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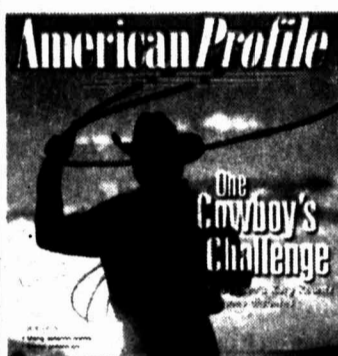
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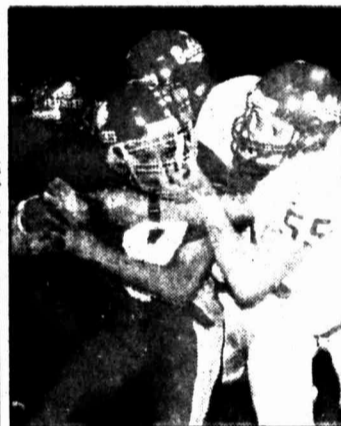
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INSIDE



One Cowboy's Challenge: Kory Koontz has battled diabetes, but it hasn't kept him from becoming a competitive rodeo team roper.

Gardening: No use for autumn leaves? Try using them in your garden.



Playoff bound!

Coahoma's Bulldogs clinched a playoff berth Friday with a 38-7 win over I-20 rival Santon. **Page 8A**

IN BRIEF

Salute to military

The salute to the military shown during the 2003 Pops in the Park celebration is available for those who would like a copy.

Available in DVD and video, copies of the salute can be purchased for \$20 by contacting Lane Bond at 263-4033, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 215 W. Third or the Big Spring Symphony office at 808 Scurry. Proceeds to go to the symphony.

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Victim Services: reaches out to those in need

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
Managing Editor

Imagine what it must be like get a telephone call at work informing you that your teen-age daughter had been molested by a family member.

Most people can't imagine. Many are enraged at the mere thought of such a situation, while others don't even want to think about the possibility.

But for those in Borden, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Mitchell and Scurry counties who do find themselves involved in such a nightmare, the staff and volunteers from Victim Services of Big Spring are on hand to respond.

For one Big Spring woman, who for reasons of anonymity will be iden-

tified here as "Faith," nightmare became a reality earlier this year.

"I think it's important that young girls who've had something like this happen to them know that there are people that are here for them and can do something about it."

"I was at work and a relative called me and said that we had a serious problem," recalled Faith. "I left work, went home and my daughter told what had happened. I believed her immediately because of the look on her face."

Faith said it was clear her child had been up all night crying — the assault had taken place the previous evening at another relative's home.

"I called the police immediately and an officer came and took a report," she continued.

That was when Victim Services personnel got involved.

Officer Joe Bob Morales, who had responded to the initial call, telephoned Victim Services Executive Director Shann Thomas, who immediately went to Faith's home and then accompanied the woman and her daughter when they went to BSPD headquarters to give statements to detectives.

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HERALD photo/John A. Moseley
Victim Services Executive Director Shann Thomas consoles a woman whose daughter was sexually assaulted by a family member. Victim Services is one of 14 local agencies funded through the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Thomas Horbatic, left, and his brother Michael Robledo, wait in line outside the StarTek spookhouse Friday night. StarTek employees passed out candy to the children as they made their way through the spookhouse, which featured numerous themes and displays.

CERT: Training Howard Countians to respond effectively to a disaster

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

If a disaster hit the Big Spring area and emergency service personnel were unable to reach your location, would you know what to do?

That's the ultimate question posed by the Community

Emergency Response Team. Made up mainly of local police and fire department officials, the organization was formed by the Bush Administration shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy to better prepare Americans in the event of natural disaster or terrorist attack.

"The federal government, in its

wisdom," CERT Instructor and Fire Department Deputy Chief Richard Grove said with a grin, "and in this case I think they were wise, realized in the event of a large disaster, not just a terrorist attack but natural disasters included, that the

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BSHS choir boosters set pancake feed before game

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Before heading to the Big Spring Steers' last home game on Friday the Big Spring High School Choir Boosters Club is hoping everyone will take time to fill up on pancakes.

"We invited everybody to come out and participate in our pancake supper," said Choir Boosters President Frank Stiles. "The food is great and we'll have all the trimmings."

Coahoma group to offer hamburgers

The Coahoma Band Boosters will be sponsoring a tail-gate party on Friday, Nov. 7. This is the last home game for the Bulldogs and will also be Parent's Night.

The tail-gate party will begin at 6 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium next to the home side concession stand.

The menu will be hamburgers or cheeseburgers, all the trimmings, chips, cookies and a drink for \$5 per person.

Purchase a ticket from any band booster club member, at the gate that night or by calling Dale Pittman at 432 267-9555 or 432 517-0348.

The event will be held at the high school cafeteria, 707 11th Place, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 dollars for stu-

dents and \$5 for adults. The meal will consist of freshly made pancakes, sausage, bacon and milk or juice.

"This will be the last home game and we'll have everybody who comes out fed and out in time before the game starts," Stiles said.

Money from the event goes to support the choir program which includes helping to fund the choir's trip to New York City in

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THE BALL

Hangar 25 fund-raiser promises to be nostalgic

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

Back to the past. Hangar 25 Air Museum's Silver Wings Ball promises to take guests back to the 1940s, 50s and 60s with gourmet food, "golden oldies" music and intriguing true-life tales from a former member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

The Silver Wings Ball is set for Saturday, Nov. 8, in the old Webb Air Force Base Officer's Club.

Reservations are still being accepted for the event, which is the museum's largest fund-raiser of the year. Time is running out to register, however.

"We want people to go ahead and make their reservations as soon as possible," said Emma Bogard, Hangar 25 board president. "That really helps us put together the best event possible."

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 in the Whipkey Room. After relaxing a bit, those attending will be able to choose from three entrees prepared by Chef Serge and served by Murray's and the Frenchman Catering of Midland.

"The food is going to be really special," said Bogard.

So is the rest of the evening, if it goes accord-

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BOGARD

Obituaries

Viola E. Merritt



Viola E. Merritt, 78, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael King, pastor of St. Stephen AME Church of Pittsburg, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on May 29, 1925, in Henderson. She married Roosevelt Brown, who preceded her in death and later married Charlie Merritt on June 30, 1965, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in July of 1985.

Viola was a teacher for the Big Spring Independent School District for more than 30 years, teaching at Lakeview and Marcy Elementary. She was a member of the NAACP and the Texas State Teachers Association. She was a member of Baker's Chapel AME Church where she served as the superintendent of Sunday School, the president of the Missionary Society, stewardess and steward for the church and a member of the Churches Women United.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Roosevelt Jr. and Nancy Brown, of Los Angeles, Calif., James and Celeste Brown of Henderson, and Charles and Birdell Brown of Big Spring; three sisters, Annie Irving of Carlsbad, N.M., Lela Mims of Los Angeles, Calif., and Juanita Dunn of Kansas City, Mo.; three grandchildren, Landy West of Dallas, Nicole Brown of Los Angeles, Calif., and Rochelle Brown of New York City, N.Y.; three step-grandchildren, Allen Rayson of Dallas, Rene Henry of Big Spring, and Andre Moss of Chicago, Ill.; and one sister-in-law, Overa Miller of Kansas City, Mo.

The family suggest memorials to the Bakers Chapel AME Church, 911 N. Lancaster, Big Spring, 79720.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Charles Rudolph Williams



Charles Rudolph Williams, 80, of Big Spring died Thursday evening, Oct. 30, 2003, at a Midland Hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church officiating. Private entombment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born April 18, 1923, in Daingerfield. He was the son of Belton and Florence Williams. Following graduation from high school he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a sergeant in the 310th Division in Europe. He was wounded in action in Germany. His decorations included the Combat Infantry Badge, two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. Following his discharge he began work for the Phillips Petroleum Company in Borger. While there he met Thelma Jackson and they were married on May 7, 1949. They lived in Pasadena, Texas, from 1949 until 1983. After his retirement from Phillips Petroleum, they moved to Big Spring. Mrs. Williams preceded him in death on Sept. 18, 2001.

Mr. Williams was a member of the College Baptist Church.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Sebron B. Williams and Dr. Mary Jo Williams of Deer Park, and Lorene Williams of Daingerfield; several nieces and nephews including Randy Williams and his wife Crystal, Sherry Williams Allen and her husband Bob Allen; and several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by one brother, L. W. Williams.

Honorary pallbearers will be Keith Nichols, Martin Nichols, Bruce Nichols, Johnny Jackson, Bill Jackson Jr., Walter Smith, Robert Nichols, Dennis Collins and Randy Williams.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-4-6-34-22.
Number matching five of five: 0.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 33-35-6-7 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 17.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Prize: \$200,000 (estimate).
Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$250,000.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-5-5



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Kermit Doyle McKnight

Kermit Doyle McKnight, 75, of Clinton, Ark., died on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, in Little Rock, Ark. Services will be held Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Roller McNutt Chapel in Clinton, Ark., with the Rev. Larry Loggins officiating. Interment is to follow at Quattlebaum Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 30, 1927, in Little Rock, Ark., to Franklin Polk McKnight and Viola Adeline Winningham McKnight, who preceded him in death.

He served seven years in the United States Air Force and worked 23 years as an officer for the Border Patrol. He was a Baptist, husband and father.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Hoyle McKnight; eight children, Linda Vigil of N.M., Scott McKnight of Turkey, Kirk McKnight of Big Spring, James McKnight of Greenbrier, Ark., Malcolm Soles of Tulsa, Texas, Roy Soles Longtree of Iowa, Wayne Soles of Clinton, Ark., and Lonnie Soles of Marshall; six sisters, Mildred Maxwell of Clinton, Ark., Marie Loftis of Alexander, Ark., Nena Evans and Mada Knight, both of Springdale, Ark., Macel Quattlebaum of Clinton, Ark., and Ima Jo Bradley of Russellville, Ark.; 17 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, a brother and a sister.

Arrangements are under the direction of Roller McNutt Funeral Home.

Jade Nichol Ferguson



Jade Nichol Ferguson, 24, of New Orleans, La., died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003. A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at Lloyd James Funeral in Tyler, with the Rev. Louie Adams officiating.

She was born in New Orleans and moved to Texas as a child, graduating from Big Spring High School prior to moving to Tyler where she attended Tyler Junior College. She was accepted into the Culinary Art Institute of New Orleans in 2002 in pursuit of her love of cooking. Jade was certified as a chef through the institute and was pursuing her associate's degree in culinary arts.

Jade is survived by her mother and stepfather, Julie and Charlie Winn of Tyler; her father and stepmother, Don and Paula Ferguson of Big Spring; one sister, Jessica Ferguson of New Bloomfield, Pa.; a half-sister, Kristi Feagin of Kilgore; step-sisters Amanda Strickland, Rebecca Maroney, Jessica Meadows and Courtney Pherneton; step-brother Jason Beard; several grandparents, Bobbye Culmone of Prairieville, La., and Hubert and Jeanne Mayberry of Bakersfield, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Arrangements were under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home in Tyler.

