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Julia Child, simply Julia to countless fans who knew her only through her television appearances and a dozen cookbooks, died in her sleep early Friday in Montecito, Calif., two days before her 92nd birthday. See Page 8A

### BRIEFLY

#### Clerk's office to be closed

The Howard County District Clerk's Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday for employee computer training. The office will reopen at its normal time Wednesday.

#### Blood drive set at courthouse

The Howard County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the courthouse. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and have not donated blood in the previous eight weeks. If you'd like to sign up in advance or have questions, call Jose at 264-2244.

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## College board to discuss tax rate, budget

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Howard College Board of Trustees will meet Monday to discuss the coming year's tax rate and budget, as well as consider a proposed increase in penalties assessed on delinquent taxes.

The meeting is expected to begin with an executive session at 11:15 a.m. in the Tumbleweed Room, located in the Student Union Building.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said she couldn't comment on the specifics of the executive session, which lists

*"...we'll be able to keep the tax rate where it is now and still see an increase of \$77,000 on the tax levy for the year."*



Dr. Cheryl Sparks

economic development negotiations as a topic, but did say it's in direct relations to a business prospect currently working with

Moore Development for Big Spring.

The board meeting is set to begin at 11:45 a.m., following lunch, with a budget hearing concerning the 2004-2005 Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) budgets.

"We want area residents to have the chance to voice their opinions on the budget," said Sparks. "The meeting is open to anyone that wants to attend."

As trustees prepare to vote on the 2004-2005 budget for the two campuses, Sparks said the recent release of certified taxable values for

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## Tickets moving quickly for band performance here

Friday's show free to public

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Preparations for Friday's performance of the United States Air Force Band of the West Concert Band are in full swing, with tickets for the event going fast.

The show, which is sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*, is slated for the Municipal Auditorium and will feature a plethora of different musical styles, including the Renaissance, Broadway musicals, Sousa marches and Top 40 hits.

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## Bynum still missing; A year later, family looking for answers

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Most anniversaries are light-hearted celebrations, but for one Big Spring family the passing of a year only brings renewed heartache.

The family of William Arlin Bynum, who was reported missing last year after vanishing from a local bar and grill, is approaching the one-year anniversary of the mysterious disappearance of the 40-year-old man.

According to Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, there have been no new developments in the case, which will remain open until Bynum's whereabouts is determined.

"We don't have anything new on Mr. Bynum's disappearance at this time," said Sweatt. "The case is still open and

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Miami Herald photo/J. Albert Diaz

Dennis Blake, left, and his son, Darryl waded through high water in the Cabana Trailer Park in North Ft. Myers, Fla., after Hurricane Charley passed through the area Friday.

## Charley strikes South Carolina after leaving thousands homeless in Florida

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Charley flattened oceanfront homes and caused a "significant loss of life" at a mobile home park, making thousands homeless before it roared north and struck the coast of South Carolina on Saturday.

The strongest storm to strike Florida in a dozen years knocked out electrical service to an estimated 1.3 million homes and businesses as it crossed Florida from the

*"It's Andrew all over again. We believe there's significant loss of life."*

southwest coast to the Atlantic at Daytona Beach, causing widespread damage to coastal areas and mobile home parks.

"I could hear the nails coming out of the roof. The walls

were shaking violently, back and forth, back and forth. It was just the most amazing and terrifying thing," said Anne Correia, who spent two hours in a closet in her Punta Gorda apartment.

Charley's generally northward course took it across open ocean, missing the westward curving shore of Georgia, before it made landfall for a second time on South

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## Dr. Thein enjoys colleagues, practice at Scenic Mountain

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Having grown up in Burma, a small country in Southeast Asia which is now known as the Union of Myanmar, 33-year-old Dr. Aung Thein knows how to travel — and those travels have led him to Big Spring.

The newest addition to the line-up of physicians and staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Thein's education and training have taken him all over the United States, finally leading the young radiologist and his family to Big Spring.

"I'm originally from Burma," said Thein. "I finished high school there before I came to the states to go to college. I went to Pittsburg State in Pittsburg, Kan. After that I

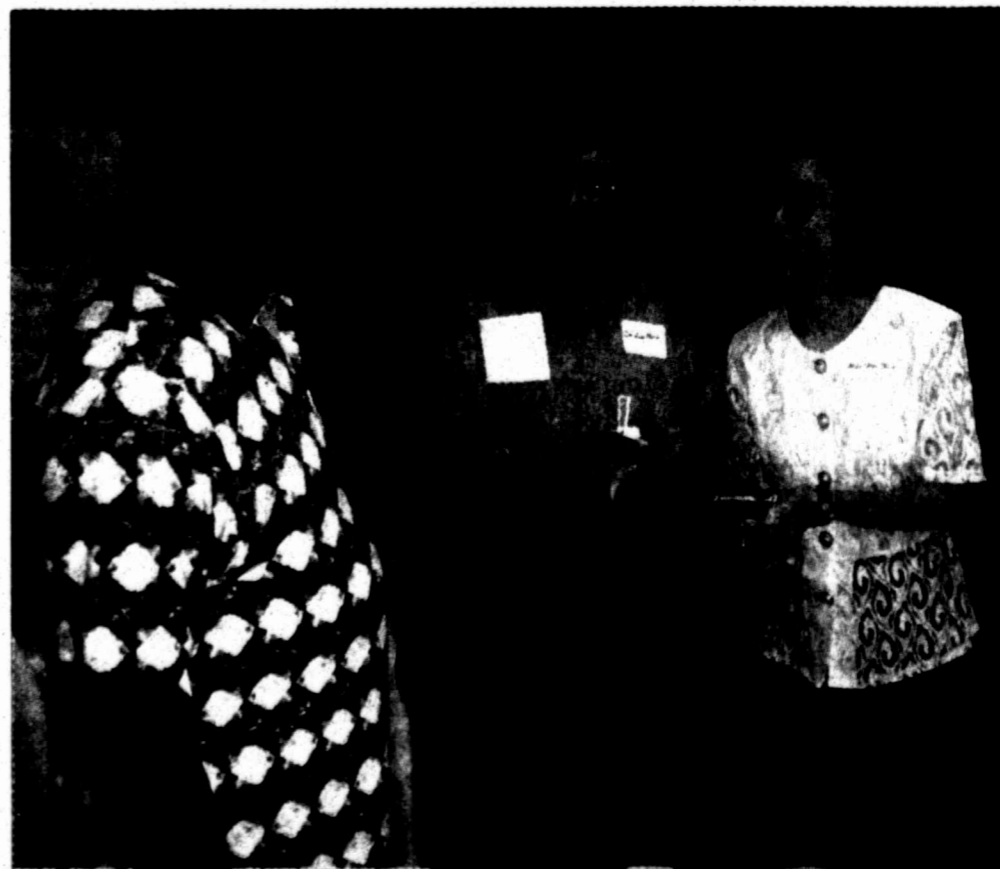
transferred to Cornell in New York and received my bachelor's degree.

"I attended medical school at the University of California at San Francisco, which is one of the top five medical schools. I then did my radiology residency in Houston at the University of Texas at Galveston and at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center."

Thein said he came here in part because he knows other physicians in the area.

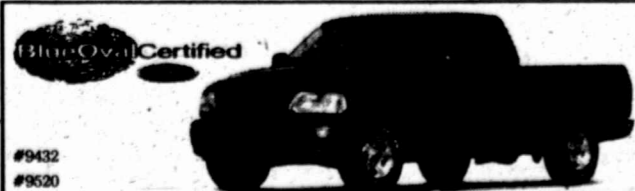
"One of the reasons that we moved here was there are four other families from Burma living in Big Spring," said Thein. "Most of them are physicians, and we knew each other. So we're really enjoying the company."

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HERALD photo/Rick Nunez

Dr. Aung Thein, center, along with his wife Mimi and Big Spring Ambassador Clarence Hartfield Jr. enjoy a reception for the doctor, who recently joined the radiology staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Dr. Thein is a radiologist and moved to Big Spring from Ennis, where he maintained a private practice.



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## Obituaries

## James "Red" Rains

James "Red" Rains, 69, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Private memorial services will be at a later date.

Mr. Rains was born June 7, 1935, in Lynn County. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 2001, coming from Las Vegas, Nev. He was a longtime salesman at Sears in Amarillo. He later worked as a butcher in a Las Vegas grocery store, retiring in 1989. Mr. Rains was a Catholic.

He is survived by one son, Ronald Rains of Lubbock; one sister, Venita Bledsoe of Lubbock; two grandchildren, and two cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Take note

□ **RSVP ICE CREAM SOCIAL** is set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center at Comanche Trail Park. All RSVP volunteers and their friends are invited. Please make your reservations by calling 264-2397.

□ **BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** is set from 1-5 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the courthouse. Donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the past eight weeks. To sign up call Jose at 264-2244.

□ **A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY** the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was recently attacked and killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

□ **A FUND FOR CLAY "GOONIE" VICKERS** to help with expenses for life-threatening surgery has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union, 264-2600. He is a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School and a Howard College theater student.

□ **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ **MANNA RELIEF**, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

□ **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994** 10-year reunion is set for October 8-9. For more information, or to update name or mailing address, please call Kendra Carey Willingham at 1-888-820-4911 pin No. 6414 or e-mail [BigSpringReunion94@yahoo.com](mailto:BigSpringReunion94@yahoo.com).

□ **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989** 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 20-21-22-23-24.

Number matching five of five: 29.

Prize per winner: \$1,521.

Winning tickets sold in: GALVESTON, MIDLAND, CONROE, CYPRESS, FREEPORT, PARIS, BAY CITY, HOUSTON, FORT WORTH, SAN ANTONIO, COVINGTON, NEEDVILLE, FLOWER MOUND, DALLAS, LANCASTER, TEMPLE, FARMERS BRANCH, AUSTIN, CORPUS CHRISTI, LAREDO.

Matching four of five: 322. Prize: \$61.

Matching three of five: 4,125. Prize: \$11.

Matching two of five: 40,225. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-9

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

• **KENNETH WAYNE BANKS**, 34, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Friday on charges of assault Class C/family violence and possession of a controlled substance.

• **LAPPAUL ERIC SCAGGS**, 27, of 1516 Wood, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• **DAVID WAYNE CROW**, 17, of 3900 Parkway, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• **WEHNONAH RENEE HARMES**, 32, of 1516 Sycamore, was arrested Friday and held for the HCSO.

• **AUNRAY VASHUNN CRAWFORD**, 28, of 2601 Fairchild, was arrested Friday on a charge of criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

• **BRANDI MARIE WRIGHT**, 21, of 2503 E. 23rd Street, was arrested Saturday and held for the HCSO.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 2300 block of Wasson.

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

## Sheriff's report

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

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported from the Autozone parking lot on Gregg Street.

## Support groups

## MONDAY

□ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, located at Seventh and Runner's streets. Please enter through the north door. A covered-dish dinner is planned. Call 398-5522 for more information.

## TUESDAY

□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

## THURSDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

## Weather

Sunday: Partial cloudiness early, with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. High near 85F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Sunday night: Scattered thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 66F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Monday: A few clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday: Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

## Bulletin board

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

## SUNDAY

• Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

## MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Blood drive sponsored by the Howard County Sheriff's Department from 1-5 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. Call Jose at 264-2244 to sign up.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

## TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

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

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meeting is canceled as many members unavailable. Next meeting is set for Sept. 21.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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

## WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

## THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association

MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES  
TREASURER'S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

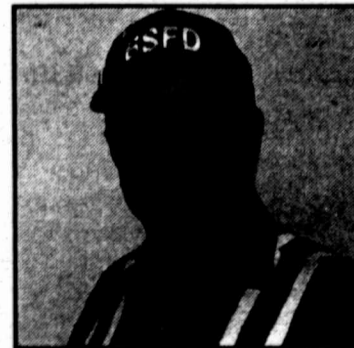
COMMISSION'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN REGULAR SESSION JULY TERM 2004 IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 9th day of August, 2004, at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for June, 2003, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$6,263,275.88.

Ben Lockhart, County Judge  
Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Jerry Kilgore, Commissioner Pct. 2  
W.B. "Bill" Crooker, Commissioner Pct. 3  
Gary Simer, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Ben Lockhart, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 9th day of August, A.D., 2004.  
Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 9TH DAY OF August, A.D. 2004, and recorded on the 9th day of August, A.D. 2004.

Donna Wright,  
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Howard County has the board looking at the budget in a very positive light.

"Looking at the certified values for the county, we'll be able to keep the tax rate where it is now and still see an increase of \$77,000 on the tax levy for the year," said Sparks.

The tax rate for the college is expected to be approved at 27.561 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate that was approved last year.

Trustees are also to hear from local attorney Drew Mouton, who is expected to ask for an increase in the penalties assessed on delinquent taxes collected for the college.

Mouton, who has made similar presentations to the city of Big Spring and Howard

County commissioners, is expected to propose a 5 percent hike in the attorney fees charged to delinquent taxpayers.

County commissioners approved the hike unanimously, while the Big Spring City Council expressed approval during a meeting several weeks ago.

Mouton said the need for the increase comes due to the increase in the total number of delinquent tax accounts his office handles each year.

"It's now divided among a number of smaller accounts," Mouton recently explained to the commissioners. "We don't have near as many large accounts as we used to, which made it a little easier to collect taxes. Let's face it, it's easier to collect one account for \$100,000 than it is to collect 10 accounts for \$10,000."

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

'The Guys' set on stage Sept. 11

The Howard College Theater Department will be performing "The Guys" by Anne Nelson on Saturday, Sept. 11 to benefit the Big Spring Fire Department.

The play will be in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be pur-

chased at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce office, 215 W. 3rd Street, for \$10.

Proceeds from the performance will be used to purchase new communications equipment for the Big Spring Fire Department.

Cossacks, Legion plan benefit run

The Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and American Legion Post 506 will hold a benefit auction and "in-house" poker run for local resident Virginia King, who has

been diagnosed with cancer. The benefit will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, beginning at noon at the Legion Post, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Southern fried catfish will be served.

Proceeds from the event will go to help King and her family meet medical and other costs. For more information concerning the fund-raising event, contact Benny at 432-213-0654.

CONCERT

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Herald Publisher Susanne Reed said the show, which is expected to get under way at 7 p.m., offers an excellent opportunity for the public to see a different side of the military.

"When we think of the military we usually think of what they do to protect our great nation," said Reed. "We forget that they also provide a training ground for musicians and artists as well. The men and women of the Air Force

Concert Band are committed to protecting our country, and at the same time, they provide us with something so delicate and amazing."

While admission to the concert is free, Reed said tickets will be required.

"There's no charge for tickets," said Reed. "Anyone who wishes to attend can get tickets either by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Herald office, or pick them up there in person. Either way, it's a great show at no cost to the community."

The United States Air Force Band of the West Concert Band

has an amazing record of achievement, stemming all the way back to its creation in October of 1941 at Moffett Field in California. The group was moved to Enid Army Airfield soon after, and with the birth of the U.S. Air Force in 1947, once again packed up, this time heading for the base they would call home to this very day — Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

The Band of the West travels more than 125,000 miles each year and provides more than 500 performances to military and civilian audiences throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana.

The USAF Band of the West has earned numerous awards, including the Col. George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence for Military Bands in 1999. The Band of the West has entertained presidents, heads of state and dignitaries around the world.

The 45-musician ensemble is conducted by Maj. Dean L. Zarbinski, originally of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Enlisting in the Air Force in 1984, he earned a Master of Music degree in instrumental conducting from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1989. After conducting Air Force

bands all over the United States and the world, including Germany and Japan, Zarbinski settled into his position with the Band of the West in January of 2001.

Tickets are limited to four per request and can be picked up at the herald office, located at 710 Scurry Street, during normal business hours. To have tickets mailed, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721-1431.

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

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the investigation is ongoing, and will remain that way until he is found. We don't close a case like this until we find the missing person."

Sweatt said investigators are still getting calls concerning Bynum's whereabouts from time to time, but for the most part the information gathered hasn't yielded anything solid.

"Mr. Bynum has been entered into the computer as a missing person and we get hits on it from other agencies from time to time," said Sweatt. "Anytime an unidentified body matching his height or other characteristics is found in the U.S., we're contacted."

Tom Hartford, Bynum's

stepfather, said he and other family members have given up on their rage at what might have happened to him, and are instead concentrating on putting the matter to rest.

"At this point in time, our family doesn't really care who did this dirty deed to Arlin," said Hartford. "All we want is to bring his remains home for a proper burial, and hopefully provide us some closure that we desperately need."

"He was and still is a large part of our lives and not a day goes by without one of the family or friends saying something attributed to Arlin and how he lived life to the fullest."

Bynum's sister, Cindy Sturdivant, said it's not easy dealing with the anniversary of her brother's disappearance.

"A day doesn't go by

that I don't think of him," said Sturdivant. "After a while you realize that he's not coming home, however."

Hartford said the search for Bynum hasn't been easy for the family, especially when no one seems to have any idea who might want to harm him.

"We have all been unable to think of a reason why anyone would do harm to him, but evidently, someone disliked him enough to make him disappear," said Hartford. "He loved his family and friends more than anything and we all miss his smile and outgoing personality. Friends from his past who are located throughout the country call us on a continuous basis wanting to know if he has been found or not. He seemed to impact all that he met."

Hartford, who currently

lives in Biloxi, Miss., said although he and other family members have resigned themselves to the idea that Bynum won't be coming home, it doesn't make it any easier.

"We have accepted the fact that we won't see him again alive but a part of us is still hoping to see him come through the door as if nothing happened and he can't understand why we are making all the fuss," said Hartford. "Whoever caused his disappearance needs to walk a mile in his mother's shoes and see how they like it not knowing where their son is. Whatever their punishment may be, it can't be near the pain that we have suffered over this."

Bynum was last seen Aug. 14, 2003, in the vicinity of the San Franciscan Bar and Grill, located in

downtown Big Spring. According to police reports, witnesses claim he left the establishment late in the evening, supposedly accompanied by another man who has yet to be identified. Bynum's truck was later found near the bar.

Bynum is described as a white male with short, bleached-blond hair, approximately 165 pounds with blue eyes. He has multiple tattoos and was last seen wearing a white Harley-Davidson tanktop, blue shorts and sandals.

Hartford said he hopes raising the reward, which the family upped to \$10,000 in January, will help generate some information concerning Bynum's whereabouts.

"We are begging anyone who may know something to come forward with the information and if for whatever reason they

don't want to reveal it to law enforcement, then call us at 228-388-9888," said Hartford. "Currently, there is a \$10,000 reward being offered for information leading to Arlin."

Anyone having information in the disappearance of Bynum can contact the investigating detective, Jim Rider, at 264-2556, or contact Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477). When contacting Crimestoppers you may remain anonymous.

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DR. THEIN

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"Everything is going along with the move to Scenic Mountain Medical Center very well. The doctors are great and they're nice to work with. The technology here is really good to work with as well."

Thein, who had a private practice in Ennis before making the move to Big Spring, isn't the only doctor in the family — but like many professional parents, sometimes a career just has to wait.

"I had a private practice in Ennis for four years while my wife was going to medical school in Dallas," said Thein. "She just graduated from medical school, but she's not doing her residency yet because she wants to spend time with our kids. We have a 2 1/2-year-old daughter and a 3 1/2-year-old son."

"There was one year while I was in my final year of residency in Houston that my wife was attending medical school in Dallas. So that year we spent a lot of time going back and forth. Most of the time it's OK since we're both in the same field. We understand what it takes."

Thein described his position as radiologist as both supervisory and hands-on, leaving little doubt that he would want it any other way.

"I oversee the function of the radiology department, which includes things like taking x-rays,

doing MRIs or ultrasounds, mammograms and nuclear medicine studies," explained Thein. "I read all of those studies that we perform and give a professional opinion to the patient's doctor. I function as a consultant to the doctors for interpreting those studies."

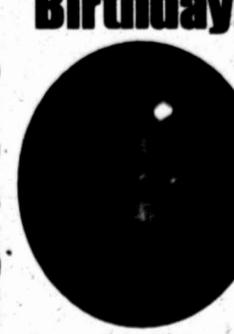
"In addition to interpreting the studies, I have to make sure they are done right and oversee all of the technology in the department. I also do some of the procedures, such as the upper-GIs — I do those myself."

"The main reason I got into radiology was

because you get to specialize in one field, and at the same time maintain the ability to see the patient from head-to-toe," he added. "We don't just focus on one organ or one part of the body. We look at the entire patient, from

newborns to seniors, from head to toe. That's what attracted me to this field."

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## OUR VIEWS

## Watch out for school zones come Monday

With classes about to start over most of the Crossroads area, it's time to remember to drive safely in and around school zones.

Many of us have spent the summer driving past area schools, not having to concern ourselves with those flashing lights and reduced speed limits imposed during school months.

But all that changes Monday and that's why school officials and local law enforcement agencies are advising motorists to take extra caution when driving these first few days of school.

As a matter of fact, we should all exercise caution at all times when we're driving. And regardless of where we are during those times just before or after school hours, we should remember that many high school students will be driving or walking to school.

Furthermore, we should all remember to obey the law and stop for school buses when they're loading and unloading students.

None of us is so busy, nor is there any emergency so important, that we can afford to put our young people at risk by driving in an unsafe manner.

