be willing to help someone like me who is too stupid to make sure he has a jack in the car." By the time he reached the house and knocked on the door, he was so upset that when the man finally opened the door, he yelled, "you can keep your old jack! I didn't want to borrow it anyway."

The moral of this story should be obvious: This young man had already defeated himself mentally before he even had a chance to succeed. If you will think about what I said earlier about "repeated affirmations" of your purpose or your goals in life, I believe you will see how your own positive self-talk can help you achieve even greater success and happiness in your life. If you would like to know what works for me, I will be happy to share it with you. I spend a good deal of time talking to myself about my own plans and goals, and especially during the day when I'm working to reach them, but I also spend some quality time early each morning talking to the Lord. When my priorities are right, my iself-talki makes life so much easier.

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This year's West Texas Ag Expo is right around the corner — the event hits the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Here, last year's Ag Producer of the Year Frank Long poses with his wife Glenda shortly after receiving his award. This year's Ag Producer and Ag Business of the year will be announced at the event's Ag Appreciation Luncheon.

DOWN ON THE FARM

Ag Appreciation Luncheon tickets must be obtained from chamber early this week

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

It's time again for area residents to take off their hats to the industry that drives most of Howard County's economy.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will lead the community in a big round of thanks to area agricultural producers and related businesses Thursday at the 12th annual West Texas Ag Expo.

"This is just a way for the chamber to say 'Thank you' to our ag producers and how much we appreciate them being in our community," chamber director Debbye ValVerde said of the event, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College.

The highlight of the event will be, as always, the Ag Appreciation Luncheon, catered by Al's and Sons Barbecue.

ValVerde said there's been a slight hang-up confirming a guest speaker for the event.

"As far as guest speaker, right now we have not heard from the state," she said. "I'm still waiting to hear. What we're going to do, on behalf of the city and Moore Development, Mayor Russ McEwen and Tim Blackshear, president of the Moore Development Board, they're going to be giving an appreciation program. We'll hopefully hear back on Monday from the state."

ValVerde did say the speaker will not be a politician.

During the luncheon, the annual announcement of ag producer of the year and ag business of the year will be made.

Last year, business of the year was Big Spring Farm Supply; the producer of the year was Frank Long. More than 375 guests were served.

Tickets to the banquet will be available through noon Tuesday. Tickets are free for agricultural producers, but producers still need to pick up their tickets. Tickets for non-producers are $9.

The expo will also include booths on the floor of the coliseum and programs by the Howard County Extension Office.

"Every year the Extension Office conducts the CEU credit meetings," ValVerde said. "It's classes so they can get certified for certain pesticides and other chemicals that they use. That will be going on."

The Extension Office will also present a quilt show.

"Something for the ladies," ValVerde said. "We're going to have people there that are going to be able to answer questions in regards to the quilts."

For more information, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office at 263-7641.

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

NJHS inductions held for almost 70 students

HERALD Staff Report

Almost 70 seventh- and eighth-grade Big Spring Junior High School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Monday, March 3.

National Junior Society officers, Megan McCormick, Cody Carnes, Mallory Kennedy, Bryan Juan, Sydnie Robertson and Alyssa Rains conducted the ceremony, held at the junior high school gym.

New inductees are:

Seventh grade — Frank A. Acosta, Mistie M. Aguilar, Allison M. Banks, Samantha N. Boehringer, Tori M. Bohanon, Shane E. Bowles, Lauren R. Bryant, Malle F. Carrasco, Chad A. Chalker, Christopher L. Colwell, Elizabeth K. Dannheim, Zack M. Dawson, Lauren K. Dorn, Bree M. Feaster and Casey L. Fraley.

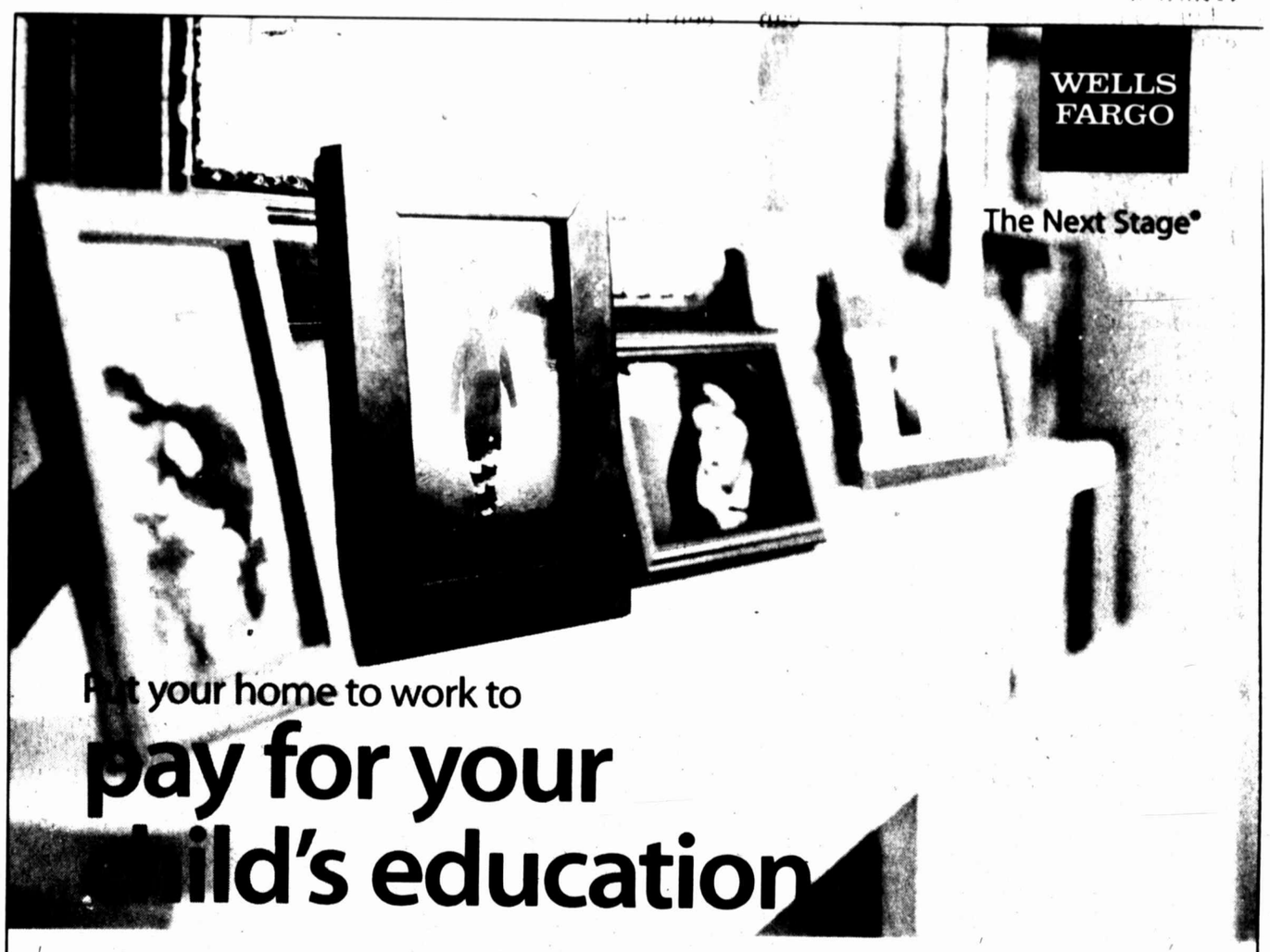
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Eighth grade — Richard D. Anderson, Robert E. Andrade, Brett A. Bennett, Nathan S. Booth, Jessica L. Chancy, Luciann C. Cruz, Scott J. Fankhauser, Julian L. Garcia, Ryan D. Harris, Klym'Daisha Lewis, Natalie M. Lozano, Shaquora D. Maples, Royce J. Perez, Brenna J. Phernetton, Shilo Z. Rawls and Loveita S. Raymond were inducted.

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Coming to America

Four international players looking forward to chance to shine in States

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Tyrel Kerpan has an impeccable football resume. Over the past two years, he's posted a perfect 17-1 record and won two football championships. He's thrown more than 50 touchdown passes and guided his team to a record eighth six-man football championship. In January, he was named one of the top 20 quarterbacks at any level — making him an almost sure lock to land a deal to play football at the next level.


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Even with all that, Kerpan still has one goal: He'd like to show Americans everywhere a Canadian can play football.

Kerpan, along with at least four other international six-man standouts will get the chance to play in the United States in July when they travel to Big Spring to compete in the 2003 All Americas Bowl.

"I'm excited about coming to play," said Kerpan, who quarterback Loreburn High School to back-to-back Saskatchewan provincial titles in 2001 and 2002. "It'll be a great opportunity for me to play and against some of the best six-man football players."