Police blotter

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

- RICARDO TORRES, 44, of 1222 E. 15th Street, was arrested Friday on a traffic warrant and charges of theft.
- DONALD PAUL MITCHELL, 64, of 1900 Seurry, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL SALAZAR, 31, of 3312 Drexel, was arrested Saturday on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.
- GABRIEL NIETO, 26, of 1204 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a traffic warrant.
- BEN JOSEPH GARZA JR., 23, of 1020 Stadium, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and on a parole warrant.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 1800 block of U.S. Highway 87.

Sheriff's report

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

- DAVID MARTINEZ, 20, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of open container and no class C driver license.
- DOMESTIC DISPUTE was reported in the 5700 block of Midway Road. Deputies responded, male subject was asked to leave the residence.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of F.M. 846. Deputies were dispatched, EMS and wrecker responded. Report taken by DPS.

Charles Edward Simpson

Lt. Col. Charles Edward Simpson USAF (Ret.), 81, of San Angelo, passed away Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. Interment will be held Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at 10 a.m. at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo, with military honors provided by Goodfellow AFB. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Ben Herbert officiating.

Charles was born on Dec. 13, 1921, to Edward and Clara Louise Senn Simpson in Rotan. He graduated from Ackerly High School in 1939 and attended San Angelo Junior College. He married Martha Jane Womack of San Angelo on Feb. 16, 1945. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1947.

Charles enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January of 1942. During World War II he was a fighter pilot serving in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and the southern European theater of operations. He was awarded the Silver Star for valor in combat. He was discharged as a captain in December of 1945, and returned to college to finish his education.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, he was recalled to active duty by the U.S. Air Force at Goodfellow AFB. He remained in the Air Force for more than 28 years until he retired in 1970. He was a pilot of B-36 and B-52 bombers for the Strategic Air Command. Following his retirement, he became a licensed real-estate broker in California and a rancher with his wife in Schleicher County.

Charles made many friends during his military service. He served as the president of the 1st Fighter Group Association and attended many military reunions with the 1st Fighter Group, 71st Fighter Squadron and the Altus AFB bomber wing.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Donald, and a sister, Gwendolyn Johnston.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Martha Jane Simpson of San Angelo; his son, Thomas C. Simpson and wife Cheryl of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Nancy J. Sardon and husband Rick of Sacramento, Calif.; daughter, Susan A. Simpson-Kuzma and husband Ben of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Evelyn Wild and husband Art of Long Beach, Calif.; four grandsons, Blaine C. Simpson and wife Leanne of Austin, Anthony and Christopher Sardon of Sacramento, Calif., and Max A. Kuzma of Tucson, Ariz.; a granddaughter, Sarah M. Simpson of Houston; one great-granddaughter due next year to Blaine and Leanne; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The family sends special thanks to the loving care provided to their father by Lucy Hernandez, Rosa Perez, Lisa Hernandez and Marisol Torres.

Visitation with family and friends will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Cheryl Ann McCuiston

Cheryl Ann McCuiston, 38, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Jimmy Paul

Jimmy Paul, 36, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, near Midland. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

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

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Howard County ARC, 806 E. Third, Bingo Hall. For more information, call 264-0674.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs around 80. South winds 10 to 15 mph..Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.Lows in the mid 60s.
Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs around 80.

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More than a dozen Howard County citizens from all walks of life began their Community Emergency Response Training Monday, as they learned about fire suppression. The CERT program is federally funded and designed to teach everyday people what to do if a natural disaster or terrorist attack occurs.

CERT

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American people are willing to get out and help. Unfortunately the environment a lot of those people are going into with a big heart, trying to help, is an extremely dangerous one. "We're talking about collapsed buildings, ruptured utilities, the potential of fire and the release of gases, and the average individual on the street doesn't know what they're getting into. In their willingness to help they could be walking into their own doom. It was shown in the Mexico City disaster, and it's been shown time and time again, where lots of well-meaning bystanders have gotten injured or even killed in an attempt to help their neighbor."

Those are accidents CERT trainees will be taught to assess and avoid, if necessary, Grove said.

"What we're trying to do, with the federal government's help, is train pockets of individuals around the community to have the skills and know-how to go out and render some life-rescue efforts, some medical treatment, suppress small fires and do some things that can keep an area stable until the professionals can get there," he said. "That's what CERT is all about. Equipping people with a few tools and information to go out and do what they would probably do anyway, but safer and more effective."

Although most CERT training is handled exclusively through fire departments, Grove said Howard County benefits from a rather unique situation that helps disperse the responsibility through two different agencies.

"Traditionally, the CERT program in most areas is organized, run

and mostly backed by the fire department," he explained. "Simply because the department of emergency management is normally heavily involved in the fire department. In Howard County we have a slightly different situation, and that is our department of emergency management head is the police chief (Lonnie Smith).

"We're very fortunate in a way, because without the current situation in the county, this would be strictly a fire department deal. We've got an aggressive guy as our emergency manager with the police chief, and they're taking the lead so that takes a lot of the heat off us. It's really a very busy undertaking."

Grove said although the public stands ill-equipped to assist in such serious situations, the manpower provided is something the government is willing to develop into an invaluable tool of action.

"We need that manpower," he said. "In a large event, your emergency services are overwhelmed instantly, and there may be some sections of the community that may not have any help for hours, even days, depending on the situation."

"We've got some areas in town right now that if we were to have a severe tornado or a bad flood, we would not be able to get to. There's simply no way to get there if the roads are flooded out."

The "softening" of Americans to disastrous situations is something Grove said he hopes CERT training will help fix and prevent in the future.

"I really feel what the president was getting at is that we've been so fortunate to live in a society that hasn't had to worry about these things, but in essence we've become kind of soft," he

explained. "When we do have a natural disaster, although we as Americans are ready to help, we're pretty poorly equipped."

"Someone in Beirut knows all about this stuff. They've grown up and lived with it, and it's become a part of their life. What we're trying to do is harden the public a little bit to what they might face, what kind of situations they might get into and better prepare them for what is unfortunately an eventuality that they will be involved in at some point in their life."

The first Howard County CERT team began classes on Monday with training on fire suppression. Grove said he hopes CERT members take away the right tools to size-up a fire, knowing when it's smart to stay and fight the fire and when it's smart to run.

"This is the first of the tools we're giving the CERT members," he said. "We showed them how to assess a fire and determine whether or not it's something they can handle or something they need to run from, which is something even professional firefighters have to do. With the limited tools they are going to have at their disposal, such as small fire extinguishers, brooms, shovels and that sort of thing, we're trying to give them some skills and confidence that they can attack a small fire and put it out."

"I think everyone got a little taste of what it's like. You feel the heat coming off of the fire when you get close and the wind is whipping it around. You can imagine if it wasn't in a controlled environment. It's a little more than just walking up and hitting a kitchen fire with an extinguisher. I think everyone did a really good job and it opened their eyes a little

bit to what they might have to face in the field. If they do, now they'll have a little bit of experience with it."

Graduates of the CERT training will receive a certificate, Grove said, but that will hopefully not mark the end of the training.

"They'll get a certificate and they're encouraged to take part in CERT throughout the year," said Grove. "We want them to get together a couple times each year and discuss their skills and such. I feel like this is going to be an ongoing process. Initially we'll probably go through a rash of classes with a lot of people interested in it, but like anything else, I think the enthusiasm will wane with time."

"We'll probably be able to have a class or two each year to keep a group, and our hope is in time we'll have a large number of trained people. Even if they aren't active in the CERT, they've had the classes and they will carry those skills and that experience with them."

PANCAKES

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the spring. "We're planning a four-night, five-day trip," said Choir Director Linda Lindell. "It will cost about a \$1,000 per student. I don't know for sure how many students are going but it will probably be about 50."

Along with full days of sight-seeing and attending Broadway shows, the choir is tentatively scheduled to perform at the Seaport, a mall close to the New York harbor.

"When we sang there before we had people listening who were from all over the world," Lindell said. "It's an interesting place to meet and great people and wish them our Texas howdy."

Tickets for the pancake supper can be purchased at the door or from any high school choir student.

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Fabian S. Gomez, M.D. 79, died Saturday. Funeral mass was at 2:00 PM Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was at Mt. Olive. Charles Williams, 80, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

CINEMA 4
COMING SATURDAY

***Brother Bear (PG)**
Sat. 1:00-3:00 5:00-7:00-9:00
Sun. 1:00-3:00 5:00-7:00
Mon-Thurs. 5:00 & 7:00

Runaway Jury (PG-13)
Sat. 1:10-4:00 7:10-10:00
Sun. 1:10-4:00 7:10
Mon-Thurs. 4:50 & 7:20

Kill Bill (R)
Sat. 7:30 & 9:40 Sun-Thurs. 7:30

School Of Rock (PG-13)
Sat. 1:30 & 4:20 Sun. 1:30 & 4:20 Mon-Thurs. 4:40

***Radio (PG)**
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OUR VIEWS

Your support is needed for CASA program

Worthy causes ... they seem to be everywhere these days. Somebody, somewhere always seems to be passing a hat; holding a drawing; staging a barbecue, fish fry or chili supper; or otherwise collecting money for one cause or another.

That's more the case here in West Texas than perhaps anywhere else, due in no small part by our basically conservative viewpoint, pioneering spirit and maybe even an abiding belief in fair play.

Perhaps one of the least known of these causes is Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas, which provides volunteers specially trained and appointed to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system.

With the guidance and support of case managers, volunteers serve as the court's eyes and ears to help the judge decide whether a child should stay with the parents, be placed with relatives or be freed for permanent adoption. The goal is a safe, stable home for every child.

Each year in Howard County, more than 50 children are abused and neglected by their families and end up without a home to call their own. Currently there are more than 20 cases pending in Howard County that need a volunteer to speak up for a child.

CASA volunteers help make a difference by making sure that the abuse and neglect that the children originally suffered at home doesn't continue as abuse and neglect at the hands of the system.

CASA operates primarily from funds donated from the private sector or generated in other fund-raising activities.

And one of those fund-raising efforts will soon be under way when CASA will be giving away a boy's playhouse built by John Mezera and a girl's playhouse built by Bill Woodruff Construction.

The two playhouses will be on display at the Midland Park Mall Nov. 14 through Dec. 13.

CASA of West Texas is based in Midland, but has a local office in the Sparenburg Building at 319 Main Street, with Program Director Tracy Fryar and case managers Kelly Allred and Debbie Jensen.

Recruitment of CASA volunteers is ongoing, and training sessions are scheduled regularly throughout the year.

Four new volunteers — Susanne Reed, Jacque Moore, Cindy Lopez and Rachel Everett — were sworn in as advocates in Howard County last week and deserve a round of congratulations from our entire community.

Anyone wanting to get registered for the playhouse drawing can do so at the mall or can contact the local CASA office at 263-4162 or toll-free, 1-877-316-8346.

It is, indeed, a worthy cause and we encourage our readers to help make the fund-raising effort a success.

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Democrats seem willing to risk losing the war

It's a good thing the current crop of Democratic candidates weren't running for president in 1944. Instead of defeating Hitler and Tojo, we might have ended up with an "exit strategy" that saved American lives in the short run but cost us our freedom and way of life. Indeed, the Democrats' disgraceful performances to date suggest that most of the candidates would like to cut and run from Iraq, no matter what the consequences. Unfortunately, they've managed to convince a majority of their fellow party members that this is the right thing to do.