The bottom line, of course, is that none of us would want our own children endangered by a careless motorist. We need to remember that when we get behind the wheel.

## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

I went for a ride into town on my motorcycle last night to keep up my urban night-driving skills. I was southbound on Gregg St. when I saw a pickup truck sitting at the stop sign across the street on Sgt. Padres Street.

When I got about 30 feet from the intersection, the other driver floor-boarded his truck. At that point, his truck became a deadly weapon, and he was trying to kill me. I was approaching a triangular shaped curb with a telephone pole a few feet back. From 40 years of riding motorcycles and working in a medical examiner's office, I knew if I laid the bike down, I would be killed.

In appraising the situation, I saw a newer brown truck of unknown make and illegal tint where I could not see the driver, his or her sex, or which way this person was looking as I approached the intersection. I downshifted, put the bike into a controlled skid and we were parallel to each other when we passed. Our vehicles were not half of an inch apart.

To the truck's utter amazement, I did a U-turn and went after him. He

stopped his truck and got out. Did he have a weapon behind his back? Was he going to apologize? Was he ready for a fight? I have no idea. There was no physical evidence on Gregg Street of tire marks, broken glass, a hopped curb or a dead biker; and there were no witnesses since it was 11 p.m. So the crime scene would have been a dead pickup truck driver and a biker with a gun. Nothing else.

I made another U-turn and headed back to Gregg Street. I am authorized by law to carry a firearm, and I was carrying one. I also have no desire to harm anyone when I'm involved in defensive high-speed pursuit driving on a motorcycle. I was fighting for my life with both hands and feet.

To the person driving that truck, you missed me and I am still alive, so I'm letting it go at that. One of these days, you are going to be in a collision with a motorcycle and somebody is going to get killed. It will be premeditated murder. I don't know what a life is worth but some people apparently don't care.

JAMES R. HARRISON  
BIG SPRING

## The end of federal sentencing

The left may have little use for these two, but Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas deserve kudos for joining with Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David Souter and John Paul Stevens to issue a radical ruling that may spell an end to the federal criminal-sentencing system.

America will find out if the justices are ready to go the distance later this year.

On June 24, the Big Bench released a 5-4 decision that overturned an enhanced sentence for a

Washington state man who had pleaded guilty to kidnapping his estranged wife. Ralph Howard Blakely had arranged for a plea that would limit his sentence within a range of 49 to 53 months, but the Washington judge who heard the case was so appalled at Blakely's "deliberate cruelty" that he increased the sentence to 90 months in prison.

Blakely appealed. As Scalia wrote, Blakely successfully argued that "this sentencing procedure deprived him of his federal constitutional right to have a jury determine beyond a reasonable doubt all facts legally essential to his sentence."

On the one hand, the Blakely decision was a great gift to those of us who have been pushing for big changes in federal mandatory-minimum sentencing for drug offenders. My complaint: The system has been too harsh on first-time non-violent drug offenders, without being harsh enough on repeat dealers and kingpins who reduce their sentences by turning on their underlings.

Others have complained bitterly that the system robs federal judges of discretion and forces them to issue prison terms that outrage their sense of justice.

So it is more than ironic that

Blakely presents the toughest challenge to federal sentencing guidelines by chastising a judge for ruling on matters better addressed by a jury.

At a time when the Big Bench has been flirting with a more European-style law, which tends to be reverential to ward judges and short on faith in the wisdom of citizen juries, the Blakely decision is an homage to the role of citizen jurors. "Just as suffrage ensures the people's ultimate control in the legislative and executive branches, jury trial is meant to ensure their control in the judiciary," Scalia wrote.

It should be noted: Scalia also wrote, "The federal guidelines are not before us, and we express no opinion on them."

Yet, while all bow to the Big Bench, prosecutors, defense attorneys and courts across America have been acting as if Scalia's disclaimer is bogus. They've filed papers and changed their procedures. At the behest of a harried U.S. Department of Justice, the solicitor general petitioned the Supreme Court for a quick ruling on two cases that stem from the Blakely decision.

"In the 27 days since Blakely was decided, the federal sentencing system has fallen into a state of deep uncertainty and disarray about the constitutional validity of the federal Sentencing Guidelines system and what sentencing procedures should govern if Blakely invalidates that system in whole or in part," the solicitor general wrote. The Supremes agreed to hear arguments on the court's first day back in session in October.

What happens next? When Justice Sandra Day O'Connor dissented, she wrote that she believed "the practical consequences" of Blakely could be disastrous, as "an untold number of criminal judgments" might be newly open to appeal.

"The number of cases potentially affected is staggering," wrote the solicitor general, noting that 64,000 federal defendants are sentenced

each year. But attorneys opposed to mandatory minimums believe that only felons with pending appeals could use Blakely to try to reduce their sentences.

As for state guidelines, which were the subject of Blakely, Washington prosecutor Norm Maleng told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer that changing state law to conform with Blakely would require "a relatively easy legislative fix."

It's the draconian federal system that most likely would be overhauled. "Nobody will shed a tear if these (sentencing) guidelines are found unconstitutional," noted Ronald Weich, who is on the advisory committee of the group Families Against Mandatory Minimums, which wants to change federal guidelines.

Yet Weich would like to see some guidelines — guidelines that don't put first-time non-violent drug offenders behind bars for a decade or more.

It would be nice to see guidelines that don't charge small fish for the amount of drugs their kingpin bosses dealt — while the kingpins negotiate a reduced sentence.

"In the best of all possible worlds, we would go back and reform the federal criminal code," noted Margaret Love, who is on the American Bar Association committee drafting recommendations for saner federal sentences.

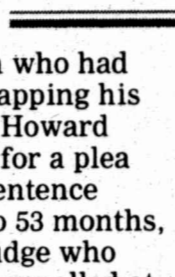
Good, but in that best of all worlds, America cannot forget how it got where it is. First, too many judges were too easy on criminals. Then, members of Congress were too harsh in their sentencing laws. Maybe that's why Scalia and company have looked to the people for relief.

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## Canada: Explaining the Bush campaign

Make that a big Canadian, "Oh dear." These nice Canadians, whom George W. Bush once managed to triumphantly identify as "our most important neighbors to the north" are famous for their reticence.

Canada, Land of the Understatement. I once proposed their national motto should be: "Now, Let's Not Get Excited." Not that I would ever generalize. I attribute their commendable phlegm to being too cold to waste much energy and regular ingestion of oatmeal.

Nice, polite, calm, reserved, chock full of common sense and living next to us — what a fate. For them, it's like having the Simpsons for next-door neighbors. A few years ago, during the height of our national meltdown over Monica Lewinsky, a host on the Canadian Broadcasting Co.'s evening news program began an interview by gingerly asking me, "So, having another of your little psychodramas down there, eh?"

This year, the American psychodrama, eh, is the election, and Canadians are taking unusual care, even by their standards, to try to phrase their questions delicately. "You couldn't possibly ..." they begin, only to break off. "Are you not aware of what ...?" "Surely you realize how ..." But they can think of no polite way of asking if we are such freaking idiots we haven't noticed the damage that has been done by the Bush administration to the American reputa-

tion all over the world.

One tries to explain that, "Who cares what the rest of the world thinks?" is a common American reaction, leaving the poor Canadians to quietly mutter, "Oh dear."

Just FYI, of the many allies the Bush White House managed to gratuitously insult on the run-up to the invasion of Iraq, we miffed the Canadians by blowing off their last-minute attempt to work out a deal for continued inspections under a strict timeframe — we not only blew it off, we went to the trouble of being rude and arrogant about it. Among its other unpleasant traits, bad manners rank quite high on this administration's list of failings. In addition, some right-wingers weighed in with juvenile taunts along the intellectually brilliant lines of "nyah-nyah-nyah."

The National Review published a cover story headlined "Wimps!" Bill O'Reilly of Fox News got all huffy over something a Toronto columnist wrote and decided to appoint himself our national spokesman. Diplomacy is not O'Reilly's forte (he called Canadians "dishonest pinheads").

Of the many stupid things our country has done lately, alienating the best neighbor any country ever had ranks fairly high on the All Time Stupid list. So I have been at some pains to try to answer the ever-so-delicately phrased questions: Are you people actually going to re-elect that nincompoop? (I doubt a Canadian would ever actually ask an American that question — this is free interpretation on my part.)

What makes the delicacy even more interesting is that Alberta is the province of Canada most like West Texas and the American

Mountain states. Lot of ranchers, oil-and-gas men, conservative if not right-wing, a big anti-environmental movement — just like home. Same deal — timber industry, mining, all the extractive industries and hunters all lined up against environmentalists, who are outmanned and outgunned but perceived to have the federal government on their side.

You can find Albertans who think John Kerry would ruin the U.S. economy because they are under the impression that Democrats are all deficit spenders. When our economy catches cold, theirs gets pneumonia, so this is a source of real concern here. Pointing out that Bush is already doing trillions in deficit spending, and that he came into office with a huge surplus, draws sad agreement.

What is most striking to me every time I visit this country is how much more Canadians know about the United States and the rest of the world than many Americans do. Because they are generally less provincial than we are and certainly pay more attention to world news, they are acutely aware of how much the Bush administration has increased anti-Americanism around the globe. That's why so many of them are stupefied at the idea he might be re-elected — they perceive him as having done great harm to his own country.

So, here I am trying to explain these politely astonished people how Americans could vote for George W. Bush. Some days are much tougher sledding than others.

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## Houston man gets new liver after using billboards and Internet

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man's efforts to get a healthy liver through a media campaign, including billboards and a Web site, have paid off as he underwent successful transplant surgery late Thursday night after an unidentified family donated their loved one's organ to him.

Todd Krampitz, a 32-year-old newlywed, was diagnosed in May with liver cancer and by July

his doctors said only a transplant would save his life.

His family decided to mount a media campaign, including two billboards along one of Houston's busiest freeways, and a Web site that detailed his plight and raised awareness about organ donation. Krampitz and his wife Julie also did a series of national media interviews after word of his efforts spread across the country.

Earlier this week, Krampitz told The Associated Press he and his family "pray every night that they call us in the morning and say, 'Hey we have a liver here waiting for you. Come to the hospital and get it.'"

His prayers were answered Thursday as a family donated their loved one's liver to Krampitz.

Officials at The Methodist Hospital, where Krampitz received

his new liver, said the surgery, which began late Thursday evening and concluded early Friday morning, was successful. He was recovering in the hospital's intensive care unit, normal for all transplant patients.

In a statement, Julie Krampitz said "a generous family" donated their loved one's liver to her husband, but she did not elaborate on who the family was or where they are from.

The statement did not say whether the donation was prompted by the media campaign, but it noted that the organ was given specifically for Todd Krampitz.

"We are deeply grateful to this family, and would like to thank the countless people who called and e-mailed over the last week.

"We are very appreciative of the outpouring of kindness we have received from around the

country," she said.

The donor was from out of state, but no other information about the individual was being released, said Catherine Graham, a spokeswoman for LifeGift Organ Donation Center, the local organization that coordinated efforts to bring the liver to Houston after being notified about its availability Thursday morning.

Graham did not know when the donor died.

## CHARLEY

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Carolina's Grand Strand resort region. The area was nearly empty after a mandatory evacuation of some of the area's 180,000 tourists and residents.

The storm still packed hurricane-force wind of 75 mph, considerably weaker than its sustained wind speed of 145 mph Friday.

In addition to the hard-hit mobile home park, Wayne Sallade, Charlotte County's director of emergency management, said there were confirmed deaths in at least three other areas in the county, but an exact number was unavailable, and might not be for days.

Gov. Jeb Bush, speaking in Tallahassee, said, "The good news is we train for this and we're well coordinated ... we're going to do everything we can to provide support."

There were five confirmed storm-related deaths elsewhere in the state. Earlier, Charley killed three people in Cuba and one in Jamaica, and tornados spun off by Tropical Storm Bonnie killed three people in North Carolina.

The federal government was sending a 25-member mortuary team to help process bodies.

Hundreds of people were unaccounted for in Florida's Charlotte County, which includes Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte, and thousands were homeless, Sallade said. He compared the devastation with 1992's Hurricane Andrew, which was directly blamed for the deaths of 26 people, most in South Florida. Extensive damage was also reported on exclusive Captiva Island, a narrow strip of sand west of Fort Myers.

"It's Andrew all over again," he said. "We believe there's significant loss of life."

There are 31 mobile home parks in the county that suffered major damage, some with more than 1,000 units, said Bob Carpenter, a Charlotte County Sheriff's Office spokesman. He said teams were sent to each park to search for bodies and survivors, but getting into them was difficult.

"We just couldn't get the vehicles in — there is so much debris," he said.

Rescuing people who may be trapped is the top priority, said state emergency management director Craig Fugate.

"If we're going to change the outcome for anybody that's been injured or trapped, we know time is of the essence," he said.

Dan Strong, 51, returned to his home in Biehls Mobile Home Park in Punta Gorda and found it had been destroyed.

"Everything is gone," Strong said as he dug through the rubble trying to salvage photographs, clothes and other belongings.

At 11 a.m. EDT, the storm was centered about 35 miles south of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and moving north-northeast at 28 mph. Forecasters expected Charley to increase in speed. Its maximum sustained wind speed was near 85 mph with higher gusts.

A hurricane warning was in effect from the South Santee River in South Carolina to the Virginia-North Carolina state line. A tropical storm warning extended north to Sandy Hook, N.J., and a tropical storm watch was in effect to the Merrimack River in Massachusetts.

National Guard troops were on duty in North Carolina, where a mandatory evacuation order was in effect for vulnerable coastal areas hit less than two weeks ago by Hurricane Alex.

More tornadoes were possible, warned Renee Hoffman, spokeswoman for North Carolina's Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. "Don't go out, don't drive in these heavy

winds and rain," she said.

Charley was forecast to spread sustained wind of about 40 mph to 60 mph across inland portions of eastern North Carolina and to dump 3 to 6 inches of rain beginning Saturday morning, forecasters said. Gov. Mike Easley declared a state of emergency.

President Bush declared a major disaster area in Florida.

Three hospitals in Charlotte County sustained significant damage, Sallade said, and officials at Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Punta Gorda said they were evacuating all patients Saturday.

More than 200 ambulances — many from southeast Florida — were organized to transfer patients to other hospitals in Orlando, Sarasota, Tampa and Lee County.

"We really have to get the patients out of here. This place just isn't safe," said Peggy Greene, chief nursing officer. She said windows were blown out, part of the roof was blown off, and there was no power or phone service.

Among those seeking treatment was Marty Rietveld, showered with broken glass when the sliding glass door at his home was smashed by a neighbor's roof that blew off. Rietveld broke his leg, and his

future son-in-law suffered a punctured leg artery.

"We are moving," said Rietveld's daughter, Stephanie Rioux. "We are going out of state."

An estimated 1.4 million people evacuated in anticipation of the hurricane, which reached landfall at 3:45 p.m. EDT, when the eye passed over barrier islands off Fort Myers and Punta Gorda, some 110 miles southeast of the Tampa Bay area.

Charley hit the mainland 30 minutes later, with storm surge flooding of 10 to 15 feet, the hurricane center said. Nearly 1 million people live within 30 miles of the landfall.

At a nursing center in Port Charlotte, Charley broke windows and ripped off portions of the roof, but none of the more than 100 residents or staff was injured, administrator Joyce Cuffe said.

"The doors were being sucked open," Cuffe said. "A lot of us were holding the doors, trying to keep them shut, using ropes, anything we could to hold the doors shut. There was such a vacuum, our ears and head were hurting."

The fourth named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, Danielle, formed Friday but posed no immediate concern.

## Iraqi

NAJAF, Iraq — Truce talks between Shiite militant officials and U.S. officials on Saturday, in prospect of a fierce fighting between militiamen and forces that have taken the holy city of more than a million people.

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The negotiator raised hopes for a truce to the U.S. and Sadr's Mahdavia, which has security and problems for long interim. After nine days of fighting, Najaf quiet since U.S. forces launched an offensive against the city.

"I feel deep

## Man sentenced

RICHMOND — The movie "The Matrix" prompted his girlfriend to years in prison.

The 19-year-old

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The 19-year-old ruled a suicide.

"I didn't want to be so troubled, that's what I want, that's what I want," said his testimony.

Jurors sentenced him to 10 years in prison. The 10-man jury sentenced him to a sentence.

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# Iraqi officials say truce talks have collapsed in Najaf

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Truce talks between Shiite militants and Iraqi officials broke down Saturday, raising the prospect of a return to the fierce fighting between militiamen and U.S-Iraqi forces that has shaken the holy city of Najaf for more than a week.

The government's chief negotiator, Mouwaffaq al-Rubaie, said talks were making no progress and that he was leaving Najaf. Aides to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr blamed the United States and the Iraqi government on the breakdown.

The negotiations had raised hopes for a resolution to the uprising by al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia, which has posed deep security and political problems for Iraq's fledgling interim government. After nine days of heavy fighting, Najaf has been quiet since Friday, when U.S. forces halted a major offensive against the militiamen to give talks a chance.

"I feel deep sorrow and

regret to announce the failure of the efforts we have exerted to end the crisis in Iraq peacefully," said al-Rubaie, who serves in the government has national security adviser.

"Our goal was to spare blood, preserve security and for the militias to put down their weapons," he said, without giving specifics on what led to the breakdown.

Al-Sadr had demanded a U.S. withdrawal from Najaf, the freeing of all Mahdi Army fighters in detention and amnesty for all the fighters, in exchange for disarming his followers and pulling them out of the revered Imam Ali shrine and Najaf's old city, where they have taken refuge, aides said.

However, al-Sadr himself did not participate in the talks and al-Rubaie said he felt some "elements" were hindering his efforts to hold a face-to-face meeting with the firebrand cleric.

Al-Rubaie said he had

proposed that al-Sadr's militia be disbanded and become a political movement.

"We have been talking and discussing these matters for three days but reached no positive conclusion," he said. "After three days, my government thought there was no use in continuing."

Al-Sadr aide Sheik Ali Smeisim said both sides had agreed on all points, but interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi suddenly told the government officials to break off talks and return to Baghdad.

"It is a conspiracy to commit a big massacre," he told the pan-Arab Al-Jazeera television station.

Ahmed al-Shaibany, another al-Sadr spokesman, blamed the talks' failure on the Americans, who also were not participating.

"There are particular points and demands we had that we specifically wanted the Americans to sign on, but they refused," he said.

Among those demands, he said, was U.S. compensation for the families of those killed in confrontations with the Americans. The U.S. military has estimated that hundreds of insurgents had been killed in the fierce fighting that broke out in Najaf on Aug. 5, but the militants dispute the figure. Six Americans have

been killed, along with about 20 Iraqi officers, it said.

The battles ended Friday as both sides respected a cease-fire during the negotiations to end the crisis.

Aside from the security dangers of the uprising, the fighting in Najaf — one of the holiest cities in Shia Islam, 100 miles

south of Baghdad — has posed a political threat to Allawi's government, which is seeking to show it has control in the country but cannot lash out too harshly against al-Sadr's movement. The violence has angered many of the country's majority Shiites, including those who do not normally support al-Sadr.

## Man sentenced to 75 years

RICHMOND (AP) — A man who said the movie "The Passion of the Christ" prompted him to confess to strangling his girlfriend has been sentenced to 75 years in prison.

The sentence delivered by a jury on Friday came after Dan Leach II told the court that one reason he confessed was because he didn't want Ashley Nicole Wilson's family to believe that she hanged herself.

The 19-year-old's death had been ruled a suicide before Leach confessed.

"I didn't want them to think that she was so troubled that she took her own life, that they shouldn't blame themselves," said Leach, who sobbed during his testimony.

Jurors began deliberating Leach's sentence after testimony in the trial came to an end late Friday afternoon. The 10-man, two-woman jury deliberated nearly five hours before deciding on a sentence later that night.

## 9-year-old fights for accessibility

COPPELL (AP) — Rasha Kavar zoomed in from summer school with her pigtails bouncing. She wore a brightly colored outfit and carried a jelly purse adorned with a rhinestone letter "R."

She suffers from cerebral palsy and depends on an electric wheelchair to get around, but she's determined to live like any other 9-year-old girl — and travel like one.

Rasha began a crusade to make airplane restrooms bigger after she had a hard time negotiating one in her wheelchair while flying home last summer after visiting her grandparents in Israel.

She started an online petition asking Congress to pass a law that would require all new airplanes to have at least one wheelchair-accessible restroom.

The petition is up to almost 5,000 signatures, and lawmakers in Washington and organizations that help the disabled are taking notice.

"It is one thing to be stuck on a plane with no accessible bathroom," said Stephen Bennett, president and CEO of United Cerebral Palsy, a national organization that works to advance the independence and productivity of people with disabilities. "It's quite another when a 9-year-old takes it to the level she has."

## Dad faces charge over gun

RICHMOND (AP) — After a teacher found a loaded pistol in the backpack of a Richmond second-grader, the boy's father faces a misdemeanor charge of making a firearm accessible to a child.

Frank Greaves told Fort Bend Independent School District investigators that he had put the .380-caliber semiautomatic pistol in a pocket of the backpack a while ago and forgot that it was there.

The boy apparently didn't realize there was a gun in his backpack, said district spokeswoman Mary Ann Simpson. She told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday editions that no action would be taken against the child.