One of the best is what Kerpan is hoping to prove himself when he leads the Nationals against the Texans in the eighth annual international all-star clash, which is set for the last week in July.

"I'd like to come down and play well," said Kerpan, who has never visited the States. "I would like to come and hold my own ... to prove I can play."

Kerpan knows he has some big shoes to fill for the Nationals. The man he replaced at quarterback at Loreburn two years ago set a high standard for international quarterbacks two years ago. Former Aztecs star Travis Brown guided the Nationals to to their only win, a 33-24 stunner, in the series in 2001.

Kerpan, who was voted Saskatchewan's co-offensive player of the year, won't have to look too far for a reminder of Brown's accolades. The former quarterback's younger brother Rob will be joining him in Texas.

Brown is a legitimate star in his own right. A 6-foot end, he led the Aztecs in receiving this past fall.

A third Canadian will also be invading the Lone Star State. Central Butte receiver Clinton Paysen committed to playing in the game.

Paysen helped carry Central Butte to the provincial semifinals this season. He is the second Central Butte High School standout to ever play in the contest. Last summer, deepback Chance Dupperreault (pronounced 'Shonce Doo-peer-oh')

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Sands' Jeremy Renteria will be among a handful of Texas standouts trying to ensure Texas retains the world's six-man bragging rights this July. Renteria led Sands to the state semifinals this year.

BS fems return to action in Andrews

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers can do two things when they step onto the track at Andrews High School. First, they can continue to prove they are one of the top girls' teams in West Texas ... and, more importantly, one of the best in District 4-4A.

Big Spring will be able to gauge itself against several 4-4A foes Saturdar when they compete in the Andrews Invitational. A strong showing there would give the Lady Steers three straight Top 3 finishes.

Two BSHS groups everyone will be watching will be the Lady Steers' 4x200- and 4x100-meter relay squads. Both groups blazed their way to first-place finished last weekend at the West Texas Relays in Odessa.

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Bulldogettes will face MC Tuesday

The Coahoma Bulldogettes will wave goodbye a 4-game road swing Tuesday when they face Midland Christian at the CHS softball complex. The varsity teams begin at 7 p.m.

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1999 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer Edition - Maroon/tan, leather, fully loaded, locally owned.
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Was $14,995 — NOW $13,995

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Was $16,995 — NOW $15,995

2000 Ford Taurus - Silver, all power, one owner. SOLD
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1999 Pontiac Sunfire 2-DR. - Black, locally owned w/57,000 miles.
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Was $10,995 — NOW $9,995

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Was $9,995 — NOW $8,995

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Was $16,995 — NOW $15,995

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By TOMMY WEL...
Sports Editor

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The Big Spring Sidewinders turned in a solid effort last week at the San Angelo Invitational. Ashli McDiffit (back left) was second in the Level 6 all-around standings. Others competing included JoLisa Grace (back right) and Vanessa Alvarado and Abigail Fierro.

McDiffitt takes 2nd in all-around at '03 West Texas Championships

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Ashli McDiffitt finished second in the all-around standings at the West Texas Gymnastics Championships in San Angelo last week by putting together a strong performance in each of the meet's four events.

Her efforts highlighted a stellar effort by the Big Spring Sidewinders in the final meet of the spring campaign. Vanessa Alvarado, Abigail Fierro and JoLisa Grace also competed.

"The girls worked very hard for the scores they received and we are very proud of all of them," said Sidewinders' head coach Sandy McDiffitt.

McDiffitt opened the meet by taking fourth in the vaulting exercise. She came back and turned in a gem on the bars, winning the event with a dazzling mark of 9.1. She finished the meet by taking the runner-up honors in the uneven parallel bars and fourth on the balance beam.

Her all-around score of 34.85 was good for second in the final points standings. in the Level 6 competition.

Alvarado was a force in the Level 4 division. She posted a score of 8.6 in the vault and 8.9 on the balance beam. She registered a mark of 33.40 in the all-around standings.

Fierro and Grace, who also competed in Level 4, were just as impressive. Fierro collected a team-high 9.0 on the balance beam. She earned marks of 8.4 on the vault; 7.8 on the bars and 8.05 on the floor.

Grace dominated the vaulting exercise. She reeled off a score of 9.55 in the event. She struggled a bit on the bars and floor and finished with a cumulative score of 32 in the all-around rankings.

'Hammers crank out nine hits in run-rule win over Westbrook

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

WESTBROOK — The Rotan Yellowhammers scattered nine hits over five innings and rolled to a 10-0 run-rule victory over the Westbrook Wildcats Friday afternoon.

With the win, Rotan spoiled Westbrook's 2003 home opener and dropped the Wildcats to 0-2.

The Yellowhammers didn't have much success in the early going against Westbrook ace Jordan Johnson, who was making his season debut. Rotan managed to score just once in each of the first two innings.

The Wildcat offense was unable to take advantage of the effort, however. Westbrook managed just one hit in the first two innings — a two-out single by Colt Rich in the first.

Overall, four of the first six batters WHS sent to the plate struck out.

Johnson ran into some trouble from there, however. The Yellowhammers pushed their lead to 8-0 in the third and fourth innings by scoring six runs.

Rotan sealed the win with a two-run outburst in the fifth.

Westbrook, which had dropped a 14-0 decision to Ira last week in their season-opener, managed to stage a small threat in the bottom of the fifth. Chris Molina led off the frame with a single.

Molina was unable to advance, though. the Rotan pitcher struck out two of the final three batters he faced. He enticed the third to pop out to third.

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The BSHS 4x100-meter team of LaKenya Wrightsil, Esha Ward, Airianne Brown, Ka'Rissa Magers and Carmen Lewis breezed to a time of 49.1 seconds in Odesa. Ward replaced Wrightsil in the finals of the event on Saturday.

Ward, Brown, Magers and Lewis collected a gold in the 4x200 by running a time of 1:45.

Amisha Vanderbilt will be looking for her second straight gold in the shot put. She won the West Texas Relays title with a throw of 40-feet, 3-inches.

Cierra Butler and Moshea Hurrington will also be looking to continue turning heads. Butler was second last week in the discus. Hurrington was third overall.

Another BSHS athlete that could bear watching is Eve Tobar. She established a school record last week by turning in a time of 5:34 in the 1,600-meter run. She was sixth in the final standings.

IN BRIEF

Umpires needed for Little League season

Little League umpires are needed for this season.

The next meeting for umpires is scheduled for Monday at the Howard County 911, located at 610 Main Street.

Anyone interested in calling Little League baseball games should contact David Roman at 263-4688.

Lady Steers boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will be holding a meeting this Monday. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. at the BSHS ATC meeting room.

Clay shooting event scheduled for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21-22 at Windwarker Farms in Stanton.

For more info contact (915) 570-0172.

Longhorn softball tourney scheduled

The 2nd Annual Longhorn Softball Tournament will be held March 22-23 at Cotton Mize Field. Entry fee is $110 per team.

For more information contact Oscar Cervantes at 268-9597 or Pano Rodriguez at 267-8307.

Chavez to play in Hawaiian tourney

Westbrook's Trey Chavez was one of four Texas high school students chosen to play in Hawaii this summer.

Chavez is the son of Marcelino and Norma Chavez. Marcelino is a 1974 graduate of Coahoma High School. Norma Chavez graduated from Big Spring in 1984.

The family is seeking donations to help cover the cost for travel.

BSYSA seeking team sponsors for 2003

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is seeking team sponsors for the 2003 season, which begins in Aril. For more information call Kris Larson at (915)) 264-3641, Ext. 196.

Ackerly JH Meet slated for Thursday

The Ackerly Junior High School Track and Field Meet will be held Thursday at the track complex at Sands High School. Teams from throughout the area, including Westbrook, Sands and Grady will be on hand to compete.

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A-Rod to sit for a spell

A-Rod is going to be absent for a bit of spring training.

Alex Rodriguez will be out at least a few days with a small herniated disc in his neck, but the Texas Rangers are confident their $252 million shortstop will be healthy by opening day.

"From everything we've been told about the injury, we sit here today very confident that Alex will be back any day," general manager John Hart said Friday. "There's no reason to think he won't."

Rodriguez complained of stiffness and fatigue in his left shoulder after playing Tuesday and Wednesday, and went back to Dallas on Thursday for additional tests. He's expected back in Rangers' camp Sunday or Monday.

"Knowing Alex, the whole idea is to keep him away from this environment," manager Buck Showalter said. "If Alex were here, he'd probably be back in the weight room."

Big 12 final looks lot like old SWC championships

DALLAS (AP) — Two nationally ranked basketball teams from Texas. A raucous crowd filling the seats of cramped Reunion Arena. A conference championship on the line.

Sounds a lot like those old Southwest Conference tourneys from the early '90s, doesn't it?