According to the latest Gallup Poll on the issue, 70 percent of Democrats want a full or partial withdrawal of troops from Iraq. Back in April, 54 percent of Democrats fully supported the war. Now, only 24 percent of Democrats — but 88 percent of Republicans — say they still support the war. This kind of partisan polarization is dangerous, especially when America faces perhaps the gravest threat in our nation's history.

Iraq is not Vietnam, no matter how much Howard Dean, John Kerry, Al Sharpton, and the other Democratic presidential wannabes would like to pretend it is. As despicable as Ho Chi Minh was, he did not pose a direct threat to the United States. The Vietnam

War was part of the larger struggle against communism. The ultimate adversary was the Soviet Union. Despite our withdrawal from Vietnam, we won the larger war, vanquishing communism and defeating the Soviet Union without firing a direct shot. History proved we could afford to lose Vietnam no matter how ignoble or humiliating it was. However, we cannot afford to lose Iraq.

In the post 9-11 world, Saddam Hussein's Iraq posed a direct threat to the United States. We know that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons — he used them to kill and maim hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, Kurds and Iranians, and never produced proof that he had destroyed the weapons after the 1991 war. We know that Saddam had nuclear ambitions, which he would most certainly have realized had the Israelis not taken out his nuclear reactor some 20 years ago.

The fact that we have not unearthed a cache of weapons of mass destruction as yet does not prove they never existed or that Saddam wouldn't try to rebuild an arsenal of such weapons if the opportunity arose.

Can any rational person believe that Saddam would not have been willing to provide those weapons to al Qaeda or some other terrorist group for the right price? And if we leave Iraq now without having rooted out the Baathists loyal to Saddam who remain, will we be safe from some future threat?

Do the Democrats not understand this? With the exception of Joe Lieberman and Dick Gephardt,

all of the Democratic contenders seem willing to risk losing the war in Iraq, especially if it means one of them might win the White House. They don't want to spend the money to help rebuild Iraq. They want our troops out of Iraq, even if we haven't finished the job. What kind of message does this send to our enemies — that Americans are willing to surrender when the going gets tough?

The problem is, we have nowhere to run. We cannot hide. Our enemies will come after us — they already have, and they will again unless we stop them first.

"We are at war," President Bush reminded us again this week. "The terrorists will strike, and they will kill innocent life." And not only in front of a Red Cross building in Iraq, as they did on Monday, Bush warned. "They will strike and kill in America, too," he said.

What we need is not an "exit strategy" but a commitment to win this war, no matter what sacrifice it takes. The Democrats are doing all that they can to undermine that commitment, and the polls suggest they are succeeding in persuading a growing number of Americans the war is not worth winning. It's a dangerous game — one in which all of us could end up the losers.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my appreciation to Holly Moore for the outstanding job she has done in accomplishing the task of putting, "In God We Trust," back into our classrooms and other facilities.

We are fortunate to have Holly in this community and want her to know she is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the *Herald* for a great job on the article in the paper.

JEANNIE DARDEN
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Big Spring High School Student Council, the officers would like to say "thank you" to the city of Big Spring for its support in preparing our annual homecoming bonfire, which was held on Thursday night of homecoming week at the compost site.

I would not have been possible without the city's help. We especially want to thank Perry Hall for making all the plans and preparation for the bonfire, as well as all the other employees of the city who pitched in to help make homecoming memorable.

We also appreciate the members of the fire department who were at the bonfire and helped to ensure all of the students' safety.

Our sincere thanks also goes to the Big Spring Police Department and the officers who were in attendance at the homecoming parade. We appreciate each of the officers who helped throughout the parade. Thank you again for your support.

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TO THE EDITOR:

During the weekend of Oct. 9-11 Suez Shriners held a Fall Ceremonial in Big Spring. More than 100 members from nine different Shrine Clubs throughout West Texas attended this event.

A golf tournament was held on Thursday, a ladies luncheon was held on Saturday at the McDowell Ranch and a men's luncheon was held on Saturday at the Big Spring Shrine Club.

The weekend ended Saturday night with a dance held at the Dora Roberts Center. There was plenty of food and refreshments during this three-day event. Those that attended thought this weekend was one of the best ceremonials they had attended in along time.

Guests stayed at our local motels, ate meals in our local restaurants, bought gas and shopped in our stores. We have to say the reason for such a successful event was because of many Big Spring merchants and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support, as well as Jan Rauille, a very special individual.

We have read and heard many times that Big Spring merchants do support support Big Spring. We can honestly say we have asked and received many favors from our local merchants and would again like to thank them for supporting the Big Spring Shrine Club.

JAMES AND JOYCE JONES
JOHN KELLER JR.
BIG SPRING SHRINE CLUB

TO THE EDITOR:

The Mustang Draw Woodcarvers would like to thank everyone who came out to the Dora Roberts Community Center for their annual Show and Sale.

A special thanks also to the Herald, the radio stations and Cox Communications for their help in letting folks know about the show and to the Chamber of Commerce for all its help.

JAMES FRYAR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, our family and many others were at the

Texas Department of Health in College Park Center. There were probably 25-30 people waiting for a flu shot. The room was crowded and seating was somewhat limited. There were citizens from all walks of life and all ages. It was a bit loud and a bit uncomfortable.

No doubt in a private physician's office tempers may have been short. All of this sounds discouraging.

We stayed for the shot hoping that the experience would be tolerable. Pleasantly, all of the personnel (especially Nurse Vassar) were kind, helpful and quick.

Our compliments to them all!

DAN AND KATHY LUSK
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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY — Chicken fried steak, macaroni & cheese, squash, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY — Bar — b — que chicken, potato salad, beans, cornbread, milk, pie.

WEDNESDAY — Meatloaf, potatoes, broccoli & cheese, salad, milk/rolls, fruited gelatin.

THURSDAY — Spaghetti & meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, fruit.

FRIDAY — Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, pudding.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Pancake, sausage on stick, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Eggs, sausage, juice, toast, milk.

WEDNESDAY — French toast, sausage, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Donuts, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Waffles, sausage, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken patty (burritos), corn, macaroni, bread, oranges, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Homemade burritos (corndogs), pears, baked beans, milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans, milk.

FRIDAY — Pizza, tater tots, apples, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY — Charbroiled meatball, new potato, broccoli w/cheese, spiced apples, roll.

TUESDAY — Mexican beef wrap, Spanish rice, refried beans w/cheese, fruit cobbler.

WEDNESDAY — Chicken rings, mashed potatoes, English peas, apricots, roll.

THURSDAY — Steak

sandwich, potato rounds, baby carrots, cinnamon applesauce.

FRIDAY — Chili cheese dog, French fries, border beans, chocolate pudding cup.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Hot pockets, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Sausage, biscuits, jelly, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Apple churros, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Oatmeal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, honey, milk.

TUESDAY — Tortilla beef bake, fiesta rice, corn on cob, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Homemade hot dogs with chili & cheese, mustard, scalloped potatoes, pineapple chunks, milk.

THURSDAY — Tacos with cheese, salsa, tossed salad, ranch beans, peanut butter strips, milk.

FRIDAY — Turkey sub,

lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, chocolate pudding, milk.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Muffins, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, ice cream, milk.

TUESDAY — Cowboy stew, cornbread, fruit, salad, milk.

WEDNESDAY — German sausage, au gratin potatoes, bread, peas, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY — Buffalo burgers, lettuce/tomato/pickle, tator tots, orange smiles, milk.

FRIDAY — Chicken strips, mashed potato/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls, milk.

STANTON ISD
MONDAY — Cheese omelet, sausage, buttered toast, cereal/toast, juice,

milk.

TUESDAY — Bagel French toast or cereal/toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal/toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Scrambled eggs, sausage/biscuit or cereal/toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Poptart/bacon or cereal/toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken nuggets (baked fish), mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli/cheese, pears, hot rolls, milk.

TUESDAY — Spaghetti/meat sauce (Salisbury steak), green beans, salad/dressing, fruit gelatin, French bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Beef tacos, taco shells or flour tortilla, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY — Baked chicken or Barbeque riblet, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY — Pepperoni pizza or pizza cheese sticks/sauce, corn, salad/dressing, orange wedges, milk.

BALL

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ing to plan.

The keynote speaker for the black-tie event will be Deanie Bishop Parrish, who entered WASP training at Avenger Field in Sweetwater in 1943. During her military career, she was an engineering test pilot, ferry pilot, a liaison pilot at Grenville Army Air Base and a B-26 air-to-air tow target pilot.

She is a volunteer with the Waco Welcome Corps, the associate director at WASP consultant for Wings Across America, and secretary of the National WASP board.

Parrish will be followed by the Shirelles, one of the most popular "girl groups" of the 1950s and 60s. Their string of hits includes "Soldier Boy," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," "Dedicated To The One I Love" and "Mama Said."

They also have military

ties, having been recognized by the USO, the Vietnam Veterans of America and the U.S. Army.

Throughout the evening, tickets will be sold for an opportunity to enjoy a romantic getaway at Catalina Island, Calif. The Silver Wings Ball will conclude with a dance from 10:30 p.m. until midnight.

"We feel like it's going to be a wonderful evening," said Bogard. "We hope you'll join us and have a great time while helping a very worthy cause."

Admission to the Silver Wings Ball is \$100 per person. Reservations should be made no later than Tuesday by contacting Hangar 25 at P.O. Box 2925, Big Spring, 79721, or by calling 432 264-1999. Credit cards are accepted.

Hangar 25 Air Museum is dedicated to preserving military history from World War II through the present through exhibits and educational programs.


The Big Spring Senior Center and America Association of Retired Persons have scheduled a Driver Safety Program (55 Alive) course from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13-14. These times include a break for lunch.

Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount. There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll go by the Senior Center or call the center at 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35.


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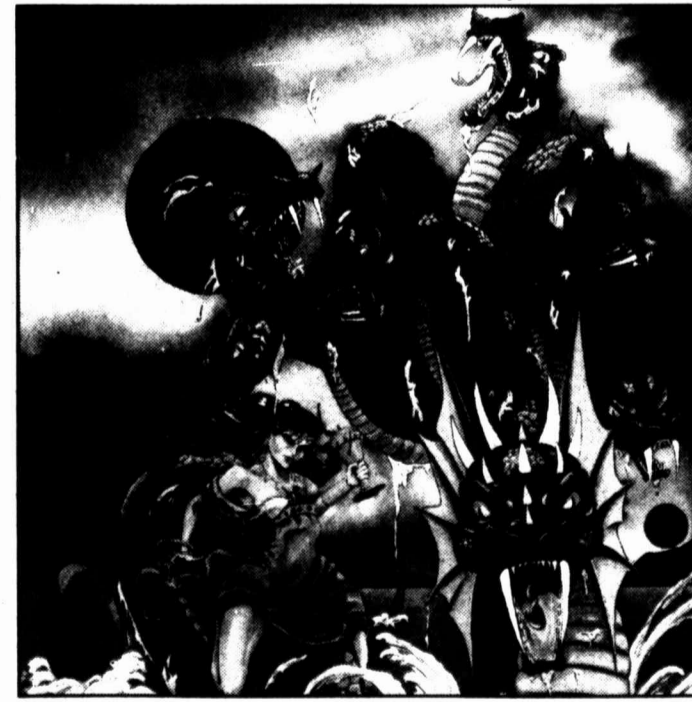
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Bush says leaving Iraq now would only embolden terrorists

CRAWFORD (AP) — An upsurge in violence will not cause America to leave Iraq prematurely, President Bush said Saturday in insisting that U.S.-led forces are rounding up insurgents despite the new attacks.

