



Deadline arrives to pay property taxes

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As many area residents turn their attention to their Federal tax returns, the end of January could spell penalties and interest for many local property owners.

The deadline to pay 2006 Howard County property taxes is today, according to County Tax Assessor Kathy Sayles, and for those that don't make or

post their payment today, the alternative can get expensive.

"Once the taxes go delinquent in February, the penalties and interest start at 7 percent and increases each month," said Sayles. "As of July 1, penalty and interest grows to 18 percent, with an additional penalty tacked on for attorney fees."

"This is a very busy time for me and my staff. The phones are busy and we have a steady

stream of customers coming in. I'm lucky to have good employees and they help out and take care of things so that everything goes smoothly."

The tax penalty and interest schedule is as follows: After Jan. 31, 6 percent penalty and 1 percent interest; after Feb. 28, 7 percent penalty and 2 percent interest; after March 31, 8 percent penalty and 3 percent interest; after April 30, 9 per-

cent penalty and 4 percent interest; after May 31, 10 percent penalty and 5 percent interest; and after June 30, 12 percent penalty and 6 percent interest, including an additional 20 percent attorney fee.

Sayles said area residents that aren't sure how much they owe can get that information over the phone or in person at the tax office.

"Some individuals don't get

their statement for whatever reason," said Sayles. "We can pull up their name on the system and tell them the amount that's due. So if you haven't received a statement, call us or come by the office. Some people, because of their homestead exemptions, have no taxes, so we don't send them a notice. However, if they just want to

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Volunteers fight back pasture fire

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

An electrical arc fueled a grass fire that consumed more than 500 acres just west of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon.

No injuries were reported in the blaze, which started around 3 p.m. Tuesday in the vicinity of State Highway 176 and FM 2599.

"We're figuring the fire started when an electrical line arced in the field there," said Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. "The heat from that was enough to start the fire ... and the swirling winds drove it through the pasture."

Seven vehicles and 19 firefighters responded to the alarm call, Sullivan said.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Howard County Volunteer Firefighter Terry Rumpff puts out a hot spot while battling a grass fire west of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon. About 550 acres were consumed in the fire, but no injuries or major property damage was reported.

BSPD

2 officers receive promotions

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Two long-time Big Spring Police Department officers got a pat on the back this week, as they received promotions following more than a decade of service.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the B S P D, Detective Corporal Brian Gordon and Sergeant Lance Telchik have both been promoted.

"Gordon has been promoted to the rank of sergeant and will be assigned to the patrol division," said Everett. "He has been with the BSPD since 1995 and in his career has served as a jailer, communications officer, patrol officer, corporal and detective."

"He currently holds an advanced peace officer certificate. Sgt. Gordon has been serving in the criminal investigation division of the department over the past several years, including assignments in narcotics and his current position with the Street Crimes

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Lone Star state lawmakers are looking for new ways to handle prison crunch

By **JIM VERTUNO**

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — With Texas prisons running out of space and officials asking for as many as 5,000 more beds, lawmakers are trying to make more room for violent offenders without costly new construction.

Ideas include moving some inmates into drug treatment programs before they're paroled and returning fewer parolees to prison for minor infractions.

"We're trying to do some things we believe will change the

course of Texas in ways that will make this a better state," said Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Plano, chairman of the House Corrections Committee. "We're going to be looking at alternatives to actually building hard prisons."

Madden's committee held a rare joint meeting Tuesday with the Senate Criminal Justice Committee to explore options for handling the steadily rising prison population.

Many of the ideas are similar to smaller-scale changes made

two years ago. Lawmakers then spent an extra \$27 million on drug treatment facilities and sought to reduce the number of parole revocations. In 2003, the Legislature slashed funding for prison substance-abuse programs to help overcome a budget deficit.

This year, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has requested 5,000 new beds, including 4,000 in two new maximum security prisons and 1,000 in a medium-security unit for about \$440 million.

The Texas prison system is already one of the largest in the country with almost 152,000 inmates costing about \$2.5 billion per year.

"The bathtub is full," said Tony Fabelo of the Council on State Governments Justice Center, who presented a report on Texas prisons. Fabelo was the executive director of the former Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council, which Gov. Rick Perry eliminated in 2003.

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SR. VALENTINE BANQUET

The annual Senior Adult Valentine Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Baptist Temple Church, 400 E. 11th Place. The event is sponsored by the Big Spring Baptist Association but is open to any senior adult (age 50 and older) who would like to attend.

There is no cost, but those attending are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert dish. Meat and beverages will be provided. Entertainment will be provided by Ty Morris, minister of music at Crestview Baptist Church of Midland.

If you need transportation, call the Association office at 263-1673, no later than Thursday.

BLOOD DRIVE SLATED

Cornerstone Church, in cooperation with United Blood Services, is having a blood drive from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday. Appointments are available by calling 263-3072 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We're sponsoring this to raise awareness within our community about donating blood," said the Rev. Craig Felty, senior pastor of Cornerstone Church.

"One of United Blood Services yearly fundraisers is the Blood Gusher Run, which is scheduled for April 7. Anyone who donates blood at the February blood drive may count it as their entry fee into that 5K run," Felty said.

WATCH FOR BOGUS BILLS

Big Spring police are warning Crossroads area businesses and residents to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$50 and \$100 bills that may be circulating in and around Big Spring.

According to Big Spring Police Department Sgt. Tony Everett, several counterfeit bills have already been recovered from local businesses.

"Anyone who can get a physical description or a license number from the person passing these counterfeit notes should do so, as long as they are not putting themselves in danger," said Everett.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is urged to call 264-2550.

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Obituaries

Joe A. Lopez

Joe A. Lopez, 53, of Garland died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at Garland Baylor Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• **THE 5TH ANNUAL RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ** will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 24, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Entry forms are available at KBST and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Entry deadline is Feb. 20.

• **SAY IT WITH CAKE FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE** orders are being taken until Feb. 9. Personalized heart-shaped cakes in either 8-inch size for \$5 or 5-inch size for \$3.50. Your choice of chocolate or vanilla. Delivery is available. Contact Angel Sosa at 264-4108 or Georgia Torres at 267-1312.

• **THE CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the TravelCenters of American truck stop.

• **THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING** is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them.

To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **GUSTAVO MARQUEZ**, 46, of 906 E. 12th Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and disobeying a stop sign.
- **PATRICK PARRAS**, 19, of 1203 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **ANASTACIO S. ESPARZA**, 41, of 2613 Ent, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Nolan.
 - in the 1200 block of Sixth Street.
- **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR** was reported in the 1200 block of Sixth Street.
- **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 33 inmates at the time of this report.
- **GUSTAVO MARQUEZ**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **JOHN ANDREW SOWELL**, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for indecency with a child.
- **RICKY DALE MARTIN**, 53, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.
- **SUSIE LEDESMA**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for theft and bondsman off bond for failure to identify - giving false information.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of South Avenue. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Macauslan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES** are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

THURSDAY

• LULAC Chapter 4791 will meet at 5:15 p.m. For meeting location or more information, contact Jennifer Patton at (432) 213-6904 or lulac_jennifer@cox.net

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, 10th and Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold not hold its adult eyeglass clinic this week but will hold it Saturday, Feb. 10. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain in the evening...Then a chance of rain or snow after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain in the morning. Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the west in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Highs in the mid 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Lows around 19.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$65 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$54 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 14, 18, 44, 52 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 25.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-25-29-31.

Number matching five of five: none.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-7-6

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Howard County Volunteer Firefighter Justin Jernigan sprays water while battling a grass fire that occurred west of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon. No injuries were reported in the fire.

FIRE

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The HCVFD initially concentrated its efforts on saving a residence that was threatened by the

blaze. After that, Sullivan's men formed a firefighting line along the farm road.

"We decided to make our stand along 2599," Sullivan said. "We weren't going to let (the fire) cross."

The fire was effectively contained in about an hour, but swirling winds kept firefighters on the move, battling "hot spots," until about 7:30 p.m., Sullivan said.

Aside from damage to some fences and animal

pens, no property damage was reported, Sullivan noted.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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make sure everything is OK, all they have to do is call.

"They can reference their check with an account number that we can give them so they can get their payment in the mail. Once that's done,

we mail them back a receipt for their payment."

For taxpayers over the age of 65 or currently on social security disability, Sayles said there is a special installment plan that can help them avoid penalties and interest.

"There is a provision that allows taxpayers over the age of 65 to pay

their taxes in four installments without any penalties or interest," said Sayles. "However, the first payment must be made in the month of January. Any later than that and you're not eligible for the program. Then you just make the remaining three payments in April, June and Aug. 1. This is for people

65 and older or are receiving social security disability."

For more information, contact the Howard County Tax Collector's Office at 264-2232.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

32 injured when train collides with bus

HOUSTON (AP) — At least 32 Shell Oil Co. workers were injured early Tuesday when a train collided with a bus carrying contract employees at the company's Deer Park refinery.

The workers were all conscious and taken to area hospitals for treatment or further evaluation, with injuries ranging from bumps and bruises to a possible hip dislocation, a company spokesman said.

About 30 to 40 contractors were aboard the school-type bus when a

Port Terminal Rail Authority train crashed into the vehicle, company officials said. The bus, which was struck on its left rear side, was crossing tracks inside the plant, located about 20 miles east of Houston.

The workers, among 3,000 contract workers involved in maintenance operations at the plant, were being transported to work sites from satellite parking areas, officials said.

The 1,500-acre Shell Deer Park complex employs 1,700 workers.

BSPD

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Unit."

Everett said Telchik, who was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, has been with the BSPD since 1993.

"During that time he has served as a jailer, communications officer, patrol officer, D.A.R.E. officer and corporal," said Everett. "He currently holds an advanced peace officer certificate, and has served as the support services sergeant and has served as a sergeant in

the patrol division for the past several years. Telchik will be staying in the patrol division as he assumes his new duties as lieutenant."

PRISONS

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One reason for the prison population explosion is tougher sentencing laws, which give judges few alternatives to incarceration, Fabelo said.

The state saw a massive prison buildup in the early 1990s and has added 13,000 more beds since 1997. At the current rate of incarceration, the state will have about 168,000 prisoners creating a space shortage of almost 17,000 beds.

According to Fabelo, felony convictions in Texas are up 29 percent since 2000 even while the state's violent crime rate dropped each year but one between 2000-2005.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairman of the Senate panel, has urged lawmakers to consider other options for low-level drug offenders and low-risk parole violators.

According to Whitmire: • The state has 1,900 inmates already approved for parole upon completion of an alcohol or drug treatment program but must wait up to a year to get in one.

• About 700 have been approved for parole are still waiting to be released because there's no room in halfway houses or other facilities.

• Another 1,500 inmates on drunken driving charges are waiting to get

in treatment programs.

• In 2006, the state revoked probation or parole for 12,000 inmates on what he classified as "minor" violations, such as failing a drug test while awaiting entry to a treatment program, failure to hold a job or non-payment of court-ordered fees.

Spending money on more halfway houses and treatment programs would help, Whitmire said.

Whitmire said such proposals involve only non-violent offenders.

"We're not dealing with sex offenders. We're not dealing with dangerous offenders," Whitmire said. "We're dealing with low-level, primarily drug offenders."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said he supports building new prisons as well as some of the reform ideas.

"We can do our rehabilitation and our parole better than we do," Dewhurst said, adding that he believes projected population growth alone will create a need for more prison space.

He would not say Tuesday how many new prison beds he thinks are needed.

"We've got bad people we need to get in prison so they don't harm someone," Dewhurst said.

CINEMARK logo and movie listings for CINEMA 4, including showtimes for 'CHILDREN OF MEN', 'MIDWINTER MURDER', 'THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS', and 'THE HITCORER'.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL advertisement with contact information and details about services for Rosie Lee Gamage and Joe A. Lopez.

Large advertisement for Elrod's Warehouse Closeout Clearance Sale, featuring the headline 'Boss is Out' and 'All Sales Final!'. It includes details about free in-town delivery and a limited time offer from 1/27 to 2/3.

Advertisement for HEAR Better This Year! featuring Beltone One! Technology. It highlights a \$600 savings on any digital hearing system and lists various models like BTE, OPTIMA, OPERA, PETITE PLUS, and NVISA.

EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

It's the fastest two weeks of the entire year

The fastest two weeks of the year. That's what we have before us right now. Today it's the last day of January and tomorrow it will be Valentine's Day — mark our words. Right now you're thinking "I have plenty of time." Oh, boy, are you making a big mistake.

There are lots of things you can do to let a spouse, family member or friend know they are special. One of the easiest ways we've found is to let the Volunteer Services Council at Big Spring State Hospital take care of it for you.

It's an annual fund-raiser for the hospital volunteer group, which makes it kind of special — knowing that part of the money you spend is going to help patients who really need it.

If you aren't familiar with the Council's Valentine's Day fund-raiser, it goes like this. You pick from a variety of available gifts and the volunteers deliver them for you on Feb. 14.

Each year, the gift list gets longer, and this time we're not going to name every item in this forum. We'll hit a few highlights though.

For as little as \$10 you can send someone a beverage mug with snacks. For a few dollars more, you may choose a green plant or a small stuffed animal and candy. Add a couple more dollars and you can purchase a wire basket with candy, a note pad and a pen.

For \$20, there's our all-time favorite, a singing telegram with a heart-shaped box of candy. There are also \$25 and \$40 gifts.

You can purchase these gifts and deliver them yourself if you like, or let the Volunteer Services Council do it for you. They'll deliver them to a home, office, restaurant — just about anywhere. What could be easier than that?

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Few leaders on immigration reform

Contrary to the wishful thinking of immigrant rights advocates who applauded President Bush's vague words on immigration reform during his State of the Union speech, I'm not impressed. He said he wants a guest workers' program and comprehensive immigration reform. That's nothing new. He has been spewing that tired rhetoric for years.

As usual, the president was short on specifics, and even shorter on leadership.

Had he addressed the extremists in his own party and told them they must contain their mean-spirited sentiments and accept a legalization plan for illegal immigrants, he would have really deserved praise for demonstrating rare leadership on this issue.

But, as usual, the president tried to please both sides of the debate.

"We need to resolve the status of the illegal immigrants who are already in our country, without animosity and without amnesty," Bush said.

But no one is asking for outright amnesty for illegal immigrants. Immigrant advocates want a legalization plan that would require these people to earn the right to stay here legally — by working, paying back taxes, staying out of trouble, learning English and paying a fine for entering the country illegally.

But — as if to feed the GOP xenophobic wolves — Bush keeps using the word "amnesty."

Even if immigrants were seeking a reprieve, when did "amnesty" become a four-letter word?

Yet some immigrant advocates were elated by Bush's speech, especially since it was delivered to a Democratic-majority Congress that is supposed to be more will-

ing to pass true immigration reform.

But are they?

In his Democratic response to the State of the Union, Virginia Sen. Jim Webb mentioned most of the major issues confronting America today — except immigration!