The boy's teacher at Barbara Jordan Elementary School was helping students take out new school supplies on the first morning of school Thursday and felt something heavy in the backpack.

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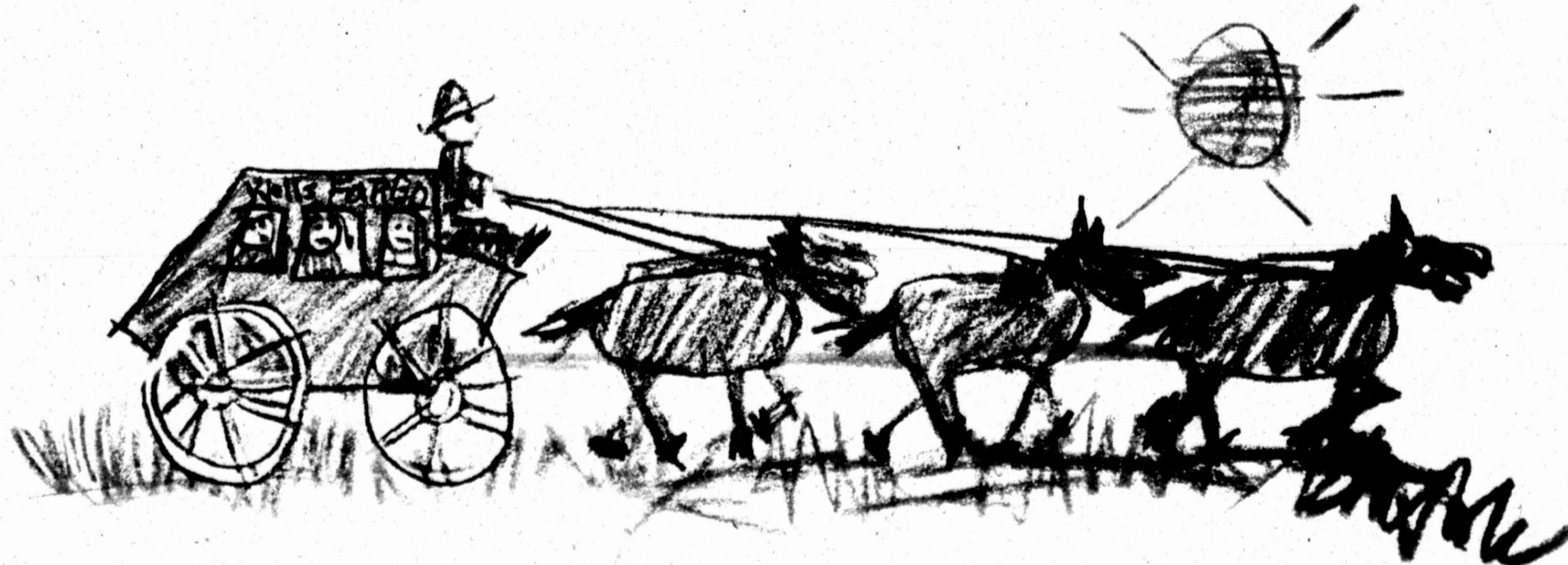
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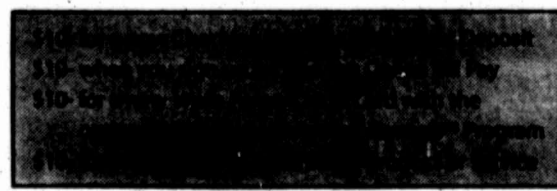
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# Legendary chef Julia Child dies in her sleep at age 91

By PAUL CHAVEZ

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Julia Child had a recipe for teaching Americans to make classy food: combine the art of a master chef with chirpy humor and the occasional gourmet pratfall.

And don't forget the wine.

For generations of Americans, she was a 6-foot-2 kitchen icon, sharing her delight of French cuisine through her TV show and cookbooks. Her warbling voice and cheery manner merited endless parodies but her contribution to U.S. gastronomy was undeniable.

"At a time when we were all eating canned food and frozen TV dinners, she came out and said, 'You should be eating better than this and go back in the kitchen and start cooking,'" said longtime friend Sara Moulton, a cook who hosts "Sara's Secrets" on the Food Network.

Child died early Friday at her home in an assisted-living center in Montecito, about 90 miles northwest of Los Angeles, said her niece, Philadelphia Cousins.

Child, who had suffered from liver failure, died in her sleep two days before her 92nd birthday, her niece said.

Family, friends and a kitten, Minou, were at her side, Cousins said.

She was a "great, great figure of the art of cooking" said top French chef Alain Ducasse, who knew Child.

"Her enthusiasm for cooking was endless. Ms. Child was an inspired ambassador of cuisine in the United States," Ducasse said in a statement. "Today, the entire community of cooks is sad and feels like orphans."

Child was 51 when she made her television debut as "The French Chef." The series began in 1963 and continued for 206 episodes. Child won a Peabody award in 1965 and an Emmy the following year. She went on to star in several more series for Boston's WGBH-TV.

"She was incredibly smart, and if she wanted to learn something, she set about learning it," said Russell Morash, who produced "The French Chef" and other public television shows featur-

ing Child as recently as the mid-1990s.

"Whether it was how to make French bread, or how to prepare the perfect omelet, she would take the trouble to learn about something, and then she mastered it in a way that I never saw anyone else do," Morash said.

Her gourmet philosophy included drinking. In one TV program, chef and friend Jacques Pepin asked what kind of wine she preferred with picnics — red or white.

"I like beer," Child said enthusiastically, pulling out a cold bottle and two glasses.

"We'd go to the market, and she'd buy Wonder Bread," Pepin said in a telephone interview. "She had no snobism about food whatsoever."

Child also expressed a fondness for hamburgers, which she ate while recovering from 2002 knee-replacement surgery.

She wasn't always tidy in the kitchen, and just like the rest of us, sometimes dropped things or had trouble getting a cake out of its mold.

"If she made a mistake on TV she would keep going," Moulton said.

"Here was this 6-foot-2 woman with a warbly voice dropping the meat on the burner and saying 'No big deal.' So why should I be nervous about cooking? Her real legacy is she got us cooking."

Last year, President Bush awarded Child the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Her custom-designed kitchen, including small utensils, personal cookbooks and six-burner Garland commercial range — has been on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

"She was more than a pioneer, a legend or a giant. She's the rock that started the avalanche that changed the way America eats," said Brooke Johnson, president of the Food Network, which will air a documentary on Child Aug. 22.

Child was born in Pasadena, Calif., and graduated from Smith College in 1934 with a history degree.

When World War II began, she joined the Office of Strategic Services, forerunner of the CIA. She was sent off to do clerical chores in

Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), where she met Paul Child, a career diplomat who later became a photographer and painter.

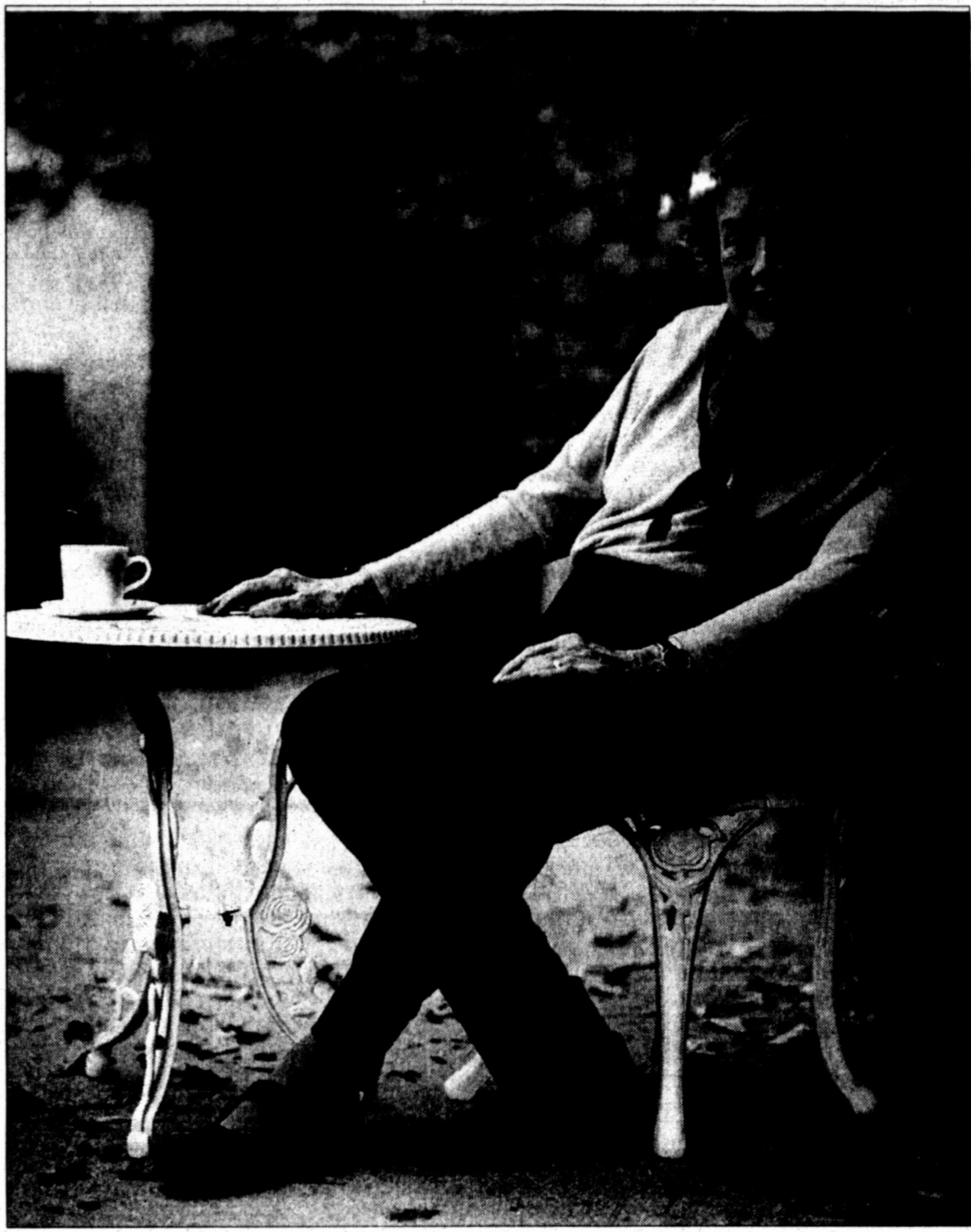
They married in 1946 and two years later were sent to Paris.

In France, she enrolled in the famed Cordon Bleu cooking school and also met Simone Beck and Louisette Bertholle, with whom she collaborated on "Mastering the Art of French Cooking." The book was nine years in the making and became mandatory for anyone who took cooking seriously.

It was published in 1961 and was followed by "The French Chef Cookbook"; "Mastering the Art of French Cooking, Vol. II," with Beck; "From Julia Child's Kitchen"; "Julia Child & Company"; "Julia Child & More Company"; and "The Way to Cook," in October 1989.

She teamed with fellow television chef Jacques Pepin for the 1994 PBS special, "Julia Child & Jacques Pepin: Cooking in Concert" and a 1996 sequel, "More Cooking in Concert."

Child's husband died in 1994.



Julia Child died in her sleep early Friday in Montecito, Calif., two days before her 92nd birthday. She is shown in Ann Arbor, Mich., in this 1999 file photo.

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# Grandchildren rule at 'crazy house'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (KRT) — Just steps from the monkey mural and pinball machine, the smiling blind man eases back in his recliner and laughs.

Joel Berman, 57, has never been this happy.

Car doors slam outside. Berman, looking like Roy Orbison with silver hair, hears them shut. His large toothy smile widens beneath his dark sunglasses.

"I think we have guests," he says with a laugh.

Once again, his five young grandkids are about to descend upon "The House" — meaning their house, meaning the one-story Overland Park, Kan., ranch that over the last eight years Berman and his wife, Pamela Skillman-Berman, 56, have transformed into what anyone of pristine sentiments would view as utter kiddie chaos.

But to the laissez-faire Bermans, whom the kids call "Papa" and "Nana," it is a grandchild's island paradise playground.

"Just look for the house with the palm trees holding the porch roof," Berman had said, jauntily, in offering directions. Though he could just as easily have said look for the house with the teak door and porthole windows. Or look for the house with a ship's figurehead jutting from the



The home of Joel and Pamela Berman has been turned into a play paradise for their collective grandchildren, including Kyleigh Kennedy, 9, far left, Karigan Kennedy, 8, Joshua Hannah, 14, and Katelyn Kennedy, 12. The Bermans painted a beach scene on the wall of their master bedroom as part of the whimsy in the Overland Park, Mo., house.

back wall not far from the new above-ground pool, soon to be joined by a thatched tiki hut and putting green.

Here, at 85th and Nall, is an undersea-themed home put together expressly for the grandkids, where every room is crammed with hundreds

of toys, tropical ceramic gewgaws, stuffed toy parrots, fish mobiles, palm trees, seashell light fixtures and wall-size painted murals of porpoises, jellyfish and, in one bedroom, monkeys.

Here is a home where a pinball machine sits in what used to be the din-

ing room, where there is no carpeting so the kids can roller-skate indoors, where every grandkid has his or her own TV, VCR, DVD and videos.

Here is where doughnuts for breakfast are never dissuaded, where 30-odd jars of candy are spread throughout the

house, where unfolded laundry lies in eye-high heaps, where three dogs gambol on hardwoods and linoleum, where kids can stay up as late as they wish and where the only rule, dietary or otherwise, is "no candy until you've finished your Pop-Tarts."

All of which, the

Bermans know — as Josh, 14; Joe, 5; Katelyn, 12; Kyleigh, 9; and Karigan, 8, chase each other through the house — sounds like over-indulgent grandparent madness. Their own adult children, until they finally just gave into it, tried in vain to tell them as much.

"Who cares? We don't listen to them!" Berman hoots.

Because beyond living in a house transformed, the Bermans have become a couple transformed.

Fifteen years ago Joel Berman was a sober-minded, suits-always executive with the U.S. Postal Service who never in his life would have lived in such disarray. He was married to his first wife, though the marriage was crumbling. Together, they had three children in school and antiques in a clean and orderly home. Color: cream.

"He was completely regimented, a lot more stern, a lot more serious," Alyssa Berman, Berman's 25-year-old daughter, said from her Minnesota home. "I think he was happy with his kids and family, but he was always concerned about money. ... He didn't have a whole lot of fun in his life."

After his divorce, no fun became sadness. Then, unexpectedly, Berman's

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Coke-bottle eyesight (a consequence of being born 10 weeks early back in 1947) went from bad to horrible when the retina in one, and then both eyes, permanently detached.

More than a dozen operations later, his vision improved briefly, enough for Berman to watch a big screen TV with binoculars. But soon the world blurred toward darkness.

So went Berman, falling into a major depression.

He was 46 years old. His wife was gone. His vision was gone. Because of his blindness, the Postal Service said he had to leave his job, prompting him to sue.

"It was horrible," Alyssa recalled. "He talked about killing himself. We took everything out of his apartment. We took all the medicines he had so he couldn't overdose. We took all the knives."

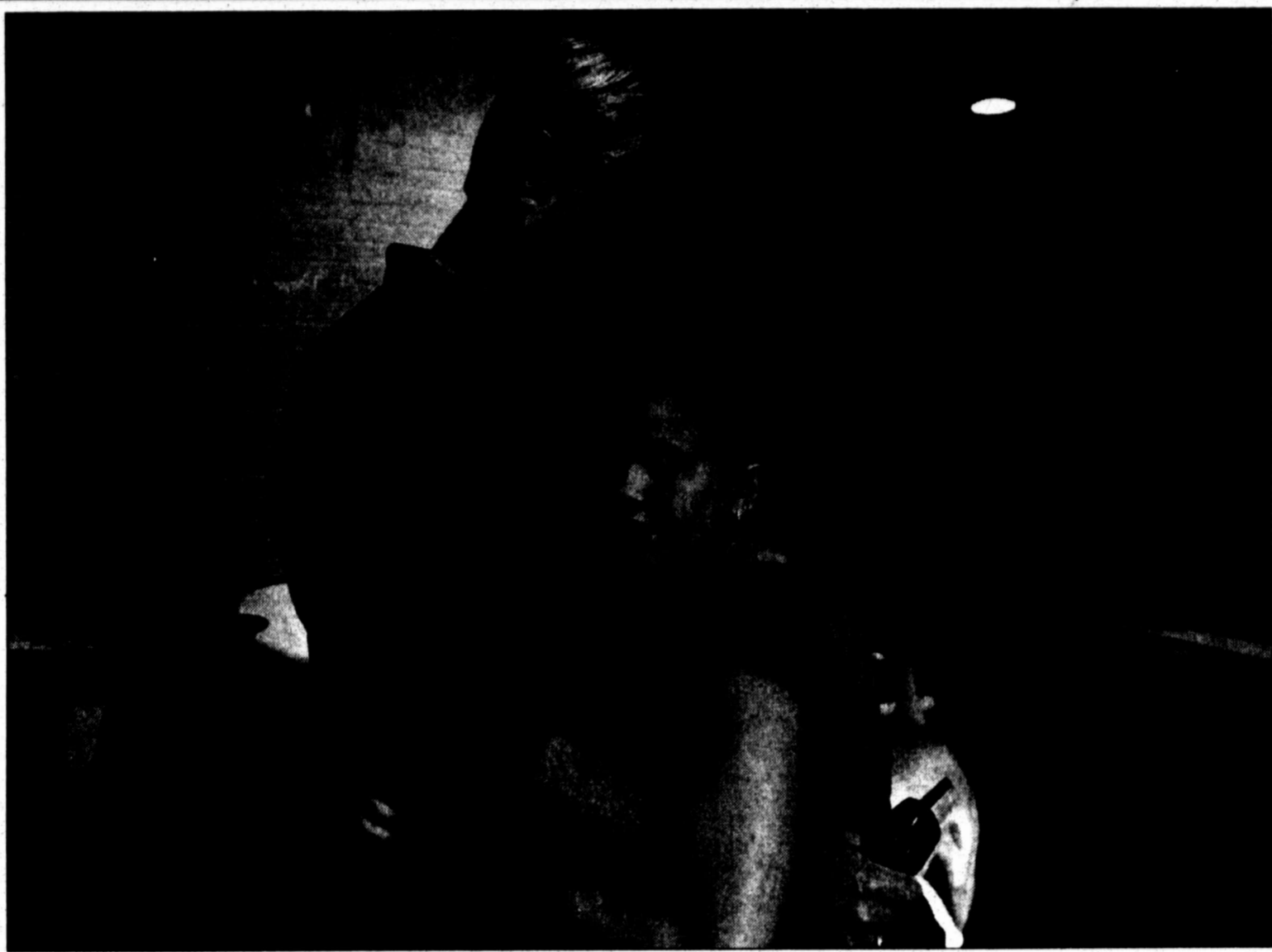
"You're lying there in bed," Berman said. "The first time you think about killing yourself, you say, 'That's a bad idea.' Then the more you lie there, it becomes easier and easier to envision."

Until, one night, full of tears and self-pity, Berman did something he had yet to do.

Crying in the middle of his living room, he fell to his knees and prayed. Unlike all of his other prayers for God to restore his sight, he prayed instead, "Please, God, help me get through this."

To this day, Berman swears he felt a hand touch his shoulder, sending a wave of warmth and comfort through his body.

Later, it was Alyssa who wrote the personal ad that Berman placed in the newspaper. "I put something in there about him wanting to find someone who believed in his inner beauty," she remembered. Somewhere in there was also an obscure reference to him having 20/40,000



Joel Berman, left, gives one of his five grandchildren, Katelyn Kennedy, 12, a hug in Berman's home in Overland Park, Mo., home, in July. Berman, who has been blind for 10 years, enjoys the company of his grandchildren, whom he has never seen, nor his wife, Pamela.

vision. When Pamela Skillman answered the ad, she figured Berman had vision problems, but she had no idea her "blind date" was really blind.

"He told me he couldn't drive. I went to pick him up, he answered the door. He had sunglasses and a cane," Pamela says with a laugh. But she didn't give it a second thought. On the phone, Pamela liked Berman's buoyant voice. She liked the positive spirit that zipped over the line. At 45, she, too, was changing her life.

Like Berman, she was divorced, and she had been running her own home-painting and wall-papering business for years. Like Berman, she had kids of her own — adult daughters Courtney, who had just had a son, and Christine. Raised by a military dad in a fundamentalist Christian household, she

was looking for a man who shared her spiritual beliefs and love of family. But she also wanted something else:

"I was raised by a man who was very fastidious. I grew up very fastidious. I kept my life that way," Pamela recalled.

She wanted fun. And why not? Blind now, Berman's focus no longer was on his job (he won a settlement), or image or how he might appear to people. For him, the world suddenly became about the kind of sounds that so easily go unheard, it was about spirit and attitude, it was about the joy he heard in human voices, the kindness he sensed in an open heart like Pamela's.

"I knew she was the one for me by the second date," Berman says. "Ten years ago, July 4th. We've been together ever since." Once in their new home, Pamela asked

Berman what he thought of painting the kitchen cabinets green and blue and yellow and red (wouldn't the kids just love it!). His response was, "Yes! And let's paint the doors, too!"