"The United States will complete our work in Iraq," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "Leaving Iraq prematurely would only embolden the terrorists and increase the danger to America. We are determined to stay, to fight and to win."

Bush, spending time at his Texas ranch this weekend, was responding to an upswing of ambushes and bombings by resistance forces, who now are striking almost three dozen times a day, mostly

in central Iraq.

"Some of the killers behind these attacks are loyalists of the Saddam regime who seek to regain power and who resent Iraq's new freedoms," he said. "Others are foreigners who have traveled to Iraq to spread fear and chaos and prevent the emergence of a successful democracy in the heart of the Middle East."

On Friday, troops cordoned off the village of Uja — about five miles south of Tikrit — where deposed President Saddam Hussein was born, on suspicion the village is a secret base for financing and planning assaults against coalition forces. Citing unidentified senior officials, The New York Times reported Friday that Saddam him-

self might be playing a significant role in coordinating and directing attacks by his loyalists.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he could find no basis for that report. Saddam may have survived, Powell said on ABC's "Nightline," but "We really don't have the evidence to put together a claim that he is pulling all the strings among those remnants in Baghdad and other parts of the country."

In Washington, the State Department noted the increased violence and, updating a travel warning issued Oct. 2, admonished Americans to avoid visits to Iraq, especially Baghdad.

"There is credible information that terrorists have targeted civil avia-

tion in Iraq," the warning said. "In addition, there have been planned and random killings, as well as extortions and kidnappings." It said travel at night is extremely dangerous and warned against patronizing restaurants, hotels "and locations with expatriate staff."

"All vehicular travel in Iraq is extremely dangerous, and there have been attacks on civilian as well as military convoys," the statement said. "Grenades and explosives have been thrown into vehicles from overpasses."

A roadside bomb killed at least two U.S. soldiers Saturday in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says the attacks are practically

inevitable as long as Saddam remains at large. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Saddam's role, if any, is unclear.

"He's been removed from power," McClellan said. "It's just a matter of time before he is brought to justice as well as other remnants of the regime."

That, too, was Bush's message on the radio.

"The terrorists and the Baathists loyal to the old

regime will fail because America and our allies have a strategy, and our strategy is working," Bush said.

Outlining that strategy, the president said coalition forces were implementing a plan to transfer sovereignty and authority to the Iraqi people and were training an increasing number of Iraqi police officers and troops, border guards and civil defense workers.

Textbooks at center of evolution debate

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas will be under the microscope next week in the fight over teaching evolution in public schools as the State Board of Education votes on adopting biology textbooks that have been at the center of the debate.

The board meets Thursday and Friday and is set to consider proposed changes submitted by 11 publishers. The board's decisions — which could determine which textbooks publishers offer to dozens of states — will end a review process that has been marked by months of heated debate over the theory of evolution.

Religious activists and proponents of alternative science urged publishers to revise some of the 10th-grade books and want the board to reject others, saying they contain factual errors regarding the theory of evolution. Mainstream scientists assert that Charles Darwin's theory of evolution is a cornerstone of modern research and technology.

Board members can only vote to reject books based on factual errors or failure to follow state curriculum as mandated by the Legislature.

"There's a bait and switch going on here because the critics want the textbooks to question whether evolution occurred. And of course they don't because scientists don't question whether evolution occurred," said Eugenie Scott, executive director of the California-based National Center for Science Education.

Among those questioning the textbooks are about 60 biologists from around the country who signed a "statement of dissent" about teaching evolution and said both sides of the issue should be taught. Several religious leaders also testified against teaching evolution.

Any changes to the textbooks will have implications across the country.

Texas is the nation's second largest buyer of textbooks, and books sold in the state are often marketed by publishers nationwide. Texas, California and Florida account for more than 30 percent of the nation's \$4 billion public school book market. Three dozen publishers invest millions of dollars in Texas.

One of the most vocal advocates of changing the textbooks is the Discovery Institute, a nonprofit think tank based in Seattle. Institute officials have argued at board hearings that alternatives to commonly accepted theories of evo-

lution should be included in textbooks to comply with a state requirements that both strengths and weaknesses are presented.

"These things are widely criticized as being problematic. They aren't criticisms we made up; they're criticisms widely held in scientific community," said Discovery Institute fellow John West.

Steven Schafersman, president of Texas Citizens for Science, said there are no weaknesses in current textbooks' explanation of evolution. Publishers are required to cover evolution in science books.

The institute has referred to a theory dubbed intelligent design — a belief that life did not evolve randomly but progressed according to a plan or design. No book on the mainstream market presents the intelligent design theory of evolution.

"We know that this is a

very contentious issue. We know that, but the sorts of things we were proposing we thought were moderate," West said.

Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, which monitors religious activists, argues that the Discovery Institute's arguments are rooted in religion. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1962 that the teaching of creationism in public

schools is a violation of the separation of church and state.

"It says that the theory of evolution can't explain the diversity of life on this planet and that there must have been a designer," Smoot said. "That is a very valid and commonly held religious perspective, but not one that is upheld by scientific evidence. Therefore it's not one that belongs in science classrooms."

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VICTIM

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It was and continues to be support Faith says she doesn't know what she'd have done or would do without.

"Shann was just fantastic ... still is," Faith said. "From the time she first talked with us, she said we could call her at any time of the day or night and we have. I really don't know what we'd do without her and the rest of the people here with Victim Services."

In addition to accompanying Faith and her

daughter to court where they were afforded a chance to give victim impact statements prior to the perpetrator receiving a five-year prison sentence, Thomas and her Victim Services staff have provided referrals for much-needed counseling for both the teen-aged victim and her family.

"Getting to give an impact statement took some of the pressure off, because I hadn't been able to talk to him since it had happened," Faith said, adding that she doesn't believe life will ever return to normal for her and her family.

"This has been so hard,"

Faith said, finding it impossible to fight back tears as she recounted the experience. "This was somebody we loved and trusted. I really trusted him."

"What he's done to us... we'll never get over it," she continued. "It's like there's an open wound and there's no way to close it. I'm trying to stay busy working and going to school. If you stop and start thinking about it, so much goes through your head."

"I kick myself and try to think if there was something I could have done to prevent it, but there wasn't. They (sex offenders)

don't come with signs."

Faith says it is still, at times, difficult to believe.

"It's totally unbelievable and it is really unforgivable," she said. "I know I need to forgive but I just can't. I don't think I'll ever be able to forgive him. He's not going to ever be a part of our lives again."

"When I gave my statement in court I told him that he's lucky I'm not the judge. I'd have given him a long, long sentence," Faith added. "He's been sentenced to five years, but we've been sentenced to forever."

Even more troubling has been the fact that

Faith's family has, in her words, "sided against us. They're taking his side."

Faith's pain is more than doubled, she said, by the toll the assault has taken on her daughter.

"She's not the same girl as she was before," Faith explained. "She's got a lot of anger. She's run away from school. She's getting in trouble at school... It's affected her deeply."

Thomas says that Faith has remained strong for her children.

"She's been a trooper," Thomas explained. "She's persevered, not only for her sake, but for her daughter's as well."

Faith maintains the

ability to remain strong has come from the Victim Services staff.

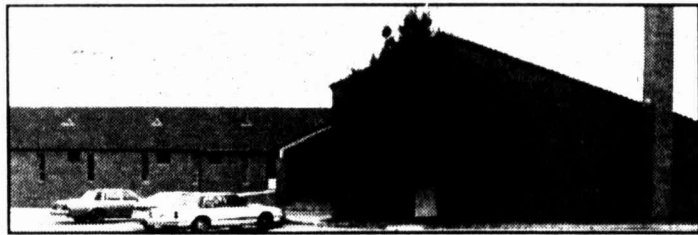
"If it hadn't been for Victim Services, I wouldn't have known what route to take ... what would be best for my family," she stressed. "And I think it's important that young girls who've had something like this happen to them know that there are people that are here for them and can do something about it."

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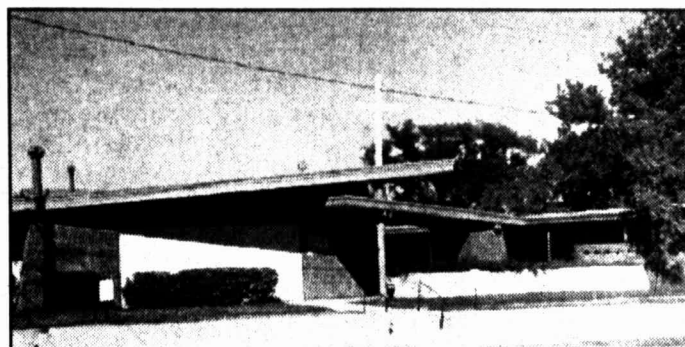
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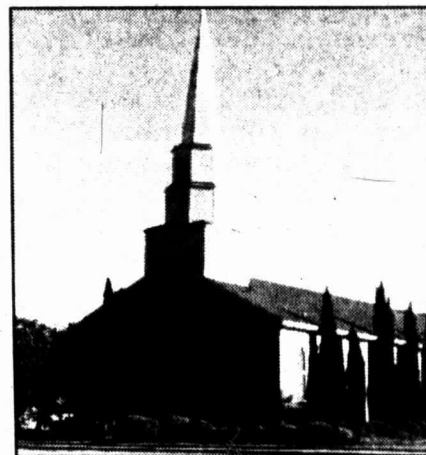
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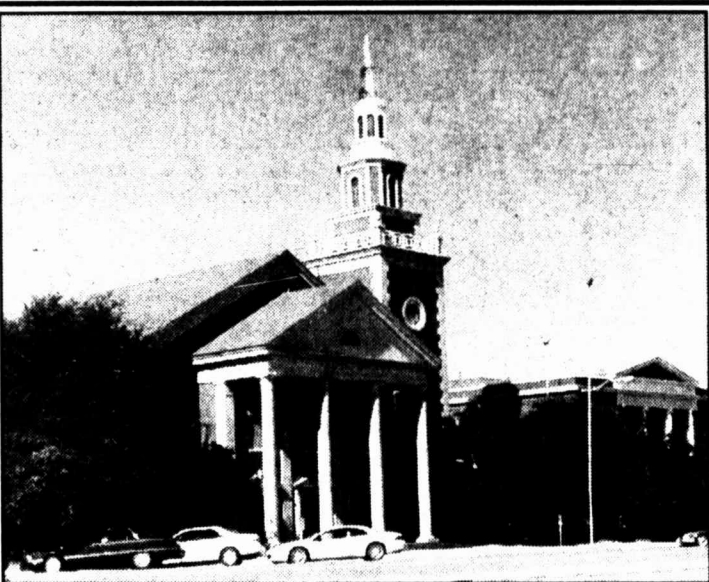


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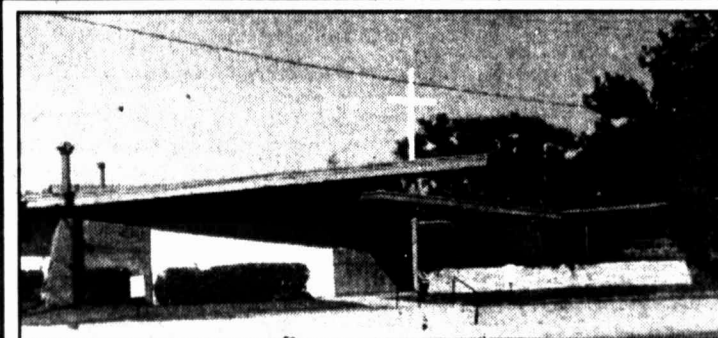
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Steers' playoff hopes hinge on win over Andrews

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, Big Spring linebacker Jared Phillips walked off the field following his team's loss to Frenship knowing he and his teammates faced an uphill climb if they wanted to make a run at the state playoffs.