No. 5 Texas and No. 8 Texas Tech will play in the Big 12 tournament's title game Saturday, a chance for both teams to relive a little history from the now-defunct league. The Southwest Conference Postseason Classic used to hold its championship game at Reunion Arena, too.

"This is something we are very familiar with, even in this arena," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said Thursday after her team defeated No. 8 Kansas State to advance to the Big 12 final. "We have had a lot of battles here. I remember some of the atmosphere from those old Southwest Conference games. It's going to be awesome to relive that."

From 1990-94, UT and Tech played against each other four times in the finals of the SWC tourney, with each team winning twice. In all of those games, both teams were ranked among the nation's top 25 teams — Tech's Sheryl Swoopes-led 1993 team even went on to win a national title.

In Big 12 men's action, Texas Tech gave coach Bobby Knight something to smile about.

Knight came to the Big 12 tournament practically as a sideshow:

"Come see the Hall of Fame coach working for free!"

Now, after Saturday, Knight and Texas Tech have become the main event.

With a buzzer-beating win in the opener and a whistle-to-whistle domination of No. 3 Texas on Friday night, the seventh-seeded Red Raiders will play No. 6 Oklahoma in the semifinals.

After Tech beat the Longhorns 92-81, the Sooners opened their pursuit of a third straight Big 12 tournament championship with a 74-59 victory over the University of Colorado.

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starred in the Nationals' 44-22 loss in Gordon.

Big Spring won't be a complete surprise to every member of the Nationals' roster. Australian linebacker Daniel Seremet spent a month in the Crossroads last summer training.

Seremet, a 6-foot-1, 210-pounder end/linebacker, helped lead the Northern Redbacks to the Australian state six-man football crown two years ago. He has played in two of Australia's four state finals.

Seremet also has some high standards to meet. His older brother, Antonio, established the game's record for sacks two years ago by dropping Texas quarterbacks five times.

One thing is certain, Seremet won't have to spent much time getting to know the Nationals' coaching staff. He's already spent time with two of them. Seremet played in the Can-Am Bowl last year as a junior. That team was coached by New Mexico's Jose Porras, who will headline the Nationals team this fall.

All Americas Bowl officials said earlier in the week they still expect a few more international standouts to attend. An invitation has been extended to a Norwegian six-man player.

Norway joined the ranks of countries playing six-man football this past summer. The country fielded eight teams a year ago.

The Nationals will have plenty of size and speed to go with their international flavor. Last week, Rapelje end Nick Burgess announced his intentions to play in the game. A 6-foot-5, 240-pound end, Burgess has signed to play collegiately at Montana Tech next fall.

Joining Burgess and Brown as receiving threats is Custer, Mont., standout Dan Link. A 2002 six-man all-american pick, Link is a 5-foot-11, 180-pound was one of the top receivers in the U.S.

Colorado all-staters Justin Epperly and Brenton Witzel, both of Bethune, are also among the players to commit to the contest. Epperly, a speedy running back, was one of Colorado's top kick and punt return players.

Joining Epperly and Witzel are fellow Coloradoans David Strobel and Josh Beebe,an all-state running back who led the Cheraw Wolverines into the playoffs this season.

The Texas roster will be keyed by several area athletes, including Sands' "Three Amigos" — Jeremy Renteria, Heath Webb and Nate Looney.

Other area players invited to participate in the football game include Ira's Josh Gutierrez and Eric Dickerhoff, Grady's Eric Tunnell and Klondike's Jim Bob Morris.

Invitations to the All Americas boys' and girls' basketball games will be issued next week.

Taking Shape
The following is a look at the players who have committed to play this summer.

Nationals

Name	Hometown	Pos.
Rob Brown	Loreburn, SK	E/E
Tyrel Kerpai	Loreburn, SK	QB/LB
Clinton Paysen	Central Butte, SK	E/LB
Justin Epperly	Bethune, CO	RB/DB
Brenton Witzel	Bethune, CO	RB/LB
Mark Pearson	Logan, NM	E/E
Michael Porras	Lake Arthur, NM	QB/DB
Edel Villa	Lake Arthur, NM	RB/LB
Dan Link	Custer, MT	E/E
David Enton	Lake Arthur, NM	C/LB
Nick Burgess	Rapelje, MT	E/E
David Strobel	Bethune, CO	RB/LB
Gabriel Torres	Lake Arthur, NM	WR/DB
Ben Krause	Idalia, CO	RB/DB
Coaches	Jose Porras, Lake Arthur, NM Brad Hoffman, Custer, MT Ryan Becker, Herndon, KS	

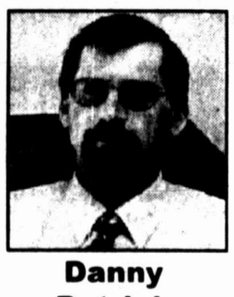
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Name	Hometown	Pos.
Nate Looney	Sands	RB/DB
Jordan Barker	Whitharral	QB/DB
Brandon Hoskins	Whitharral	RB/LB
Derrick Cruse	Valley	RB/LB
Josh Nors	Abbott	E/LB
Daniel Fowler	Richland Springs	RB/LB
Jason Tharp	Richland Springs	QB/LB
Jeremy renteria	Sands	QB/DB
Heath Webb	Sands	RB/LB
Jason Hejl	Abbott	RB/LB
Rocky Reyna	Whitharral	RB/LB
Victor Portillo	Whitharral	E/E
Anthony Garza	Richland Springs	E/S
Justin Wilks	Valley	RB/LB
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Paid in Full



At right, the members of Paid in Full pose for a group shot. Pictured are Tanner Churchwell, left, Cody Carnes and Austin Cox. Below, during practice, Churchwell strums a few chords on his bass while, middle, Carnes keeps the beat constant and, bottom, Cox belts out a soulful tune.

Story and photos by Staff Writer Lyndel Moody

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his name, make his praise glorious. (Psalms 66 verse 1-2)

Denominations dissolve into one sweet harmonizing sound when three Big Spring teens rock the house in praise of the Lord.

Junior high students Tanner Churchwell on bass guitar, Austin Cox on vocals and lead guitar and Cody Carnes on drums make up the Christian rock band Paid In Full.

Although coming from three different church-related backgrounds — Methodist, Southern Baptist and nondenominational the trio join together in praise with their love of music.

It's an innate love found early in their lives.

"For me, music has always been a big thing because I've played drums since I was 2-1/2," Carnes said. "My dad's a professional musician, Calvin Carnes. We used to live in Abilene and I used to play jobs with him. I think, the first time I got to play and be paid for it I was 6."

For Churchwell, it was a 1970s giant rock group famous for their white painted faces that drew him into the business.

"I got started through my uncle, Chris, because he gave me all his KISS records," Churchwell said.

By the time Carnes and Churchwell were in fourth grade, they had formed a band. Cox joined the group in sixth grade as a keyboardist.

"Me and Tanner started out not a Christian band — in fourth grade and then kinda of split up last year," Carnes said. "After that, me and Austin got together and we started this. We kept going through bass players left and right and couldn't really find anyone until we got him (Churchwell) back."

With Churchwell back in the fold, the trio began to take off. Already, Paid in Full has cut a demo CD filled with original songs.

"Austin writes the words and I write the music," Carnes said.

"We get together and put it together," Cox added.

The group has performed live four times this past year and hopes to be one of the bands to play during the summer Christian rock concert, Rock the Desert, held in Midland each year.

Paid In Full CDs cost $6 apiece and can be purchased from one of the members. For more information, call Miracle Revival Center, 263-7714.





Lies, Lies, Lies

Verse
All I've been told...
and I've ever heard...
bringing me down, trying to destroy me.

Verse
But you the Lord told me the truth shall set me free...
Your word is the whole truth and it means life to me...
believe not the lies and fears the enemy throws at you...
but look to the word of God....
The book of truth.

Chorus
Lies, lies, lies...
Lies, lies, lies...
All I ever hear are these lies.

Song lyrics
by Austin Cox
and Brad Cox

3 Nails

Verse
3 nails from his head down to his feet ...
waiting for the day that we will meet.
39 whips across His back ...
reminding me of how much I lack.

Chorus
For me and for you ...
He did this all for me and you.

Verse
He carried the cross up on His shoulder ...
nobody else could be any bolder.
He wore the crown of thorns up on His head ...
reminding me of all the blood He shed.

Chorus B
He was so brave, so strong, so hurt ...
blood stains on His back and on His shirt.
He died on the cross just for our sins ...
just so all of us could be born again.

Song lyrics
by Austin Cox

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Campbell-Helms

Laura Elizabeth Campbell and Jerrod W. Helms, both of Louisville, Ky., will exchange wedding vows on June 7, 2003, in Oklahoma City, Okla., with Virgil Feinsod, youth pastor of First United Methodist Church of Dumas, officiating.