Mind you, this was the spokesman for the party that regained its majority because in the midterm elections, seven of every 10 Latinos voted for Democrats.

Although Democrats included immigration reform in the Senate's list of top-10 priorities, the issue was left out of the House priorities for the first 100 hours of the new Congress.

If fact, instead of taking a leadership position now that they have the majority, some Democrats are still trying to blame Republicans for the lack of progress on immigration reform in Congress.

Some House Democrats, clearly playing politics with this issue, now say that the burden is on Bush to deliver Republican support for comprehensive immigration reform.

Those Democrats, who pretended to be the champions of immigrants before the midterm elections, are now saying that, by themselves, they are not willing to assume responsibility for a politically sensitive plan.

Some are even saying that as "a prerequisite" for their support, the reform has to be bipartisan, with the support of at least 50 to 60 House Republicans.

But, in fact, the burden is on Democrats. They are now in the leadership position and it is up to them to pass legislation or pay political penalties. Democrats cannot assume they can continue to take the Latino vote for granted.

If Latinos conclude that Democrats used them in 2006, the pendulum could take a swing in the 2008 election, especially if Republicans stop voicing their

xenophobic paranoia.

Of course, some Republicans who thrive on racial and ethnic intolerance won't be able to shut up. The Democrats are counting on immigrant-bashing Republicans like Rep. Tom Tancredo to run for president and hand them the Latino vote on a silver platter.

While Tancredo's presidential bid may be great for Democrats, it can't be very good for illegal immigrants — not because he will sway many Americans with his draconian ideas, but because it will make Democrats believe they can win the Latino vote by default.

In his most recent outburst, Tancredo came out against racial and ethnic caucuses in Congress. He said that if we are striving for a colorblind society, these caucuses should be obsolete. Of course, coming from a man who is clearly not colorblind, the charge is cynical, hypocritical and repulsive.

Yet he does have one attribute many others lack: He doesn't pull his punches. In a sick way, he shows more leadership than the president and many Democrats.

On immigration reform, there are few outspoken leaders — and most are on the wrong side.

There are exceptions, of course. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., was eloquent as he recently appealed to his colleagues "to put aside the mean-spiritedness and short-sighted policies driven by fear and recognize the dignity of those whose work contributes to reinvigorating America."

That's the kind of language and leadership that was missing from both the State of the Union speech and the Democratic rebuttal.

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MIGUEL PEREZ



What's the fascination with ice?

One of the most enjoyable times I had over the holidays was when our family went to see the ice sculptures at the Gaylord in Grapevine. A 14,000 square foot freezer was created to keep temperature around 19 degrees so the bigger than life-size sculptures wouldn't melt. Forty ice artisans from Harbin, China were called in to spend 34 days creating the wagons, horses and manger scenes from two million pounds of ice.

We were given parkas to wear during the time we were viewing the unique exhibit. There was even an ice slide that most of the guests experienced. Five thousand ice blocks were hand-carved and transformed into a winter wonderland. Three different types of ice were used: clear, glass-like crystal ice, white ice that looked like compacted snow and colored ice which was dyed brilliant colors. Fourteen hundred lights frozen within the

ice created a dazzling display. We were all amazed. The hot chocolate and cookies we had after turning in our parkas were warm and welcome.

It just occurred to me that there's a lot of ice stuff going on. When we were in Queenstown, New Zealand one evening in December (summer over there), I noticed a room full of people wearing fur-lined parkas, boots and gloves. They were preparing to go into a nightclub named Minus Five Degrees. For \$30, you can head inside the bar, which is made of ice and drink vodka from glasses also made of ice and sit on ice chairs and place your glass on ice tables and admire the ice sculptures.

Patrons are only allowed to stay for 30 minutes. They wear timers to let them know when their half-hour is up. Even the bar staff only works in rotating one-hour shifts. One person who emerged from the bar said you wouldn't go to Minus Five for a night out. You should treat it like a ride on a roller coaster, something that only lasts a short time but is very memorable. What's cooler than being

cool?

I thought this might be a one-of-a-kind thing, but I found out there are several ice bars around the world. Sydney and Auckland both have Minus Fives, so do Paris, London and Tokyo. Beverly Hills and Las Vegas both have what they call Vodka Freezers and Manhattan has a long bar made of ice.

Quebec City has an ice hotel (or Hotel de Glace, as it's called in French). Everything is made of snow or ice, including the walls and roof. Transparent crystal columns and soaring archways don't take away the fact that a night there is an experiment in sub-freezing survival. If you feel chilled, you can soak in the hot tub before climbing into your sleeping bag. There is a permanent structure with central heat, bathrooms and a fireplace.

The hotel has been there six winters. For the past five years it has been frozen in place in the Station touristique Duchesnay, a forest reserve 30 minutes west of Quebec. It has 34 rooms and can accommodate 84 guests. Nobody stays a second night.



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State briefs

Convict put to death for killing wife

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Christopher Swift got his wish.

The 31-year-old Swift was put to death Tuesday night less than four years after he killed his wife and mother-in-law in suburban Dallas. The lethal injection was carried out after he requested no appeals be filed to stop the execution, the third this year in Texas.

Strapped to the death chamber gurney and with five friends watching through a window a few feet away from him, Swift was asked by the warden if he would like to make a final statement.

"No," he replied. Seven minutes later, he was pronounced dead.

His voluntary death was not out of character.

"Receiving the death penalty is what he's wanted from Day 1, from the first day I met him," said Derek Adame, who was one of Swift's trial lawyers. "He and I had several discussions about it. It was frustrating for me."

Evidence showed Swift's 5-year-old son watched as the former laborer and parolee stabbed and strangled his pregnant wife, Amy Sabeh-Swift, 27, in the family recreational vehicle in Irving. Then he took the boy to a mobile home park in Lake Dallas and strangled his wife's mother, Sandra Stevens Sabeh, 61, at her home.

The boy was found the next day, April 30, 2003, wandering the lobby of a Days Inn in Irving where his father had rented a room. Swift left after the child fell asleep. Hotel staffers fed him breakfast and let him watch cartoons in the lobby but then called police after no one claimed him and he was getting frightened.

When police arrived, the child told them his father had killed his mother and grandmother.

Officers found their bodies. Swift was under arrest within hours.

Ex-border agent wants job back after being cleared

McALLEN (AP) — A former U.S. Border Patrol agent who was convicted in 2001 of violating an illegal immigrant's civil rights during a fight has been cleared of the crime in a second trial.

David Sipe, 35, of Bethany, Okla., said he wants his old job back and wages lost during his hiatus from the Border Patrol.

"After having this over my head the last seven years, I am almost at a loss as to how I am supposed to behave now," Sipe said after Friday's verdict. "I haven't had a job that pays more than \$9 an hour because when you are a pending felon nobody hires you."

"There is a lot of time that I lost that I don't get to have back."

In 2001, a federal jury found Sipe guilty of hitting Jose Guevara of Mexico in the head with a flashlight during an arrest near Penitas.

Sipe argued that he was defending himself. Guevara required five staples in his head and later won an \$80,000 lawsuit settlement from the government.

Sipe requested a new trial on the grounds that prosecutors suppressed evidence that would have helped his defense.

World news at a glance

Miller can't be 'absolutely' sure Libby was first source

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former New York Times reporter Judith Miller acknowledged Wednesday that she had conversations with other government officials and could not be "absolutely, absolutely certain" that she first heard about an ousted CIA official from I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby.

Libby's attorneys seized on the hesitation and tried to portray Miller as someone who selectively remembers some conversations and not others.

Miller is a crucial witness against Libby in his perjury and obstruction trial. She says she had two conversations about CIA operative Valerie Plame in mid-2003 with Libby, who was Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff. Those conversations are at the heart of the trial because they allegedly occurred well before Libby says he learned Plame's identity from another reporter.

Libby's defense strategy revolves around showing jurors that he didn't lie about his conversations with Miller and others, but simply forgot them. If defense attorneys can cast doubt on Miller's memory and her story, it would bolster Libby's case.

During a sometimes heated cross-examination Wednesday, defense attorneys pressed Miller to acknowledge that she might have heard about Plame elsewhere. In mid-2003, Miller was investigating allegations by Plame's husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, that the Bush administration ignored certain prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Bush seeks less money for farm programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to tighten the federal budget, the Bush administration on Wednesday proposed to reduce farm payments \$18 billion over the next five years.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns is not seeking major changes in the nation's farm subsidy program, which major farm groups and lawmakers in Congress want to retain.

However, the administration is seeking to eliminate farm payments for wealthy producers and to limit subsidies to those who make less than \$200,000 in adjusted gross income annually. The current income cap is \$2.5 million.

Lawmakers are anticipating having fewer dollars for farm programs

when Congress writes a new farm bill this year. President Bush has promised to balance the budget within five years, and the Democratic-run Congress is insisting on budget cuts to pay for new spending.

The farm bill — really a series of federal programs — gives farmers payments and other help to supplement their incomes, support crop prices and manage supplies.

The current farm bill written in 2002 expires at the end of this year.

Bush aims at executive salaries in speech today

NEW YORK (AP) — President Bush took aim today at huge salaries and bonuses for corporate executives, going to Wall Street to say compensation packages should hinge on how good a job a CEO does for the shareholders.

Bush came to New York to highlight optimistic news about the economy and to bring his economic message out of the shadows of the Iraq war. Shortly before he spoke, the government reported the economy grew at a faster-than-expected 3.5 percent pace in the final quarter of last year.

The president also was acknowledging the anger of Americans at stories about the enormous salaries and other perks for CEOs.

"Government should not decide compensation for America's corporate executives," the White House said in a report ahead of Bush's speech. "But the salaries and bonuses of CEOs should be based on their success at improving their companies and building value for their shareholders."

The White House statement appeared aimed in part at legislation that Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, has said he will push, requiring shareholder approval of executive compensation plans.

Huge salaries and other perks for CEO have drawn ire from investors and made splashy headlines. Home Depot chief executive Bob Nardelli was earning an average of \$25.7 million a year — excluding stock options — before he was forced out in a furor over his hefty pay. He left with a severance package worth about \$210 million.

In 2001, General Electric Co. paid chief executive Jack Welch \$16.25 million. Welch was replaced that year with Jeffrey Immelt, who earned \$3.4

million in total annual compensation in 2005.

U.S. astronauts start first of 3 spacewalks

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts Michael Lopez-Alegria and Sunita Williams started the first of three spacewalks over a nine-day period outside the international space station Wednesday.

U.S. astronauts have never attempted three spacewalks in such a short period without a space shuttle docked at the station.

The astronauts plan to connect ammonia loops that keep the U.S. lab cooled from a temporary to a permanent system, and to jettison a sun shade and thermal shrouds during their three trips outside the station. Besides Wednesday's trip, spacewalks are planned for Sunday and the following Thursday.

If the spacewalks go as planned, Lopez-Alegria would have little time to rest before going on a fourth spacewalk set for late February.

It's not uncommon for U.S. astronauts to conduct three spacewalks over a short period of time during a visit by a space shuttle to the station — four were carried out during Discovery's trip in December.

The extra astronauts are handy for helping the spacewalkers prepare their spacesuits and the airlock, and for operating robotic arms on the station and shuttle to provide camera views or

move the spacewalkers.

Iraqi family caught crossing border

HARLINGEN (AP) — An Iraqi family was caught within miles of the Rio Grande after crossing the border illegally, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said.

The family of five was caught about 7:45 p.m. Saturday near U.S. Highway 281 in Pharr, said Oscar Saldana of the Rio Grande Valley sector of the U.S. Border Patrol. Computer searches revealed no ties to terrorism, and the family was being processed for deportation, Saldana said.

"They were run through our databases. No derogatory information came back," he said.

Saldana said the family was in the custody of Customs and Immigration Enforcement as of

Tuesday.

Saldana confirmed the capture after an anonymous tip was phoned in to the Valley Morning Star newspaper.

Big increases in citizenship, other fees planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Becoming an American citizen could soon cost almost twice as much.

The Bush administration will propose nearly doubling the fee charged applicants for U.S. citizenship and significantly increasing fees for other immigration benefits, congressional and administration officials said.

Fees for a wide variety of immigration services would rise an average of 66 percent, said two government officials who did not want to be named in advance of the announcement.

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- February 6 * Tuesday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Coffee @ PRL - 10:00 AM
 - Supper Club Casa Blanca - 5:30 PM
- February 7 * Wednesday
 - Sit & Be Fit - 11:00 AM
 - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM
- February 8 * Thursday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Coffee @ Just Peachy Cafe - 10:00 AM
- February 9 * Friday
 - Midland Shopping - 9:00 AM - ???

- February 12 * Monday
 - GAMES - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- February 13 * Tuesday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Supper Club Pizza Inn - 5:30 PM
- February 14 * Wednesday
 - Sit & Be Fit - 11:00 AM
 - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM
 - Pot Luck & Bingo Valentine Party - 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
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February is National Heart Month!!

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Goliad holds annual science fair

Goliad Intermediate School students participated in this year's annual science fair recently.

Fifth grade students were judged at the campus Science Fair and the sixth grade went on to be judged at the district level at the Dora Roberts Center on Jan. 17.

First, second and third place were selected. Students were judged in the following categories: Behavioral and Social Science, Chemistry, Engineering, Medicine and Health, Space Science, Biochemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Microbiology, Zoology, Botany, Earth Science, Mathematics, Physics and Team. Students who placed at the Dora Roberts Center will be going to the University of Texas at the Permian Basin Science Fair to compete in the Intermediate Division Category. Principal Wayland Pierce, along with his staff, were pleased with the news.

Below are the winners.