A very long, steep climb in which there was no room for error.

As October expires and November rolls in, Phillips and his Big Spring teammates are

still climbing ... and still very much alive. So much so that a win Friday night in their regular season finale against Andrews could give Big Spring its fifth playoff berth in the past seven seasons.

"We've been in a playoff atmosphere for the past few weeks," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "We've been here before. We (the coaching staff) have been telling the young men this will only make us better when the real thing gets here because

we'll already be in playoff form."

The Steers were certainly "in form" in their triple overtime win over Lubbock Estacado Thursday night. Big Spring held the Matadors scored in the second half and then stiffened again in the third overtime frame to set up a game-winning reception by Michael Shockley.

The reception — a 25-yard strike from Jerry Doport — gave the Steers a 27-21 lead and put Big Spring in line to claim a playoff berth with a win over

rival Andrews this week.

"That was the biggest game of the year for us," said Phillips. "If we hadn't won this, there was no chance for us. We had to step up if we wanted a chance at the playoffs."

"We came in knowing this was our second playoff," said Shockley. "We did what we had to do to stay alive."

The Steers' playoff chance, though slim, is still there. Big Spring can claim a playoff berth Friday by downing No. 8-See **PLAYOFF**, Page 10A



Herald photo/Brandon Hallford
Wes Smith and the Big Spring Steers face Andrews Friday night.

'Dogs, 'Cats clinch playoff spots

Wildcats end 6-year playoff drought

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LENORAH — The playoff drought finally came to an end for the Grady Wildcats.

Andrew Villa rushed for 213 yards and four touchdowns Friday night and helped Grady garner its first postseason berth since 1997 by claiming a 49-8 victory over the Klondike Cougars at Tunnell Field.

With the win, Grady heads into the final week of the regular season knotted in a two-way tie for the District 5 lead with Borden County. The two teams — both 4-0 in loop play — are scheduled to play each other Friday night in Gail to decide the District 5 championship.

Grady, now 7-2 for the year, dominated Klondike defensively. The Wildcats allowed the Cougars just 110 yards and two first downs in the affair. Grady rolled up 378 yards — most of which came in the final three periods.

Grady got off to a slow start against Klondike. The Wildcats managed just a 3-yard scoring run by tailback Adam Cantu in the first 10 minutes and took a shaky 8-0 lead into the second quarter.

Villa and Ben Hirth kick-started the GHS offense from there, however. Villa gave Grady a 14-0 lead just 1:08 into the second when he capped the Wildcats' third possession with a 16-yard scoring run.

Hirth added another touchdown just over four minutes later to drive the Grady advantage to 20-0 with a six-yard romp.

Klondike, which fell to See **GRADY**, Page 9A



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
A swarm of Coahoma defenders surround Stanton's Emilio Villa in the fourth quarter Friday night. The Bulldogs earned their second playoff berth in the last three years by defeating Stanton, 38-7.

'Dogs garner playoff berth with 38-7 win over Stanton

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

STANTON — Nothing could have been more appropriate on Halloween than for the Coahoma Bulldogs and Stanton Buffaloes to engage in a bit of trick-or-treating on Friday night.

Unfortunately for Stanton, Coahoma knew all the tricks — and got all the treats.

Coahoma, on the strength of a 100-yard rushing performance by Clay Grant, clinched its second playoff berth in the past three years by dominating the Buffaloes in almost every aspect of the game en route to taking a 38-7 victory in front of a large crowd at Buffalo Stadium.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 3-1 in District 3-2A play and nailed down at least the No. 3 playoff seed. Coahoma, which will gun for a share of the district title this Friday against Crane, will face either Idalou or Post when the Class 2A state playoffs begin on Nov. 14.

"This is what we were working for us ... to get in the playoffs," said Coahoma head coach Robert Wood. "This was a big win for. Now we are in (the playoffs) and can get ready for Crane and see what we can do against them and hopefully win a few games in the playoffs."

Winning was almost a guaranteed issue from the start against Stanton.

The Bulldogs wasted little time in showing what was to come. Coahoma took the opening kickoff and drove 67 yards on five plays to open the game. Quarterback Sam Tindol accounted for the See **COAHOMA**, Page 10A

Four blocked punts lift Eagles past the Buffaloes

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

FORSAN — Trey Houston returned an interception 85 yards for a touchdown and helped lead the Seagraves Eagles to a 55-0 win over the Forsan Buffaloes in District 3-2A action Friday night.

Despite the win, Seagraves was eliminated from the postseason chase by virtue of the Coahoma Bulldogs' 38-7 win over Stanton.

The Forsan defense struggled to contain the Eagles offensively. The Buffaloes allowed 500

yards in offense — 381 coming via the ground game.

Forsan, the smallest school in a district of Who's Who squads, has given up almost 2,000 yards on defense in their first four district outings.

The Eagles, who blocked four FHS punts, iced the game in the second quarter by hitting paydirt three times. Seagraves held a 27-0 lead at the half.

Seagraves scored twice more in each of the third and fourth periods.

One bright spot for the Buffaloes was the play of See **FORSAN**, Page 10A



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
The Big Spring High School swim team joined several other West Texas programs in competing in the Big Spring Invitational Friday and Saturday at the YMCA. Finals results were not available at press time.

Woods carries Sands by Dawson

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Brandon Woods pushed his way into the end zone three three times Friday night and helped spur the Sands Mustangs to a 55-26 rout of the Dawson Dragons.

With the win, Sands improved to 2-7 for the season and, more importantly, to 2-1 in District 5 play. Dawson slipped to 5-4 and 1-2.

Woods, a preseason six-man all-american, shredded the Dawson defense throughout the contest. He rushed for a career-high 228 yards on 29 attempts. Running back Brady Timmins also enjoyed a solid performance.

Sands is scheduled to close out its 2003 season Friday when they travel to Patricia to face the Klondike Cougars.

Big Spring
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From
Steers
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Matadors

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

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Frosh Steers thump Mats

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers treated the Lubbock Estacado to a bit of Halloween magic Friday night. Big Spring scored twice in the second half and rolled to a 32-25 come-from-behind win at Blankenship Field.

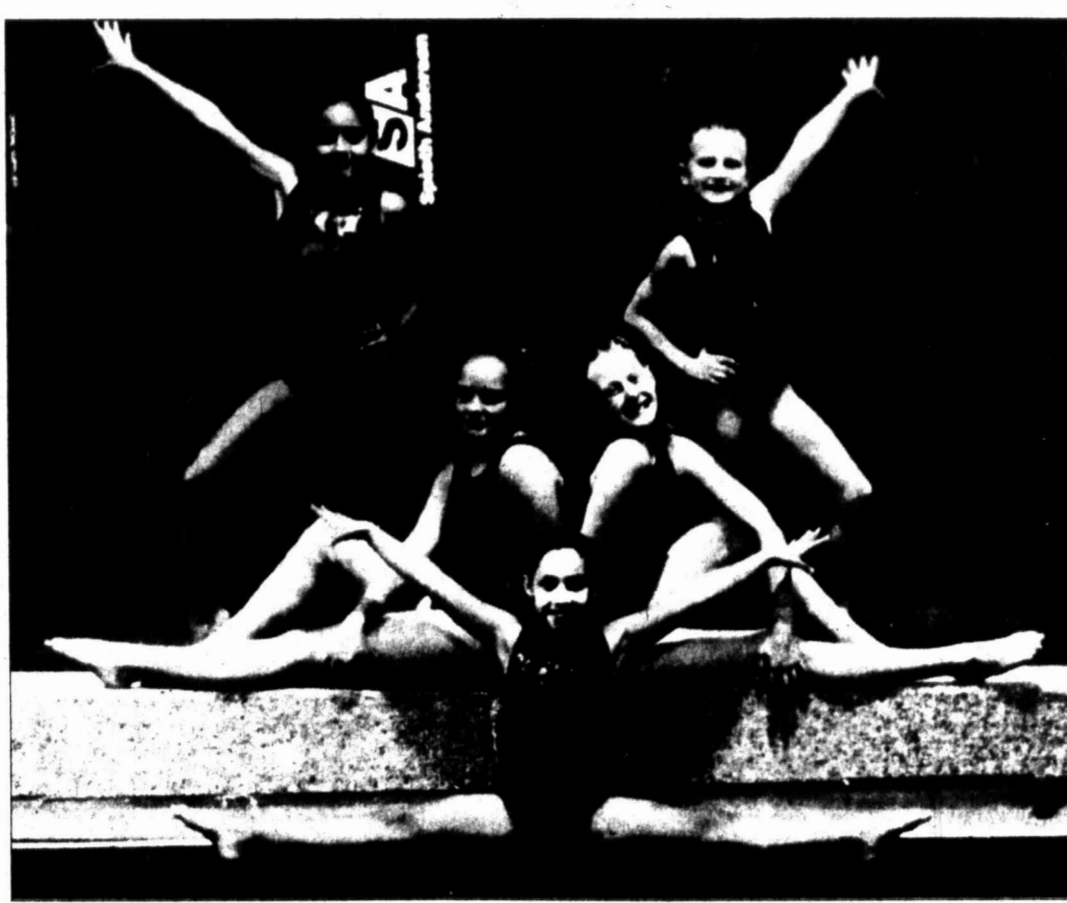
The BSHS defense paved the way for the win. After having been ripped for four first-half touchdowns by the Matadors, the Steers held Estacado scoreless in the final two quarters.

"The offensive line did a superb job of blocking," said BSHS coach Steve Ward. "We had some guys really making big hits out there. The young men really wanted this game and showed a lot of courage in the second half."

With the victory, the Steers extended their win streak to three games and improved to 4-5 for the year.

Lance Tissue and D'Mar Byrd both turned in outstanding efforts for the Steers. Tissue scored three touchdowns in the contest. Byrd added two more.

Big Spring is scheduled to close out its 2003 season Thursday night against the Andrews Mustangs.



Courtesy photo
Members of the Big Spring Sidewinders team include Abigail Fierro, JoLisa Grace, Kristyn Pulis, Vanessa Alvarado and Jodi Jones. The team won 15 medals last weekend at a meet in Lubbock.