She is the daughter of Thelma Campbell of Shawnee, Okla.

He is the son of Dick and Connie Helms and the grandson of the late Eugene and Anna Helms of Big Spring.

ENGAGEMENT



Clanton-Barr

Christy LeAnn Clanton of Arlington and Johnathan Drew Barr of Coahoma will exchange wedding vows on July 19, 2003, at Ridglea Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

She is the daughter of Carl and Marilyn Clanton of Arlington.

He is the son of Maxwell and Kaye Barr of Coahoma and the grandson of James and Betty Barr of Coahoma and Kirk and Yevonne Drew of Fredricksburg.

ENGAGEMENT



Turner-Cusick

Misty DeeAnn Turner and Marc Alan Cusick, both of Monument, Colo., will exchange wedding vows on April 12, 2003, at Shove Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colo., with Brother Gary Snider officiating.

She is the daughter of Dean and Marilyn Turner of Big Spring.

He is the son of Marley Cusick.

FOUR GENERATIONS



Four generations celebrate the 95th birthday of Velma McMinn, Howard County farmer and rancher since 1934. She is pictured with daughter Natha Mitchell, granddaughter Valerie Smith and great grandchildren Savanah Smith and Sean Smith.

WHO'S WHO



Shane Burt received his Basic Firefighter Certification from Texas A&M Commerce on Feb. 21. Shane completed 486 hours of physical fitness, ~~classroom and hands~~ on training and has met the Texas Commission on Fire Protections requirements.

Shane plans to continue his emergency medical technician and paramedic training at Howard College.

Shane is the son of Tommy and Sally Burt. He is the grandson of Sara Caffey, the late L.C. Caffey, the late Albert O. Gonzales and the late Buster and Dora Burt.

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THURSDAY —

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40 years as a cropduster

The story of Lincoln Beachy's part in pioneering aviation is recorded at the Smithsonian. My mother vividly remembered seeing him and his famous airship in 1912 at the county fair in Clarinda, Iowa.



JEAN WARREN

Everyone was excited, but Beachy explained the flight would have to be postponed until the wind died down.

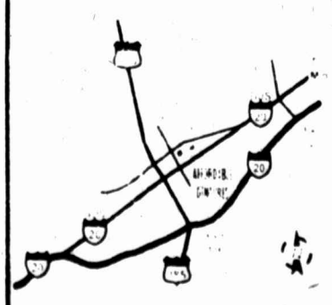
Finally, late in the afternoon, he attempted the flight.

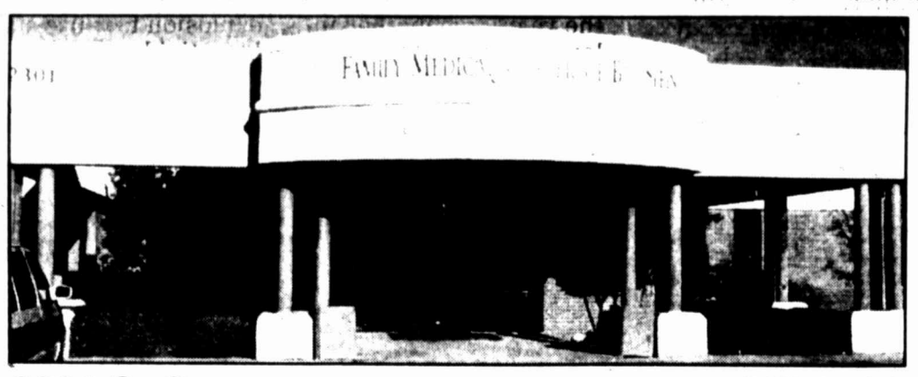
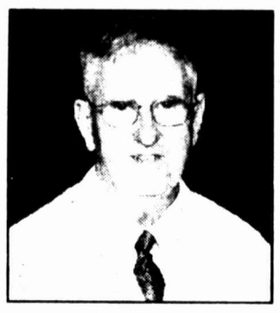
The light-colored biplane lifted slowly into the air. It cleared some small trees and then landed abruptly. Beachy was unhurt; he told the crowd that the wind was

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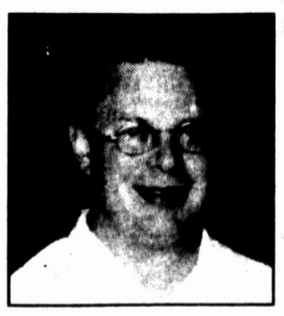

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MENUS

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Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.
FRIDAY — BBQ chicken, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, milk, cake.

COAHOMA ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Donuts, sausage, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Pancakes, sausage on a stick, syrup, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Sweetened rice, sausage, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY — Waffles, sausage, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY — Pop Tarts, sausage, fruit, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Pizza, tater tots, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY — Tacos (burritos), fresh fruit, salad, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Frito pie, corn, cobbler, milk.
THURSDAY — Enchiladas (corn dogs), salad, cornbread, beans, milk.
FRIDAY — Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oranges, milk.

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
LUNCH
MONDAY — Frito pie, cheese, veggie & dressing, fruit.
TUESDAY — Chicken sandwich, chips, cookie.
WEDNESDAY — Cheeseburger, macaroni, corn, jello.
THURSDAY — Soup, sandwich, chips, ice cream.
FRIDAY — Ravioli, bread & butter, pudding.

SANDS CISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Biscuit and sausage
TUESDAY — Breakfast pizza
WEDNESDAY — French toast stick and sausage
THURSDAY — Cinnamon rolls
FRIDAY — Nutri Grain
LUNCH
MONDAY — Hamburgers, lettuce tomatoes, pickles, fries, cookies, milk.
TUESDAY — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, rolls, pudding, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chili, pinto beans, cornbread, crackers, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY — Steak fingers with gravy, June peas, carrots, rolls, pudding, milk.
FRIDAY — Sandwiches, potato chips, ice cream, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD
LUNCH
MONDAY — Rib sandwich (popcorn chicken), potato rounds, ranch style beans, peach cup.
TUESDAY — Pig in blanket (beef stew), broccoli with cheese, seasoned new potatoes, mixed fruit.
WEDNESDAY — Charbroiled meatballs (corn chip pie), mashed potatoes, California vegetables, apples, roll
THURSDAY — Pepperoni pizza (hot turkey sandwich), French fries, baby carrots, fruit juice.
FRIDAY — Tamales (hamburger), border beans, corn on cob, cornbread, lemon pie.

STANTON ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cinnamon roll, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Pepperoni pizza (corndog), mixed vegetables, pear slices, chocolate pudding.
TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets (steak fingers), mashed potatoes, sweet peas, chilled peaches, hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY — Beef stew (toasted cheese sandwich), tator tots, stuffed celery, orange smiles, catsup.
THURSDAY — Chicken fajitas (chicken casserole), pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread.
FRIDAY — Cheese nachos (burrito), chili, corn, vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, pear slices.

FORSAN ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Donuts, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Corndogs, chips, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY — Chili mac & cheese, Texas toast, salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken stir fry, egg rolls, rice, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY — Buffalo burgers, Freedom fries, lettuce/tomato/pickle, fruit, cake, milk.
FRIDAY — BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, rolls, fruit, milk.

WARREN

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still too strong.
My grandfather, along with others, laughed and declared they had known all along the thing wouldn't fly.
I wonder what my grandfather would have thought if he could have known then that a grandson of his would one day earn his living as a pilot.
My brother, Bill, learned to fly in 1944, shortly before entering the army. He earned his private pilot's license in just two months.
Following his stint in the service, Bill continued training to become a commercial pilot. He spent some time as an instructor and a charter pilot and also performed stunts at county fairs.
They did not do much for my mother's anxiety level.
I can attest to the stunts. One summer evening, in an open PT-19, he gave me what can only be described as an exciting ride over the farm and the city of Wayne.
I was not the ideal passenger in a small plane for I often became airsick. Still, Bill flew me to Denver twice, and once to Terry, Mont. He tried to take me to my new teaching position at Greybull, Wyo., but I became so nauseated that we had to land at Lusk, Wyo. I traveled the rest of the way by bus.
Bill eventually went into aerial spraying, moving his family to Las Animas, Colo.
He laughs that through the years, his mother-in-law maintained the stereotype of a pilot. Every Christmas she gave him a long scarf!
Bill was a crop duster for 40 years. He sprayed a variety of crops from Montana to Louisiana, working in a total of 11 states.
I'm sure there were many close calls that he did not share with his family, but one near accident received considerable attention.
Bill was dusting tomatoes, flying low, when he noticed some tomato crates in the field and lifted up over them. As he flew along, he hit some object he hadn't seen and broke the brace that held the landing gear in position.
He realized the plane would crash if he attempted to land, since the left wing would go into the ground. There was also the danger of an explosion because sulfur insecticide is highly explosive.
Bill buzzed the airport to alert others of his predicament. A plan was evolved where a pick-up truck would be driven along side the plane as it came in for a landing. Four men in the back of the pick-up would try to grab the right wing and balance the plane as it came in on one wheel.
There were several tense moments, but the plan worked.
Bill has quit aerial spraying, but he still flies. In his Super Cub, he assists local law enforcement in searches for people. One successful search he likes to remember was finding a little boy who had wandered away from his home.
I'm sure my grandfather would have approved of that.