That's how it all began: small, with cabinets, tropical ceramics, light plates, faucets, bathroom tile, towels, artwork, mobiles — all of it playing off Pamela's love of the tropics and a romantic notion she once had that, one day, she'd meet a man and together they would have "a little house for two fishes: me and one other."

Then, it just kept growing: the jellyfish mural in

the dining room, the monkey mural, the salvaged porthole from the U.S.S. Texas.

In June, they got the pool.

Pamela rummages for a manila envelope near the kitchen. Karigan skitters by, running after little Joseph, both in scuba masks. The older girls are putting on their bathing suits.

Pamela pulls out a sample of artificial thatch from the envelope.

"We thought of covering the roof of the house with this," she says, then decided it might be impractical in the winter.

So it's going on the tiki hut. The roof will get tile,

"My mom and dad think I've gone off the deep end. They think I've lost it," Pamela says.

"Yeah, married to a blind guy in a crazy house," Berman says.

But really, the Bermans don't think they're at all crazy. Blind, Berman has never once seen his wife. He has never seen his grandchildren, who came with the marriage. Only in his mind's eye can he imagine the house he lives in.

But he believes he sees life more clearly now than he ever had.

Lessons of moderation and temperance? Let the grandkids' parents teach them that stuff when they get home, the Bermans insist.

They want their house to be about joy. They want it to be about fun and memories.

So their money goes to the house. It goes to buy toys.

And it goes to scores of other kids, too. Each Christmas the Bermans also buy and stockpile several thousand dollars worth of toys that they donate to underprivileged kids served by a Kansas City church.

"We don't go on fancy vacations. I don't wear jewels and furs," Pamela says. "This is what we do."

Is their house odd? Is it messy? Is it crazy with boxes and laundry and tropical bric-a-brac piled all over the place?

Yup. And who cares?

"The mess will be here tomorrow," Pamela says.

"The kids won't be."

"This has probably brought as much meaning to life as anything," Berman says.

Outside, the girls dunk each other in the pool.

From his recliner, Berman listens to them laugh.

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**Tales keep**

By MARIA SACHS

Orange County I SAHUAYO, I Fifteen years Elena Arceo's moved to the to Zaragoza, w asphalt peters gravelly road, s dren would opportunities have in rura Aguacate: an ec job and a futur n't require young.

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# Tales of success in U.S. keep dreams alive in Mexico

By **MARIA SACCHETTI**  
Orange County Register

**SAHUAYO, Mexico** — Fifteen years ago, Rosa Elena Arceo's mother moved to the top of Calle Zaragoza, where the asphalt peters out into a gravelly road, so her children would have the opportunities she didn't have in rural Rancho Aguacate: an education, a job and a future that didn't require marrying young.

From her doorway Rosa can see the lights of the city basin, but she doesn't see the promise in Sahuayo. Instead, she imagines what it would be like in California.

Her brothers have already left. So has the boy whose name is engraved on a half-a-heart pendant that she wears on a chain around her neck. They send letters, pictures of anonymous white-sand beaches, and, most of all, money.

At school, Rosa is a success. In June, she became the first in the family to earn a high-school diploma. Her notebook was meticulous, with perfect margins and titles in red ink. Her grades were some of the best.

But outside of the school's gates, she is still poor. She doesn't have money for college or the connections — the palanca, or the "lever," she needs to get a job in an office.

"Here there's no place to work where you can use what you've learned," said Rosa, 18, at school a few weeks before graduation. "It seems very difficult to me."

Fabiola Ibarra, 17, her friend, thinks college and a career are possible. She

is going to college next year.

"You can try," she said, prodding her friend.

Rosa looked doubtful. Stories of the money that students can make up north compete head-to-head with fliers for universities.

Soledad Sanchez, a kind-hearted administrator at the high school, taps into campus gossip and tries to prevent students from leaving. This year, she found a 16-year-old boy who is ready to drop out to move north to work. Sanchez chided him, but she could tell his mind was made up.

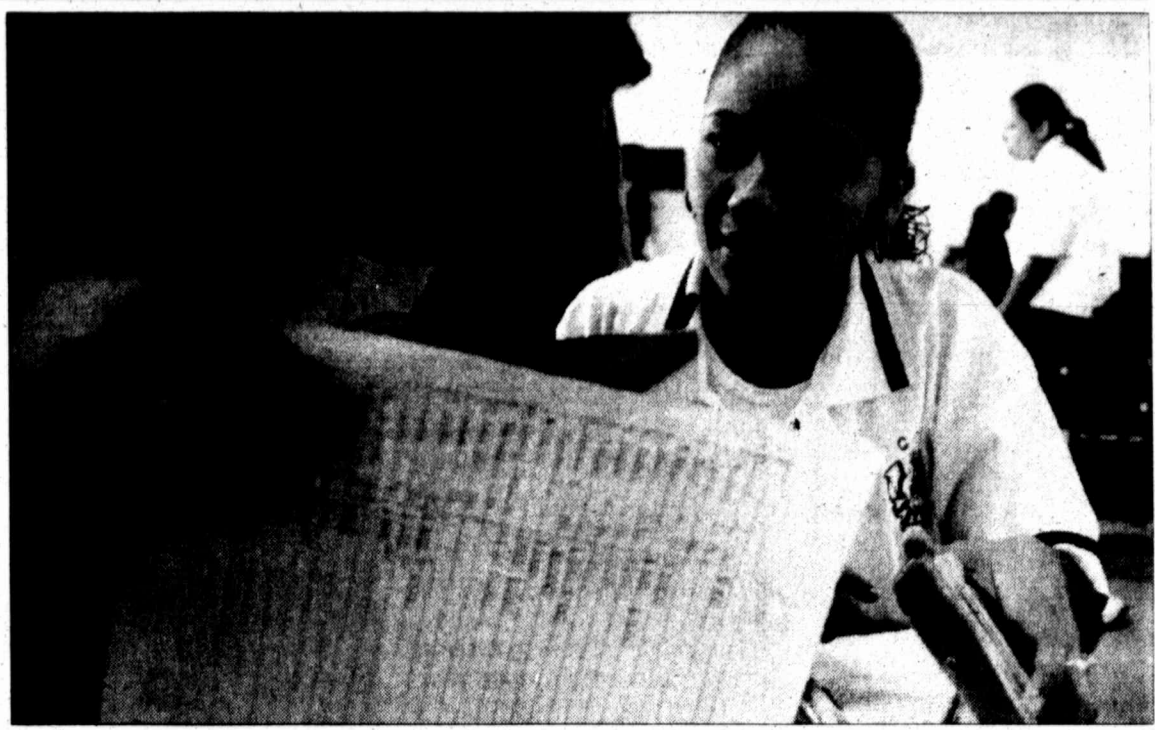
"They say, why would they study for five years at a university and then not have a job?" she said. Then she sighed. "It's hard to work here."

Teachers understand the students' restlessness.

Javier Manriquez left a job as a chemist in Mexico a year after he graduated from a university in 1985. For five years he sorted diet pills on an assembly line in Los Angeles. There, he earned \$1,200 a month, three times what he now earns as a teacher in Sahuayo. Still, after a while, that wasn't enough.

"I'd never stop being one more laborer over there," he said, preparing to walk into a classroom where his rules are posted on the wall. "Here, I'm the chemist, Javier Manriquez."

Rosa is torn. She has a plan to seek a visa to the United States, where she wants to study or work, or both. She doesn't want



Orange County Register photo/Rose Palmisano  
Rosa Elena Arceo would like to pursue a career in accounting in Mexico, but she knows that won't take her very far. She has high hopes of making the journey to Orange County to pursue a college education.

to go illegally, she said.

Her boyfriend promised to come back for her, but she isn't ready for marriage. "I want to be independent," Rosa said. But she is loyal and wears the gold pendant that he gave

her as she figures out what to do next. Stay here and try to study? Wait for her boyfriend to return? Or go to the United States?

"Everyone looks for the best," Rosa said. "If you

don't find it in your country, there's nothing left but to leave and look for it."

In June, Rosa Elena Arceo became first in her family to get a high-school diploma.



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# Air guitar alternative

## Celebrating 50 years of rock 'n' roll

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI  
Knight Ridder

Many people claim they know when and where the exact incident occurred that heralded the birth of rock 'n' roll music, but most of them don't agree on the particulars.

Some say it began in the summer of 1954, when a young truck driver recorded a song called "That's All Right, Mama" in a Memphis, Tenn., recording studio. Others say it began when a Cleveland disc jockey coined the term "rock 'n' roll" to describe the kind of music that he featured in his radio program.

Alan Freed began calling himself by the nickname "Moondog" in 1951, when he emceed a program featuring rhythm and blues music, created almost exclusively by black recording artists, at a Cleveland radio station. The following year Freed hosted the "Moondog Coronation Ball" when 20,000 people crashed the gates, trying to get into a building that would hold less than half as many. The first "rock concert" ever to be held was canceled.

But in September of 1954, Freed took the idea to New York when he accepted a job at WINS radio. The following January, Freed hosted the dance where both black and white rock 'n' roll artists were promoted. Within the month, the term was being used to describe a new genre of music.

About the same time, Elvis Presley was trying to break into the music business as a singer. Sam Phillips, owner of Sun records in Memphis, had been looking for a white man who could sing in a black rhythm and blues style. Although the country was still divided racially, some people

already sensed racial equality was being forged in the record industry and they were ready to capitalize on it. Phillips soon realized he had found what he was looking for in Presley. By 1955, Presley had recorded five songs and was fast gaining popularity in the South.

In 1956, Presley moved to RCA, where he recorded the first of his 10 No. 1 hit records. His singing style incorporated the music he had grown up with in the South - gospel, country music, and rhythm and blues.

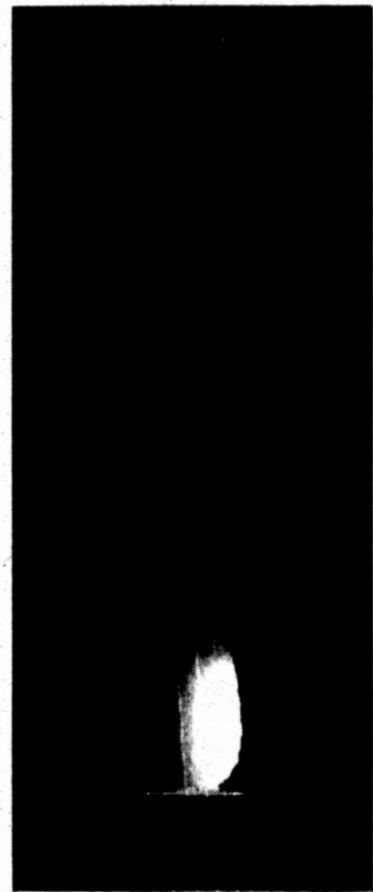
At first, his record producers thought they had made a terrible mistake because the record sounded like nothing being played on the radio. Five weeks after hitting the airways, Heartbreak Hotel was listed as No. 1 on record charts. Only the Beatles would go on to garner more No. 1 hits (18).

Presley, who died in 1977 at the age of 42, went on to claim more multi-platinum (25), platinum (55), and gold (97) records than any other artist in the history of the recording industry.

In the years following his death, Presley's popularity has continued to grow. Graceland, his Memphis home, is an international tourist attraction that draws thousands of people each year, especially on Aug. 16, the anniversary of his death.

To commemorate the event and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of "rock 'n' roll" music, I made a guitar, the instrument that most rock singers play. I used a shoe box for the sound box and rubber bands for the strings. The "fingerboard" is only a decoration, but the rubber bands will make tones when strummed. I found directions at [www.enchantedlearn.com](http://www.enchantedlearn.com)

on the Web and modified them for our use.



Akron Beacon Journal photo/Robin Tinay  
This guitar is made from a shoe box, rubberbands and cardboard tube in honor of rock 'n' roll's 50th birthday.

- Supplies you will need:
- Shoe box with lid.
  - Rubber bands.
  - Paper towel or mailing tube.
  - Pencil.
  - Scissors.
  - Tape.
  - Paint and brush (optional).

Cut an oval-shaped hole in the bottom of the shoe box and a hole in one end, just large enough to hold the tube.

Tape the top and bottom of the box together.


Paint the box and the tube and let dry.

Place rubber bands around the box, end to end.

Insert the paper towel tube and tape, if necessary.

Place a pencil under the oval as a bridge for the strings.


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**BSISD set season tick**  
Big Spring scheduled football season sales. The general may purchase tickets at the Training through Aug. 14 a.m. to 4 p.m. noon to However, sales are from noon only. For questions contact Kay Cook at 409-264-7313.

**Howard College opens boot**  
The athletic department at Howard College will host a boot sale at the college's athletic center booth set-up at Howard College Aug. 25-28. The boot sale will be used to promote the Hawks Flight to begin the athletic season. They will be held from 4 p.m. to 10 a.m. on Aug. 28.

**BSYFL and to host con**  
The Big Spring Football League will host the Dallas area local Pepsi contest and kick-off on Aug. 16 at the field north of the city. The contest is for boys and girls 8-11. For more information contact George Berry at 264-7313 or BSYFL@msn.com.

**Howard College cheer camp**  
Howard College cheer camp will be held through Saturday, August 14, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration for the event will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the cheer class will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact George Berry at 264-7313.

**Big Spring Club sets**  
The Big Spring Shrine Club will host its annual luncheon on Sept. 13, which is a celebration of the past years. For more information contact James Hughey at 264-0234.

**Lady Stee Club sets**  
The Lady Stee Booster Club will host a luncheon on Aug. 18, in the school cafeteria. All parents are invited to be involved in basketball, cheerleading, and other activities. For more information, contact Abner at 409-264-7313.

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### IN BRIEF

#### BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket sales.

The general public may purchase season tickets at the Athletic Training Center through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.). However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

#### Howard College opens booth at fair

The athletic department at Howard College will have a booth set-up at the Howard County Fair Aug. 25-28.

The booth will be used to promote the Hawks Flight Club and to begin the selling of athletic season tickets.

They will be at the fair from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 25-27 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 28.

#### BSYFL and Cowboys to host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be hosting the local Pepsi/NFL punt, pass and kick competition Aug. 21, at the field north of the ATC.

The registration fee is free to boys and girls 8-15.

For more info, contact George Lopez at 264-7313 or by e-mail at BSYFL@msn.com.

#### Howard College sets cheer camp dates

Howard College's cheer camp for first through sixth graders will be held Aug. 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the Dance and Cheer class starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

#### Big Spring Shrine Club sets golf date

The Big Spring Shrine Club will host its annual golf tournament September 25-26, which is a change from past years.

For more info, call James Hughes at 263-0234.

#### Lady Steer Booster Club sets meeting

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, in the ATC.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 466-1711.

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# Woods keeps tourney cut streak alive, barely

By PETE HERRERA

AP Sports Writer  
HAVEN, WIS. — Vijay Singh is trying to win his first major in four years.

Justin Leonard needs to capture the Wanamaker Trophy to have a shot at the U.S. Ryder Cup team. Ernie Els has a chance to replace Tiger Woods as the No. 1 ranked player in the world.

The stakes heading into the final two rounds of the PGA Championship — "Glory's Last Shot" — are plenty high.

Singh, a four-time winner this season and the Tour's leading money winner, shares the lead with Leonard heading into Saturday's third round at Whistling Straits.

Singh shot 68 Friday, Leonard a 69. Both are at 9-under 135 after two rounds of the PGA Championship.

Els, the runner-up at The Masters and British Open, is a shot back after a second-round 70 Friday. Also at 136 are Darren Clarke (71) and Briny Baird (69), an undercard pro who's never won a Tour event.

Chris DeMarco (70) was

three shots back at 138 and Masters champ Phil Mickelson was still in contention at 141 after rounds of 69-72. Mickelson had it to 6 under early in the second round before finding the water on the par-5 fifth hole that led to a double bogey.

Singh is 0-for-18 in major tournaments since he won The Masters in 2000, but with renewed confidence in his putter and the way he's been hitting the ball this week, he's confident that streak could end this weekend. "I've been in position to win majors, but I haven't finished the job," he said. "Not winning since 2000, I'm obviously disappointed but there's always the next one and this is another opportunity."

A win Sunday will give Leonard a chance to play in the Ryder Cup matches next month in Michigan. But he also has some old scores to settle, having finished second in 1997 and fourth two years ago. Both times he had the lead going into the final round. In 2002, he shot a final round 77.

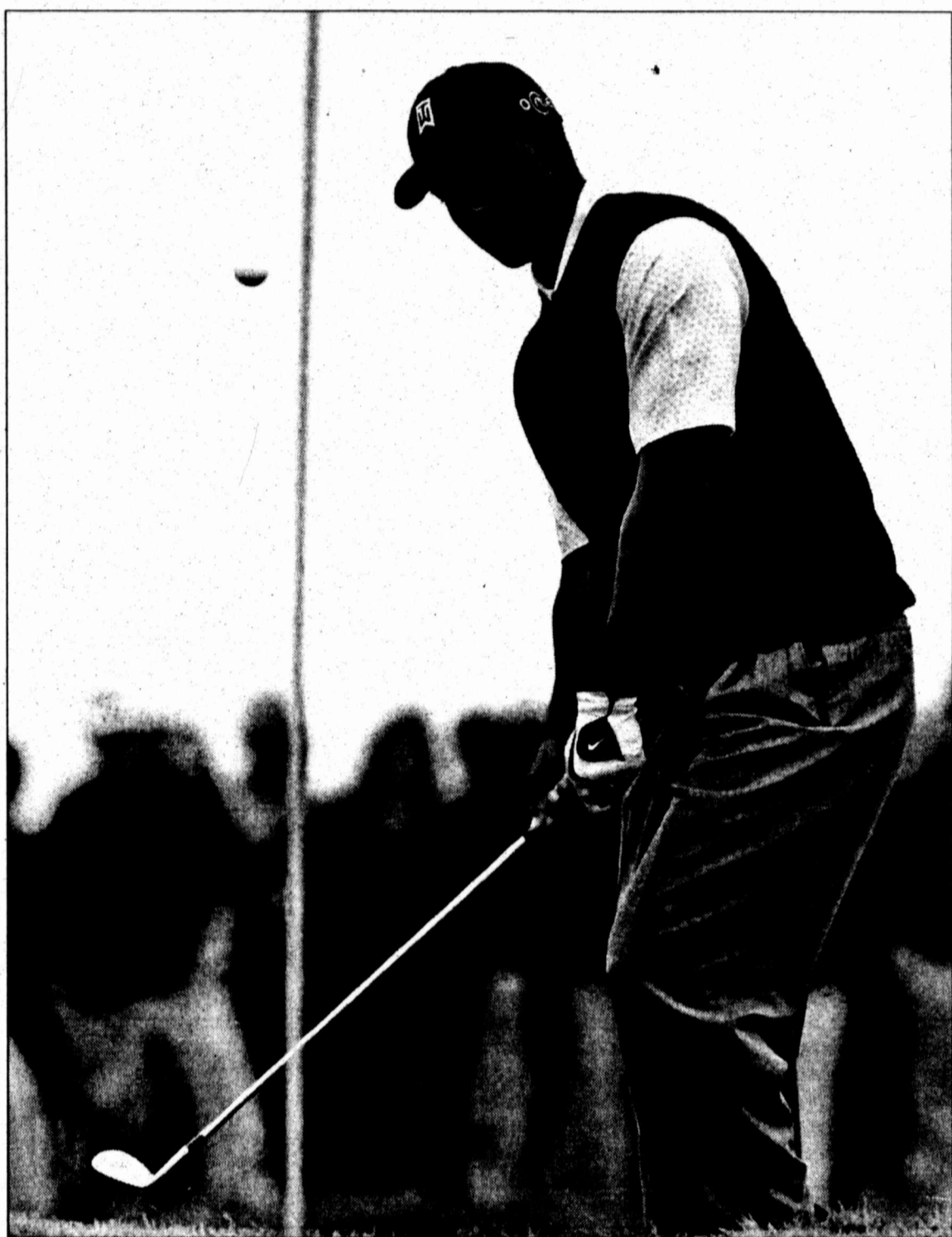
"I tend to learn more in failure than I do success," he said. "However, I don't know how much I learned after that round (77) a couple of years ago."

Even Tiger Woods still has a stake in this thing, although he may have already cashed in on a consolation prize by simply making the cut.

Headed with the number one in the world, he has marked so many of his wins.

Faced with the prospect of not playing on the weekend in a major for the first time in his pro career, Woods shot a 3-under 69, gutting out back-to-back birdies at the 565-yard, par-5 16th and 223-yard, par-3 17th.

That left him at even par for the tournament



Tiger Woods chips onto the sixth hole, where he scored a bogey, during the second round of the PGA Championship Friday at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wisconsin.

and nine shots back of Singh and Leonard. That's probably too great of a deficit for Woods to erase and halt his 0-for-9 slump in the majors.

But at least he extended his streak of cuts made to 129 tournaments. He can still remain the No. 1 ranked player, but if Els wins this title, Woods would have to finish second.

Woods, who played in a threesome with Singh and John Daly, said he fig-

ured the cut would be around 1-over par. With three holes left he was 2 over.