5th Grade Science Fair

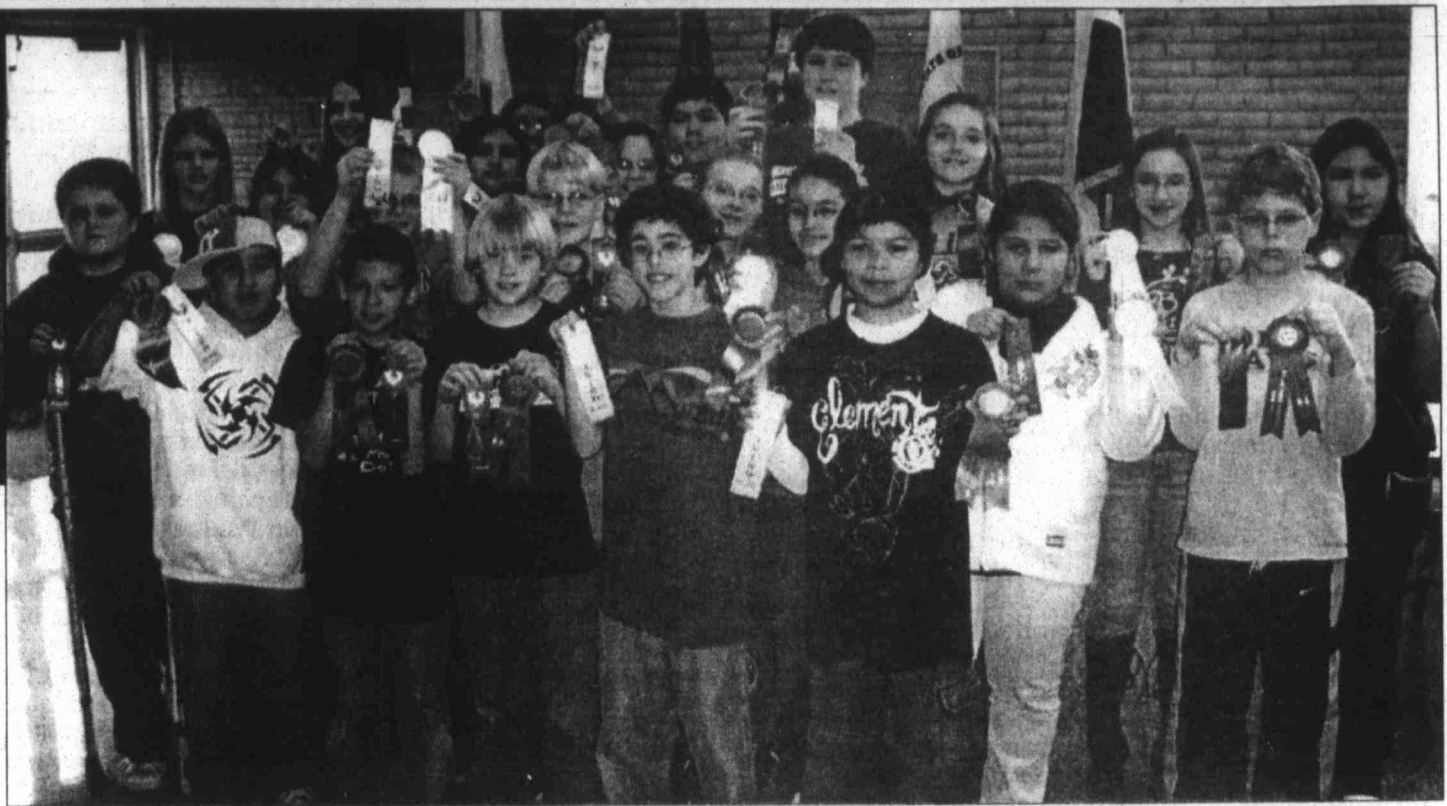
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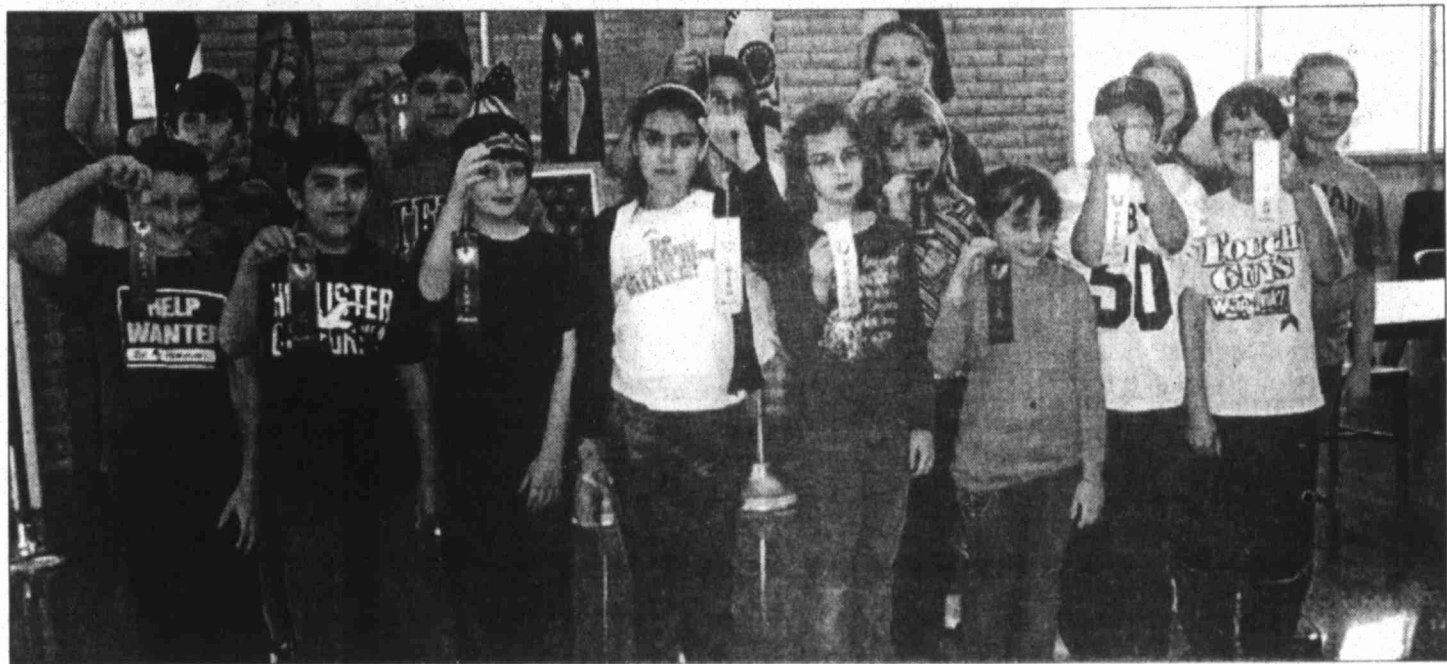
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Earth/Space: 1. Tyler Avant, 2. Jordan Stokes, 3. April Valle
Life: 1. Kelsie Guinn, 2. Michael Peterson, 3. Tyler Stromberg

6th Grade Science Fair

Earth Science: 1. Michelle Morgan
Botany: 1. Hannah Spence, 2. Brenda Galvan
Environmental: 1. Michael Ryan, 2. Paige Knowlton
Behavioral: 1. Adria Zavala
Animal Science: 1. Charles Anderson
Microbiology: 1. MacKenzie Wolf
Math: 1. Caysi Holt, 2. Katrina Petrowski, 3. Caleb Lewis
Medicine/Health: 1. Elena Flores, 2. Andrew Schafer, 3. Chris Nunez
Chemistry: 1. Brady Weber, 2. Kyler Allen, 3. Chelsea Ramirez and Trent Thomas
Team: 1. Haley Dimidjian and Kylee Borchardt, 2. Meagan Gonzales and Emeree Gonzales, 3. Savi Vela & Desirea Cuellar and Freddie Sanchez and Auden Minjarez



Goliad Intermediate School Sixth Grade Science Fair winners



Goliad Intermediate School Fifth Grade Science Fair winners



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Sp. Charles Burks III and his wife, Gentry, receive a \$500 check, presented by J. Gale Kilgore, from the Veterans Families Account, courtesy of Pollard Chevrolet. The local dealership donated the funds to the account — 5901848 at the Woodforest National Bank in the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund can do so at the bank or by mail to Veterans Families P.O. Box 3358, Big Spring

79721. Spc. Burks had been home for two weeks and was deployed back to Iraq Monday.



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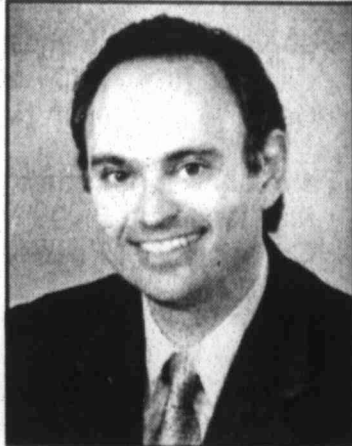
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring to host professional football

The Roughnecks from Odessa, a professional indoor football team in the NIFL, in conjunction with Howard College and the city of Big Spring are pleased to invite football fans to attend a luncheon tomorrow at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum VIP room to discuss bringing the team here for a home game.

This would be the first-ever professional football game in Big Spring.

The luncheon starts at 1:30 p.m. with announcements to follow at 2 p.m.

Big Spring area businesses and residents are encouraged to attend.

Kobe Bryant suspended by NBA



Kobe Bryant was suspended one game without pay by the NBA on Tuesday and missed the Lakers' loss to the Knicks after his long-shot bid for a hearing was denied.

Bryant was penalized for striking San Antonio's Manu Ginobili in the face on Sunday.

With Los Angeles already in New York when the suspension was announced, Bryant requested an "immediate hearing". But his request was turned down.

"This is not the process that we use at the NBA. Certainly, in theory, given the fact that the Lakers were in New York, we could have heard an appeal. But again, we never have, as it's not part of our process," said Stu Jackson, the NBA. "He does have the right to an appeal at a later date. If he were to win that appeal, he would get his money back."

Little League needs board members

Coahoma Boy's Little League Baseball is in need of 2007 Board Members.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Tish Hill at 213-3189 or by e-mail at coahomapss@yahoo.com

Coahoma upsets Stanton for lead

MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

STANTON — In a District 5-2A basketball shoot-out at Buffalo Gym, the Coahoma Bulldogs nipped the Stanton Buffaloes Tuesday night, 50-42.

Jason Gonzales, arguably the best offensive player in the district, ended the night by twisting and turning his way to the basket to score a game-high 24 points.

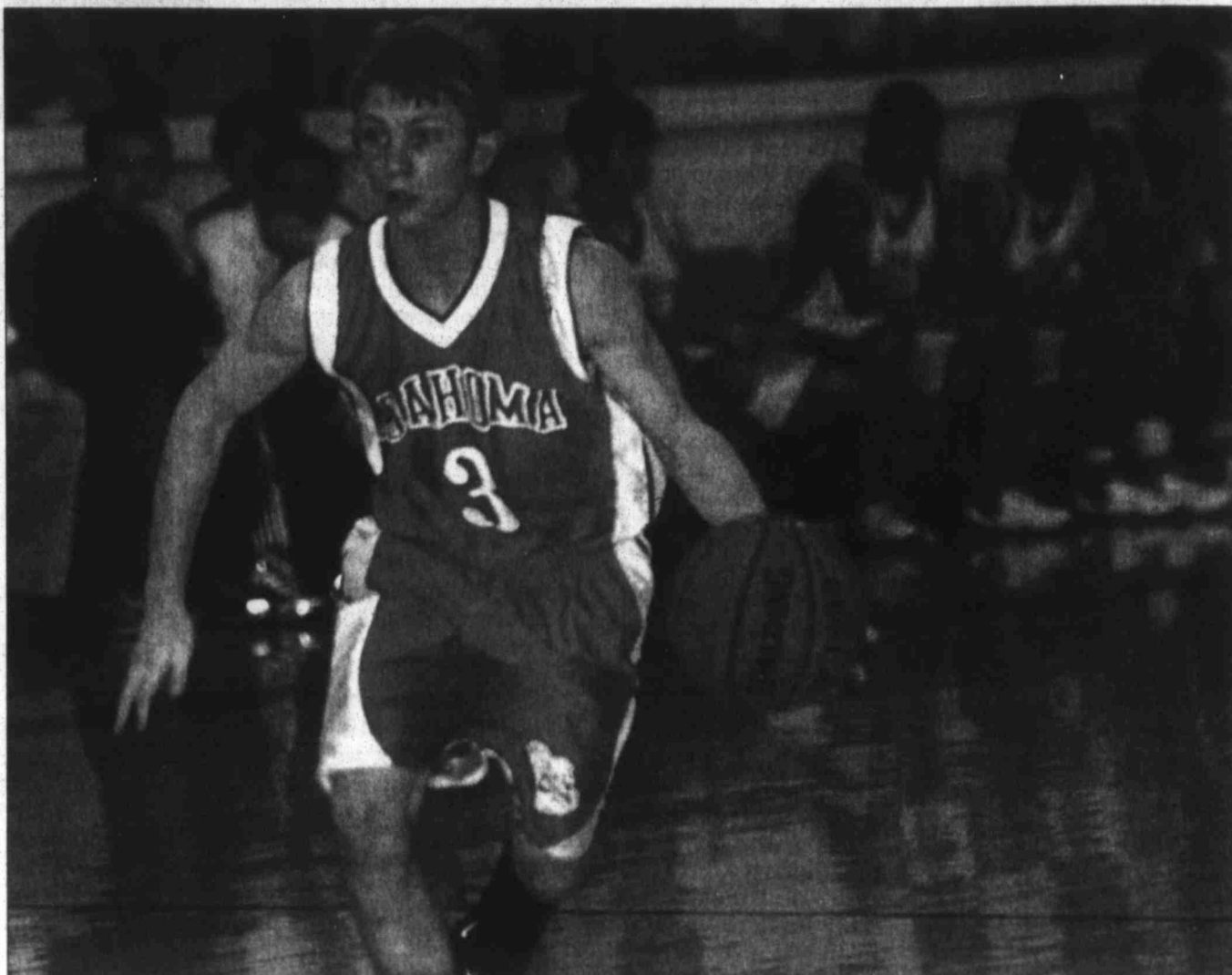
The visiting Bulldogs wasted little time in getting to the basket; they led the Buffaloes 13-7 after the first 8 minutes of the contest.

"They were really forcing me to my right," Gonzales explained later, as he was applying peroxide to the top of his head that was cut open during the game. "I was just trying to drive and dish the ball to the open man — when the open shot was there — I was ready to fire away, but they really did a good job defensively."

Coahoma (18-9, 7-3 in district) entered the contest in a tie for first place with Stanton (6-4 district) for the district lead. Now the Bulldogs are in first place with three of their final four games scheduled for Elementary Gym in Coahoma.

Two minutes into the second quarter, the Bulldog lead had stretched to 8 points and with under 4 minutes to play in the half the lead was 22-14.

"We talked about coming out strong tonight," Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols said. "Being on the road — and with our past — we felt like that was very important."



HERALD photo/Mike Grimes
Coahoma's guard Curt Long rushes to get the ball up court late in the fourth quarter of the Bulldog's victory over Stanton Tuesday night. After the 50-42 win, Coahoma moves into first place in the District 5-2A race.

From there Mike Carmona ignited the crowd by hitting a 3-pointer and the Buffaloes clamped down defensively and ended the quarter with a 5-0 run that cut the lead to 22-19 at the break.

As the two teams returned to

battle it out over the final 16 minutes, Stanton continued to harass the Bulldogs and shot its way back into the game. In the first 60 seconds of the third quarter the Buffaloes tied the score at 27-27.

"Cody Sheppard and Jerrod

Smith did a great job of coming off the bench when Colter (Morgan, the Bulldogs' center and defensive specialist) got in foul trouble tonight," said Nichols. "Those two did an out

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HERALD photo/Mike Grimes
Coahoma's Shell Paige tries to pass the ball around Eva Dyck (white jersey) in Tuesday night action. The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Buff's 53-42 in district 5-2A action.

Coahoma's Lady Bulldogs roll past Stanton's Lady Buffaloes

MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

STANTON — Tuesday night it rained 3-pointers inside Buffalo Gym.