CLUB NEWS

TOPS TX, Big Spring
. Ten members of TOPS 21 met at the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 West Third on Monday, March 10, at 6 p.m.
Olnee Menges opened the meeting with prayer and the fellowship song and Donna Menges led in reciting the TOPS pledge.
The one KOPS present recorded a loss and Joyce Chelette was the best loser of the 9 TOPS present.
Carol Smith gave the program. Tips given on weight loss are as follows: 1) think about your eating habits 2) decide how to handle temptation 3) plan ahead 4) be realistic and expect setbacks 5) pick an exercise plan that is right for you.
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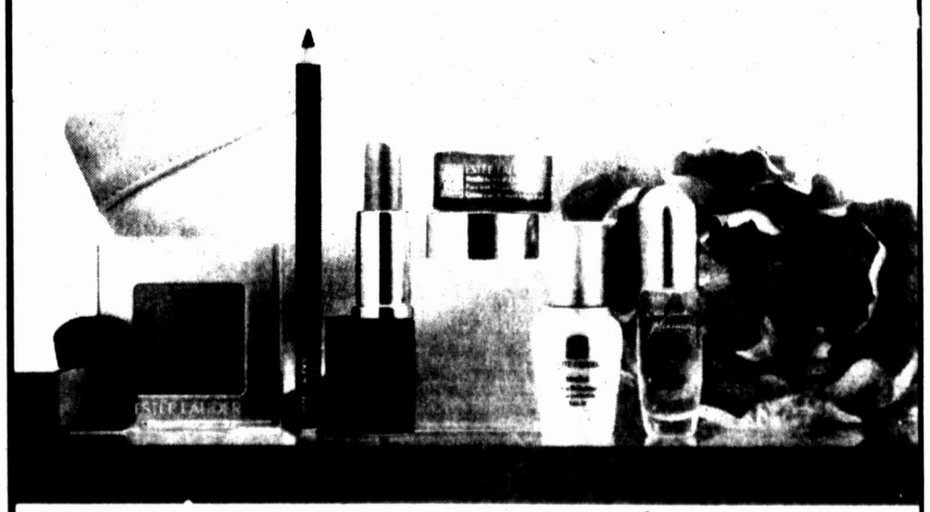
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Topping the list of taxpayers

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

It's no shock to learn that Howard County's leading taxpayers for 2002 are centered in oil, gas and manufacturing.

ALON USA is by far the county's largest taxpayer, with $74,652,300 in taxable values.

Western Container Corp. is second in taxable values at $39,660,310, followed by Power Resources Inc. at $35,812,100. Fourth is Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas at $31,837,110, while Conoco Inc. ranks fifth at $29,546,443.

Rounding out the top 10, in order, are Anadarko Petroleum, $24,297,040; Sid Richardson Carbon, $22,699,190; Oncor Electric Delivery, $20,706,760; Devon SFS Operating, $17,336,200; and Southwestern Bell Telephone, $13,978,980.

What is interesting, is to look at the picture two years ago. At that time, what is now ALON USA was Fina Oil & Chemical Co., still the county's largest taxpayer of course, with a total of $86,254,328 in taxable values. That's a difference of more than $11 million.


TOOMIRE

"Most of that has to do with the fact that Fina carried an inventory of about $30 million while ALON has an inventory of $15 million," said Keith Toomire, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District.

"As far as the plant itself, it's probably more viable with ALON owning it because it is a major part of their portfolio, whereas before it was owned by PetroFina, a $380 billion conglomerate," he added.

Toomire noted that ALON's new asphalt plant won't be on the tax rolls until next year.

Ranking second in 2000 was Power Resources with values totaling $58,197,902, followed by bottling manufacturer Western Container Corp. with $36,863,590.

The city of Big Spring, which receives minimal tax reveue from oil and gas, relies on manufacturing and utilities for much of its tax proceeds. The city's tax rate is 65.63 per

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Who's footing the bill?

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

So if ALON USA is the county's largest taxpayer, how exactly does that relate in actual tax dollars?

According to the Howard County Tax Assessor's Office, ALON is billed $353,538.36 in taxes to Howard County, $201,449.23 to Howard College and $1,176,744.20 to Big Spring Independent School District.

Howard County has a tax rate of 47.35 cents per $100 valuation for the current tax year. In comparison, it was 44.89 cents two years ago.

Taxable values are the same for Howard College as they are for Howard County. However, because the tax rate is different — 26.98 cents per $100 for the college — the taxes owed are different. ALON USA pays $201,449.23 to the county, more than $150,000 less than to the county.

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Howard County	Value	Taxes
ALON USA	$74,652,300	$353,538.36
Western Container	$39,660,310	$187,823.30
Power Resources	$35,812,100	$169,598.94
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas	$31,837,110	$150,774.19
Conoco	$29,546,443	$139,926.04

Howard College	Value	Taxes
ALON USA	$74,652,300	$201,449.23
Western Container	$39,660,310	$107,023.35
Power Resources	$35,812,100	$96,638.95
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas	$31,837,110	$85,912.44
Conoco	$29,546,443	$79,731.08

Ag classes set early on morning of Thursday's expo and luncheon

The West Texas Ag Expo will be Thursday at Howard College in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration for the Ag CEU classes that are being offered will begin at 7:30 a.m.


TOMMY YEATER

The Ag program will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 11 a.m. Topics for this year's program will be alternative crops, update on the boll weevil eradication program, brush control, and TDA laws and regulations. There will be 3 CEUs offered with this program.

The Ag program will be held in the East Room, top floor of the coliseum.

Area merchants will have booths and exhibits for viewing starting at 10 a.m. There will also be a display of quilts from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Ag Appreciation Luncheon will begin at 11:30. Tickets may be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more on this or other pertinent information, contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.



Backhoe operator George Fuentes works at the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and FM 700, preparing the corner for signal wiring. Contractors through the Texas Department of Transportation have been working on the intersection for several months, trying to improve traffic flow.

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HANK BOND
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District Court Filings

Desire L. Savell vs. Michael Neal Birmelin, family paternity and legitimization
Tandi Jo Barbee vs. Danny Joe Barbee, divorce
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Arturo Franco, contract
Modesta F. Valencia vs. Albert G. Valencia, divorce
Pamela Gwen Kennedy vs. Enoch Gerald Kennedy, divorce
Latava Rena Johnson vs. Jose Guadalupe Reyes, family protective order
Miguel Vega vs. Debora Vega Pineda, divorce
Kristie Christiansen vs. Juan Paul Garza, family protective order
Mario L. Grant vs. Tammy L. Hawk, family

County Court Rulings

Probated Judgment: Antonio Castillo, Driving While Intoxicated, $1,500 fine, $276 court costs, 90 days license suspension, 180 days in jail (license suspension and jail time suspended, 12 months probation)

Judgment and Sentence: Michael Munoz, Evading Arrest, $500 fine, $311 court costs, 90 days in jail

Probated Judgment: Joe Rodriguez, Assault Family Violence, $250 fine, $261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation)

Probated Judgment: Stacy J. Miller, Driving While Intoxicated, $276 court costs, 90 days license suspension, 180 days in jail (license suspension and jail time suspended, 24 months probation)

Probated Judgment: Brandy Michelle Morgan, Driving While Intoxicated — Second Offense, $2,000 fine, $276 court costs, 80 hours community service, 365 days license suspension, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation)

Marriage Licenses

Isa Majica Castellano, 30, and Earmalinda G. Herrera, 24, both of Big Spring
Rudy Eugene Arguello, 34, and Cherrie M. Meise, 46, both of Big Spring

Warranty Deed

Grantor: Lura A. Perry, individually and as executrix of the estate of Max L. Perry, deceased
Grantee: Island Mortgage Inc.
Property: Lot 3 and the W.15 feet of Lot 4, Blk. 28, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date filed: Feb. 6, 2003

Grantor: Lura A. Perry, individually and as executrix of the estate of Max L. Perry, deceased
Grantee: Island Mortgage Inc.
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Subdivision B of Blk. 17, Fairview Heights Addition
Date filed: Feb. 6, 2003

Grantor: First National Bank in Bronte
Grantee: Crossroads Housing Development Corp.
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 1, Gordon Addition
Date filed: Feb. 7, 2003

Grantor: Pamela W. Gass
Grantee: Dalton Lewis
Property: Approximately the N.76 feet of Blk. B, Boydston Addition, described by metes and bounds in the deed
Date filed: Feb. 10, 2003

Grantor: Pam Gass
Grantee: Dalton Lewis
Property: Lots 8 and 9, Blk. 56, Original Town of Big Spring
Date filed: Feb. 10, 2003

Grantor: Jeffery A. Williams and Debbie L. Williams
Grantee: Island Mortgage Inc.
Property: E.40 feet of Lot 5, and W.20 feet of Lot 6, Blk. 1, Monticello Addition
Date filed: Feb. 10, 2003

Grantor: Benny Martin
Grantee: John Ed Ezell
Property: An undivided 1/2 interest in a 77.30 acre tract in Sec. 45, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Feb. 10, 2003

VALUES

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$100, the same as it was two years ago.