'Winders pick up 15 medals at final meet

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Sidewinders gymnastics team racked up 12 first-place finishes and three seconds last weekend in Lubbock at their final outing of the season showings.

Abigail Fierro, JoLisa Grace, Kristyn Pulis all paced the team with three first-place awards.

"I couldn't be prouder of the girls for trying their best," Sidewinders' coach Sandy McDiffitt said. "They will continue to work hard to get better and do better."

Fierro starred on the balance beam, recording a score of 9.0 to win the

event. She also collected scores of 8.75 to win the floor exercise and 8.4 to garner top honors in the vault. She finished with an overall score of 34.51 points.

Grace and Pulis also turned in stellar outings. The two took first in their divisions of the beam, floor and vault programs. Grace's top score came in the vault with a mark of 9.25. Pulis netted an 8.35 in the floor program.

Fierro, Grace and Pulis all claimed seconds in the uneven parallel bars.

Vanessa Alvarado placed eighth in the All-Around in Level 5 action, while teammate Jodi Jones placed seventh in the Level 6 All-Around totals.

CLFL to hold board elections at title game

The Crossroads Little Football League will be holding elections to fill three positions on its board of directors at the CLFL championship games on Nov. 22.

Parents and members of the public will be able to vote on candidates for the positions at the title

games, which will be played at Memorial Stadium. CLFL officials will have tables set up at the game for voters to cast ballots.

Persons interested in becoming a candidate for any one of the three vacant positions can sign up at the CLFL conces-

sion stand, located at the American League baseball field.

In other news, the league announced all games for the final week of play would begin an hour early due to Daylight Saving Time. Games begin Saturday at 8 a.m. behind the college.

FORSAN

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Brandon Burleson. The senior defensive back picked off two Eagles passes.

"We just shot ourselves in the foot. We had plenty of opportunities to get in the game but something always seemed to go wrong be it blocked punts or turnovers," said FHS head coach Tommy Thompson. "Give our boys credit though, they haven't given up all season long. They have executed the best they could and gained experienced at running a new offensive scheme."

Forsan, which is sitting at approximately 187 students and could possibly drop to the Class 1A rank when the UIL announces its realignment in February, will close out its 2003 season next week against the Colorado City Wolves. The Wolves, 7-1 and 3-1 in district, suf-

fered a 28-20 loss to Crane Friday.

"We are going to have to stop their running game," Thompson said. "Jacobie (Russell) and Kenneth (Scott) are both power runners. Offensively, we'll just have to try and get something going through the air."

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First-half surge lifts Badgers by Bearkats

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

The McCamey Badgers held the Garden City Bearkats to just 85 total yards Friday night and rolled to a 61-0 victory in District 7-1A action.

The Badgers, with the win, set up a showdown next week with state-ranked Wink. Should McCamey beat Wink, the Badgers will clinch the district title. A loss, however, and they very well could be sitting at home come playoff time.

The Badgers wasted little time in getting started against Garden City. McCamey reeled off 28 points in the first quarter. The Badgers' initial touchdown came just over a minute into the contest when quarterback Cannon McWilliams barreled over from the one.

Things got ugly from there as McWilliams decided to show off his throwing ability. The McCamey quarterback hit Eric O'Dell with an 11-

yard strike at the 5:31 mark of the first.

With 2:43 left in the quarter, running back Gabriel De Leon scored the first of three rushing touchdowns, rambling into the end zone from 27 yards out.

McCamey put any hope Bearkat fans might have had to rest soon after that when McWilliams hooked up with Rudy Juarez for a pair of touchdowns that sent the game into the half with the Badgers holding a commanding 48-0 advantage.

McCamey, 2-1 in district action, added two more scores on runs of four and 24 yards, respectively, by De Leon.

De Leon added a 46-yard scamper early in the third. Teammate Eddie Arant also scored, running in from the one.

Garden City, now 2-7 overall and 0-3 in district play, will end its season — perhaps its last as an 11-man squad — Friday by hosting the Iraan Braves.

GRADY

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4-5 overall and to 1-3 in district play, managed to pull to within 20-8 late in the second. The Cougars picked up a 16-yard scoring strike from quarterback Sterling Scott to Carter Airhart.

Grady fans didn't have to wait long for the Wildcats to answer back. Twenty-four seconds, to be exact.

Villa, following the KHS kickoff, handed the

momentum back to Grady by breaking free on a 31-yard touchdown spree with just 33 seconds left in the first half.

Klondike's fate went from the frying pan to the fire in the third quarter.

Villa scored on runs of seven and three yards in the frame and sent Grady into the final quarter holding a 41-8 cushion.

Nick Winford closed out the Wildcats' fifth straight win by scoring on a 1-yard dive midway through the fourth.

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Allison Nichole West and John-Thomas Holt were united in marriage Aug. 23, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Coahoma with Brother Elwin Collum officiating.

The bride is the daughter of George and Judy West of Coahoma. She is the granddaughter of Loyd West of Roscoe and the late Reba West. She is also the granddaughter of the late Clifford Green and Lydia West.

The groom is the son of Jack and Arlene Holt of Richardson and the grandson of Larry and Marianne Opperman of Richardson. He is also the grandson of Joyce Smeed of Dallas and the late Harry Smeed.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, George West, and wore a satin dress by Ginza. The bodice featured a round, off the shoulder neckline and a princess style waistline. The dress featured a chapel length train. The dress and train were adorned with lace appliques encrusted with seed pearls, small silver beads and iridescent sequins. She carried a bouquet of sterling silver, peach and yellow roses. The bride presented a gardenia boutonniere to her grandfather, Loyd Wolf, in memory of her late grandmother, Reba Wolf. The bride also presented a long stemmed red rose to her mother and the groom presented a long stemmed red rose to his mother.

Pianist was Velma Ruth Wood and organist was Arlene White.

The matron of honor was Courtney Olson of Angleton. Bridesmaids were Brandy Manning, sister of the bride, of Midland and Missy Carpenter of Bryan. The

attendants dresses were silver, floor length and featured an off the shoulder, high neckline. They carried bouquets containing sterling silver, peach and yellow roses.

Flower girls were Mackinzi Lain and Katy Manning, niece of the bride. The ring bearer was Joe Manning, nephew of the bride.

Best man was Jeff Lemmond of Mesquite. Groomsmen were Lee Lemmond of Lancaster and Eric English of College Station. Ushers were Steven Prater of Lubbock and Seth Adams of Lancaster.

A reception was held at Kokopelli's. Music was provided by Vince Allen. The bride's cake was round, three tiers and featured silk floral garlands of sterling silver, peach and yellow roses, made by the bride's mother.

The groom's cake was designed as the Marine Corps Seal. Chocolate covered strawberries, made by the groom's mother, were also on the groom's table.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is employed by Real Estate One in Midland.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Dallas Christian High School and is employed by Best Buy.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple have made



Hoover-Edens

Jamie LeAnn Hoover and Adam Michael Edens were married Sept. 6 at East Side Baptist Church, officiated by Doug Shelley.

The bride is the daughter of James and Linda Hoover of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mrs. Inez Owen of Big Spring and Bub and Mary Hoover of North Field, Texas. She was given in marriage by her father and mother.

The groom is the son of Dan Edens of Big Spring and the grandson of Glen and Frances Overton of Big Spring.

The bride was regally attired in a long flowing satin gown accented with pearl design inlays. The elegant gown was decorated with tiny flowers trailing delicately down one side of the wedding dress.

She carried for her hand bouquet a stunning display of wildflowers.

Brenda Rodriguez served as the maid of honor. Chris Shelley served as the best man.

Music for the wedding ceremony was provided by Rachael Cole.

A reception for the newlyweds was held at the church. Adorning the reception table was a lovely two-tier white wedding cake accented with brightly colored wildflowers. The groom's cake depicted a horseshoe in delicious chocolate with a blue jean color style frosting.

A 2003 graduate of Coahoma High School, the bride is attending Howard College and works for Caprock Home Health.

The groom is employed by BNB Electric, Inc. of Lubbock.

Following their honeymoon in Lubbock, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

MILITARY

Army Pvt. Crystal A. Martinez has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Martinez studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle

marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Lorenza Martinez of Big Spring, and graduated from Big Spring High School in 2003.

Army National Guard

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Hector-Rios

Erica Louise Hector and Chris Rios exchanged wedding vows at 3 p.m. on Oct. 18, 2003, at Templo Belen A.G. with Oridio Martinez officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Sandra Hector of Big Spring and Barbara and Larry Hix of Wickett. She is the granddaughter of Rosaleen Hector and Pearl and Carl Wells, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Maria and Domingo Rios Jr. of Big Spring and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Rios Sr. and the late Petra Bustamante.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jim Hector, and were a

wedding gown from Janee's of Midland. She carried a bouquet of red roses and baby's breath.

The maid of honor was Leslie Patterson.

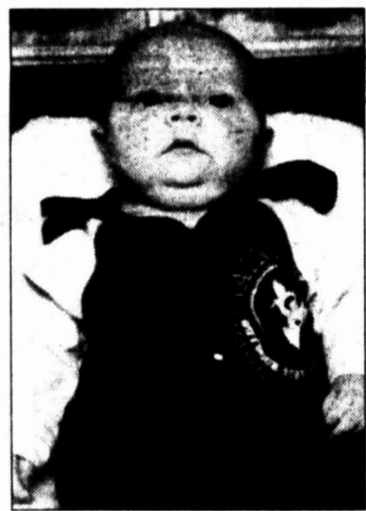
Bridesmaids were Nichole Schaffer, Megan Christian, Sherri Thompson, Stephanie Smith and Alicia Campos.

Flower girls were Caitlyn Smith and McKinna Hector. Ring bearer was Elija Torres.

Candlelighters were Caleb Hector and Markus Garza.

Best man was Jason Campos. Groomsmen were Daniel Smith, O.J. Hernandez, Jerrell Garibay, Javier Becerra and Jarrod Drummond.

BIRTHS



Dylan Tyler Schumpert

Dylan Tyler Schumpert, boy, born Sept. 5, 2003, at 8:27 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.

His parents are Kori S. Johnson and James D. Schumpert.

His grandparents are Steve and Tracy Johnson and Phillip L. Schumpert, all of Big Spring, and the late Tonya Shortes Watkins of Sapulpa, Okla.

His great-grandparents are Gladys Shortes Lozano of Big Spring and Lowell D. Shortes of Dupaw, Okla.

Isabella Dominique Marquez, girl, born Oct. 1, 2003, at 7:47 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long.