From the opening seconds of the Coahoma vs. Stanton girl's basketball game it was clear that Janice Gonzales, the shooting guard from Coahoma, brought a hot hand to this District 5-2A match-up. She led the Lady Bulldogs (21-9, 9-3 district) to a 53-42 victory over the Stanton Lady Buff's (9-17, 3-9).

The lead for the Lady Bulldogs came early, as on the first two possessions of the game they nailed back-to-back 3-pointers and then followed that up with an old-fashioned 3-point play as Laci Sterling was fouled on her shot under the basket. Just two minutes into the game the lead was Coahoma 9, Stanton 3.

By the end of the first quarter the Lady Bulldogs threatened to turn the game into a rout — they led 21-7 and according to Lady Buff's coach Dane Richardson, the lopsided first 8 minutes of the game proved to be the difference.

Christie Rich led the Lady Bulldogs with five rebounds and added 15 points to help Coahoma move one step closer to the playoffs.

The second quarter was filled with Lady Buff highlights as the home crowd rejuvenated the girls and helped spur them on to several defensive stands. By intermission, the deficit that had been

in double digits had been sliced in half. Coahoma led 26-17, but the tables had turned on the visiting team.

"They shot lights out in the first half," Richardson said after the loss. "They have a height advantage on us down low and we have to double team them in the post. That left some open shots and tonight they made them, but if we don't play them that way they just hammer us inside."

For the game, the visiting Lady Bulldogs made 8-of-16 from beyond the 3-point line.

Gonzales seemed to do most of the damage as she hit for a game-high 16 points but four different Lady Bulldogs hit 3's during the contest.

"Fantastic, just fantastic shooting," Lady Bulldogs head coach Chris Sumrall said upon hearing that his team shot 50 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

As the two teams returned to the court, Coahoma once again used a powerful run to send the crowd home early. At one point Coahoma's lead stood at 19 points, 31-50.

Laci Sterling added 10 points, doing severe damage down low as Stanton tried to play man-to-man on her in the paint.

"We were really feeling good tonight," explained the sharp-shooting Gonzales, who added 4 rebounds and 1 assist on

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Say yes to the no-huddle

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

MIAMI — There's no hiding from the no-huddle at the Super Bowl.

And there's no fear of the no-huddle for the Chicago Bears.

They understand what they will face on Sunday. They know Peyton Manning will bring the Indianapolis Colts to the line of scrimmage almost immediately after the previous play concludes, survey the scenery and choose a play that befuddles the defense.

Except the Bears won't panic, won't have their heads spinning and won't be gasping for air. They swear.

"I mean it's just you don't get a chance to huddle up," cornerback Nathan Vasher said. "We have signals, other ways of getting different defenses. We don't have to just stay in the same defense when they go no-huddle. I think that's a luxury we have as a defense and we practice on that. This won't be the first no-huddle team we played this season, and I think we'll adjust to it well, just to go out and make plays."

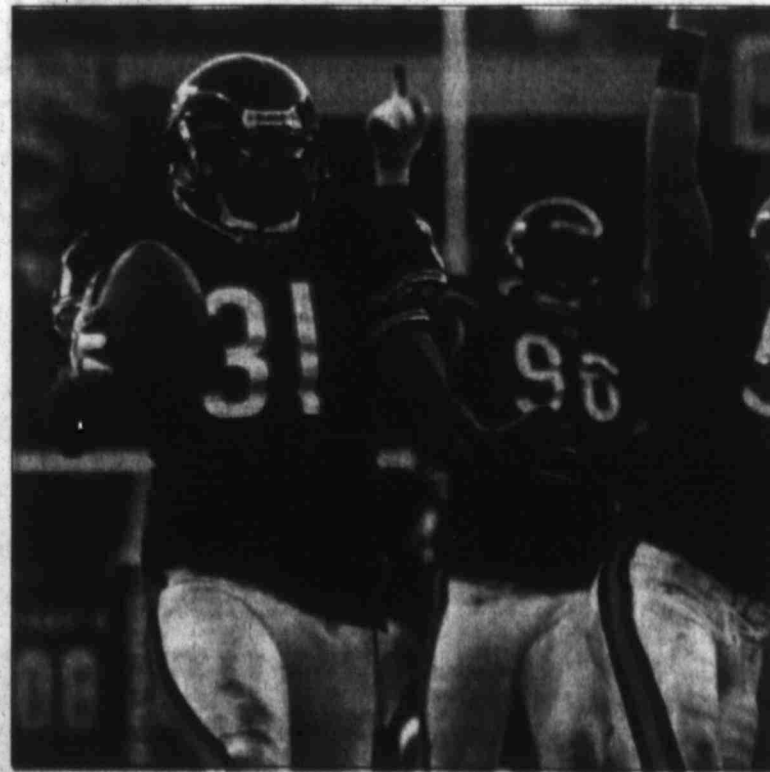
The Bears will need to make those plays at times without being able to substitute. They'll have to adjust to the quick tempo Manning and his mates covet. And, perhaps

most daunting, they might have to out-think the maestro.

"He puts in the work and it shows on the field," added the other starter at cornerback, Charles Tillman. "He knows what you're going to do before you actually do it. So you just have to try to disguise as much as you can and see if you can surprise him a couple of times."

The element of surprise often is eliminated by the element of speed. If the Colts can operate on a quick pace, it complicates an already complex challenge for Chicago. Slowing the

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MCT photo/Jim Prisching/Chicago Tribune
Bears' Nathan Vasher (31) heads for the endzone on a 45-yard interception return against the Green Bay Packers in the regular season.

Mavericks sink SuperSonics

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki was off his game and Josh Howard was out for the birth of his first child, so Austin Croshere had to pick up the slack for the Dallas Mavericks.

Croshere had a career-high 34 points and seven rebounds as the Mavericks beat the Seattle SuperSonics 122-102 on Tuesday night, stretching their home winning streak to 14 games.

Dallas is two wins shy of the franchise record for consecutive home wins, set last season.

Croshere, who began the night averaging 2.9 points per game, played 24 minutes as a reserve in Howard's absence after scoring in double figures only twice in his first 21 games this season.

Acquired in an off-season trade with the Indiana Pacers, Croshere went 11-for-14 from the field, including 7-of-10 from 3-point range, and finished tied for 12th in franchise history for bench points.

"With Josh not here, I had a chance to get in early," Croshere said. "I was just trying to stay ready for the opportunity to play. I got the chance and I played well."

Jason Terry's 19 points,

Greg Buckner's season-best 17 and Devin Harris' 16 helped the Mavericks set a season high for points and beat the Sonics for the ninth straight time.

Ray Allen had 35 points, 19 in the first half, for Seattle, which tied a single-season club record with its 13th consecutive road defeat. Nick Collison and Earl Watson both had 15 points for the Sonics.

Croshere, who set a career-high for 3-pointers, had his previous career-high of 32 points for the Pacers in a game against the Mavericks on Feb. 5, 2002.

Howard is Dallas' second-leading scorer (19.4 points per game) and third-leading rebounder (7.2). Minus Howard, the Mavericks needed more minutes from Croshere, who didn't see any action the previous four games. Croshere had a total of 15 points in the first four games he played in January.

Croshere can't wait to meet and thank Howard's child for the playing time.

"I'm going to give the kid high-five," Croshere said with a laugh.

Nowitzki, who started the night averaging 25.3 points and 9.6 rebounds, finished with 15 points. Nowitzki was 3-for-12

from the field.

But Dallas got a season-high 63 points off the bench led by Croshere and Buckner.

"It was a great night for Cro," Dallas' Jerry Stackhouse said. "Everybody's been pulling for him. He's been very supportive of us. Cro was our MVP tonight."

Croshere capped a 13-4 run spanning the late third and early fourth quarters with a three-point play and a 3-pointer on consecutive possessions to give Dallas a 91-82 lead with 10:37 left.

Croshere added another 3 with 7:54 left to stretch the Mavericks' lead 100-88.

Dallas took a 66-54 half-time lead with its highest scoring half this season.

Seattle rallied to tie twice in the third quarter before fading down the stretch.

"We really pressed them," Sonics coach Bob Hill said. "It was a five-point game but we couldn't sustain it in the fourth quarter."

Hill said he wasn't surprised at Croshere's big game.

"He's capable of doing what he did," Hill said. "That's how their team is made up. He's paid to do that."

Bonds gets his payday with Giants

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds never wanted to leave the Giants. They have been his team for more than a decade. They were the team of his late father and also his godfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays.

After nearly two months of negotiations, Bonds finally has his new deal — to stay put right where he believes he belongs.

Bonds and San Francisco completed a \$15.8 million, one-year contract Monday night after the slugger spent hours at the ballpark being examined by team doctors.

The club announced the deal, which took significant time to finish after the sides agreed on financial terms Dec. 7 on the last day of baseball's winter meetings.

Now, the 42-year-old Bonds can focus on the upcoming season. He has 734 home runs, 22 from breaking Hank Aaron's career record, and he plans to play beyond this year if he fails to set the mark in 2007.

"I think I'll be around until I'm 100, or at least try to," Bonds said.

Before the contract was completed, Bonds had to pass a physical and the

parties had to work out complicated language regarding his behavior and what would happen if he were to be indicted.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he hadn't knowingly taken any performance-enhancing drugs.

"I knew things would work out. This is where I always wanted to play and always loved to play," Bonds said. "The city of San Francisco is what I love. The people of San Francisco are who I love. There's no better place for me to be. This is my history. The people in San Francisco deserve it all."

On a conference call late Monday night, Bonds was asked why it took so long for his contract to be completed.

"I was on a skiing vacation," he said, laughing. "It didn't take any time. It's normal procedure."

As part of the deal, Bonds' trainers — Harvey Shields and Greg Oliver — will no longer be allowed in the clubhouse, where they previously had their own lockers next to Bonds' space.

"I have no problems with it," Bonds said.

"(Oliver) and Harvey will be with me, just outside the ballpark."

Shields and Oliver will no longer be on the Giants' payroll and they won't be permitted in restricted areas in any big league ballpark. If they were to make road trips, it would be on Bonds' dime or their own, two baseball officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of such details in the contract.

Bonds, who traveled to the Bay Area from his off-season home in Southern California, underwent X-rays and many other tests from multiple team doctors Monday.

The seven-time NL MVP waved and smiled as he left the stadium and then quickly drove away, with agent Jeff Borris in the passenger seat.

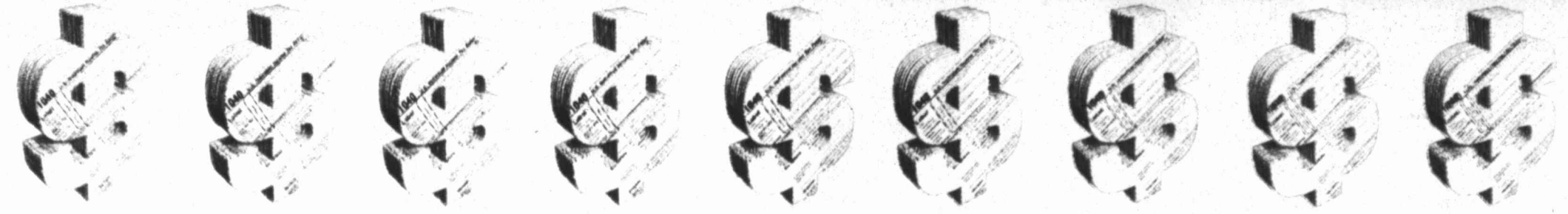
Bonds can earn another \$4.2 million in performance bonuses — \$500,000 for 250 plate appearances, \$1 million each for 300, 375 and 450, and \$700,000 for 525.

"I'm very excited and very happy we got it all done," Bonds said. "I'm just glad to be on the team and glad things worked out. I think we should be

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Baylor downs Colorado

WACO (AP) — Baylor found the right antidote to cure a four-game losing streak.

With Henry Dugat and Aaron Bruce leading the way with 19 points each, five Baylor players reached double figures in a 97-83 win over Colorado on Tuesday night.

Kevin Rogers contributed 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Bears (12-9, 2-6 Big 12). Curtis Jerrells netted 17 and Tweety Carter had 11.

"This win was very important," Jerrells said. "I told everybody before the game that it's not too late, but we can't wait forever. I think it worked because we came out and played with a lot of ener-

gy." Colorado (5-13, 1-7) trailed by 23 points at halftime, but cut the deficit to 73-62 on Richard Roby's layup with 10 minutes remaining.

Baylor's Bruce and Tim Bush responded with 3-pointers in an 8-4 Baylor outburst that put the Bears in front 81-66, and Colorado never challenged again.

"To go in the half down 23, that's a big hole to dig yourself out of," Colorado coach Ricardo Patton said. "But our guys did a nice job being more aggressive in the second half on the offensive end. Baylor outrebounded the Buffaloes 39-32 to help grab the win.

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Indy offense is difficult enough with Manning, Pro Bowl receivers Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne, tight end Dallas Clark, running backs Joseph Addai and Dominic Rhodes and a strong offensive line. Thwarting it at warp speed with the same 11 players for an entire series could be too much to ask.

Forget all of Manning's histrionics at the line: the pointing, the backing off, turning around to instruct teammates, slapping his helmet, calling out signals — false and real.

The true beauty of the no-huddle is how it can force defenses to be imbalanced against one of the NFL's most dangerous offenses.

"Tom Moore has given me more freedom and trust and more responsibility," Manning said, referring to the Colts' longtime offensive coordinator, the only one Manning

has played for in nine seasons. "Meanwhile, I can call some of my plays and I have the ability to change plays — that's more responsibility."

"Of course, if you change to one that does not work, you feel so much more responsible for that. So maybe you try harder to make it work."

It's worked very well since Manning came into the league as the No. 1 overall pick and started from Day 1 as a rookie in 1998. The no-huddle has been a part of the scheme for much of his career.

"We like the tempo it gives us," Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday said. "We feel like we can wear teams down. There's just a lot of things about it that really fits our style."

They even got a chuckle out of the confusion it can cause for defenses.

"Sometimes you see a receiver wide open and you know why," Saturday said. "But most of the time they set up quickly. They don't want to beat themselves."

Which the Bears (15-3) don't often do.

In this Super Bowl, the no-huddle could be even more of a factor because the Bears want to get certain players on the field for pass defense, attempting to match up with the Colts' deep offense. Naturally, Indianapolis (15-4) doesn't want to allow that.

While Chicago is fortunate to have two outstanding linebackers with a variety of talents in Brian Urlacher and Lance Briggs, it must have the right personnel on the field in other positions against Manning and his buddies.

"I think the biggest change that goes on continually, and that's why you have to keep up to date, are all the substitution packages," Moore said. "Defensively, they are running substitutes in the game all the time. Substitution patterns and getting your blocking and protections squared away, that's a constant thing that keeps advancing."

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standing job of stepping up and playing big when we really needed it."

Stephen Ewing was second in scoring for the Bulldogs with 11 points and Curt Lang added 5 more.