Western Container, with values of $39,660,310, is the leading taxpayer within the city boundries. Scenic Mountain Medical Center ranks second at $12,542,671, followed by Southwestern Bell at $9,651,030, Oncor at $9,165,950, and Wal-Mart Real Estate at $6,650,000. The second five are Wal-Mart Store, $6,198,764; H.E. Butt Grocery, $3,198,764; Energas, $2,990,720; Rip Griffin, $2,800,068; and Hubbs & Curry Family, $2,149,126.

The top three taxpayers for Big Spring Independent School District are the same as for the county and in the same amounts — ALON USA, $74,652,300; Western Container, $39,660,310; and Power Resources, $35,812,100. Sid Richardson is fourth, $22,368,000, followed by Oncor Electric Delivery, $12,829,420. The other five are Scenic Mountain Medical Center, $12,542,671; Southwestern Bell, $11,693,590; L.C.S. Production Company, $10,220,820; Exxon Mobil Corp., $7,134,490; and Wal-Mart Real Estate, $6,650,000. Wal-Mart Store Inc. is 11th at $6,198,764.

The other various taxing entiries rely on a variety of industry and business. The city of Coahoma's largest taxpayer is Wes-Tex Telephone, with $549,790 in taxable values. Wes-Texas is followed closely by First Bank of West Texas at $505,076 in values. Oncor Electric is third at $367,920, followed by J&S Oilfield Electric at $246,599 and Union Pacific Railraod at $228,7120.

Forsan's largest taxpayer is Key Energy, with values of $554,100, followed by Van's Well Service Inc., $299,280; Wilson Supply, $170,300; Jeff Kester, $122,250; and Bobby S. Wash, $120,646.

Here is a look at the top five taxpayers for other entities:

Coahoma ISD: Anadarko Petroleum, $20,207,290; 2. Devon SFS Operating, $17,089,660; 3. Southwest Royalties, $7,797,340; 4. New World Tx Renewable Energy, $7,582,620; 5. Walsh & Watts, $7,305,116.

Forsan ISD: 1. Kerr-McGee, $31,569,970; 2. Conoco, $28,292,483; 3. New World Tx Renewable, $24,050,120; 4. Gruy Petroleum Management, $10,219,920; 5. Westport Oil & Gas, $9,496,710.

Permian Basin Underground Water District: 1. Power Resources, $435,812,100; 2. Kerr-McGee, $31,837,110; 3. Conoco, $29,546,443; 4. Anadarko, $$25,267,040; 5. Sid Richardson Carbon, $22,699,190.

Incidentally, the top taxpayers for Howard College are the same as for Howard County.

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BILL

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Another major taxpayer is Western Container Corp. Its tax bill calculates to $187,823.30 for Howard County, $107,023.35 to Howard College, $260,290.61 to the city of Big Spring and $625,165.47 to Big Spring ISD.

Obviously, Western Container is the city's single largest taxpayer. The city's tax rate is 65.63 per $100, the same as it was two years ago.

Another top taxpayer is Power Resources Inc. It is billed $169,598.94 in county taxes, $96,638.95 in college taxes and $564,506.13 in city of Big Spring taxes. It also pays $5,414.79 to the Permian Bain Underwater Conservation District.

Keer-McGee Oil and Gas pays $150,744.19 to the county, $85,912.44 to the college, and is Forsan Independent School District's largest taxpayer, with a bill of $473,549.55.

Forsan relies heavily on energy. Conoco Inc. pays $424,387.25; New World Renewable Energy $360,751.80; Gruy Petroleum $153,298.80; Wesport Oil and Gas $142,450.65; and Seminole Pipeline $133,336.05.

The same is true of Coahoma ISD, which receives $303,109.35 from Anadarko Petroleum, $256,344.90 from Devon SFS Operating, $116,960 from Southwest Royalties and $113,739.30 to New World Renewable.

Coahoma and Forsan ISDs both have a tax rate of $1.50 per $100.

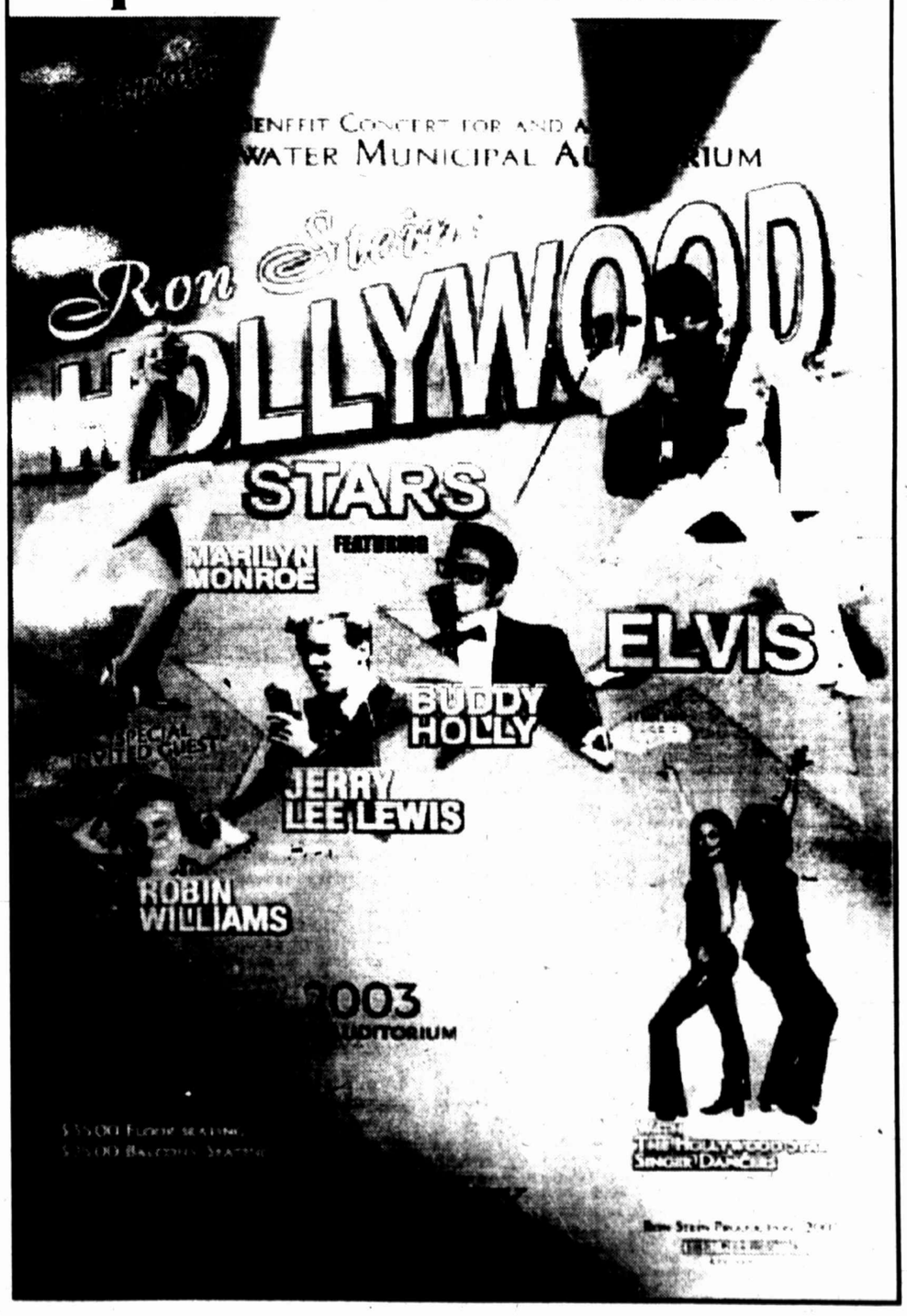
The city of Forsan's top three taxpayers are Key Energy, $2,287.77; Van's Well Service, $1,235.67; and Wilson Supply Co., $703.13. Forsan's tax rate is 41.28 per $100.