"I was thinking about it a little bit because I wasn't playing well," Woods said. "If I was playing well, it would be no big deal."

Big is how he finished his round.

At No. 16, he pounded a massive drive in the fairway — one of his few drives that found the short grass — and then reached

the green from more than 200 yards out with a 6-iron. He two-putted for birdie, then sank a 25-foot putt on 17, the ball breaking sharply left before finding the side of the cup.

"I had to somehow just grind it out and be patient and hopefully things would come around, and they did," he said.

"It was pretty tense out there," Singh said.

Expect more of the same over the weekend.

## Rogers earns 14th victory as Rangers drop D-Rays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Laynce Nix and Alfonso Soriano each homered, and Kenny Rogers earned his 14th victory to lead the Texas Rangers over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-3 Friday night.

Nix, who was just 3-for-21 in his last seven games, hit a two-run homer in the second inning off Rob Bell. Soriano added a solo shot in the fifth.

Rogers (14-5) allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings for the Rangers, who had lost six of their past seven games.

The left-hander was helped out by a stellar defensive play from David Dellucci. With the bases loaded and two outs in the fourth and the Rangers ahead 3-1, Dellucci made a leaping grab of Toby Hall's liner in front of the warning track in left.

Carlos Almanzar, Ron Mahay and Francisco Cordero pitched 3 1-3 scoreless innings in relief of Rogers.

Cordero picked got four outs for his 34th save in 36 opportunities.

Tampa Bay's Tino Martinez hit a solo homer off Rogers in the second — his 18th of the season — and B.J. Upton had

three hits. Former Ranger Bell (5-6) allowed five runs and six hits over 4 2-3 innings. He pitched for Texas in 2001 and 2002.

The Devil Rays have lost 13 of 14 road games.

After Martinez' solo shot gave Tampa Bay a 1-0 lead, Hank Blalock singled to lead off the second. One out later, Nix hit his 12th homer to give Texas the lead for good.

Dellucci had an RBI single in the fourth.

Soriano gave Texas a 4-1 lead with a his 24th homer in the fifth. Mark Teixeira added an RBI single to chase Bell. Trevor Miller relieved Bell.

Rogers was lifted in the sixth after Hall's two-run single brought the Devil Rays to 5-3. Almanzar ended Tampa Bay's rally when Jorge Cantu flew out.

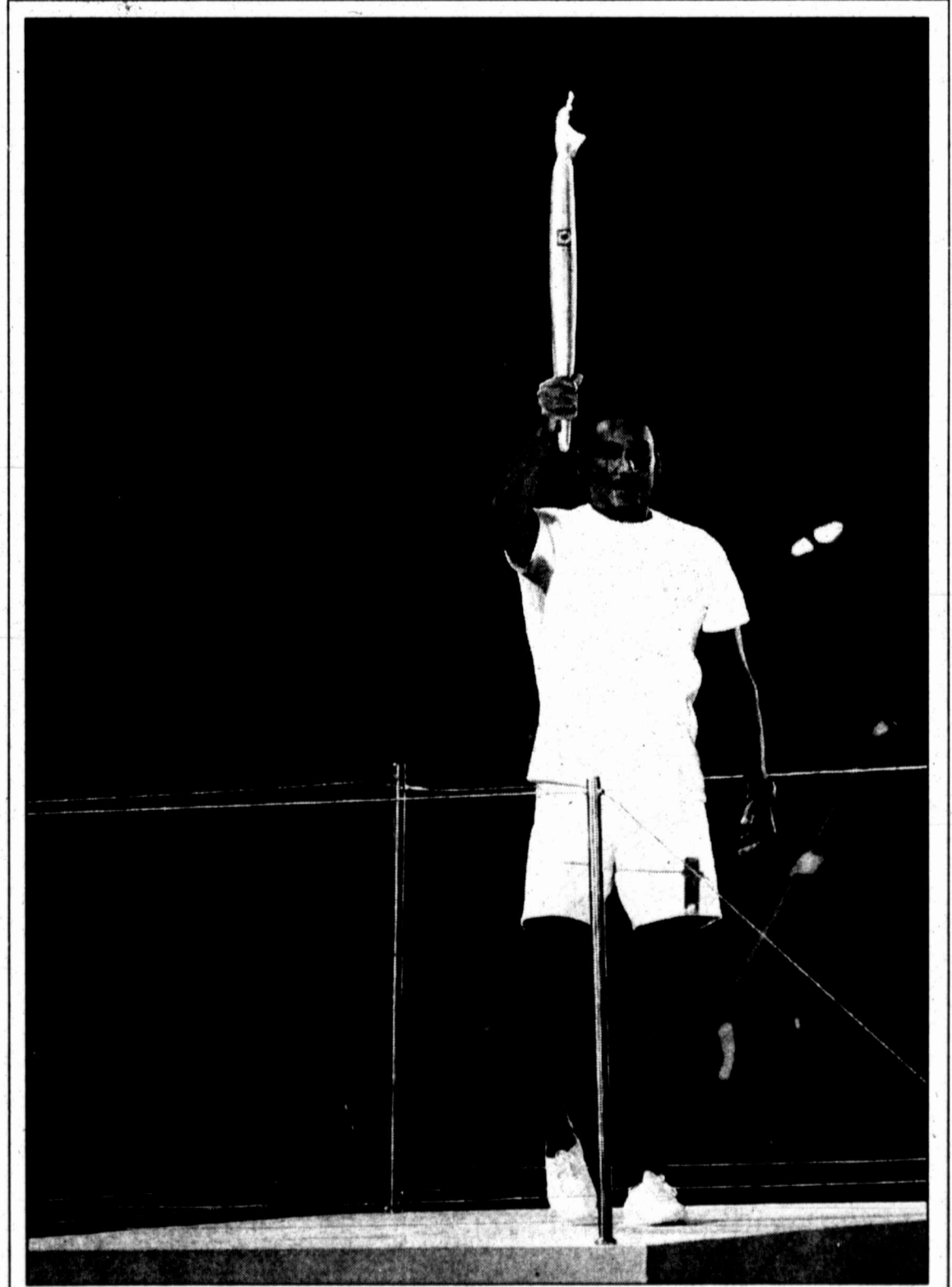
Tampa Bay's Rocco Baldelli left in the second with a strained right quadriceps. He bounced into a double play to end the first inning.

Carl Crawford, who started in left field, took over for Baldelli in center field in the bottom of the second. Damian Rolls went in to play left.



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Phil Mickelson blasts out of the sand on the eighth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship Friday at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wisconsin.



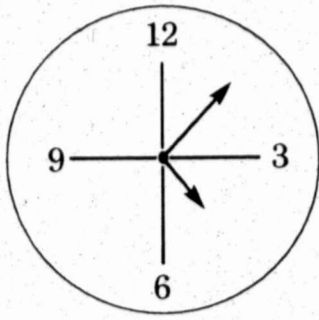
Greek Olympian Nikos Kaklamanakis holds the torch as he lights the Olympic flame during the opening ceremonies parade in Athens Greece Friday.

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COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 87 degrees; 6-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

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Phelps starts off strong in Athens

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer
ATHENS, Greece — Michael Phelps made his first day in the Olympic pool look easy. He began his quest to break Mark Spitz's record of seven Olympic gold medals as the fastest swimmer in morning preliminaries for the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4 minutes, 13.29 seconds — well off his world record of 4:08.41.

He was to return Saturday night for the eight-man final as the overwhelming favorite to win his first gold medal of the Athens Games. American swimmers have finished 1-2 in the event at the last two Olympics.

"I felt comfortable and in control. I'm not worried about time," he said. "I just want to get my hand on the wall first."

Ian Thorpe, the superstar of the Sydney Games, settled for being the second-fastest qualifier behind Australian teammate Grant Hackett in the 400 freestyle.

Hackett finished in 3:46.36. Thorpe, the world record holder, was next in 3:46.55.

"It's always nice to be together," Hackett said. "You want to race the best in the field. You want to be right next to him."

Four-time Olympian Jenny Thompson advanced in the 100 butterfly, but the Americans suffered a disappointment when 15-year-old Katie Hoff got knocked out of the 400 individual medley.

Thorpe fell off the starting blocks and was disqualified at the Australian trials in March, but teammate Craig Stevens gave up his berth in the 400 free so Thorpe could defend his Olympic title.

This time, he didn't fall in, but Thorpe was slow off the blocks.

"I was trying to be last off the blocks this morning, so I'll be first off the blocks tonight," he said, jokingly.

On the deck, though, Thorpe was all business. He walked out barefoot wearing a full black body suit, with his cap and goggles already on. Most swimmers remove layers of clothing, jackets and shoes in the moments before a race.

Larsen Jensen of Bakersfield, Calif., chased Thorpe to the wall in their heat and was third quickest in 3:46.90. Massimiliano Rosolino of Italy, the 2000 silver medalist, also made the eight-man evening final in 3:47.72. Klete Keller of Phoenix, the bronze



U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps swims the breaststroke leg of his 400-meter individual medley heat at the Olympics Aquatic Center Saturday.

medalist four years ago, was fifth in 3:47.77. Thompson moved on to the evening semifinals of the 100 butterfly with the sixth-fastest time of 58.77 seconds. Thompson is seeking her first individual Olympic gold medal; all of her eight golds have been in relays. Rachel Komisarz of Louisville, Ky., was

eighth in 59.38. The top 16 women qualified. Thompson, the most decorated female U.S. Olympian, could get a chance to win her record-tying ninth in the 400 freestyle relay final Saturday night. The American coaches hadn't told any of the swimmers who was going to get the nod in the

evening final, although Thompson seemed an obvious choice. Also assured of joining the evening team was Natalie Coughlin of Concord, Calif.

Hoff, who swims at the same North Baltimore club as Phelps, failed to make the final in the 400 IM and vomited after her heat.

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By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer
AUSTIN — After finishing from the his sixth-straight France victory Armstrong said he still plans to race yellow jersey again. "I'll definitely to the Tour," Armstrong said shortly before participating in a parade in his hometown of Austin. In his first moments in the States since his victory in Armstrong again said that he could other races in 2006. He did not say next Tour de would be next 2006.

Armstrong, 32, gestured that he ride beyond 2006. "I think I have year or two in not just a race. It's what I my body can do said.

Dressed in khaki and a black T-shirt zoned with "Livestrong" Armstrong rode his rod and chain bike in the night parade downtown Austin, joining a group of cyclists toward stage. Raised in the suburb of Austin his about 15 years. The city that the "Live Music of the World" in yellow for the parade and a ribbon by Robert Earl the Steve Miller Austin Mayor Wynn had expected crowd to wear the color of the France champion did.

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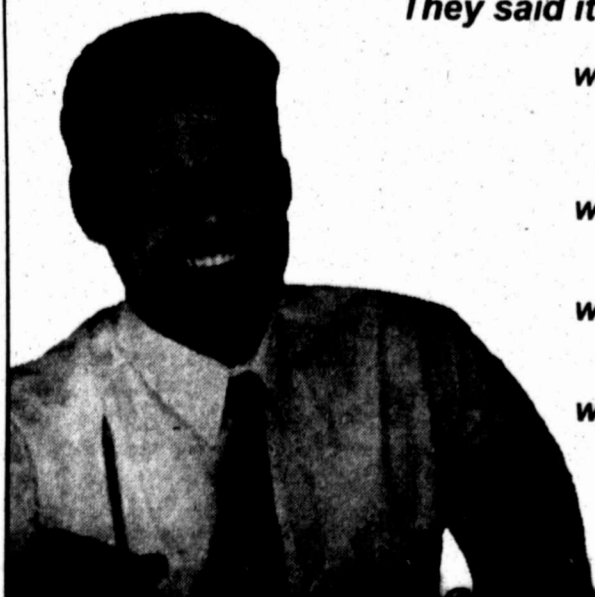
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## City of Austin helps Armstrong celebrate sixth straight crown

By JIM VERTUNO  
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — After recovering from the rigors of his sixth-straight Tour de France victory, Lance Armstrong said Friday he still plans to race for the yellow jersey again.

"I'll definitely be back to the Tour," Armstrong said shortly before participating in a parade in his honor in his adopted hometown of Austin.

In his first public comments in the United States since his July victory in France, Armstrong again suggested that he could focus on other races in 2005.

He did not say if his next Tour de France would be next year or 2006.

Armstrong, 32, also suggested that he may not ride beyond 2006.

"I think I have another year or two in me. That's not just a random number. It's what I think that my body can stand," he said.

Dressed in khaki pants and a black T-shirt emblazoned with his "Livestrong" motto, Armstrong rode a mountain bike in the Friday night parade through downtown Austin, leading a group of cancer survivors toward the main stage.

Raised in the Dallas suburb of Plano, Armstrong has made Austin his home for about 15 years.

The city that calls itself the "Live Music Capital of the World" turned out in yellow for the victory parade and a rock concert by Robert Earl Keen and the Steve Miller band.

Austin Mayor Will Wynn had asked the expected crowd of 60,000 to wear the signature color of the Tour de France champion. Most did.

One popular T-shirt read "In Lance We Trust" on the front and "Texas 6,

France 0" on the back. Huge yellow banners cheered "Welcome Home Lance!" and "You are invincible" as they hung from streetside balconies or in store windows. Giant speaker stands for the concert were hidden under drapes of bright gold.

Armstrong was presented with a Texas flag that flew over the state Capitol while he rode in France.

"He is a living legend," Gov. Rick Perry shouted to the crowd. "And a great Texan!"

Many fans arrived hours early in the 89-degree heat to claim prime parade-watching real estate along Congress Avenue, the main downtown drag.

"We love Lance," said Julie Hammond, who settled on a street corner with her three young children. She grabbed a spot about a block from the giant stage that framed the pink granite state Capitol in the background.

"He's a great role model for determination," she said.

Armstrong fought back from life-threatening testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain before winning his first Tour de France title in 1999.

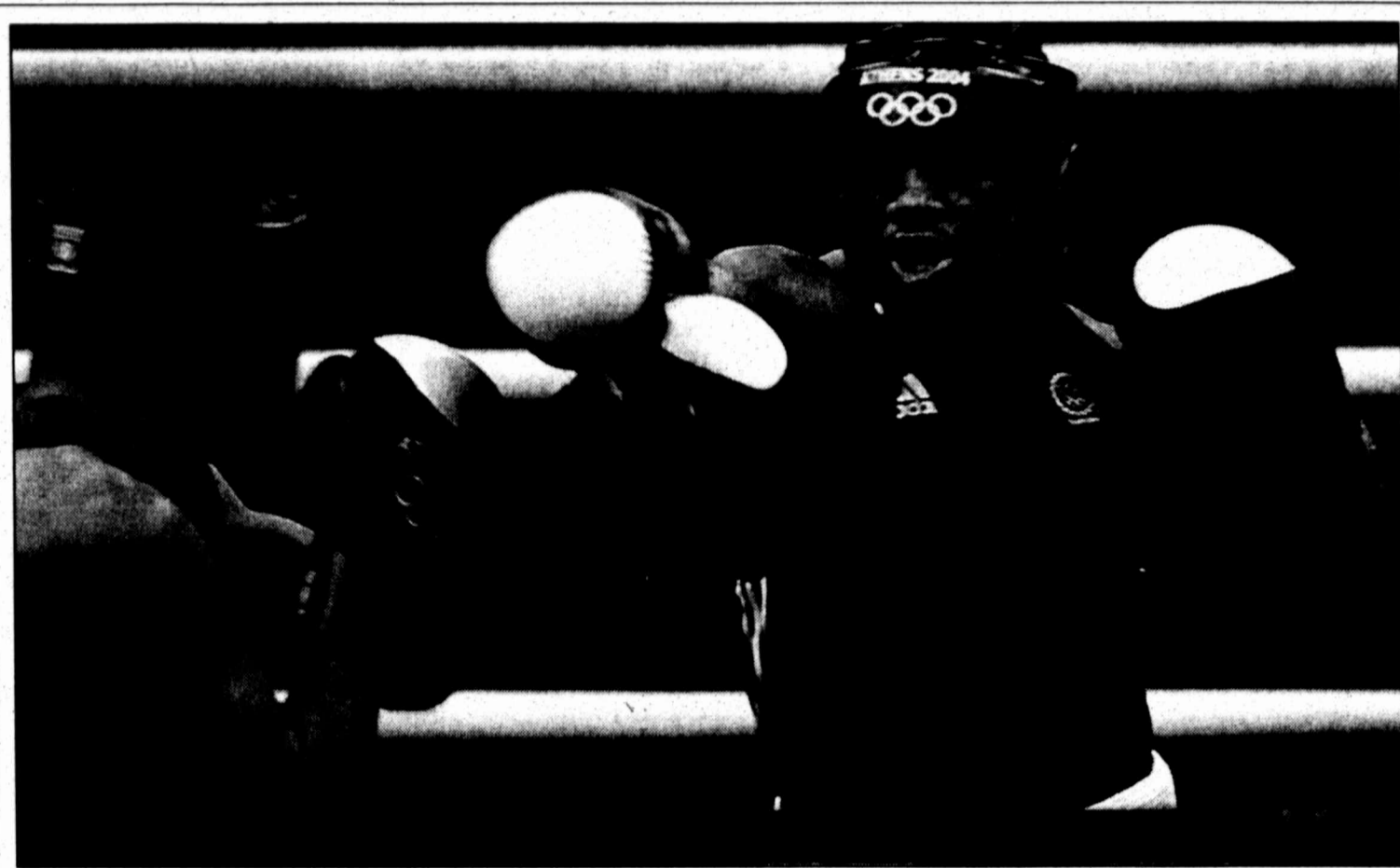
He's been unbeatable in one of the world's most grueling sports events ever since.

Armstrong compared his sixth victory to his first back in 1999, saying he had started thinking about it even before he had wrapped up a fifth title in 2003.

"This one is special because it's the one that set a record and made cycling history," he said.

Armstrong said he's comfortable with his decision to skip the Olympics in Greece. Opening ceremonies were Friday.

"I just spent two weeks with my kids," he said.



Chinese boxer Dabateer Ha, left, battles Andre Dirrell of the United States in a preliminary bout of the Middle 75 kg class in the 2004 Olympics Saturday.

## Baylor star to challenge for gold at Athens

By BOB BAUM  
AP Sports Writer

GEORGIPOULIS, Greece — Just 20 years old and rail thin with a slight goatee, Jeremy Wariner looks nothing like a gold medal contender.

But, boy, watch him run. Baylor University, the school that gave the world Michael Johnson, has done it again with this kid from Grand Prairie, Texas.

"He loves track and field. He's dedicated to it," Baylor coach Clyde Hart said. "He loves to run. He loves to practice. He never complains. I thought maybe Michael was the only one I was going to get that had all those qualities."

When the track season began, Wariner was just hoping to do well in NCAA competition and maybe make the final at the U.S. Olympic trials. Instead, he comes to Athens with the world's fastest time at 400 meters — 44.37 seconds to win the trials.

That makes him a favorite to win the gold in the first of what should be many Olympic appearances.

That's the heady stuff for a college sophomore who had never been to Europe before this month. "The farthest I'd ever been was Jamaica and Barbados," Wariner said as he lounged at the seaside resort in Crete that is the pre-Olympic training camp for the U.S. track and field team. "This is totally different for me,

but I'm having fun so far. It's a great experience, especially at my age."

On the track, though, Wariner seems anything but awed by where he is and how far he's come.

"You've got to go in there with confidence," Wariner said. "You can't go in there thinking there's a chance for you to win. You've got to go in there knowing that you can win and you will win. I go in there with so much confidence. Coach Hart has been able to teach that to me."

Comparisons with Johnson are inevitable but unfair, Hart said.

"They're totally different people," the coach said. "I had Michael for 15 years. I've had this young man for two years. Right at the moment, let him run against other people, not in the shadow of

Michael. You're looking at the world record holder and two-time Olympic champion in the 400, so that's not a fair analysis."

Wariner isn't the only Baylor runner in Crete. Darold Williamson finished fourth in the 400 at the trials and is in the pool for the 1,600-meter relay.

Williamson has a season's best of 44.51 seconds. Only Wariner and Alleyne Francique of Grenada have run faster.

He wants to take the baton from Williamson on the anchor leg of the relay.

"If we could do that at the Olympics in the finals, knowing that both of us get a medal on the same relay team — and half of it would be Baylor, that would be great."

Wariner was a wide receiver and defensive

back in high school in Arlington, Texas, and was recruited to Baylor for football by then-coach Kevin Steele.

"I actually committed verbally to play football for Baylor," Wariner said. "When I did, the football coach at that time said I didn't have a scholarship, when earlier in the year he said I did. So after that, I decided that I'm going to go ahead and just run track. It was probably the best decision I've made."

Wariner someday will be a sub-19-second 200-meter runner, Hart said. For now, though, the focus is on the 400. The event's first round comes next Friday, opening night for track and field in Athens. Semifinals are the following day, with the finals Monday, Aug. 23.