With 5:15 left in the quarter, the Buffaloes took their first lead of the game when Carmona swished a 3-pointer. The Buffaloes were up 30-27 and extended the lead to 5 points before the

fourth quarter began.

Carmona did everything he could to keep the Buffaloes on top of the district race, including scoring 11 points to lead his team, but there was no answer for stopping Gonzales.

Jarron Sparks added 10 points and Justin Hinojosa chipped in 8 more as the Buffaloes fought to the final buzzer.

As the teams traded baskets in the final minutes of the game, Gonzales hit a 3-pointer and then stole the inbounds pass for a layup to give the Bulldogs a 45-41 lead with only 2:00 to play.

"They are a great team and they showed it tonight," said Gonzales.

"Tonight we were just able to capitalize on their mistakes. It feels really good right now, but we have to find a way to maintain this level of play."

Down the wire, the Buffaloes had their chances.

Trailing by 3, the Buffaloes failed on three consecutive occasions to block out and grab the rebound from Coahoma's missed free throws. After the third miss, the Bulldogs were able to make the front end of a one-and-one and then grab yet

another rebound on the following attempt.

The final rebound led to a short jumper in the lane and the result was a 3-point swing to give the Bulldogs enough breathing room to run out the clock.

"We seem to play much better at home," Nichols added. "We're going to need our home crowd behind us the rest of the season, but having 3-of-4 at home ... we like how the schedule plays out."

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the night. "Everyone has been shooting well in practice and tonight it showed up on the court. As for the rebounds, Coach reminded me about my stats from last year and he told me earlier in the season that I was going to have to get back down there and help out. This was really a good team win — especially in such a rivalry game."

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Buffs rallied and refused to go quietly into the night.

Led by Cassandra Flores (11 points) and Brennan Harp (10 points), Stanton fought back to make it more than an interesting game. On several occasions they pulled to within 9 points of the Lady 'Dogs.

"I was really proud of the way Cassandra (Flores)

and Brennan played tonight," coach Richardson explained. "They both stepped up and played well for us tonight. They hustled and fought on both ends of the court. This was probably their best overall game of season — I'm really proud of them tonight."

In the final 8:00 the Lady Buffaloes outscored Coahoma 18-11, but the first quarter 14-point deficit was too much for the Lady Buffs to make up on the scoreboard.

"This is a tough place to play basketball," Sumrall added. "It's tough because of the crowd — they really get into the games here. This and Stamford are about as tough as it gets in this district."

"We really concentrated this week on shooting the open shots when we have them. If teams are going to play us like that then we have to make them pay for not respecting our outside game."

"After tonight, I think we should have a lot of confi-

dence heading down the stretch."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There's a Very Good Reason

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Not many hands call for declarer to make an exceptionally difficult play. When such a play is overlooked, it is usually because it is contrary to normal procedure.

Consider this deal where West led a spade and declarer won East's jack with the queen. Clubs were the obvious suit to attack, so South led the jack and finessed, losing to the queen.

Back came a spade, and South was in serious trouble. He allowed

West's nine to win, but West played another spade, forcing out the ace, and soon got in with the ace of clubs to put the contract down one.

However, South should have made his game by the unusual but simple expedient of allowing East's spade jack win the first trick. Had he done that, he would have finished with 10 tricks.

East could do no better than return a spade, and South's Q-10 would have trapped West's king. Assuming West covered the queen, declarer would take the ace, lead a diamond to the king and finesse the jack of clubs. East would take the queen, but whatever he returned, declarer would next dislodge the ace of clubs and score the rest of the tricks.

There is a sound basis for ducking the jack of spades. West is marked with the king by East's failure to play it at trick one, so the Q-10 still constitute two solid tricks for South. The advantage of refusing the jack is that it cuts communications between the defenders in spades if the suit is divided 5-2.

If the spades are divided 4-3, the contract is equally secure, since the defense will score at most two spades and two clubs. To duck is therefore perfectly sound — even though it is unusual.

Tomorrow: Partnership rapport.
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talking about team. We've got a good team that's got a chance to do something."

After missing all but 14 games in 2005 following three operations on his right knee, Bonds batted .270 with 26 homers and 77 RBIs and drew 115 walks last year. He passed Babe Ruth to move into second place on the career home run list May 28.

But the Giants failed to reach the playoffs for the third straight year, leaving Bonds no closer to the elusive World Series ring he has always coveted.

Bonds, who is coming off surgery on his troublesome left elbow, has been deemed healthier by the team than last year at this time. And he wound up playing regularly in 2006.

What does that mean for his chances of breaking the record?

A day after the season ended, owner Peter Magowan said Bonds would no longer be the centerpiece of the franchise if he played for the Giants in 2007 — and then the club signed ace Barry Zito to a \$126 million, seven-year contract this month. But San Francisco hosts the All-Star game this summer, and Bonds is certain to bring attention to the city leading up to the event.

"Barry provides us with a proven, middle-of-the-order, run-producing bat," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said. "With his presence in our lineup and a one-year contractual commitment, we were able to avoid the temptation to trade away some of our valuable young pitching talent and were able to free up long-range funds to acquire a front-line pitcher."

Bonds filed for free agency and apparently

drew interest from Oakland, St. Louis, San Diego and other teams.

He reportedly failed an amphetamines test last season. The New York Daily News said when Bonds first learned of the result, he attributed it to a substance he took from teammate Mark Sweeney's locker.

"Everything is false. Mark Sweeney never did anything wrong. Period," Bonds said. "My relationship with Mark Sweeney is phenomenal. We are very good friends. ... We're fine."

In a previous public statement, Bonds cleared Sweeney and said, "he did not give me anything whatsoever and has nothing to do with this matter." At the time, Bonds didn't address whether he took amphetamines.

When asked Monday whether he used amphetamines, Bonds said, "I'm not going to comment on that."

Bonds, who has played

21 major league seasons, has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

Sabeian declined to discuss details of the con-

tract, such as why the trainers would not be allowed to be around.

"Every contract has its own twists and turns," he said.

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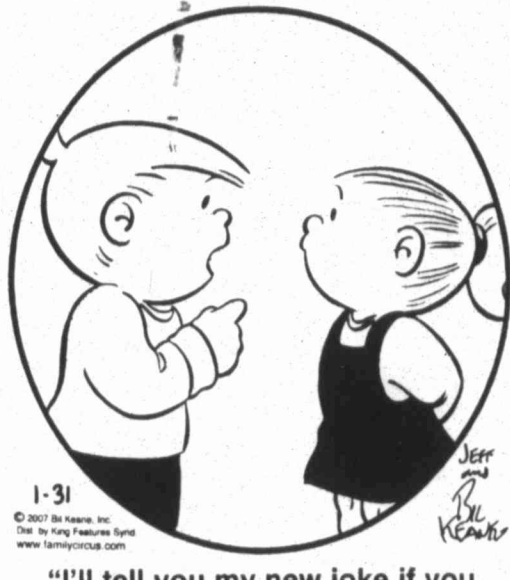
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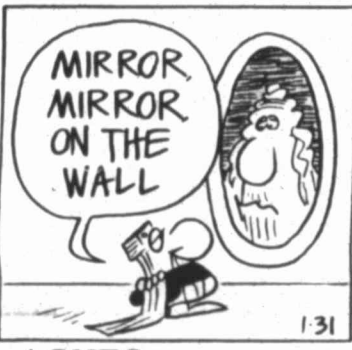
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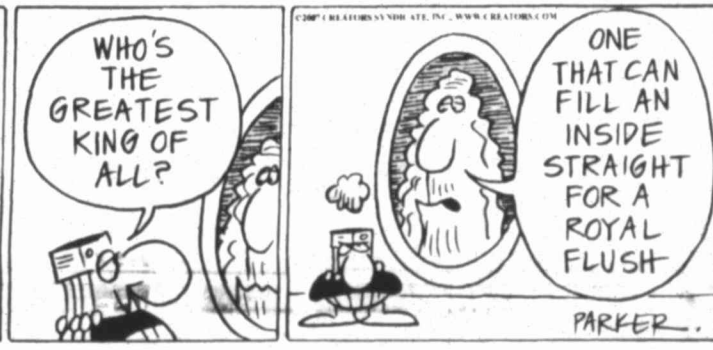
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II, U.S. forces began a successful invasion of Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands. In 1945, Private Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France. In 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I. In 1971, astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell and Stuart A. Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon. In 1987, discount airline pioneer People Express flew its last flights before merging into Continental Airlines. In 2000, an Alaska Airlines jet plummeted into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 88 people aboard. Ten years ago: Three days of deliberations in the O.J. Simpson civil trial in Santa Monica, Calif., were

scrapped and the jury forced to start all over again after the only black woman on the panel was replaced because of misconduct. Today's Birthdays: Actress Carol Channing is 86. Author Norman Mailer is 84. Actress Jean Simmons is 78. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks is 76. Composer Philip Glass is 70. Actress Suzanne Pleshette is 70. Actor Stuart Margolin is 67. Former U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., is 66. Blues singer-musician Charlie Musselwhite is 63. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan is 60. Singer-musician KC (KC and the Sunshine Band) is 56.

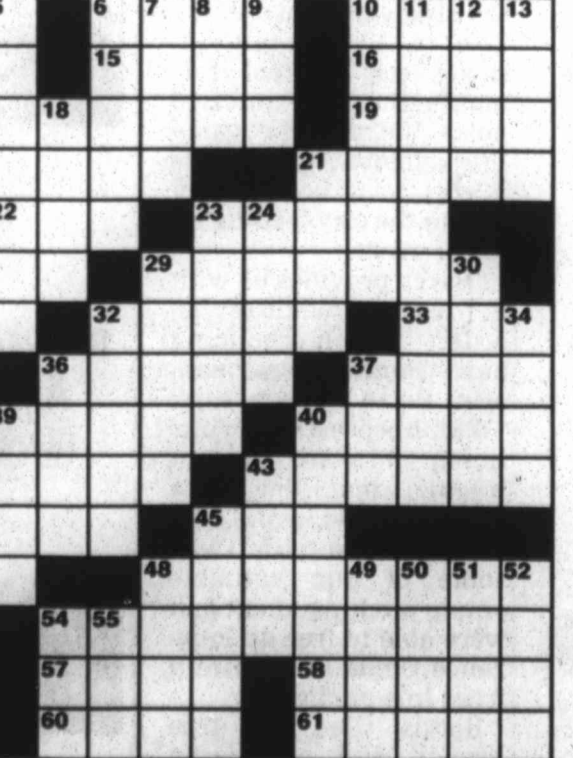
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Newsday Crossword

INVITATIONAL by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Brink, 6 Take quickly, 10 Spice-jar holder, 14 Vast expanse, 15 Run things, 16 Arthur of tennis, 17 Auctioneer's words, 19 Potato jacket, 20 Unspecified person, 21 Aroma, 22 Vegas, 23 Light lunch, 25 Potpourri bag, 29 Hay source, 31 Checked pattern, 32 Question, 33 Once-used, 35 Casting director's slot, 36 Go one better than, 37 Start to unravel, 38 Actor Brynner, 39 Uses a spoon, 40 Thin mud, 41 Self-respect, 43 Snapshots, 44 Mock, 45 "... any drop to drink", 46 Trolley sound, 48 Louisiana birds, 53 Office staffer, 54 Threshold item, 56 Equipment, 57 Wildly, 58 Fancy feather, 59 Irish New Age singer.

- DOWN: 1 Promises solemnly, 2 Aural bounce, 3 500 sheets, 4 Total paid admission, 5 Turned on, 6 Electric-power networks, 7 Shade of red, 8 Baba, 9 Garden plot, 10 Mischief maker, 11 Provoked an attack, 12 Goatee spot, 13 Superman alias, 18 Feudal defense, 21 Do in, as a dragon, 23 Winter gliders, 24 Bushy do, 25 Quick and agile, 26 Not silently, 27 Punch out, 28 Get moving, 29 "Back In The Saddle Again" singer, 30 Bowie's last stand, 32 Rather, 34 Textile chemicals, 36 Singer, 37 Redding, 38 Ziegfeld nickname, 39 Obstruction, 40 Seafood servings, 42 Biological categories, 43 Palm Beach sport, 45 Bottle parts, 46 Pet-shop buy, 47 Debt securer, 48 Trudge, 49 Boston hoopster, 50 Manchurian river, 51 Identify, 52 Cook slowly, 54 Big roll of bills, 55 Grounded bird.



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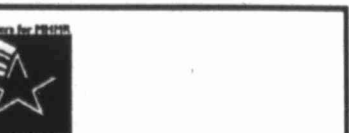
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

It is the eve of the full moon in creative Leo. Is there an inner artist ready to burst out of you? Is there a poem buried in your being? A song? A story? A doodle? The ideas are churning in the subconscious, ready to leap at the slightest provocation. Place yourself among the people whom you find most inspiring.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're in transition. Suddenly what you wanted before seems trivial as a meaningful quest calls you. Old friends validate the old you, while new friends praise the new you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The light at the end of

the tunnel could be something awesome, or it could be an oncoming train, which is also awesome — a powerful force you may want to climb aboard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're looking for ways to exhibit your independence. If you're not radical, you won't be noticed. So you shock and thrill and are received with both excitement and fear. It's hard to tell the difference.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Tap into your spirit of adventure. Explore your interest in dance, comedy or art. This brings lucky friendships into your realm. Career shifts are happening, too — a coveted position is now available.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to arrive at a certain destination with a loved one. Getting there without this person just wouldn't be the same. So put petty differences

aside, and focus on the bigger goals you've set for your relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life is a game. Your enjoyment of the game depends on your ability to pick your teammates. You don't need to put up with someone who isn't sure of you. But a Capricorn person is sure of you — this much is obvious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Romance flutters into your life, greatly affecting your schedule and your priorities. You can't help what your heart is drawn to, but you can protect yourself by being slow to commit. Put off big decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Count your blessings and they're abundantly multiplied. In all matters, the more you give, the more you get. This best pertains to your closest relationships and, in particular, to your tie with a Cancer person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). The art of getting what you want requires the science of specificity. Your preferences are honored, so you can afford to be picky! Family drama has to do with an inheritance. Where there's a will, there's a relative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone behaves best when people are watching. The true test of self-love is how you treat yourself when no one else is around. Be kind. Overlook your shortcomings. Cater to your whims.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Two sides of you are at odds — the shrewd, analytical side and the extravagant side. Note: The extravagant side won't give up. Sooner or later it gets what it wants.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The natural flow of friendship is to drift apart and come together when it's right for both people. So don't worry too much about whether or not

friends still love you. They do! They really do!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Talk-show multimedia goddess Oprah Winfrey proves that a genuine positive spirit ensures a lifetime of success. The responsibility of reaching out and helping people by the millions is a daunting task, but the divine Winfrey handles it like the true humbled pro she is. Her much-lauded generosity is a fine illustration of Aquarian "water bearer" humanitarianism.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am at my wits' end with my 28-year-old daughter, "Melissa." She is successful, has her own home, drives a nice car, is highly educated, is fairly attractive, works out, runs in road races and is not a wallflower who sits at home waiting for the world to come to her. The problem? She is obsessed with the fact that she doesn't have a boyfriend.