The top three taxpayers for the city of Coahoma are Wes-Texas Telephone Co-op, $3,529.38; First Bank of West Texas, $3,242.34; and Oncor Electric Delivery, $2,361.86. Coahoma's tax rate is 64.19 cents.

City of Big Spring	Value	Taxes
Western Container	$39,660,310	$260,290.61
Scenic Mnt. Med Ctr	$12,542,671	$82,317.55
Southwestern Bell	$9,651,030	$63,339.71
Oncor Elec. Delivery	$9,15,950	$60,156.13
Wal-Mart Real Estate	$6,650,000	$43,643.95
Big Spring ISD	**Value**	**Taxes**
ALON USA	$74,652,300	$1,176,744.20
Western Container	$39,660,310	$625,165.47
Power Resources	$35,812,100	$564,506.13
Sid Richardson Carbon	$22,388,000	$352,586.78
Oncor Elec. Delivery	$12,829,420	$202,230.15

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Annie's Mailbox . . . Advice for those in need



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Dear Annie: A few months ago, my in-laws accused me of terrible things, including stealing from their business. It didn't take long for them to realize they'd made a horrible mistake, but the damage had been done. I was under great emotional strain, and after the accusations began, I suffered a miscarriage. This would have been our first child. I blame my husband's parents and cannot bear to be in their presence.

My in-laws apologized to us and now assume things can get back to normal. How can they think everything is OK after causing such irreparable harm? It has been five months, and I want the situation to improve. I've sought religious counseling and have begun to move beyond my anger, but I can't seem to get past the hurt. My in-laws have made no attempt to work on our relationship. I don't know how to explain my pain and sorrow to them. Please help. — Hurting in Michigan

Dear Hurting: How terrible that you were the victim of such injustice. You are wise to understand that the situation cannot continue, but fixing it requires that you forgive your in-laws and accept their apology with your whole heart. You and your husband should have a long talk with them and explain how hurt you are.

You also are grieving for your lost child, and this is making it difficult for you to move forward. There is an excellent support group for those who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage or infant death. Please contact SHARE, St. Joseph Health Center, 300 First Capitol Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301-2893, 1-800-821-6819 (www.NationalSHAREOffice.com).

Dear Annie: Several months ago, you had a letter from a lady whose boyfriend complained about her walking around the house in the nude. I know a lot of readers wondered why he would object to such eye candy. I'll tell them.

My wife believes I am attracted to her when she parades around in her birthday suit, but she's wrong. She is nearly 80 pounds overweight, and it's not a pretty sight. She doesn't realize that putting on some clothing would enhance her appearance and make her infinitely more appealing. I gave her some hints to that effect, but my comments hurt her feelings, so I stopped. Now, I simply turn out the lights when we get amorous. If you have any suggestions, I'm all ears. — Stumped in Oregon

Dear Stumped: It's common knowledge that the naked body is less alluring than one that is semi-clothed. Women who wear sexy lingerie have figured this out.

You cannot force your wife to keep her clothes on, but perhaps if you buy her some slinky thing, she will wear it for you. There are shops that sell lingerie for full-figured women. Ask the salesperson to help you select something that will show off your wife's best assets, and use your imagination for the rest. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I am writing in regard to one of my husband's quirky habits. Whenever we visit a restaurant, the server will introduce himself, and my husband then proceeds to address him by his first name. It would be fine if he used it once or twice, but he uses the name repeatedly in every single sentence. He'll say, "Well, Tim, we'll have the dinner special, Tim, with coffee. OK, Tim?"

This is uncomfortable for the server and everyone at our table. I've told my husband he is overdoing it, but he insists the server enjoys the use of his name. What can I do about this? — Ready to Start Cooking at Home

Dear Ready: Show your husband this letter, and tell him you wrote it. No one enjoys hearing his or her name used ad nauseam. It sounds insincere and ridiculous. Maybe if he hears it from someone else, he will listen.

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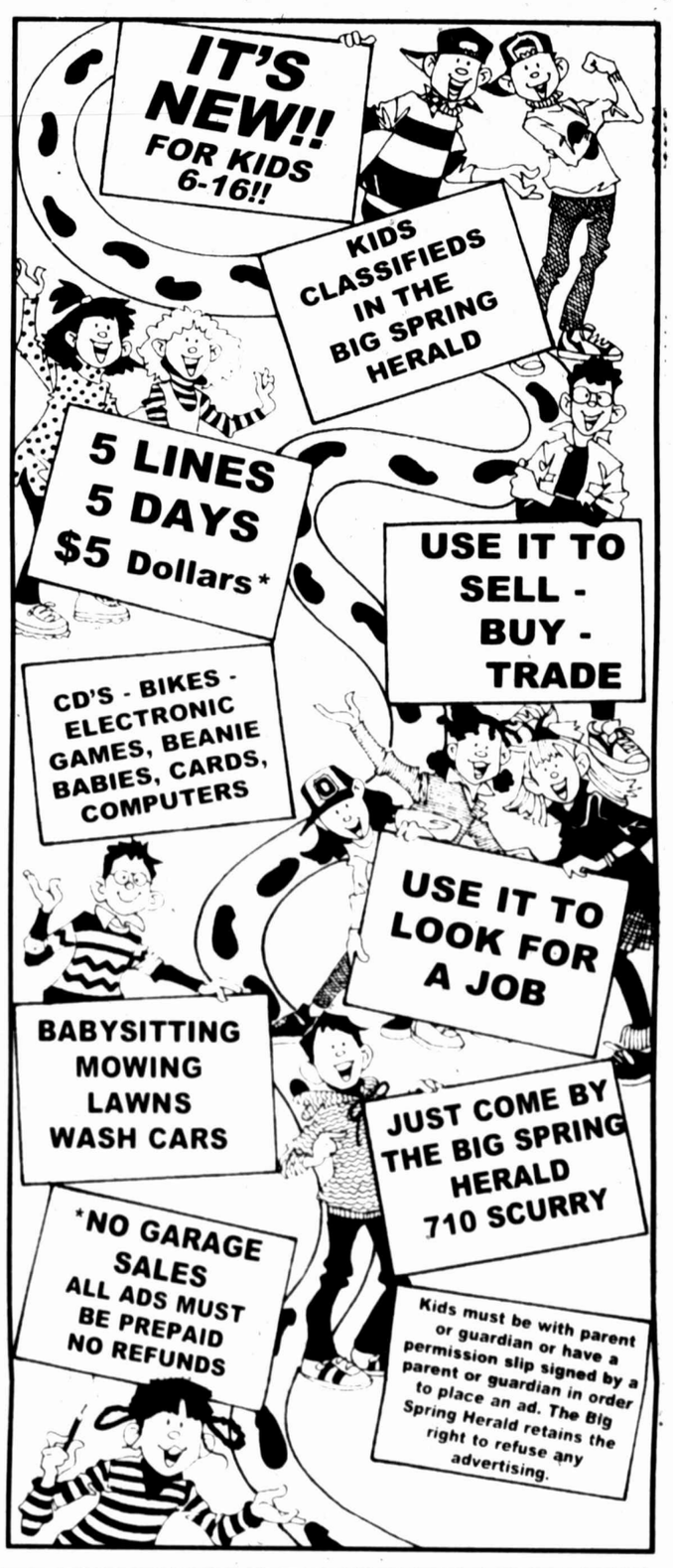
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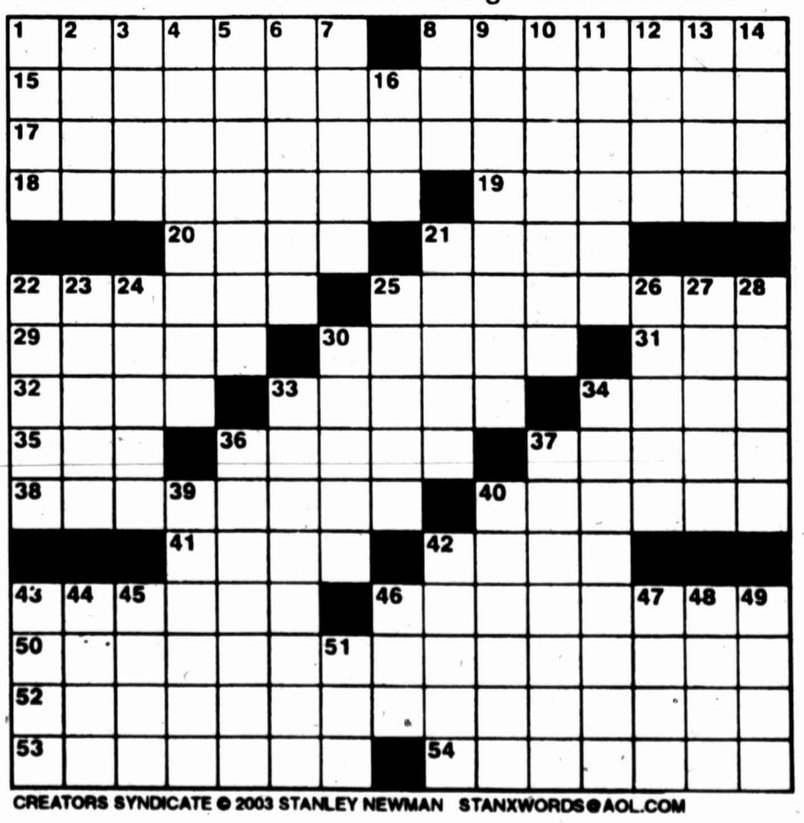