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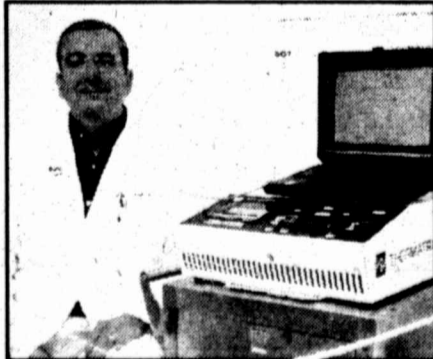
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# Gonzalez, Sledge lead Expos to 12-inning win over Astros

MONTREAL (AP) — Alex Gonzalez hit a tying homer in the 12th inning and Termel Sledge singled in the winning run, giving the Montreal

Expos a 6-5, come-from-behind victory over the Houston Astros Friday night.

Morgan Ensberg hit a leadoff homer on the first pitch from Claudio Vargas (5-4) to put Houston up 5-4 in the top of the 12th.

Down to Montreal's last out, Gonzalez homered over the center-field wall on a 2-0 pitch from Chad Harville (0-2), who also blew a save opportunity against Montreal on Saturday.

Jose Vidro and Tony Batista then walked and Sledge lined a single to left-center. The Expos streamed from the dugout to mob Vidro, who scored, and Sledge as Montreal extended its season-high winning streak to six.

Montreal's Jon Rauch became just the second pitcher to homer off Roger Clemens before an injury forced him to abandon a no-hit bid with two outs in the fifth.

The Astros, 0-50 when trailing after eight, tied it in the ninth on homers by Carlos Beltran and Jeff Kent off closer Chad Cordero.

Trailing 4-1, Beltran hit a leadoff. Jeff Bagwell struck out looking before Lance Berkman doubled. Kent tied it at 4 with a shot off a speaker suspended from Olympic Stadium's roof high above left field for a home run.

Rauch hit a two-run homer over the wall in the right-field corner in the second to join Shawn Estes as the only pitchers to connect off Clemens in

the future Hall of Famer's 21-year career.

Brad Wilkerson, who had four hits, including two doubles, homered two pitches later to put Montreal up 4-0.

Rauch walked one while holding Houston hitless through the first four innings.

The 6-foot-11 right-hander retired the first two batters he faced in the fifth before hunching over in pain after throwing a called strike on his first pitch to Jose Vizcaino.

Assistant trainer Tim Abraham and manager Frank Robinson rushed to his attention at the mound.

Rauch threw one warmup pitch and immediately indicated that he could not continue.

T.J. Tucker replaced Rauch and got Vizcaino to ground back to the mound to keep the Astros hitless through five.

Brad Ausmus lined a single to center on Tucker's first pitch of the sixth to break up the no-hitter.

Lance Berkman appeared to get the Astros' first hit with two outs in the fourth on a drive past the net that serves as a foul pole down the left-field line.

Third-base umpire Dan Iassogna signaled a home run, though television replays clearly showed the ball was foul.

Expos manager Frank Robinson came out of the dugout as the umpiring crew gathered to confer around Iassogna.

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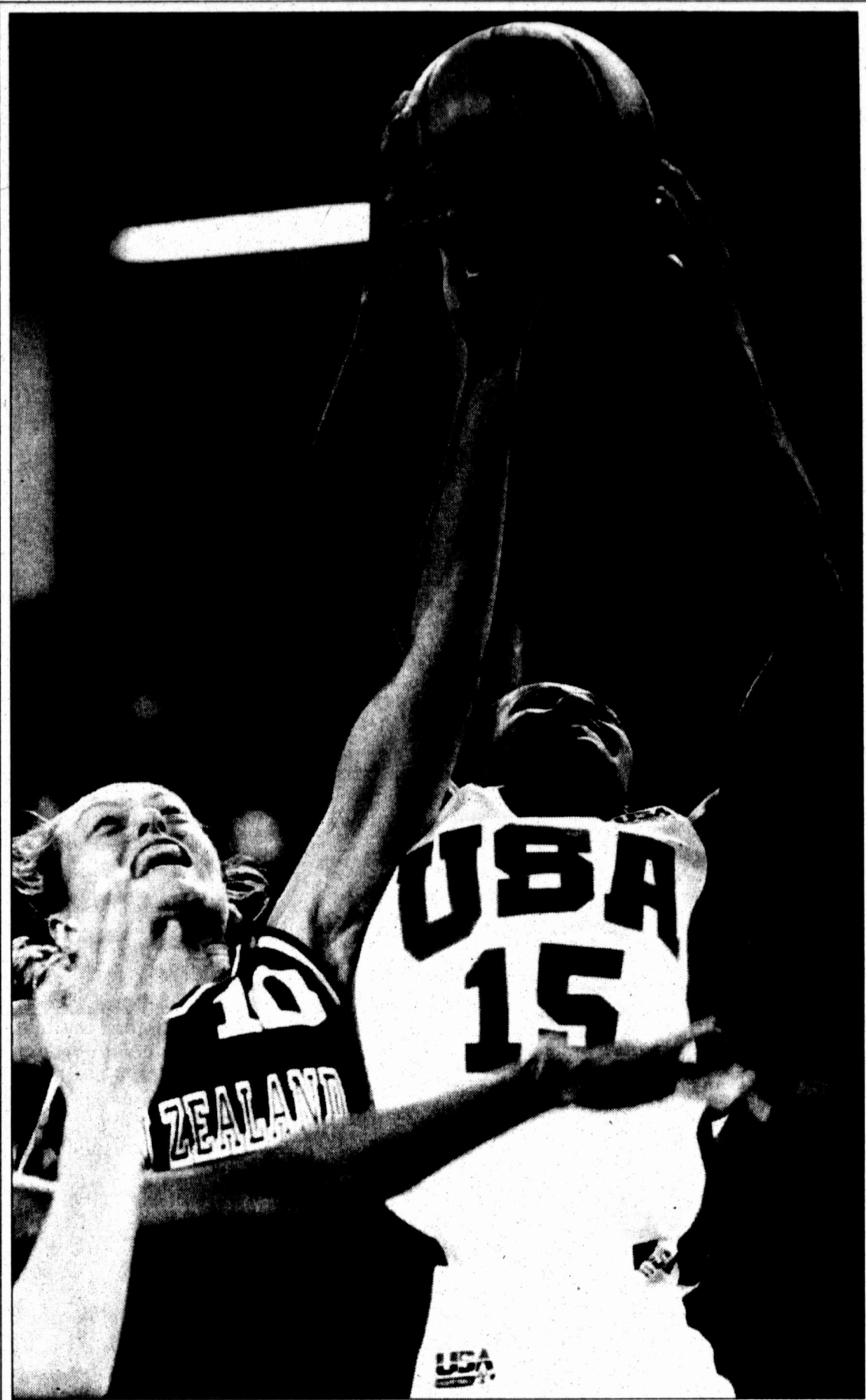
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3. Georgia	1,480
4. LSU	1,446
5. Florida State	1,291
6. Miami, Fla.	1,287
7. Texas	1,236
8. Michigan	1,223
9. Ohio State	1,005
10. West Virginia	937
11. Florida	836
12. Kansas State	763
13. California	744
14. Tennessee	658
15. Clemson	638
16. Virginia	627
17. Auburn	540
18. Missouri	525
19. Iowa	518
20. Utah	446
21. Wisconsin	328
22. Maryland	310
23. Oregon	200
24. Purdue	153
25. Minnesota	142

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Swintayla "Swim" Cash (15) of the U.S. battles New Zealand's Gina Farmer (10) for a rebound in an early-round basketball game at the 2004 Olympics Saturday.

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2000 Volkswagen Jetta GLS - Blue, all power, clean, one owner w/58,000 miles. **Was \$12,995** **NOW \$10,995**

2000 Buick Century Custom - White w/cloth, fully loaded, locally owned w/only 36,000 miles. **Was \$10,995** **NOW \$9,995**

1999 Volvo C70 Coupe H.T. 5 Cyl Turbo - Black, tan leather, moonroof, all power, one owner w/51,000 miles. **Was \$16,995** **NOW \$15,995**

1999 Pontiac Firebird - V-6, T-Tops, white, all power, 56,000 miles. **Was \$13,995** **NOW \$9,995**

1999 Chevrolet Prism 4-DR. - White, one owner w/61,000 miles. **Was \$6,995** **NOW \$5,995**

1999 Nissan Maxima GXE - Tan w/cloth, all power, local one owner w/44,000 miles. **Was \$12,995** **NOW \$11,995**

1999 Nissan Maxima GLE - Green, all power, locally owned, 63,000 miles. **Was \$13,995** **NOW \$12,995**

1998 Ford Escort 2X2 - White, all power, locally owned, 41,000 miles. **Was \$7,995** **NOW \$6,995**

1997 Ford Escort LX 4-DR. - Tan w/cloth, extra clean w/69,000 miles. **Was \$5,995** **NOW \$4,995**

1997 Lincoln Town Car - White, leather, all power, one owner w/79,000 miles. **Was \$9,995** **NOW \$8,995**

1997 Ford Mustang - Green, V-6, automatic. **Was \$6,995** **NOW \$3,995**

1996 Oldsmobile 88 4-DR. - Pewter, leather, one owner. **Was \$7,995** **NOW \$4,995**

1995 Ford Taurus GL - Tan w/cloth, all power, local one owner w/73,000 miles. **Was \$5,995** **NOW \$4,995**

1995 Ford Crown Victoria LX - White w/cloth, 71,000 miles. **Was \$6,995** **NOW \$5,995**

1995 Lincoln Town Car - Red w/leather, all power, local car and nice, 68,000 miles. **Was \$7,995** **NOW \$6,995**

1992 Mercury Grand Marquis - Silver, white top, leather, locally owned, 85,000 miles. **Was \$5,995** **NOW \$4,995**

1990 Lincoln Town Car Signatures Series - Gold nice car. **Was \$4,995** **NOW \$3,995**

## \*\*\* Small Pickups \*\*\*

2003 Nissan Frontier King Cab XE - Gray, 4 cyl., air, 5 speed, local one owner w/only 8,000 miles. **Was \$15,995** **NOW \$13,995**

2003 Ford Ranger - Tan, cloth, all power, local one owner w/31,000 miles. **Was \$11,995** **NOW \$10,995**

2001 Dodge Dakota - White, air, automatic, 41,000 miles. **Was \$9,995** **NOW \$8,995**

1998 Nissan Frontier XE - Red, air, 5-speed, one owner w/50,000 miles. **Was \$9,995** **NOW \$7,995**

1997 Chevrolet S-10 - White, V-6, automatic, only 63,000 miles. **Was \$7,995** **NOW \$6,995**

## \*\*\* 1/2 Ton Pickups \*\*\*

2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Silver/gray tutone, 4.6 V-8, all power, one owner w/29,000 miles. **Was \$24,995** **NOW \$23,995**

2003 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab SLT - Black w/cloth, V-8, all power, local one owner w/37,000 miles. **Was \$22,995** **NOW \$21,995**

2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Dk. Toreador Red w/cloth, V-8, all power, local one owner w/31,000 miles. **Was \$23,995** **NOW \$22,995**

2003 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat 4X4 - Blue/tan w/leather, local one owner w/37,000 miles. **Was \$25,995** **NOW \$24,995**

2003 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - Tutone silver/gray, all power, one owner w/21,000 miles. **Was \$22,995** **NOW \$21,995**

2002 Ford F150 XL Reg. Cab - Tan, 4.6 V-8, automatic, one owner w/37,000 miles. **Was \$14,995** **NOW \$13,995**

2002 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Silver w/leather, V-8, all power, one owner w/20,800 miles. **Was \$21,995** **NOW \$20,995**

2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Sportside Ext. Cab L.S. - Blue w/cloth, all power, V-8, one owner w/32,000 miles. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$19,995**

2002 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Blue/tan tutone, 4.6, V-8, all power, one owner w/41,000 miles. **Was \$21,995** **NOW \$20,995**

2002 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Gray w/cloth, 5.4 V-8, all power, one owner w/40,000 miles. **Was \$21,995** **NOW \$20,995**

2002 GMC Sierra 1500 H.D. Crew Cab SLE - Pewter, 6.0 V-8, all power, nice Truck, one owner. **Was \$22,995** **NOW \$21,995**

2002 Chevrolet C1500 Silverado Ext. Cab LT Z71 4X4 - Pewter, On-Star, leather, one owner, loaded. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$18,995**

2002 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Silver/gray leather, 5.4 V-8, all power, one owner w/only 21,000 miles. **Was \$24,995** **NOW \$23,995**

2001 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4-DR. - Red/silver, all power, local one owner. **Was \$18,995** **NOW \$17,995**

2001 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Blue, all power, diamond toolbox w/tube rails, extra clean, one owner w/45,000 miles. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$19,995**

2001 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat 4X4 - Black w/leather, 5.4, V-8, fully loaded, one owner w/21,000 miles. **Was \$24,995** **NOW \$23,995**

2001 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - White w/cloth, 4.6, V-8, all power, local one owner w/41,000 miles. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$19,995**

2000 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Silver, all power, one owner w/39,000 miles. **Was \$17,995** **NOW \$16,995**

2000 Ford F150 XL - Tan, all power, local one owner w/21,000 miles. **Was \$10,995** **NOW \$9,995**

1999 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Silver, all power, local one owner w/44,000 miles. **Was \$13,995** **NOW \$12,995**

1997 Chevrolet C1500 Ext. Cab Silverado - Tan, V-8, all power, locally owned. **Was \$9,995** **NOW \$6,995**

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2001 Ford F350 Supercab Dually XLT V-10 - White w/silver, extra clean, w/67,000 miles. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$19,995**

2001 GMC Sierra 2500 Ext. Cab 4X4 L.S. - Pewter, cloth, all power, local one owner w/56,000 miles. **Was \$23,995** **NOW \$22,995**

2000 Ford F250 Supercab XL Powerstroke Diesel - Silver, 6 speed, local one owner w/69,000 miles. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$19,995**

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2003 Ford Escape XLT - Silver, all power, automatic, all power, w/17,300 miles. **MSRP \$23,350** **NOW \$17,995**

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2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - White/beige tutone, all power, local one owner w/51,000 miles. **Was \$18,995** **NOW \$17,995**

2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, cloth, dual air, 3rd seat, local one owner w/58,000 miles. **Was \$19,995** **NOW \$18,995**

2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, cloth, all power, one owner w/31,000 miles. **Was \$22,995** **NOW \$18,995**

2002 Ford Escape XLS - Red, V-6, all power, one owner w/51,000 miles. **Was \$14,995** **NOW \$13,995**

2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, cloth, dual air, 3rd seat, all power, 52,000 miles. **Was \$19,995** **NOW \$18,995**

2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - White/tan, leather, fully loaded, dual air, 3rd seat, local one owner. **Was \$19,995** **NOW \$18,995**

2001 Ford Explorer Sport 2-DR. 4X4 - Blue w/cloth, all power, one owner w/51,000 miles. **Was \$14,995** **NOW \$13,995**

2001 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - White w/cloth, all power, one owner w/54,000 miles. **Was \$15,995** **NOW \$14,995**

2001 Chevrolet Tahoe L.S. 4-DR. - Red w/cloth, all power, one owner w/50,000 miles. **Was \$24,995** **NOW \$20,995**

2000 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Slate green/beige, leather, dual air, 3rd seat, all power, local one owner w/59,000 miles. **Was \$19,995** **NOW \$18,995**

1992 Ford Explorer XLT 4X4 - White, all power, extra clean 4X4. **Was \$6,995** **NOW \$5,995**

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1999 GMC Suburban LT - Dual air, all power, tan. **Was \$17,995** **NOW \$12,995**

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# Hispanic Heritage

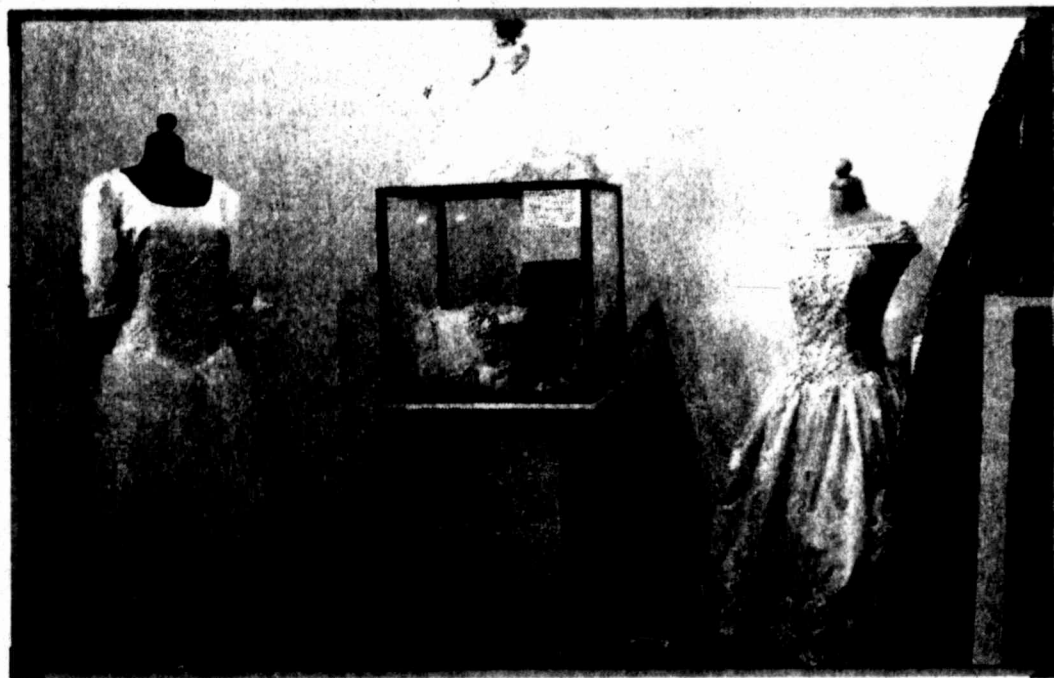
*Celebrated at the Heritage Museum*



Heritage Museum opened a special Hispanic Heritage display in late July that included dance performances as well as other traditional Hispanic celebrations. The exhibit will remain available for viewing through September.

In the photo above, members of Danzation from the Dance Gallery, Bernadette Flores, Ellie Torres and Nadia Garcia perform; Stevi Bingham instructor for Danzation from the Dance Gallery and her students in the photo far left; left, Stevi Ward from the Dance Gallery; Irene Bustamante gazes at the displays; and below, singer Cindy Chavez. The other photos are different exhibits available for viewing at the museum, including a special quinceneras-dress display, instruments and other memorabilia.

In the photos above, from left, Erlinda Lujan and Irene Bustamante, Big Spring ISD trustee, view one of the exhibits; Amber Vierra, and her mother Martha Vierra gaze at a Hispanic portrait exhibit; dancers Mary Paradez and Lydia Molina perform a traditional hat dance.



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# Street lit makes inroads with readers, publishers

By Linton Weeks

The Washington Post  
WASHINGTON — For good or for bad, street lit is eating up the African-American book world at the moment. Walk into Karibu bookstore and you'll see.

There used to be just one or two small shelves of "street life" books. Now there's a whole section. The titles of the paperbacks pretty much say it all: "No Way Out," "The Last Kingpin," "Payback's a Bitch," "Thugs and the Women Who Love Them," "Bad Girlz."

In the same way rap music muscled melodious soul tunes off the charts, street lit is altering the equation of African-American publishing.

What is street lit? The telltale signs usually include a shut-your-mouth title, straightforward sentences, vast amounts of drugs, sex and rap music and varying degrees of crime and punishment.

An exemplary tale is a mixture of foul language, flying bullets, fast cars, a flood of drugs, fallen angels and high-priced frippery. It venerates grams over grammar, sin over syntax, excess over success.

Street lit "is the hottest thing going right now," says Simba Sana, co-owner of Karibu, a small local chain featuring books by and about African-Americans. There, the paperback fiction bestseller list is dominated by street lit, aka urban lit, gangsta lit or

hip-hop fiction: "Do or Die," "Me and My Boyfriend," "A Thug's Life" and "A Project Chick."

The last title is the second novel by Nikki Turner, whose two books are also among the top-10 favorites on the Essence magazine August paperback fiction bestseller list.

Turner is near the top of the street literati hierarchy, as are Vickie Stringer and Shannon Holmes. But there are scores of other hip-hop novelists cranking out rough-hewn, rumble-tumble stories. Until now, the books have mostly been self-published and sold by the authors on sidewalks and in music clubs.

But street lit is such a happening thing that big-time American publishers are catching the fever. Simon & Schuster has signed Stringer and Holmes to its Atria imprint, and Random House has tapped Turner for its One World division.

"This whole street lit movement is recent," says Carol Mackey, senior editor of Black Expressions, a book-of-the-month club for African-American readers that boasts a membership of 400,000 nationwide. "I consider it a trend."

People are buying street lit because they identify with the harsh realities, Mackey says. Most Black Expressions members are women; and all are black, she says. They are buying street lit titles by the thousands, Mackey says.

"They are being sold on every street corner. They are selling like hot cakes."

Some critics say the new genre is not to be confused with the classic naturalistic style of Richard Wright or James Baldwin. That would be like comparing P. Diddy to Duke Ellington.

Street lit lacks the literary ambition, and the power, of great writing. Terry McMillan, Walter Mosley and Nichelle D. Tramble are literary fiction writers — in the tradition of Wright and Baldwin — who write about the streets. Their novels, however, are not street lit.