Her younger brother recently got married, and she has been livid ever since. Her last single friend just got engaged, and Melissa is a bridesmaid. Every time she has to do something wedding related, my daughter calls and says, "When is it going to be MY turn? What is wrong with me? Why can't I find someone?"

She has tried the online dating thing and has met a couple of nice guys, but they go out once or twice and never call again. She was in one long-term relationship that ended four years ago, and she has had a couple of dates since then, but no real prospects with a future.

It breaks my heart to get these desperate phone calls from her. Nothing I say or do can help her. I can't even introduce her to "some nice young man" because she lives far away and I don't know anyone there. Right now, I think she is giving out desperate vibes and men are running away.

By the way, several of her married friends are already headed for divorce court in their late 20s. How sad is that? They married too soon and picked the wrong people. I think it's better to wait. Any advice for her — or me? — Powerless Mom

Dear Mom: It's not uncommon for those still single to panic when their group of friends begins to marry off. They feel undesirable and worry they may never find a life partner. You really can't do much about this, Mom. Continue to reassure Melissa that she is worthy of a mate, but she should know there are worse things than being single. If she continues to involve herself in interesting activities, she will lead a meaningful life, and she just might meet the right man along the way.

Dear Annie: Recently, I divorced my wife. We have lived in the same small town for many years, and we both have many friends who are dear to us. During the year, but especially through the holidays, many of these people host



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parties, but either my ex is invited or I am invited, but not both of us.

I do not understand why they feel one of us has to be excluded. I would like to tell them, "We are your friends. Invite us both and let us make up our own minds whether or not to attend." Don't they realize it is hurtful when we are left off the guest list? — Wondering Why in Florida

Dear Wondering: Has it occurred to you that the circumstances under which you divorced your wife may make your friends uncomfortable? That they may disapprove? That your ex-wife has asked them not to include you? Mutual friends often feel they must take sides, or that a divorced couple cannot behave civilly toward one another. You can let your friends know how you feel, but beyond that, the guest list is up to them!

Dear Annie: Is it normal for married couples to sleep in separate bedrooms? It makes me feel like my husband doesn't love me. I know he does, but we have a small bed and we both snore. I have suggested that we get a bigger bed, but he says we can't afford one. What else can I do? — Nameless Wife

Dear Nameless: It's perfectly OK to have separate bedrooms as long as it doesn't affect your intimacy levels. Snoring can indicate sleep apnea, so both of you should see your doctor and get checked, but meanwhile, you might consider investing in a set of matching earplugs.

Dear Annie: My "Aunt Suzy," who is only in her 50s, takes quite a bit of medicine. Sometimes she sleeps for days at a time. Sometimes she has a headache and stays up for days at a time. She never actually feels good.

I discovered by accident that not all of Aunt Suzy's medications come from the same doctor. I tried very nicely to inquire about her meds, and she told me she needed all of

them to get well. Three of the medications are narcotics that she takes several times a day. When I broached the subject of being addicted, her response was she couldn't possibly be addicted, because all the medications were prescribed.

I cannot believe, in this day and age, that people still think you can't get addicted to prescription medications. Should I say something to my uncle? He's concerned about her health but doesn't see what's under his nose. Do I hope she sees herself in your column and gets help? Or do I just keep my mouth shut because it will only cause trouble? — Worried Niece

Dear Niece: There is a bigger problem than addiction going on here. Often, medications interfere with one another and cause all sorts of complications and adverse effects, simply because Doctor A isn't aware of what Doctor B has prescribed. While Aunt Suzy could very well be addicted, we recommend instead that you tell your uncle Aunt Suzy's headaches and sleepiness are likely the result of interacting prescriptions, which can endanger her health. Suggest that the two of them speak to all of her doctors and give them a complete list of her medications.

Dear Annie: My synagogue enjoys the services of a chief rabbi who recently came to us from another synagogue. The rabbi is a wonderful, inspiring, bright, insightful, kind, caring young man, a leader and friend to all. I know no one who does not like him.

What, then, could be the dilemma? His singing can turn anyone to stone. It is positively dreadful. When he attempts to warble any note and it is amplified, as it generally is when he is conducting a service from the pulpit, it is most painfully obvious that he has no sense of pitch. What, if anything, should be done? — Pittsburgher with a Dilemma

Dear Pittsburgh: Does your synagogue have a cantor who does the bulk of the singing? If so, try to suffer through the few off-

key notes the rabbi produces. If not, talk to the synagogue board about the possibility of hiring a cantor, or even elevating someone from the congregation with a nice voice who is capable of taking on those duties. If the rabbi has his own microphone and tends to sing into it regardless of the cantor, you might ask someone on the board to mention that doing so detracts from the cantor's lovely voice. Meanwhile, remember that services are for praying, not to critique the musical talent of an otherwise-wonderful rabbi. So pray a little harder.

Dear Annie: This is in regard to "Shoeless Joe," who complained about how many pairs of shoes women buy. You gave a wonderful, logical response about styles, colors, coordinating, etc. But I could imagine the guy's eyes glazing over.

A better explanation would be to tell him to step into his garage or workshop. He will find enlightenment there. A cordless drill is different from a hammer drill, which is different from a right-angle drill. One needs deep-well and shallow sockets, standard, metric, 6-point, 12-point, 1/4-inch, 3/8-inch and 1/2-inch drives. Don't even get me started on screwdrivers and hammers.

My wife and I used to have that argument often. We finally agreed on tit-for-tat — or make that pumps-for-pliers. — Well-Tooled but Not Shoeless

Dear Well-Tooled: We know just what you mean about eyes glazing over, but you've hit the nail on the head, so to speak. Thanks. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. © 2007 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

EXAMPLE A
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AMENDMENT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 4290 APPLICATION Monsanto Company, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 4290, which would authorize modification to a Cottonseed Delinting Plant located at 4701 North U.S. Highway 87, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, organic compounds, hydrogen chloride, and ammonia. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 30, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ. The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a

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civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn. A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Monsanto Company, 4701 North U.S. Highway 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling Mr. Mike Hill, Jacobs at (913)239-9506. Issuance Date: January 26, 2007 #5230 January 31, 2007

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When your past comes back to haunt him

Dear Margo: I have an ongoing problem that I'm desperately hoping you can help with. I have been married to my husband for 26 years.

We were married very young, just out of high school. Our oldest son was born in our first year of marriage, and since my husband was in the service, we were living 1,000 miles away from all family and friends.

Shortly after his birth I was feeling the normal emotional ups and downs and confessed to my husband that I'd had an abortion while still in high school, long before I ever met him. After seeing my beautiful new baby, I realized what I had done and the guilt was crushing.

About nine years ago, my husband started bringing this up all the time and calling me names. Also, whenever we fight, he brings up any mistakes I've ever made. It seems to me that he will never get past this, and I'm beginning to lose hope.

I am so sorry I ever confessed, but at the time he was my best friend and I thought I could trust him to understand. I was so wrong. Do I go through life never moving forward? — Patti in the Past

Dear Pat: Confession may be good for the soul, but it can also supply ammunition for someone who has trouble putting the past to bed.

What is happening is that your husband has started to obsess about an event he deems to be wrong, and from nearly 30 years ago, no less. You cannot be expected to live the rest of your life with him bringing this up every chance he gets, so I would suggest you make him an "either/or" proposition.

Either he goes with you to counseling to get this thing resolved, or you may have to think about severing the ties that bind. You might tell him that sticks and stones may break your bones, but you have no plans to stay married to a man who is continuously calling you names.

With luck, understanding his anger, with professional guidance, will resolve the problem. — Margo, curatively

GRAMPS GOT A NEW GAL!

Dear Margo: My husband's elderly mother died fairly recently. Her second husband, even older than she, was terribly distraught. He arranged the funeral and made no mention of her many decades-long marriage to my father-in-law. He also refused to give her children her jewelry or even a keepsake.

He moved away to be near his children from his first marriage. He's only been there a few months and now is plan-

ning to marry a lady he just met! We are sad he is rushing into this, and wonder what to do. He is executor of Mom's estate, and their home has not sold. And now he wants us to welcome this new lady into our homes when he comes to visit.



MARGO HOWARD

We are concerned that he has shown some dementia and that the woman may be a gold digger. How should we deal with our step-grandpa's new wife? Our concern is that something will happen to this one and he will marry again and again. — Surprised

Dear Sur: As for the old gent marrying again and again at his advanced age, there is only so much time, my dear. I think the real concern here is that your husband's mother's jewelry and her things are not going to the family.

As for the house, if they lived in it together, my guess is that it passed to him. You need to check to see if there's anything in the will about her wishes

for her possessions. Since this man is not related to you, did not handle the funeral as you would have liked, did not pass on keepsakes and is probably demented, I think you need not entertain him or his wife when he visits, or worry about how many women he can marry before he dies. — Margo, practically

HOW TO TIE UP LOOSE ENDS AS "THE OTHER WOMAN"

Dear Margo: I have been "the other woman" for one of my closest guy friends whom I've known for years. He's been involved with his girlfriend in a serious relationship for six years and is heavily entrenched, or so he says. (Her father is his financial planner, she is his insurance agent, and he's been "part of the family" for years.)

The girlfriend, however, is a career-oriented alcoholic who gives him very little attention, leading up to last year when we became lovers. This hurts me because I have fallen in love with him and want to see him happy, which clearly he is not. It hurts me because I hate feeling like his dirty little

secret, having to pretend we're just friends when we meet in public.

It hurts me to know that he's deceiving the girlfriend and I'm enabling him. All this has been building up in me for the last year, and I have finally gathered the courage to end the situation. My question is: How?

We are close friends as well. Is there a chance the friendship can be saved? Whom should I confide in? Should I inform his girlfriend? I am lost. — Fed Up Other Woman

Dear Fed: Don't inform the girlfriend; you have nothing to gain. And try not to confide in mutual friends. (Chances are they know.) If you need to discuss the ins and outs of the situation (forgive the infelicitous phrase), by all means see a therapist.

You might tell Romeo, though, who might try to get you back — at least in the sack — that you'd like him to call you only if and when he starts living an honest life. He would not be, however, a good bet in the fidelity department. Chances are that he will find another woman to live in the shadows.

I suspect you know this in your heart, but I don't think it's possible to go

back to being "just friends." — Margo, emancipatedly

Until Death Do You Part

Dear Margo: The love of my life recently passed away. Now I need to know how to handle a situation with his widow. (Yes, he was married.)

While we were seeing each other, she had reasons to suspect he was cheating and did enough research to connect my name to him, and even came and questioned me.

Per his wishes, I denied the affair and provided logical explanations for the various "evidence" she had. I think she wanted to believe me (us), but I know she was never 100 percent convinced.

Now that he's gone, I would prefer that she continue in ignorance of his indiscretions, but I know that sooner or later she will come across a collection of letters, notes, poems, trinkets and treasures that will undeniably confirm her suspicions.

I thought about sending a card that says I had lied to her before, but I am now ready to answer her questions openly and hon-

estly if she still wants the answers. But I would hate to seem as if I'm "rubbing it in" during her time of grief.

Should I wait some period of time before I send it, or should I forget it altogether and wait for her to come to me when she discovers the collection? — Dead Man's Mistress in North Carolina

Dear Dead: You seem pretty sure there's "a collection." He may not have kept a thing. In any case, do not make the first move. This woman may never get in touch with you.

And if she does, let your gut tell you whether or not you want to give her all this food for thought, or protect your love in death as you did in life. — Margo, thoughtfully