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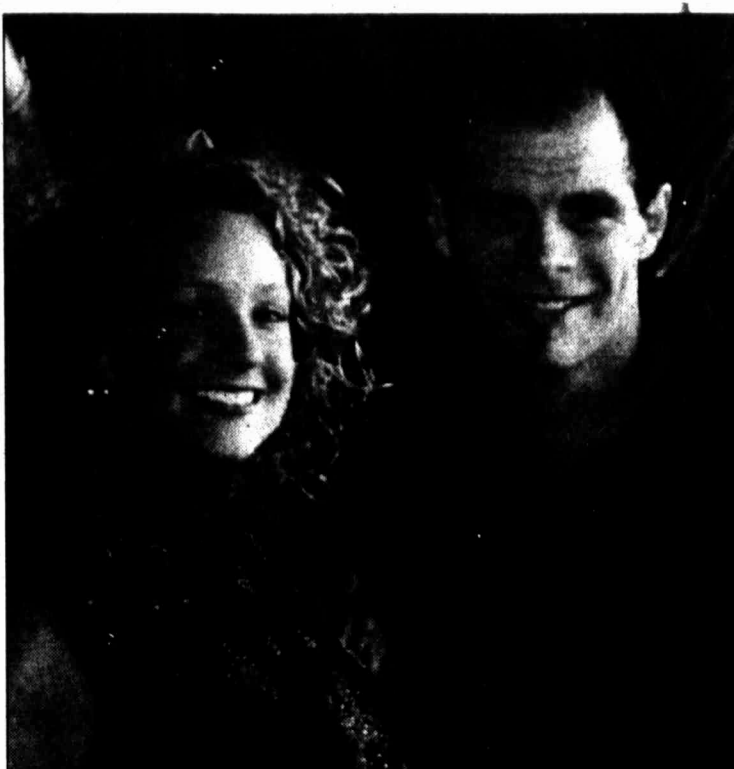
Amanda Gail Hensley and Joshua Todd Allen both of Austin will exchange wedding vows on Nov. 8, 2003, at 2 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Austin.

The bride elect is the daughter of Ronald Wayne Hensley of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Lydia Mata Hensley of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Cirilda Mata and the late Francisco Mata of Big

Spring. The prospective groom is the son of Douglas and Pauline Allen of Goshen, Ind.

The bride elect is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by the Law Office of Keith Kisner.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is a contract engineer.



Cranford-Hawkins

Sarah Cranford and Brandon Hawkins will be married in Lubbock on Nov. 8, 2003. Sarah's uncle, Dr. Michael Dean of Fort Worth, and Brandon's father, Patrick Hawkins of Corpus Christi, will be the officiants.

Sarah is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Reginald Cranford of Big Spring. Brandon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hawkins of Corpus Christi.

MILITARY

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Pvt. Cody D. Hagle has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Hagle studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed com-

bat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Janet E. and stepson of Mike G. Tipton of Big Spring, and graduated from Big Spring High School in 2003.

BIRTHS

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Her parents are Dominique and Manuel Marquez Jr.

Her grandparents are Carolyn and the late Emery Horvathich, Manuel Marquez Sr. and the late Pilo Marquez. Her great-grandmother is Juanita Marquez.

Submitted by Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Hailie Eve Ison, girl, born Oct. 27, 2003, at 2:05 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 22 inches long. Her parents are Andrew Ison and Laura Fierro and her brother is Adrian Ison, all of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Chip and Marty Whitworth of Big Spring.

Emmalialene Reene Esparza, girl, born Oct. 6, 2003, at 8:13 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches

long. Her parents are Jennifer and Victor R. Esparza Jr. of Big Spring. Her grandparents are the late Ida Alene Wilson, Kenneth Allen Harrim, Emma and Victor Richard Esparza.

Adonis Cesar Lopez, boy, born Oct. 2, 2003, at 7:53 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Jessica Gonzales and Carlos Lopez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Roberta Martinez of Big Spring, Sam and Carol Gonzales of Coahoma and Frances Magallanes and Tony Juarez of Big Spring.

Adrian Martinez, boy, born Oct. 5, 2003, at 8:53 a.m. weighing 4 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Jose and Elida Martinez of Coahoma. Her grandparents are Henry and Lupe Arredondo of Lamesa and Paula Torres of Mexico.

The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene a public session at 9 a.m. Nov. 12, 2003, in the Allred Building's Professional Library Conference Room, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring, TX, 79720. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Big Spring State Hospital Quality Oversight Department, by calling (432) 268-7381. Appointments must be scheduled no later than November 7. Public comments are limited to 3-5 minutes. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Quality Oversight Department when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted and mailed or e-mailed to marilyn.clark@mhmr.state.tx.us

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Anniversary



Cecil and Wilma Halfmann

Cecil and Wilma Halfmann of St. Lawrence celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with mass, a dinner and dance on Oct. 11, 2003. The celebration was hosted by their children.

Cecil and Wilma were married on Oct. 14, 1953, at St. Boniface in Olfen. They have lived in St. Lawrence for 49 years.

The couple have four sons: Lynn, Randall, Nathan and Wendell

Halfmann, and six daughters: Kay, Donna, Machicek, Dana, Gully, Sheila, Cook, Emma, Lou, Russell, Fran, Havlak and Charlotte Kellemeier. They also have 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cecil is a retired farmer and enjoys woodworking. Wilma is a house wife and enjoys quilting and traveling.

The couple is affiliated with the Catholic church.

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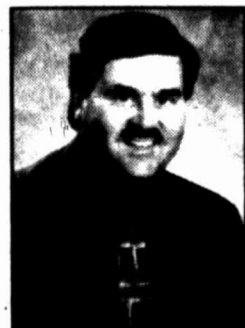


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Curves fitness coordinator Tana Howard supervises customer Freddie Hess during her first workout. The physical fitness center, located at 421 Main, is now open for business.

William Hale appointed Dallas District engineer

Special to the Herald

Mike Behrens, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation, has announced the appointment of **WILLIAM (BILL) L. HALE** as the Dallas District engineer, effective Saturday.

Hale, who is currently the engineer for the 12-county Abilene District, will oversee the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system in the seven-county Dallas District.

Among Hale's many achievements while in Abilene was the reorganization of the district office to emphasize construction, maintenance and transportation operations. He also developed and implemented an area office maintenance manager concept to fully integrate maintenance operations into the area engineer structure.

Hale began his TxDOT career in the Dallas District in 1983 as an engineer in training for the Ellis County area office. He became the area design engineer in 1985 and in 1987 was named the assistant area engineer. Hale was promoted to area engineer in the Southeast Dallas County area office in 1992 and took over as the Abilene district engineer in January 1999.

Hale received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington in May 1983. In May 1989, he earned a master's of engineering degree in civil engineering from the UTA and received his professional engineering license in September 1988. Hale was an adjunct professor at the UTA for six years teaching a graduate level course in pavement design.

Hale and his wife, DD,

have three children, Chris, 16; Tyler, 13 and Tori, 11. The family is involved in many types of school activities.

PETE THIRY, Executive Director of the YMCA of Big Spring was recently elected to serve as vice-president on the board of directors for The Association of Professional YMCA Directors (APYD), a national organization serving more than 10,000 YMCA employees. His primary duties include membership development.

Thiry, who in 2002 was recognized for Executive YMCA Excellence by APYD, is serving a second term on the APYD Board.

Supermarket News, a prestigious national food industry trade publication, has named **H-E-B** as the first recipient of its newly created "Retail Excellence Award." The award was created to spotlight the stellar practitioners in the food industry.

The publication selected H-E-B in recognition of the company's merchandising savvy, local marketing initiatives, superior customer service and strong community involvement. This is the first year for the award that will now be given on an annual basis. H-E-B was selected in a formal industry nomination process that included nominations via the *Supermarket News* Web site, consultations with a range of industry executives and input from *Supermarket News* editors.

"There are many reasons why H-E-B earned the honor, but the overwhelming feedback is that H-E-B excels in almost every aspect of retailing," said David Orgel, *Supermarket News* editor-in-chief.



HALE



THIRY

BUILDING A BETTER YOU

Curves International opens new location in Big Spring

Special to the Herald

Waco-based Curves International, Inc., the world's largest fitness center franchise has announced the opening of its newest Curves location in Big Spring.

The center brings to residents a supportive environment offering a 30-minute fitness solution with a common sense weight loss program that helps break the weight loss cycle. To celebrate the location's opening, the center will host a special grand opening 66 percent discount for the first 100 members.

"We are excited to become part of the Big Spring community," said Club Manager Kathy Roberts. "Curves offers a comfortable, welcoming place where real women

work out. Our facility is designed so women can encourage and support one another while moving around the circuit. We look forward to helping women in this community reach amazing results, both physical and emotional.

Through our Curves workout program and support network, "With the average person gaining three pounds a year, a reasonable workout regimen that can fit into today's busy lifestyle of work and family is critical to help combat diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension and

other health risks women can face. The Curves workout program, designed by Gary Heavin and his wife and co-founder Diane, is utilized in all curves locations. The system allows women of all ages and fitness levels to perform all five of the components of a complete fitness program, combining strength and cardiovascular training through hydraulic resistance. The experienced instructors at Curves offer one-on-one training, while members talk and inspire one another during the workout. Also, the comfortable, welcoming atmosphere has helped women of all fitness levels commit to an ongoing fitness program and achieve results.

Since the first Curves franchise opened in 1995, the organization has seen exponential growth, beginning with 44 locations in 1996 and expanding to more than 1,250 centers in 2000.

In *Entrepreneur Magazine's* 2003 list of the top five hundred franchises, Curves was named the fastest growing franchise of any kind in the world, as well as the No. 2 overall best franchise. Today, curves continues to establish itself among the premier franchises and currently has more than 2 million members in more than 6,000 locations within the United States, Canada, Spain, Mexico and the U.K.

The grand opening of the Big Spring location is

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ROBERTS

Field judging antlers: some tips to help you

"How big is he? Will he make the record book? I think he'll go 160, no wait a minute, maybe 155."

These are the questions racing through a hunter's mind when field judging the quality of a live buck's antlers in a hunting situation, according to Dr. Byron Wright, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist at Uvalde. "There are standards for what constitutes a 'record book buck,'" he said.

"The Boone and Crockett Club has long been recognized as the big game records keeping authority for North America. True, there are some other very fine

organizations across the U.S. that keep their own record books, but Boone and Crockett is still the most widely recognized. Their standards say a typical whitetail deer must score 160 inches to make the awards category and 170 inches for the all time category. Non-typical white-tailed deer must score 185 for awards and 195 for all time.

"Assuming you have the basics down for scoring white-tailed deer, let's discuss a few tips you may find helpful when sizing-up that trophy buck as he sneaks up to your feeder. Time is a problem when judging antlers 'on the hoof' and snap judgements often have to do. If you have time, try to separate the buck's rack into sections and then mentally add up the values. For example, if each main beam looks about 17 inches long, the total would be 34 inches. Then

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TOMMY YEATER



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Comfort Keepers cut the ribbon on their Big Spring operation this week during a ceremony at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. From the left is Big Spring Ambassador Sherry Wegner, Chamber of Commerce Director Debby Valverde, Moore Development Assistant Director Pam Welch, and Comfort Keepers owners Becky and Matt Cross. The company provides in-home, non-medical care for senior citizens and their family. For more information call 432-264-1111.

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Sonnet Elizabeth Rushing vs. Leonard Lamar Rushing, divorce.
Veta Annette Harris vs. Thomas Crockett Harris, divorce.
Maria Idalia Escobedo vs. Domingo Embrosio Escobedo, divorce.
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Tonya Marie Williams vs. Larry Dean Williams, divorce.
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Excalibur I, LLC as successor in interest to Discover Financial Services vs. Mary Z. Leyva, accounts, notes and contracts.
Washington Mutual Finance, LP vs. Sylvia Martinez, accounts, notes and contracts.
The estate of Lynn Rhoudes, deceased vs. in re, other.