Ethelbert Miller, who teaches creative writing at Bennington College and runs the African-American Resource Center at Howard University, says of street lit authors, "I might teach these writers in a sociology class, but not in a literature class."

Street lit has always been more of a social than a literary movement. It can be traced to 1969 when Iceberg Slim, aka Robert Beck, published his memoir, "Pimp."

Born in Chicago in 1918, he was a pimp from ages 18 to 42 and did some jail time. In 1960 he decided to go straight and, upon his release, moved to California and wrote his memoir.

He went on to write a lot of books, including "Trick Baby" and "Death Wish," groundbreaking in their real-life, close-to-the-bone accounts of life,

sex and death on the streets and in their urban patois. He died in 1992.

In the 1970s, Donald Goines picked up the thread. A former heroin addict and chronic convict, Goines produced in short order a slew of books including "Dopefiend: The Story of a Black Junkie" and "Whoreson: The Story of a Ghetto Pimp."

The books came along with the rise of blaxploitation movies and hip-hop music. For a while, street lit fell by the wayside, but it returned in the late '90s, with a bullet, when rapper Sister Souljah published "The Coldest Winter Ever."

Today's street lit has its champions. Many of the novels have a moral, says Mackey.

"In most of them it's about people who have made wrong choices," she says. "The authors are making a conscious decision to say these people made bad choices and you don't have to. There is a moral fiber running through the whole book."

Plus, she says, "There is a blessing in all of this: African-Americans are reading. They've picked up a book and they are reading."

Poet Sterling Plump, who taught at the University of Illinois for 30 years, says that contemporary hip-hop writing "is the most inventive thing happening to the language in a long time."

"What you have is a very difficult situation for a lot of young African-Americans," Plump says. "They did not inherit the legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois or Frederick Douglass in terms of literacy."

But, Plump continues, these young folks have life experiences they want to express. "They have almost developed an African-American language that is as estranged from the educated African-American world as it is from the white world."

Street lit, he says, "should be promoted." The big-time publishers are seeing to that. With visions of profits dancing in their heads, they are scarfing up the street literati right off the curbs. Melody Guy, head of Random House's multi-cultural imprint, One World, says that Nikki Turner's novels are mostly about "young women who are surviving in this urban world and how they ultimately persevere. There is a lot of sex and a lot of drama. People seem to be responding in an



Washington Post photo/Michael Robinson-Chavez

"I want young girls to be forewarned about the vicious street life," says street lit author Nikki Turner, pictured in Washington. "I want all my books to have a message."

amazing way. People want what she's doing."

Turner is also riding a wave within the wave; namely, street lit written by women. The Black Library, a Boston-based Web site showcasing African-American literature, features scads of street lit volumes written by women, which doesn't surprise Sana at Karibu.

"Most of our customers are women," he says. "Sister Souljah showed people we could really do this," Sana says, explaining that black women who have not been reached by writers such as Toni Morrison, Alice Walker and Terry McMillan finally had a story about people like them.

He isn't convinced that street lit is here to stay, however. "I don't know how long that's going to last," he says. "On the downside, you have to deal with the quality of some of the books. ...

Some of the writing is not so good."

"I think it is here to stay," says James Fugate, owner of Eso Won Books, an African-American shop in Los Angeles. But he is no fan.

"People can read what they want to read. I've never been opposed to books by Donald Goines and Iceberg Slim. Those books were bridges to other literature," Fugate says.

But times have changed, and the street lit being written today is mostly "mindless garbage about murder, killing, thuggery. ... It amazes me that people want to read them. Ghetto literature is disturbing to me, really disturbing."

But, he says, he does understand why major publishing houses are taking an interest: "They are reaching an audience they didn't know existed."

LA Times/Washington Post

## Menu

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Bar-b-q chicken, potato salad, beans, milk, cornbread, apple crisp.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, milk, cobbler.

THURSDAY-Liver/steak & onions, baked potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

FRIDAY-Catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk, cornbread, fruit salad.

### STANTON ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Bagle French toast, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Cheese omelet, sausage, biscuit, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Biscuit, scrambled egg patty, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH MONDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, hamburger salad, pickle slices, orange slices.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, peaches hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY-

Pepperoni pizza or pizza cheese sticks, green beans, garden salad, applesauce.

THURSDAY-Taco, taco shell or corndog, pinto beans, salad, pineapple, cornbread.

FRIDAY-Grill cheese or tuna sandwich, potato chips, vegetarian beans, vegetable sticks, apple.

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST MONDAY-Pancake on a stick

TUESDAY-Muffins WEDNESDAY-Donuts THURSDAY-Hot pockets FRIDAY-Cereal

LUNCH MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, oranges, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, rolls, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, cheese, mixed fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets w/gravy, sliced potatoes, blackeyed peas, pears, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, cookies, milk.

COAHOMA ISD BREAKFAST MONDAY-Donuts, sausage links, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-French toast, ham, syrup, orange juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Biscuits, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Rice, ham, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Pancakes, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH MONDAY-Pizza, salad, watermelon, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken patty, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, strawberry yogurt cup, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos or corndogs, ranch beans, salad, pineapple, milk.

THURSDAY-Smothered steak or BBQ beef on bun, gravy, butter potatoes, green beans, bread, milk.

FRIDAY-McRibs or burritos, potato salad, grapes, milk.

### BIG SPRING ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Cereal, sausage, link, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Baked cheese sticks, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Cereal, sausage patty, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Pancakes, syrup, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Cereal, cheese bite, juice, milk.

LUNCH MONDAY-Stuffed crust pizza, potato rounds, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco, salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, pears, milk.

THURSDAY-Fish nuggets, mac & cheese, blackeyed peas, melon slices, hushpuppies, milk.

FRIDAY-Chili cheese dog, potato chips, ranch style beans, strawberry banana bar, milk.

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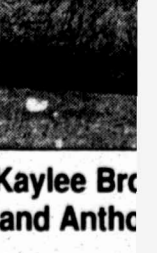
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# Wedding

## Kennedy and Osborn marry

Taylor Jae Kennedy and Cody Brent Osborn exchanged wedding vows at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2004, at College Baptist Church with Bro. Ken McMeans presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Jay and Connie Kennedy and the granddaughter of Wendell and Glenna of Abilene and Gene and Wyvonne Kennedy of Post.

The groom is the son of Ron and Glenna Osborn and the grandson of

Juana Osborn.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jay Kennedy, and wore a strapless, white, A-line style creation. She carried a bouquet of Casablanca lilies and bluebird roses.

Maid of honor was Taryn Kennedy, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Torre Jose, Amy Osborn, Ronna Stiehl and Renea English.

Flower girls were Makynsa Norman and

Elena McInroe.

Ring bearer was Dylan English. Candlelighters were Caitlin Walker and Nella McInroe.

Best man was Ron Osborn.

Groomsmen were Dusty Osborn, Tate Kennedy, James Steihl and Charles English.

Ushers were Clayton Weaver, Taylor Fraser, Cody McCann and Jerod Boyd.

Guest book attendants

were Alexia and Brianna Coello, cousins of the bride.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall at College Baptist. Fruit, cake and punch were served. Serving as members of the house party were Kathy Butler, Debbie Churchwell, Karla Richardson and Phyliss Walker.

Following a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico the couple have made their home in Austin.



Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Cody Osborn

## Kim Crooks and Jeff Francis marry



Mrs. Jeff (Kim) Francis

Kim Crooks and Jeff Francis were married June 5, 2004, at Westover Hills Church of Christ in Austin.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mr. Larry Crooks of Austin. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Francis of Andrews.

Approximately 300 were in attendance, including friends and family from Austin, Big Spring, Dallas, Andrews, Illinois, Houston and Oklahoma City.

The bride's gown, by an Australian designer, was a one-piece strapless, zipper-back gown featuring a fishtail skirt embellished with Alencon lace appliques on a tulle overlay, with Swarovski crystals, pearls and sequins.

The bride carried a hand-tie bouquet of all white roses, miniature calla lilies and pearls.

Floral design included three-lighted arch candleabra accented with greenery, and pew decorations accented with white ribbon and vibrant summer flowers.

The reception featured a combination of three different complementing centerpieces consisting of low, clear bowls with bright, colorful summer flowers, glass hurricanes with pillar candles and bright petals and low bowls with floating flowers and candles.

Maid of honor was Michelle Paris, friend of the bride, and flower girl was Caroline Wallace, a friend of the family. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Francis, sister of the groom, and Tima Attafi, Sumer Bernard, Joy Bagby and Kelley Senter, all friends of the bride.

The bridesmaids wore black A-line strapless gowns and carried hand-tie bouquets of bright, colorful flowers.

Best man was Pete Francis, father of the groom. Serving as groomsmen were Chris Dulin, friend of the groom and Gamma Sigma Phi brother at Abilene Christian University; Adam Crooks, brother of the bride; Jared Senter,

friend of the groom and Gamma Sigma Phi brother; Kent Pounds, friend of the groom; and Edward Harroz, cousin of the groom.

The reception menu consisted of standing round of beef with horseradish sauce, spinach and pine nut-stuffed chicken with a white wine sauce, oven-roasted new potatoes with garlic and rosemary, green beans with almonds, fatouse salad and a fresh fruit salad with poppy seed dressing.

The bride's cake was a strawberry-filled butter cake accented with bright, colorful flowers placed in between four tiers accented with a flower cake top and loose blossoms around the base

of the cake. The groom's cake was three stacked squares of chocolate, with the bottom tier garnished with slivered almonds.

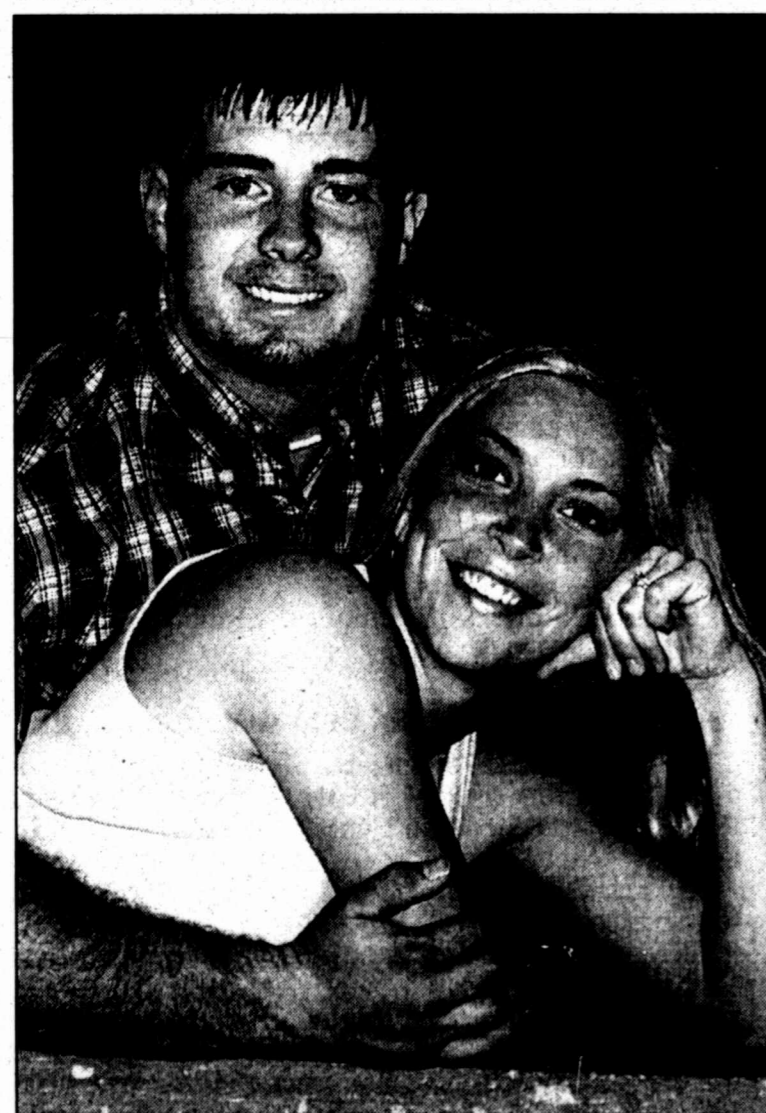
The cake was accented with a mountain of tuxedo strawberries.

Grandparents in attendance included Mrs. Frances Francis of Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Fowler of Big Spring; and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Adcock and Mrs. Helen Hoy of Austin.

The couple honeymooned on the island of Oahu and enjoyed parasailing, visiting Pearl Harbor, attending a luau and relaxing on the beach.

They will make their home in Round Rock.

## Engagement



Kaylee Brooke Cantrell and Anthony Cory Hill

## Cantrell and Hill to marry

Kaylee Brooke Cantrell and Anthony Cory Hill will exchange wedding vows Dec. 18, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Olney.

Kaylee is the daughter of Marilyn Cantrell of Olney and Wilton Cantrell of Elbert.

She is a 2000 graduate of Olney High School, an honor student at McMurry and a member of the cross country team. She is employed at Bed-Bath and Beyond.

Anthony is the son of Jackie Hill and Elaine Hill of Coahoma.

He is at 2002 graduate of Coahoma High School, a business major at McMurry University and the captain of the McMurry football team. He is employed at the Supplement City of Dyess Air Force Base.

## Births

Daisy Michelle Partlow Herrera, a girl, was born Aug. 6, 2004, at 4:23 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Krystal Servantes and Jason Partlow. Her grandparents are Teresa Serrato, Ray Herrera and John and Kristy Partlow Wilhelm.

Jordan LeighAnne Horton, a girl, was born July 30, 2004, at 8:27 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Julianna and Thomas Horton. Her grandparents are Andrew and Judith Price of Big Spring and Dan and Susan Gomez of Midland.

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## Need some insurance?

### Iraq's once-shaky industry starting to get back on its feet

By **KEN DILANIAN**  
Knight Ridder

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's roads are filled with maniacs, and those are just the drivers, who seem to exercise caution only when they happen to be heading the wrong way down a one-way street. The murder rate is astronomical. Half the country smokes like fiends.

Is this a great place to sell insurance, or what?

Of course not. But Iraq's three government-owned insurance companies are doing it anyway, having resumed operations last year after rebuilding their looted offices. And foreign insurers are circling the market, awaiting a new insurance law and a calmer environment before plunging into what they think could be a lucrative business.

It's one more small example of how, despite the awful security situation and the dashed hopes over jobs, basic services and reconstruction, Iraqis are grasping at normalcy.

"Iraq's economy is one of the best for insurance," said Tarik Khalil Ibrahim, the chairman and general manager of the National Insurance Co., with some hyperbole.

The company, affiliated with Iraq's Finance Ministry, occupies several floors of a high-rise building in a somewhat sketchy Baghdad neighborhood.

Like nearly every other gov-

ernment-related facility, Iraq's largest insurer was stripped nearly bare by looters after the U.S. invasion. It dipped into its assets to refurbish its offices. Nearly all the prewar employees are back to work, Ibrahim said.

Iraq these days is one of the riskiest places on the planet.

The insurance companies handle that by refusing to compensate for damage that occurred during last year's invasion, and by not covering anything that would be considered an act of terrorism or war, as do most insurance policies anywhere.

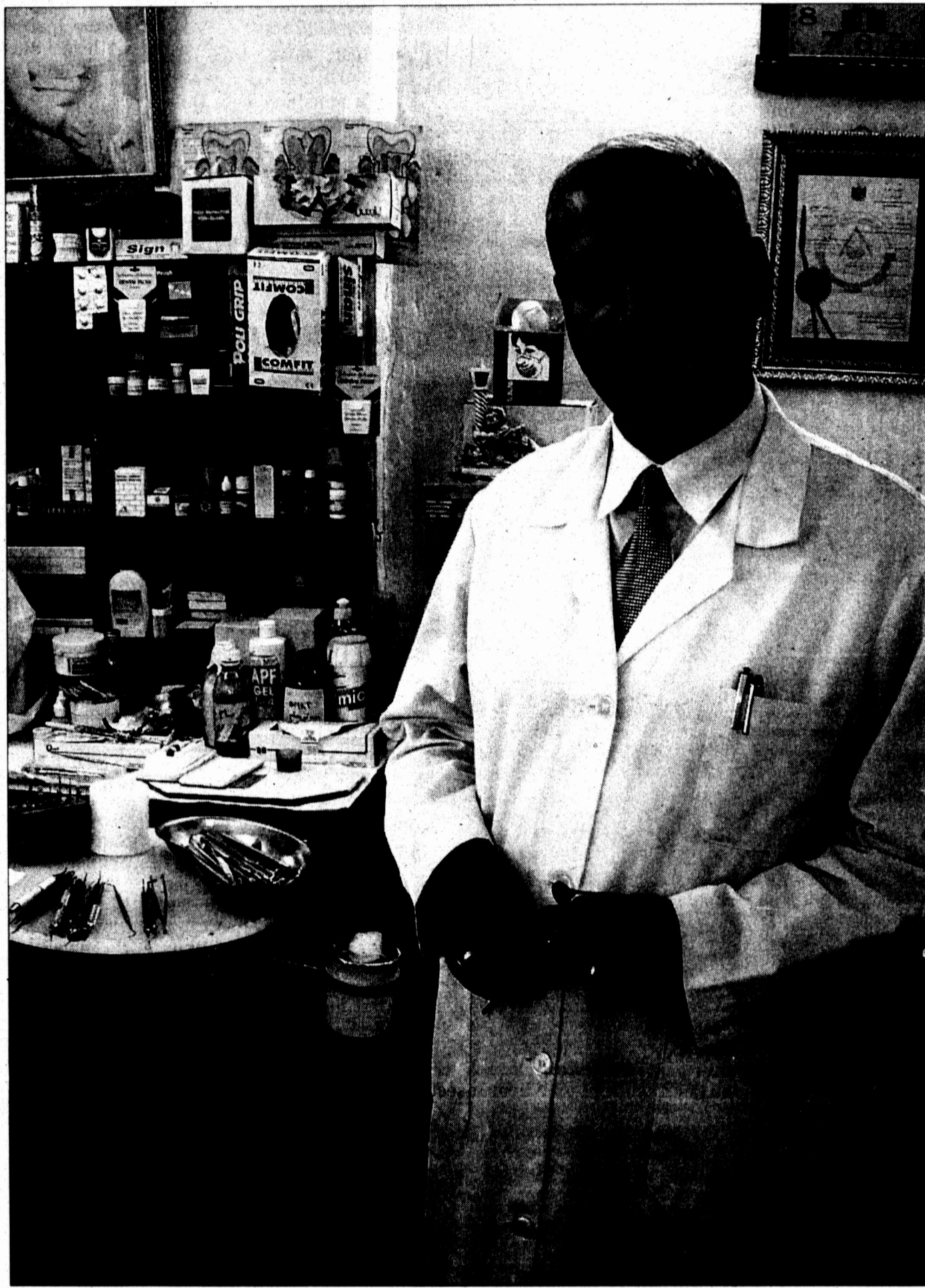
For example, if an Iraqi with a life insurance policy is shot and killed during a robbery, he's covered. But

death by car bomb is excluded, company officials say.

With kidnapping for ransom a thriving business in Iraq, the company so far has avoided offering kidnapping insurance. The premiums would be unaffordable for Iraqis, Ibrahim said.

He declined to disclose specific figures, but he said the company has tens of thousands of policyholders and reserves of around \$8 million, both tiny amounts in a country of 26 million people. As was the case with many modern institutions in Iraq, the insurance companies catered mainly to the

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Philadelphia Inquirer photo/Ken Dilanian  
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## A HELPING HAND



Herald photo/Rick Nunez  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center Volunteer Services treasurer Ruth Manuel, left, presents Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney with a \$2,000 donation. Also pictured are Willie Doss, Volunteer Services president, and Anita Cline, director of the Senior Circle and Volunteer Services.

## Business briefs

### USDA sets office day in Stanton

The USDA Rural Development will hold an office day from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, in Stanton. The event will be held at the Law Library in the Martin County Courthouse.

A staff member will be available to discuss housing programs for very low, low and moderate income families, various community program loans and grants, and business and industry loans and to provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistants.

For more information, contact the Lubbock office at (806) 785-5644, ext. 4.

### Annual sheep and goat field day coming up

The 31st annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at San Angelo is set Sept 2.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. with the program to follow at 9 a.m.

The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Morning topics are animal ID issues, country of origin labeling and the agricultural economy, the quality assurance program, recent fiber measurement advances, the center's sheep breeding research, a Mohair Council of America update and a report from the National Sheep Improvement Center.

Following a noon "Dutch-treat" lunch at the center, the field day resumes with talks on embryo transfer and artificial insemination, and soremouth problems in goats.

Updates from Ranchers Lamb of Texas, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas Hair Sheep Association will also be presented.

The day's activities end at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the center at (325) 653-4576.

### Ag town hall meetings set in area

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will visit with producers and rural communities at town hall

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## Avian Influenza Command Center closed in Hopkins County

After 10 weeks of collecting swabs and blood samples for avian influenza (AI) testing from nearly 400 poultry and fowl flocks in Hopkins County, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has closed its incident command center in Sulphur Springs. TAHC officials say a handful of samples remain to be fully analyzed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL), but they are confident that the poultry virus has been eliminated from the area.