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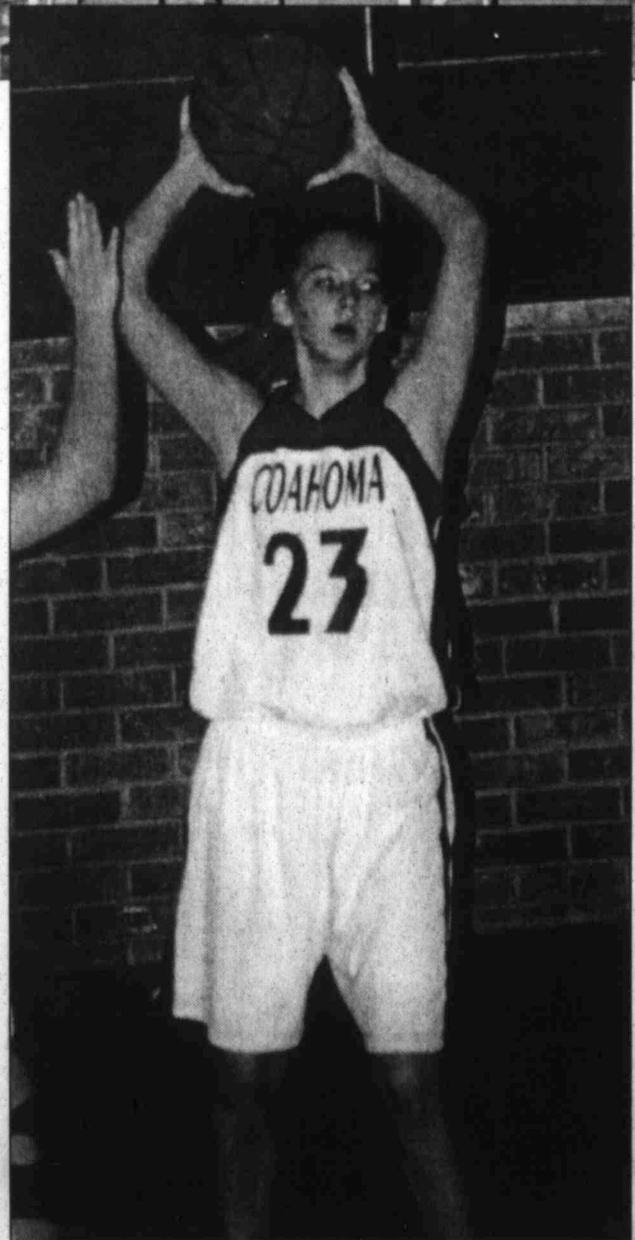
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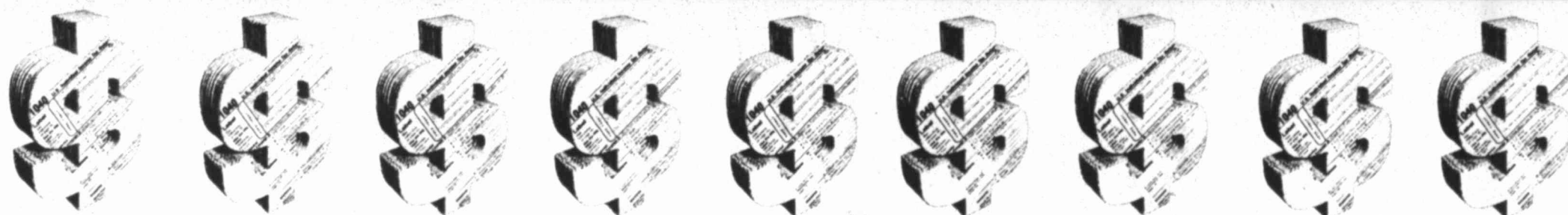
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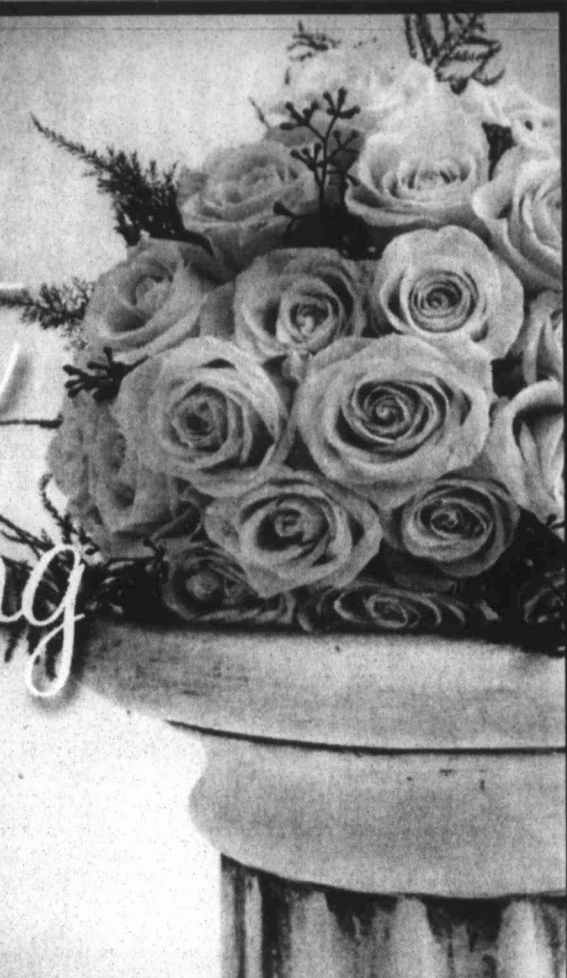
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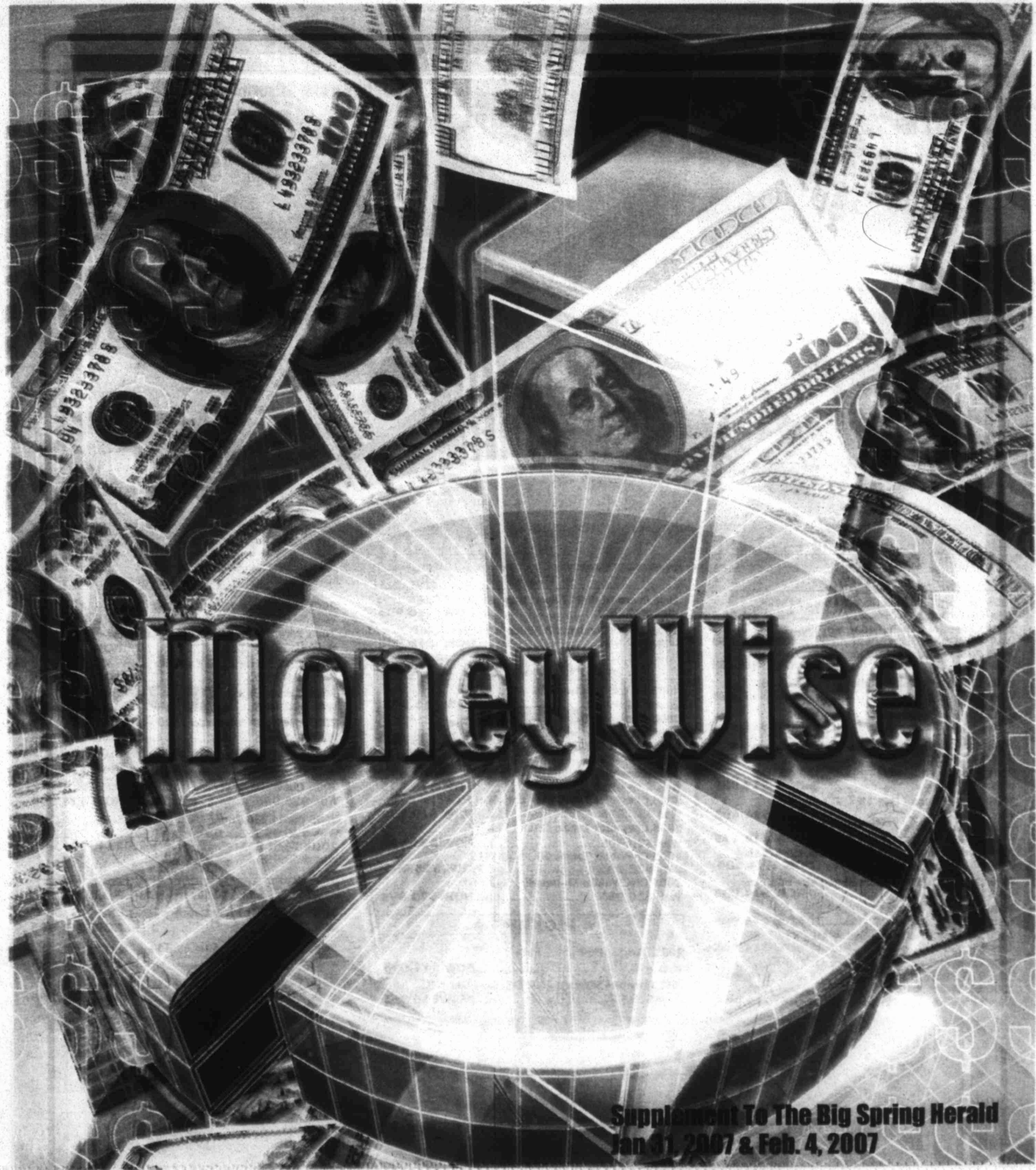
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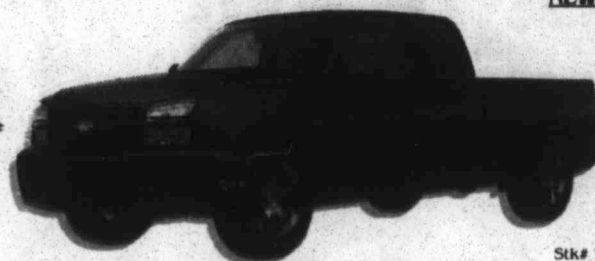
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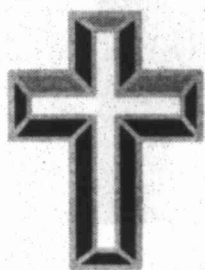
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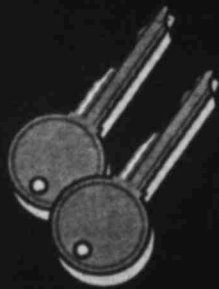
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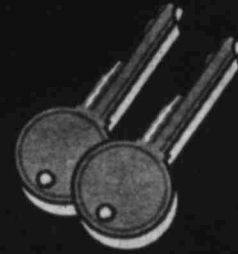
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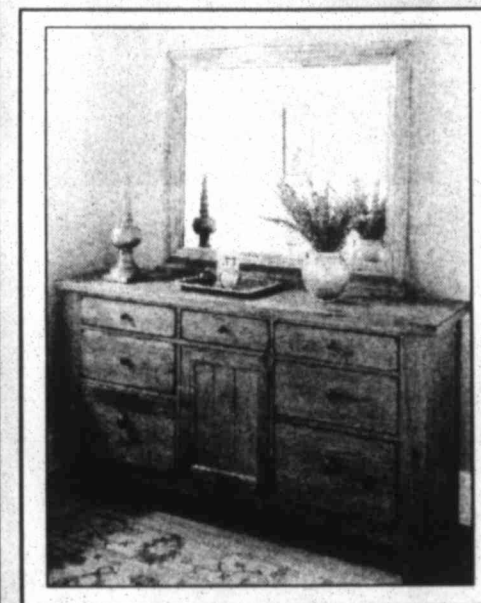
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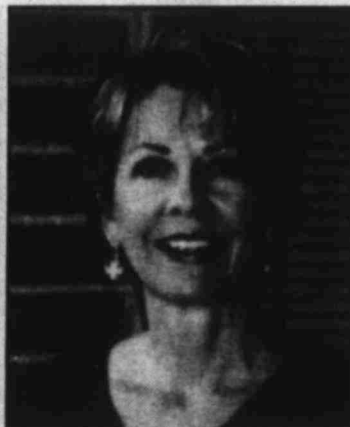
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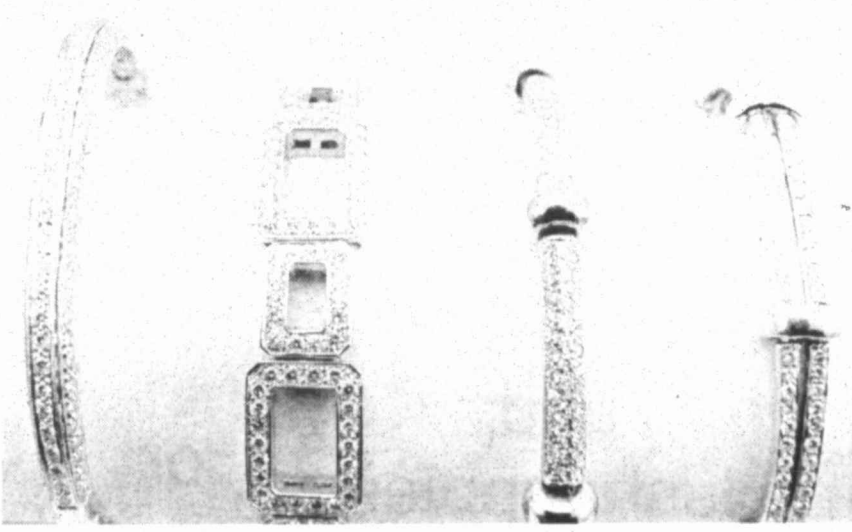
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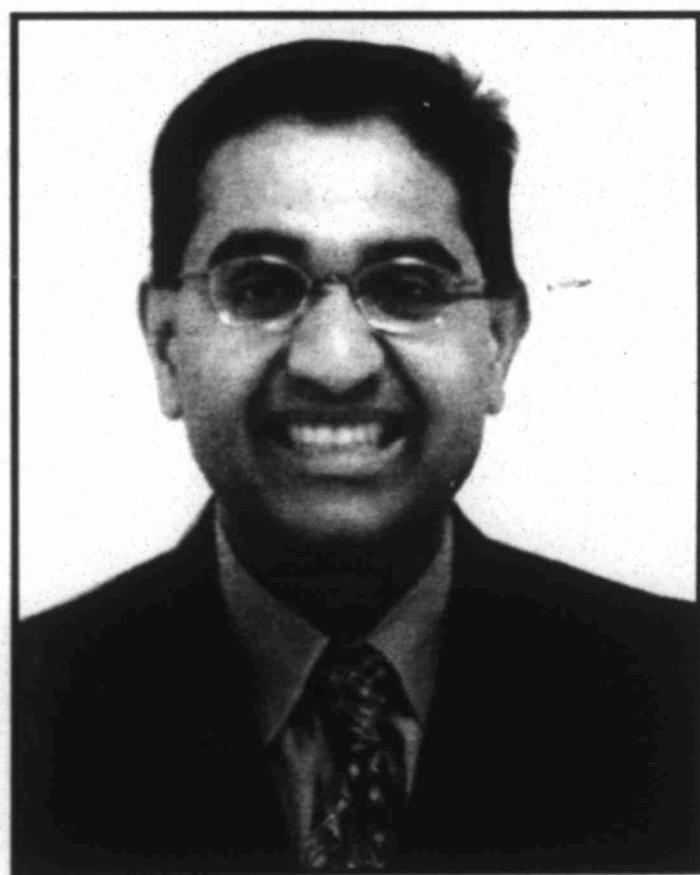
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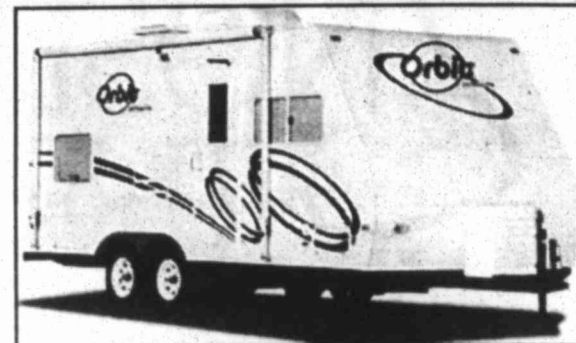
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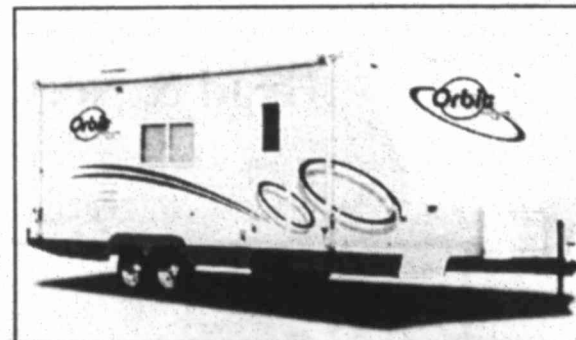
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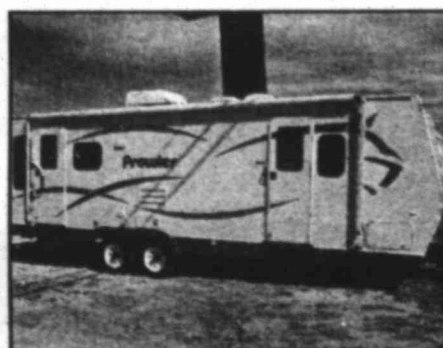
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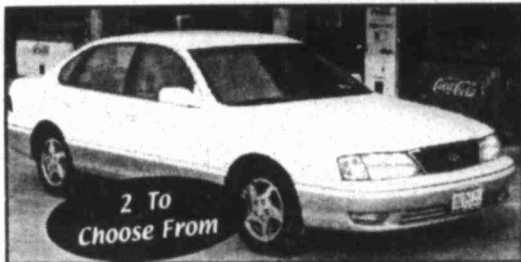
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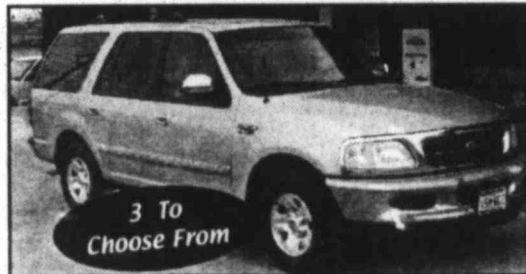
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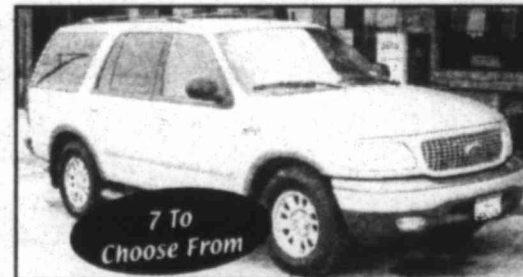