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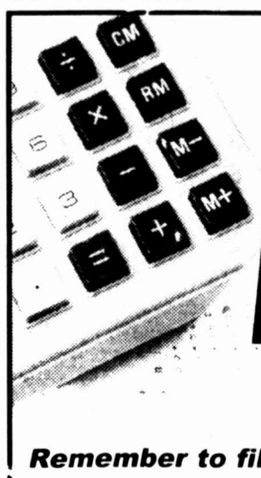
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Woman wants to be just friends Man wants friendship with benifits



Dear Prudence

Dear Prudence: My first boyfriend and I recently broke up after three happy years together. The breakup was amiable, and we both wish to remain friends. Yet we are still attracted to each other, and every time we get together, one thing always leads to another. He sees no problem with this, but I have no intention of continuing in this manner. Can't two exes just be friends? — Sincerely, Tina

Dear Sin: Well, they can, but your situation is complicated by the fact that your ex wants to be friends with benefits, and you don't — but you go along with it for old time's sake, shall we say. It doesn't seem like a terribly good basis for a friendship to keep the sex going when the romantic relationship is no more.

If this arrangement were acceptable to both of you, that would be another story, but because you are not comfortable with the situation, it is within your power to stop it. If your ex cannot honor the friendship part — all by itself — then there certainly should be no, uh, benefits. — Prudie, amicably

Dear Prudie: I've been hearing rumors that my husband of three months might not be wearing his ring. He was seen going to the movies, and one of my friends said that he wasn't wearing his ring, which bothered her since she was one of the people at our wedding.

How would you suggest I go about asking him if this is true? If I'm wearing his, he definitely should be wearing mine. I mean, a girl has to watch out for others; if they don't see a ring, they instantly think a guy is available. I know how shifty some women can be. Can you give me some advice, before I have to choke some bimbo out here? — Watchdog Wife

Dear Watch: To wear or not to wear a wedding ring is usually agreed to before the wedding. Many men choose not to. Prudie has heard from men in different professions, for example, where any ring is dangerous at work.

If, however, you think your newish hubby is ditching his ring for nefarious reasons, then ask him what it means when he goes to the movies and takes his ring off. This is certainly something that falls under the category of discussable. And P.S.: Prudie is not sure what she thinks of your girlfriend, the wedding ring policeman. — Prudie, talkatively

Prudence: My boyfriend and I have conflicting schedules. (I work days; he works nights and weekends.) We do a pretty good job of seeing each other a couple times a week and talking every day, but it's never really "quality time." We usually just spend time at a neighborhood bar or with friends. I hate spending my weekends alone. How do I make the time we have together more intimate? How do I overcome the feeling that he's not there for me? — Tempus Fugit

Dear Temp: Well, uh, he isn't there for you. Prudie is assuming he's unable to change his shifts, and also that you value the relationship. If these assumptions are correct, you can do a few things to make the situation more to your liking. Time in the neighborhood bar can be reduced. Unless your guy's idea of a good time is sitting on a high stool, drinking and probably talking to strangers (or at best casual acquaintances), that's not the place to spend precious time together.

Make plans when he is free to have a life outside work. Friends certainly fit in, as do movies and events. Prudie thinks that romance at home, even television, is the way to wean him from the neighborhood bar. And by all means, tell him you're interested in spending more "couple" time together. If he tells you he's happier on the high stools . . . then you've got some thinking to do. — Prudie, hopefully

Dear Prudence: I have a wonderful job and a wonderful husband, but I am miserable. It's just too much responsibility for me, and, admittedly, I'm a perfectionist. I cannot seem to balance commitment to my professional life, which includes volunteer work, with the desire to be everything that my husband needs in a wife. Not wanting to fail or be lackluster in either arena, I keep thinking of ditching one or the other, but making the choice seems hard. I'm wondering if I should just adjust and get on with it while counting my blessings, but I've been married for over four years now, and it has not gotten any easier. What do you suggest? -- Divided

Dear Div: Prudie doesn't mean to sound like a broken record, but life is choices. (For young readers: A record is what preceded the CD.) You need to prioritize and figure out what has the most meaning to you, then edit your life accordingly. You might even get a handle on your perfectionism by doing a short stint with a psychologist.

Surely there's a way to deal with both career and marriage so that you need not eliminate one in favor of the other. You might even talk to some women you know who seem to be doing both successfully. Your work-marriage dilemma is not unmanageable; it just requires adjustment. -- Prudie, dually

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Horoscope

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The Virgo moon lays on the exacting energy so thick that even normally mellow folks become perfectionists. Detailed work gets due praise. Painful minutia and micro-managing also become part of the equation. Be careful not to work things to death. The person who is able to recognize the point of diminishing returns will be the wisest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just when you think you've come to the end of the road in a relationship, it takes a turn for the better. Someone who is important to your financial future waltzes right into your life. Greet newcomers with plenty of warmth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You won't believe what's out there for you. Just keep looking for a better situation, and you'll see. Loved ones may overstep boundaries, believing that your best interest is at stake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Leave early for appointments, so you appear relaxed and confident. Interesting developments on the romantic front have you more focused on what you're saying with the way you move and speak. A Scorpio is passionate for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't so much need a change of scenery as a different cast of characters. It's been a while since any "new blood" came into the picture, and you'll welcome the excitement. Domestic order is lacking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends think you're totally self-reliant — not true. Ask for help. Leaning on others is lucky. Cooling off is the best way to solve family weirdness. Once you get a little distance, the solution seems perfectly clear.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 16). You know your mind! Put across your own point of view, and win this year! Your ability to make friends gets you into a better financial state in June. By July, singles may have more than one sweetie fighting over them; those who keep their single status through August could fall head over heels for someone entirely new in September. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 9, 20, 10 and 34.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You gain so much from being generous, it seems you will always have more to give. Travel leads to romantic good fortune. Mishaps will occur, but this only gives loved ones a chance to admire your sense of humor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Resolve a disagreement tonight, or resentment lingers. Health and well-being are a strong focus, and you have luck for starting a fitness program. Also, a lessening of financial pressure helps you relax and feel more loving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're so complex, it's hard to know which facet of your personality to focus on. Dreaming of a getaway will be invigorating. But don't stop there — get on line and buy a ticket. Loved ones re-connect swaying to soul music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Others will try and persuade you otherwise, but keep your standards very high Singles: Tossing around innuendo is misleading. There are some people you shouldn't flirt with. Marrieds: A partner is less needy this weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not like you to be passive, and today, you may be the only one standing up for what's right. Someone in charge could get drunk with power and lose sight of what's good for everyone. New forms of exercise inspire you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've got a heady, anything-goes attitude. A dance class or group run gets your energy higher than sweating alone. Once your body sheds toxins and excess baggage, you'll want to do the same for your personal life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've got a new appreciation for things you look at every day. It's awe-inspiring to explore the architecture or points of interest in your hometown. Historical research makes your discoveries all the more fascinating.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This will be a thrilling, fast-paced week for advances in romance, business and personal projects. The final phases of the Pisces sun allow us to close the books on things pending. Make those decisive phone calls — say "no" or say "yes," but the important thing is not to say "maybe." Anything unresolved will surely drain your precious energy. If you're waiting on something, it will likely happen on Tuesday, when the full moon pulls out all the stops. Then, Thursday kicks everything into high gear as we celebrate the first day of spring. The spring equinox is a special event, announced when the sun makes a grand entrance into Aries, the first sign of the zodiac. Of course, there will be no shortage of fuel for anything new. There may, however, be a shortage of focus. Try to align your energy to make a significant difference in one area rather than chasing every interest (they will be many). Friday's Mercury transit will add to the momentum already accelerating. Many singles go after new love. The love of conquest may be confused with true love, so you're better off flirting and not taking anyone who pursues you vehemently too seriously.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kurt Russell is born under one of the best signs for serious actors, Pisces. But also notable in his chart are three luminaries in the sign of Aries. This indicates uncanny beginner's luck. The way to tap in to such good fortune is to always be changing the attack. If a comedy brings acclaim, the next thing to do is a thriller — if long hair worked once, shave it all for the next film.

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