Michael J. Vanderpool, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jason H. Perkins, displaying fictitious motor vehicle inspection certificate, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

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In the interest of Nancy Ann Black, an adult vs. in re, other.
Enerquest Oil, Ltd. vs. Monroe H. Goode, et al, other.
Lucy Garza vs. David Garza Sr., family protective order.
Diane Ragan vs. Christopher Ragan, family protective order.
Betty Newberry vs. Fernando Alvarez, family protective order.

Marriage Licenses:
Kerry Dean Fryar, 33, and Neanda Kay Brown, 24, both of Big Spring.
Lloyd Allen Maulden Jr., 31, of Ira, and Angela Amy Hodnett, 34, of Big Spring.
Jaime Hernandez Saldana, 37, and Teresa Alfaro Delgado, 37, both of Snyder.
Mark Allen Arista, 35, and Vanessa Sue King, 27, both of Big Spring.
David Eric Higginbotham, 21, of Big Spring, and Crystal Gail Eldridge, 20, of Stanton.

Warranty Deed:
Grantor: Karen Johnson Albano, independent executrix of the estate of Paterno Cayetano Albano, deceased.
Grantee: Jake Smith and Jean Smith
Property: Lot 3, Block 2, Colonial Hills Addition
Date filed: Oct. 01, 2003

Grantor: Gunder L. Pickett and Laura E. Pickett
Grantee: Jim Alexander and Susan Alexander

Property: Lots 6, 7 and 8 and W/2 of Lot 9 in Block 40, Original Town of Forsan.
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Grantor: Barbara Cantrell, executrix of the estate of Wallace Gene Cantrell
Grantee: Joanna Cormas Teeters White
Property: Lots 11 and 12, Block 1, Central Park Addition
Date filed: Oct. 03, 2003

Grantor: Clifford Leon Byrd and Cheryl A. Byrd
Grantee: Robert H. Moore III and Holly Moore
Property: Lot 2 and N/3 of Lot 3, Block 23, McDowell Heights Addition
Date filed: Oct. 6, 2003

Grantor: Clyde McMahon Jr. and Beverly McMahon
Grantee: Steve Fredreck Madry
Property: Lot 9, Block 22, McDowell Heights Addition
Date filed:

Grantor: Bert Monroe Good
Grantee: Alejandro Munoz and Judy Lynn Munoz
Property: Lot 8 and part of Lot 9, Block 18, McDowell Heights Addition
Date filed: Oct. 08, 2003

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: David N. Keith and Connie J. Keith
Grantee: Lois Kennedy and Dwyre Kennedy
Property: Lot 29, Block 6, Meadows Addition (Unit No.

Two).
Date filed: Oct. 01, 2003
Grantor: Jimmy A. Munn and Suzan E. Munn
Grantee: Omer J. Bohannon and Aileen Bohannon
Property: Lot 12, Block 18, Monticello Addition.
Date filed: Oct. 01, 2003

Grantor: John A. Currie, trustee of Margaret Currie, deceased
Grantee: The Leonard's Group, LLC
Property: Lot 9, Block 64, Original Town of Big Spring; and Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 64, Original Town of Big Spring.
Date filed: Oct. 02, 2003

Grantor: Jay Jarmes
Grantee: Heath A. Wegner
Property: Tract of land out of NW/4 section of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.
Date filed: Oct. 02, 2003

Grantor: Michael M. Grant and Tiffany Grant
Grantee: Glenn C. Campbell and Brigitte Campbell
Property: Lot 6, Block 28, College Heights Addition
Date filed: Oct. 07, 2003

Grantor: Hayes Stripling and Dorothy Stripling
Grantee: Tomas Guerrero
Property: A 3.85 acre tract out of the NE part of section 24, Block 3, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date filed: Oct. 08, 2003

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another indication of Curves' continued success. With a Curves center opening every four hours on average, it has grown from just one franchise in 1995 to having one location for every two

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mentally figure his 'G1s' or brow tines, multiply by two and move on to the rack's 'G3s' and so on."

The truth is, it doesn't do much good to guess antler scores if you never check your accuracy against known scores, according to Wright. There are a few easy tricks that will help you determine whether a prospective buck will measure up to your expectations.

"When a buck is standing broadside with his profile to you, look at his main beams. If they reach past the tip of his nose, he's likely to be a nice buck. Some bucks' main beams sweep in such a way that they may be long and still not clear his nose. But if they do I'd say they are at least 20 inches long," he said.

What about tine length? One approach is to find some standard of measurement and use that as a gauge. Train yourself to identify what eight inches looks like at a distance and then decide if the tine is eight inches or half that long.

Wright said antler mass is another prime consideration trophy hunters consider. He said there are some techniques for judging live-deer antler mass through your weapon's cross-hairs, but these tactics are less than satisfactory. According to Wright: "...when a buck has good

antler mass, you'll know it!"
Wright said the spread of a deer's rack is one of its most endearing qualities. He said the animal's antler spread always looks greater from behind.
"If that's the only view you get, be prepared, he may not be as wide as you think," said Wright. "Tip-to-tip ear spread on a white-tailed deer in Texas can run from 12 to 16 inches depending on the deer's size and how he's holding his ears. Ear spread certainly varies across the state, but 13-14 inches is probably accurate for most of our bucks. Mentally measure the buck's spread by comparing the rack's inside width to the tip-to-tip spread of the buck's ears."

So, what characteristics are most important when making a scoring evaluation? Wright said if the hunter is dealing with a main frame 10-point buck, total tine length is probably going to be the prime scoring factor, or about 35 percent of the total score.

Main-beam length is likely to be second with its contribution being about 30 percent. Circumference should contribute about 20 percent of the overall score.
"The spread of the antlers is usually the least important factor," said Wright. "While often impressive and attractive, spread will not likely provide more than about 15 percent of the total score."
"When you're in a

only thirty minutes that will ensure they can stick to the program and sustain a healthy weight," said Roberts.

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hunting situation, the question remains: 'how big is he?' When the time comes, you'll have to be the judge. But whether he's a Boone and Crockett record or just another nice buck, there will always be other intangible factors beyond good antlers that make that particular buck a 'trophy' for you."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON Today and tomorrow, enjoy the dreamy effects of the dance between the sun and Neptune.



Joyce Jillson

More seems possible — there might even be butterflies in the stomach as we optically get ready for the week. Wednesday brings a lucky aspect involving the planet of lessons, Saturn. Whatever it is, you're not alone in it. A teacher can take the pressure off of you. The full moon this weekend in sensual Taurus is good news for love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have abundant energy this week while others waste time fighting what they cannot change. There will even be time to consider whether or not you are in the right line of work. Tuesday, relationships intensify. Be straight with a partner, and you can work it through by the end of the week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are usually very patient, but seeing the finish line on a project makes you feel like you're having an out-of-body experience. Slow down. Meditate. Get calm. A love pattern repeats Wednesday. Unavoidable events on Friday remind you to prepare for everything before you leave the house.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This week features breakthrough conversations and fascinating revelations. These happen in part because you've got a way of keeping people from feeling threatened or pressured. No amount of explaining can "fix" relationships (especially on Friday). Forgive and forget instead, and ask others to do the same.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Feelings of insecurity can't be fixed with money, but it helps. Take on a side job for extra cash. Close friends and roommates need plenty of space in the middle of the week. Romance is tricky. The moment energy turns heavy, loved ones run for cover. Let go, and get some fun, sun and freedom in your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Now through Thursday, it's tempting to get into a confrontation, but it's better not to. There's not a problem in the world that can't be solved with low-key, logical, ordered communication. Writing helps you sort out your feelings. Saturday, mundane errands lead to a thrilling romantic encounter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Monday, it's the details that put you in the lead, and it's fun to be the favorite. Then, later in the week, don't let mistakes disturb you. We all make them (which is so apparent on Friday). Remember: It's not what happens to you; it's what you do with it that counts. New passion emerges on Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your boundaries come into sharper view this week. Tuesday and Wednesday, there are financial consequences for a decision, so be careful. It helps to know how much you've got in the bank, down to the penny. Friday, you'll meet up with people who live large. It's hard to keep up, and don't feel that you must.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A supportive environment must be sought for you to move to the next level with your talent this week. Differing points of view create disharmony at work on Thursday, which is so unnecessary. There's room for all to believe the way they do. Tolerance is key. Move furniture, and redecorate on Saturday.

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Annie's Mailbox Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 12 years. His parents live across the country, but I always thought we had a warm relationship with them. My father-in-law is scheduled for extremely risky surgery next week, and my husband plans to visit his parents several times over the next couple of months. My mother-in-law has told me I am not welcome to visit during this difficult time because that will force her to act as a hostess. After 12 years, I expect to be treated as a member of the family, not a guest. I haven't complained about my mother-in-law's



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

pronouncement because I don't want to make things harder for her, but I am really quite upset. I love my father-in-law and would like to spend time with him. Additionally, I

am not pleased that my husband will take several trips without me. What should I do? — Left Out in the Cold

Dear Left Out: Obviously, your mother-in-law still feels she must be on her best behavior around you (this is not necessarily a bad thing). Since she is under a great deal of stress already, having one extra person around may be more than she believes she can handle. Of course it would have been a loving gesture had she welcomed you with open arms, but try to cut her some slack and forgive her. She is focusing on her own emotional needs, not yours. Call often, let your in-laws know you are thinking of them, send your father-in-law a get-well card and ask what you can do to ease their burden from your end. Your solicitousness will pay off in the long run.

Dear Annie: "Gloria" has been my best friend since high school. She has a college degree and is an intelligent person. However, Gloria has been unemployed for quite some time now and isn't making any real effort to find work.

Gloria has no self-confidence and is convinced she isn't worthy of the jobs available to her. She often complains about not being able to go out because she's broke and kvetches about not being able to pay her bills. However, when I ask if she's applied for any jobs, she always makes some excuse. Even having her phone disconnected didn't wake her up.

I have loaned Gloria money in the past, but if she's not going to make any effort to find a job, I refuse to give her any more handouts. How can I make her realize she is capable of finding employment? — A Frustrated Friend
Dear Friend: Gloria

seems emotionally paralyzed and possibly depressed. You are a good friend, but she needs more help than you can provide. Suggest to her that she see a therapist about getting her life back on track. She also can speak to a job counselor about what kind of work suits her abilities. Of course, there is only so much advice you can give. It's up to Gloria to take that first step.

Dear Annie: What should I do about the superficial gossips where I work? As soon as a person leaves the room, he or she becomes the next victim of their nasty tongues. I was taught gossip is unprofessional and immature. I wish to have only positive and productive conversations, and do not contribute to these discussions.

I love what I do for a living, but these petty people infuriate me. I am sure my silence makes them uncomfortable, but I will not resort to adding to their gossip. Any suggestions? — Sticking to Professionalism

Dear Pro: You cannot control what your co-workers do. You can, however, inform them, as sweetly as possible, that you dislike gossip and hope they will excuse you for not participating. Then walk away. Hopefully, they will be ashamed of themselves.

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