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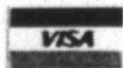
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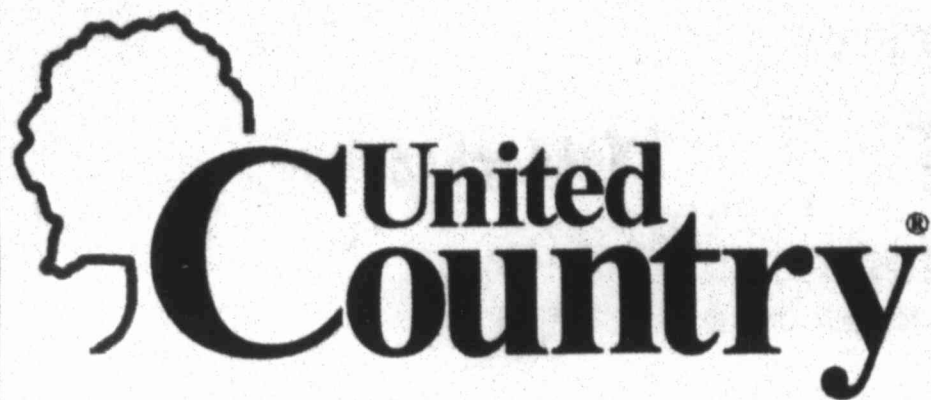
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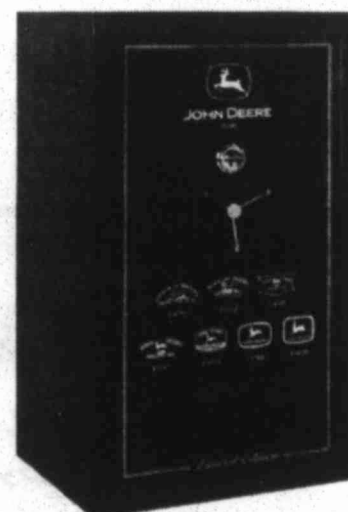


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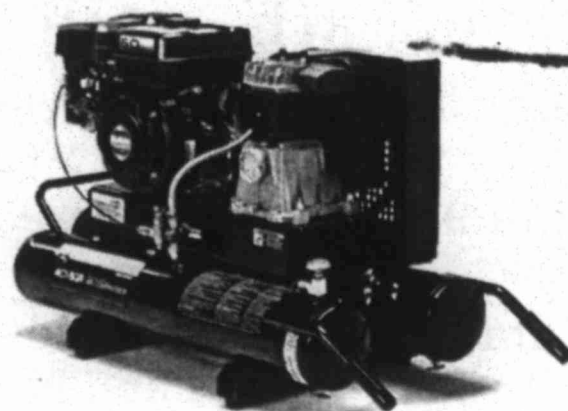
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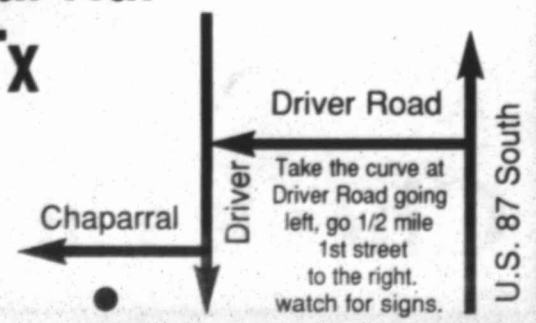
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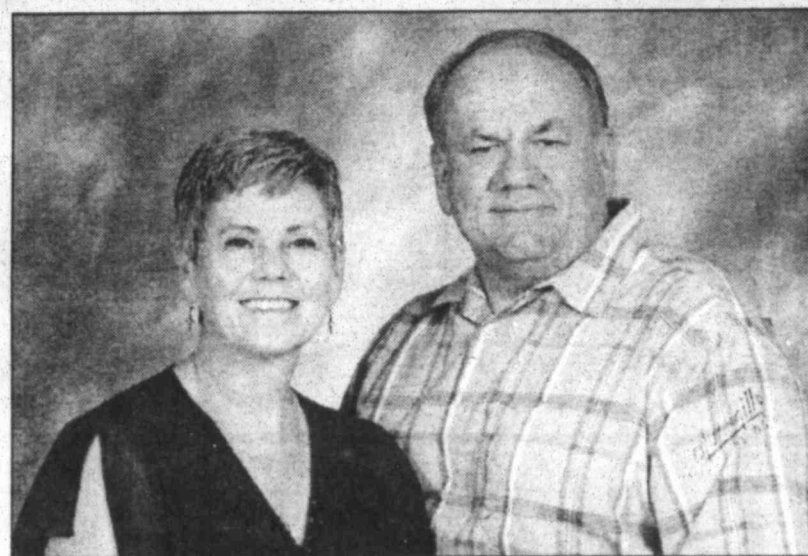


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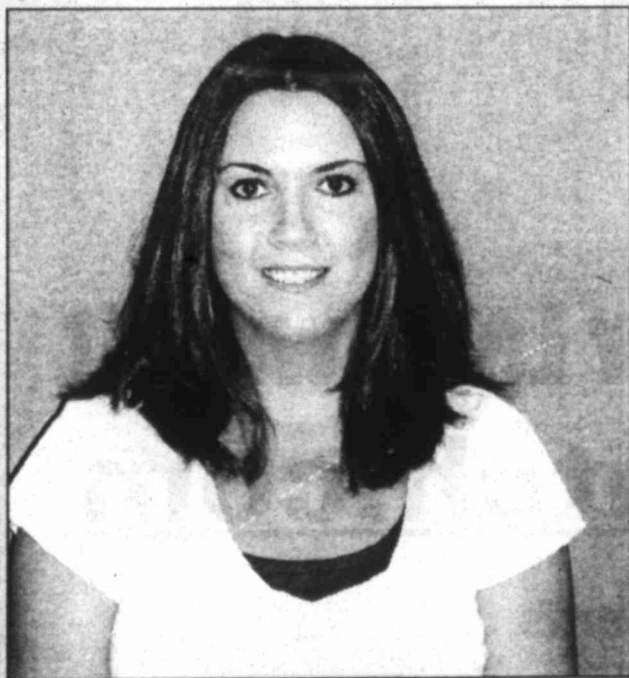


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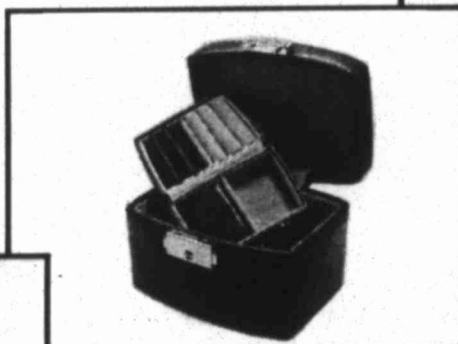
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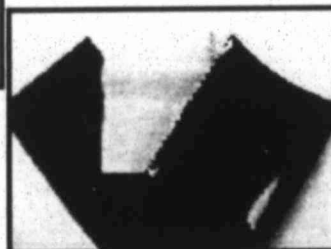
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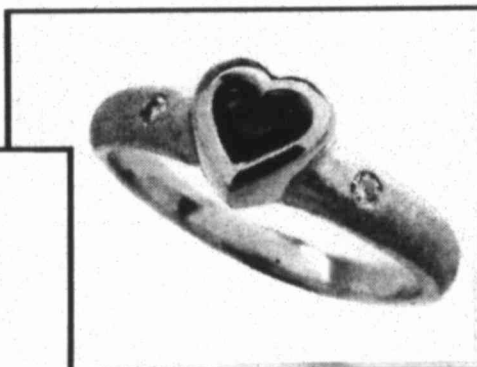
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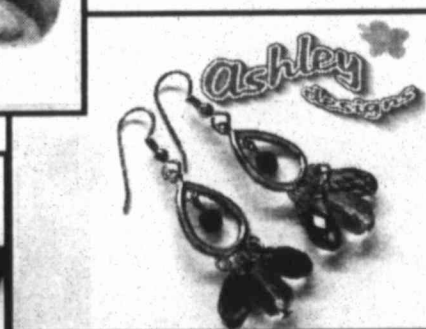
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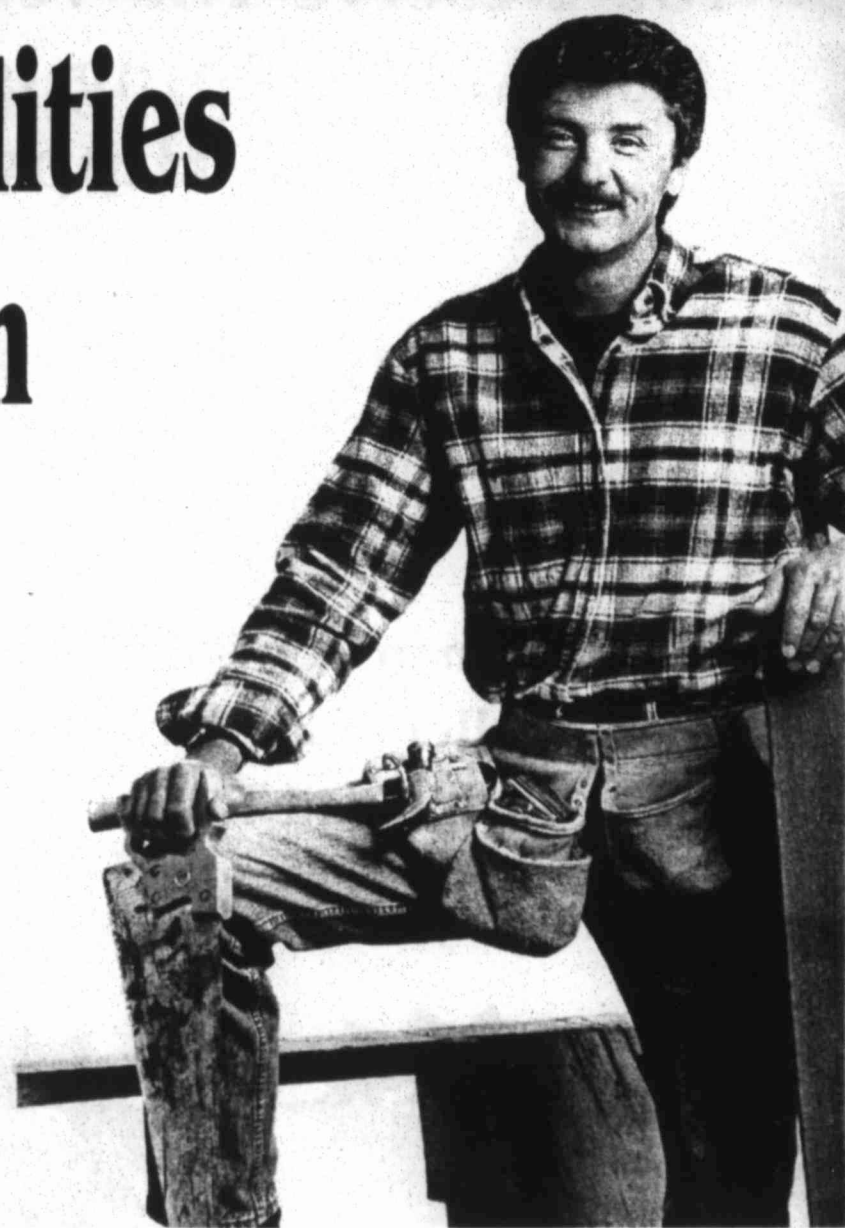


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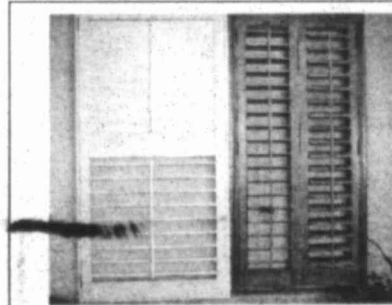
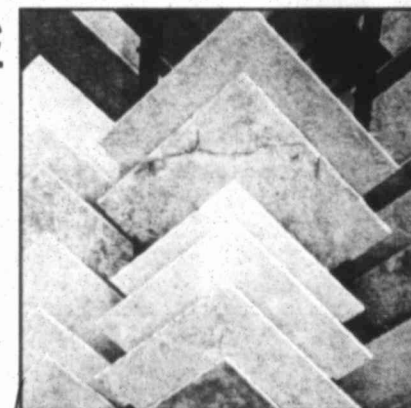
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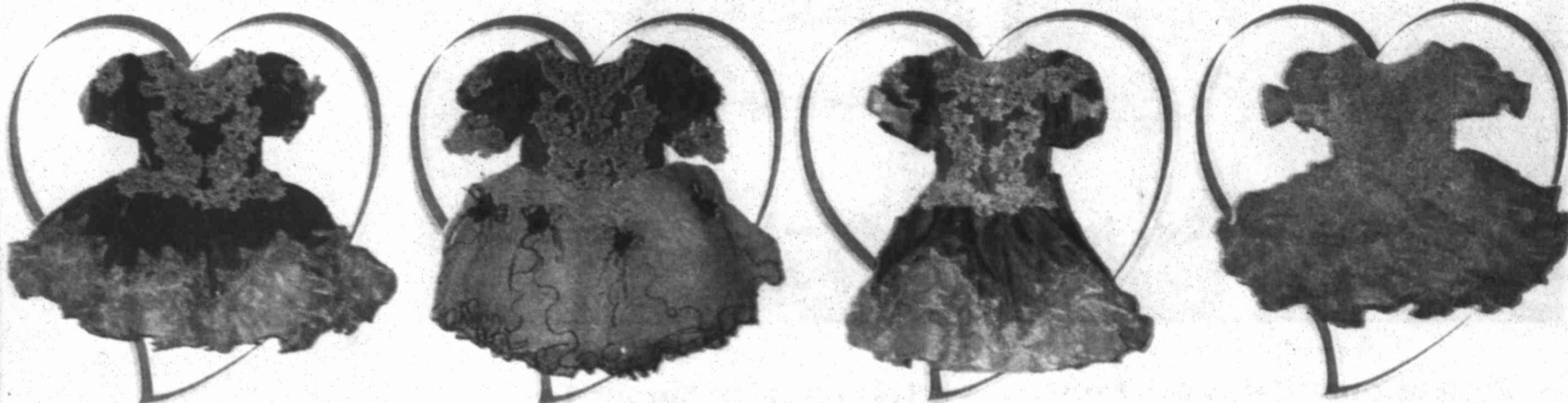
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