"During this outbreak, we depopulated and buried about 48,000 breeding chickens on two commercial farms in mid-May. Birds from the two farms had positive blood

tests for the H7N3 strain of AI, but the virus was never isolated by laboratory professionals," commented Dr. Max Coats, who heads up the field operations for the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"The H7N3 AI virus has not been shown to cause human health problems, and in this instance, we are regarding it as a low-pathogenic strain of the virus, because it did not cause significant death loss among the birds," he said. "We launched a full-scale response because

the avian influenza virus can change, or mutate, and become more deadly to birds and spread throughout an area. Not only can this disease cause widespread bird losses, but interstate and international trade implications can temporarily hamper the industry's ability to ship birds and products."

Dr. Coats explained that the field operations team, which included about 30 TAHC and USDA veterinarians and animal health inspectors, had conducted intensive testing and were ready to declare victory over the outbreak in late June, when a noncommercial flock of 14 birds tested positive on blood tests for H7N3 AI. The small flock was immediately depopulated, and the animal health officials widened

their testing area, in accordance with protocols for disease eradication and to satisfy requirements of trading partners.

"The flock owners in the area were most cooperative and understanding of the importance of

this disease eradication effort, even though some of the flocks in the Hopkins County area were tested as many as five times," said Dr. Coats. The field crew worked seven days a week to gather the

required samples for laboratory testing at the Texas Veterinary Medical Laboratory, in Center, Gonzales and College Station; and at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.



TOMMY YEATER

## Dr. Haddad offers ThermoMatrix DOT

Special to the Herald

Dr. Rudy Haddad of Haddad Urology Clinic Inc. is one of the first physicians in the immediate area to offer an advanced treatment for men suffering from the symptoms of enlarged prostate.

The non-cancerous condition is clinically known as Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia or BPH. About half of the men over the age of 50 in the United States have BPH, according to Dr. Haddad. He said that by age 80, BPH affects about 80 percent of all men.

Symptoms include a frequent urge to urinate, a weak urine flow, difficulty or pain starting urination and a feeling of not completely emptying the bladder after urination.

Although BPH is rarely life threatening, it can greatly affect the quality of life.

Medication is a common treatment for BPH and may provide adequate symptom relief for many men, Dr. Haddad explained. Medicines, however, can be exper-



sive and must be taken daily or symptoms will return.

"Medicines may or may not provide full relief and must be taken for the rest of your life and may stop working over time," the doctor said. "Medication can cause uncomfortable side effects such as a lowered sexual drive, erection problems, dizziness, low blood pressure and nasal congestion."

As an alternative, Dr. Haddad offers a non-surgical treatment known as the ThermoMatrix® Dose Optimized ThermoTherapy™ (DOT). This one-time treatment can provide up to twice

the symptom relief of BPH medications and the results can last for years, according to studies conducted by ThermoMatrix, said Dr. Haddad.

ThermoMatrix DOT has no sexual or other long-term side effects. The procedure requires no anesthesia, is relatively painless and can be done in his office in about 60 to 90 minutes. Additionally, Medicare and most major insurance carriers cover the ThermoMatrix DOT treatment.

To learn more about ThermoMatrix DOT and to make an appointment with Dr. Haddad, contact his office at 432 714-4600.

## Wheat conference set in Abilene on Thursday

Special to the Herald

Fall wheat planting is only a month away in many areas, and with it comes Texas Cooperative Extension's 2004 Big Country Wheat Conference on Thursday, Aug. 19.

The biennial conference starts with registration at 7:30 a.m. in the Big Country Hall at the Taylor County Expo Center grounds in Abilene.

Gary Bomar, Extension agricultural agent in Taylor County and a conference coordinator, said this year's event will offer information for the wheat producer interested in grazing, grain or both.

"We plan this conference just before fall planting so producers thinking about this year's crop still have time to make decisions concerning varieties and management strategies," Bomar said. "This conference has evolved into the largest and most comprehensive program of its type in the state. We routinely draw participants and speakers from all over Texas and from the parts of Oklahoma with similar wheat culture as ours."

"Our goal is to equip regional wheat producers with the latest information on wheat manage-

ment trends so they can do all that is currently known to raise a successful crop cost effectively."

Morning speakers and their topics include:

— "Plant Growth and Development," Dr. Travis Miller, associate department head and Extension program leader, department of soil and crop science at Texas A&M University, College Station;

— "Impact of Heat on Wheat/Grain," Dr. Dirk Hays, assistant professor, department of soil and crop science at Texas A&M, College Station;

— "Scouting Techniques, Wheat Insect Management, Wheat Disease Management," Drs. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist, San Angelo, and Gaylon Morgan, Extension agronomist, College Station;

— "Small Grain Opportunities/Alternative s/Genetics," Morgan;

— "Integrated Forage Systems," Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, associate professor, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Vernon, and

— "Quality Seeds Systems and Marketing," Dr. David Worrall, Agri-Pro Wheat Development, Vernon.

Afternoon speakers and their topics include:

"Mechanics of

Marketing," Stan Bevers, Extension economist, Vernon;

— "Producer

Perspective-Production Cost Panel Discussion," Gerald Petree, Shackelford County, Leland Robinson and Sid Saverance, Taylor County, and J&B Farms, Callahan County;

— "Is It Herbicide Resistance or Timing and Coverage?," Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist, San Angelo;

— "Field Bindweed Research Data," Bomar, and

— "Overview of Conservation Tillage," Leo Holloway, Taylor County, and Paul Minzenmayer and Fred Wilde, Runnels County.

The conference is sponsored by the Extension offices in Callahan, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford and Taylor counties.

Registration received by Aug 13 is free. After that date and at the door, the registration is \$15.

For more information contact the Extension office in Taylor County at (325) 672-6048, or any of the sponsoring Extension offices.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County.

## INSURANCE

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wealthier Sunni Muslim elite, which had run the country since Ottoman times.

Founded in 1952, the company offers life, health, fire, accident, property and auto insurance, among others. It's supposed to cover all Iraqi drivers for injuries under a blanket program paid for by a fuel surcharge. Officials admit that many people are unaware of that coverage, and therefore fail to submit claims after accidents.

When Iraq came under international sanctions after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, European reinsurance companies cut ties with the company, Ibrahim said, leaving it without a financial safety net. That, plus the collapse of Iraq's economy and an explosion of fraudulent claims, led officials to cap payouts on certain policies, he said.

Others tell a darker story, alleging that Iraq's insurers stiffed policy-

holders while employees demanded bribes for even partial payouts.

"My father was a big believer in insurance," said Walid K. Issa Taha, who runs a Baghdad-based contracting company and employment agency. "He used to show us the certificates. And then he found out it was toilet paper. They never paid. They demanded bribes."

Ibrahim said: "I don't deny there were bribes in government because of the low salaries, but I challenge anyone who says he paid a bribe to one of my employees."

In any event, Ibrahim said, the company has signed agreements with international reinsurance companies and is now paying in full on its policies.

That assertion was impossible to verify, but one happy customer is Dr. Adil Hussein Jassim, a dentist, who said he bought a fire, accident and theft policy for his office in 1992.

Several months ago, thieves broke in and cleaned him out. The

company paid the equivalent of \$2,000, which he said covered about 70 percent of his replacement costs.

"Without their help I wouldn't have been able to continue in business," Jassim said.

While the National Insurance Co. offers an example of postwar revival, it also tells a story of what's holding Iraq's economy back. Although business is way down since the war, there's no talk of laying off any of the 800 employees whose generous salaries are paid out of Iraq's oil revenues. About 400 of them work at the home office, where many could be seen sipping tea or chatting during several recent visits.

Bloated payrolls are a fixture of Iraq's state-owned companies, which together are second only to the government ministries as the country's biggest employer. The U.S.-led occupation originally planned a massive privatization of the state-owned sector, but backed off when Iraqi politicians balked.



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26th day of JULY, A.D. 2004, in this case, numbered 43711 on the docket of said court, and styled.

D.W. R. OIL COMPANY, INC. Vs. MARJORIE E. MASSEY, CATH-ERINE L. FREEL, AND THE UN-KNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DE-VICES AND LEGAL REPRESENT-ATIVES OF THE DEFENDANTS.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Obtain oil, gas and mineral leases from all the mineral owners on and under the following described land ("the subject property") located in Howard County, Texas. The North Half (N/2) of Section 41, Block 33, T-1-W, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, containing 320 acres, more or less.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issue and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this 29th day of JULY, A.D. 2004

COLLEN BARTON, District Clerk  
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**BY JOYCE JILLSON**  
The new moon in Leo is not only a fresh start, it's like a

gunshot announcing the start of the race. Mercury is still retrograde, though, so you may sprint a few yards, metaphorically speaking, and then double back to make sure you really went as far as you thought you did. Mercury retrogrades can come with a touch of paranoia.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Be as objective as you can in regard to your own life — try and see the patterns. Old baggage could cause you to repeat a bad decision. Stay clear of mesmerizing but out-of-



Joyce Jillson

control new loves. Though exciting, they're dangerous.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The spotlight is on you just when you're feeling the shyest. Many people believe that hoarding one's talents is a sin — rise to the occasion when asked to share yours. Choose the most natural remedies to stay healthy.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Friends fawn over you — it almost feels strange. A surge in enthusiasm over something you did in the past renews your ambitions. You may wonder — what took them so long? You may as well soak up the praise while it's coming.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your center of gravity shifts. What was important seems less so, as different values now

dictate your life. A new romantic relationship can bring plenty of gain to your life if you're willing to sacrifice some of your independence.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's gratifying to develop what interests you personally. Romance is born out of your need to first explore the world on your own terms. Don't worry about how long you'll be single — the world is not Noah's ark.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In every way, you are intent on lightening your load. Use carefree (but effective) people as your guides. You'll see progress just as soon as you eliminate the elements you no longer need, whether physical or emotional.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Attaining the perfect energetic flow between

mind and body is your goal. Exercise that emphasizes the positive power of your mind helps you achieve this worthy aim. Think of all you'll give back when you're feeling stronger.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A search continues. The one thing not to do is settle in when your heart doesn't agree. Pay attention to signals coming from your body. Someone who is perfect "on paper" doesn't have the inner qualities you need.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll hit a rare period of introspection. The insights others offer you may sound like old news, but there's a reason you keep hearing the same advice. Consider that your advisers might actually be right.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). A sort of uprising is featured. You know what you stand for, what's right and what you can no longer tolerate. It does no good to give lip service, though. Let your action tell the story instead of your mouth.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're organized, focused and efficient, so it really bugs you that others dawdle. Speak up before you're blamed for someone else's laziness. Don't let technical and transportation glitches keep you from what's important.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Exceptions to the rule are bound to come up, so be flexible. Let yourself relax and enjoy what others bring to your life. Employ your humor when family members get testy. With a little diplomacy, you'll come out on top.

**Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: My husband, "Wally," and I were fortunate enough to retire three years ago. We are in our 50s and financially secure. Since that time, Wally has been using marijuana at an increasing rate. He always used on occasion, but now it's two or three times a week. This does not make me happy. The illicit high is not worth the humiliation should his use be revealed publicly.

Wally has promised to cut back or quit, but he has repeatedly failed to keep his word. This is a constant source of conflict between us. When he comes home high, he can't understand why I have no interest in responding to his romantic overtures. The reason is I am angry and frustrated that he has so little respect for my position on this issue.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

We recently have begun counseling. Wally freely acknowledges that he never would have achieved his professional success if he had been a regular marijuana user while working, yet he has no intention of giving it up.

Many of our social contacts would be horrified if they knew of

his habit. We have been married for 37 years, and I still love him, but I certainly don't like him much when he's high. I don't want a divorce, but this difference between us is a growing chasm. I fear someday our marriage will be in name only.

I need advice on my reaction to his use. My anger is not helping the situation. Any suggestions? — Wife of a Pothead

Dear Wife: Wally has formed a habit he finds difficult to kick. Continue with your counseling and also look into Nar-Anon (naranon.com) for families of drug users. The address is: Nar-Anon World Service Office, 22527 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 200 B, Torrance, CA 90505.

Dear Annie: Please tell me if I am doing the right thing. I am buying a curio cabinet for my collection of ceramic angels and wolf figurines. I would like to know if it is OK to put the ashes of my beloved ex-mother-in-law in with the angels, since my

dog's ashes are with the wolf collection. They all will be in separate containers, but in the same cabinet. What do you think? — J.D.

Dear J.D.: Did your mother-in-law like the dog? People keep the ashes of loved ones in a variety of places, and a curio cabinet is an improvement over the hallway closet or the car trunk. If you consider the placement respectful, it's fine with us.

Dear Annie: I've been friends with a co-worker for three years. Nancy and I always had lunch together and talked. One day, I noticed she was cold toward me. I tried to talk to her, but she refused to listen and ignored me when we saw each other. Finally, I wrote her a note asking what the problem was. I told her I had no idea why she was upset and apologized for anything I may have said or done.

She wrote back, "I'd rather not talk about it." I want to know why she is angry with me so I can straighten it out or at least defend myself. It's been six months, and

nothing has changed.

I have not spoken to anyone at work about the rift, although I'm sure they've noticed that Nancy and I are avoiding each other. Annie, once I make friends, it's for life. What should I do? — Bewildered in Los Angeles

Dear L.A.: It's possible Nancy saw something, or a co-worker told her something, that hurt her so badly she cannot forgive you. Go to her in person. Say, "I don't know what I did to make you so angry, but I miss you and want to make things right. Please give me another chance." Invite her to lunch so you can hash it out. If it doesn't work, at least you will know you gave it your best shot.

**Answer to previous puzzle**

DELTA	PISIT	IDEM
AVERS	ETNA	MAXI
NOVAK	DEAL	PIPS
CLIPS	SERVICE	QUO
EVE	MOEL	SMUN
REDHOT	SLEIGH	
	EARNEST	AREA
CLUCKOFTHEIRISH		
OINK	PLAYACT	
SMILEY	MYSTIC	
AVES	SAGE	ABU
ABE	CLONER	ANGER
MERV	EGGO	LEERS
MASH	AGED	ERNIE
ONES	PYLE	CODAS

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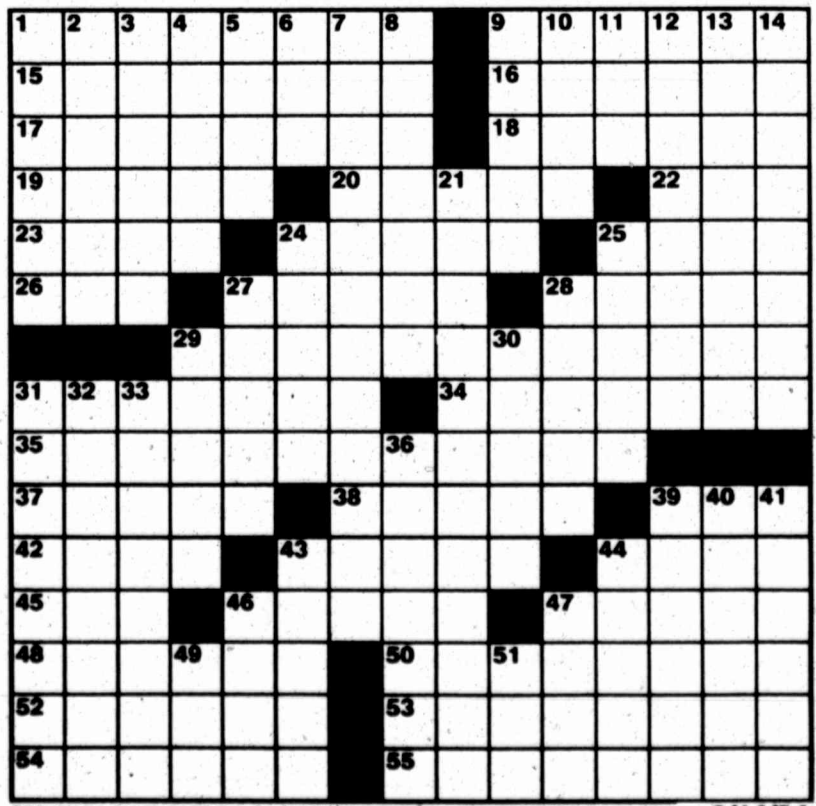
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**Newsday Crossword**

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by Merle Baker  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Puffery
  - 9 Sales promoter
  - 15 Plant pigment
  - 16 *The Dark Angel* Oscar nominee
  - 17 Memorable sitcom couple
  - 18 Bath, e.g.
  - 19 Coat cut
  - 20 Swedish scientist
  - 22 \_\_\_ corde (piano music marking)
  - 23 Drafts
  - 24 One of the Monkees
  - 25 Come \_\_\_ agreement
  - 26 Bit of work
  - 27 Ottoman title
  - 28 Sanctioned
  - 29 Reduced severely
  - 31 More welcome
  - 34 Roman officials
  - 35 Acceptable diplomat
  - 37 Refuge for Robert the Bruce
  - 38 Words to follow
  - 39 Union adversary: Abbr.
  - 42 Nurture
  - 43 Revue feature
  - 44 Jazz fans
  - 45 Do wrong
  - 46 Reflective one
  - 47 Durango dwellings
  - 48 Pas de deux section
  - 50 Look up to
  - 52 Scylla/Charybdis separator
  - 53 Hoop sites
  - 54 They're trifling
  - 55 War of the Roses battle site
  - 6 Multivolume ref.
  - 7 On the spot
  - 8 Mountainous kingdom
  - 9 More sensitive
  - 10 Onetime steelworkers' leader
  - 11 Word form for "middle"
  - 12 Diplomat's concern
  - 13 Metz's region
  - 14 Accords
  - 21 Scream
  - 24 Sacramental server
  - 25 Knee neighbor
  - 27 Feigned
  - 28 Precipitated
  - 29 Hotelier Ritz
  - 30 Superintends
  - 31 Least abundant
  - 32 Enjoyed doing
  - 33 Adventures of old
  - 36 Makes unhappy
  - 39 Yellow-skinned fruit
  - 40 \_\_\_ Island, NY
  - 41 Size up
  - 43 Cooking fats
  - 44 Health-food store buy
  - 46 Dayan contemporary
  - 47 Solar \_\_\_
  - 49 Explorer of the Canadian Arctic
  - 51 Depression-era program



**AUGUST 15 2004**

**PUBLIC RECORDS**

Hot Checks/Warrants issued:  
Javier Alcantar, 1513 Scurry Street, Big Spring  
Lisa B. Aleman, 306 W. First Street, Stanton  
Cindy Renee Alexander, 1709 Owens, Big Spring  
Lone Avina, 603 Steakley, Big Spring  
Carolyn E. Brown, 1203 Wilson, Big Spring  
Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, Snyder  
Loretta Rae Bryner, 2119 Zephyr, Ingleside  
Virginia L. Buchanan, 4318 Wasson, Big Spring  
Billy Michael Burns, 2608 26th Street, Snyder  
Vanessa Malu Calderon, 538 Westover Apt. 232, Big Spring  
Maria Campos, 751 Aqua Pesada, El Paso  
Krisna N. Rivera Castillo, 1113 Nickolasa, Colorado City  
Mart R. Clem, 10911 Woodmeadow, Dallas  
Charles Daniel Cook, W. Hwy 80 Apt. 157, Big Spring  
Andrea Coxey, PO Box 1042, Sterling City  
Dan Duke, 621 N. Jefferson, San Angelo  
Kathi Duke, 337 Greeson Street, Summerville, Ga.  
Rachel Flores, 211 S. Convent, Stanton  
Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels or PO Box 715, Coahoma  
Jimmie Todd Foster, 2506 Albrook, Big Spring  
Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Dr., El Paso  
Edwardo Gamez, 1605 Wasson Rd. apt. 26, Big Spring  
Rosemary Garcia, 2605 Westridge, Snyder  
Sherri Gent, 7009 Linderman, Big Spring  
Christopher George, 215 S. Third Street Apt. 30, Laramie, Wyo.  
Frank Gibbs, 1102 Hwy 176 or 1907 Scurry, Big Spring  
Billy Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah Rd., Hobbs, N.M.  
Cody Heath Hale, 2477 Country Club Rd., San Angelo  
Gary L. Hale, 2320 CRC 3100, Stanton  
Bryan Hammonds, 603 Circle, Big Spring  
Jeremy Foyce Harman, 6713 E. Roobinson, Stanton  
Dawn Hartfield, 1316 Sycamore, Big Spring  
Aaron Kyle Henderson, 2107 Carol, Big Spring  
Erin Jean Hernandez, 2901 Runnels, Big Spring  
John Hernandez, 4405 N. Garfield, Midland

Irene Jimenez Hinojosa, 234 E. 23rd Street, San Angelo  
Raelynn Jennings, 1904 E. 25th Street, Big Spring  
Danny Ray Johnson, 2601 N. Lynn, Lamesa  
Erica Marie Letnex Johnston, 3100 Caldera Blvd Apt. 2314, Midland  
Ryan Kendrick, 1425 E. Sixth Street, Big Spring  
Amber Lynn King, 701 E. 15th Street, Big Spring  
Robert P. Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs N.M.  
Ronald Troy Little, 1710 Young, Big Spring  
Diana Marie Luna, 715 Shinner Lane, Brownfield  
Shane N. Marksbury, PO Box 163, Petersburg  
Judy Mata, 6309 E. Midway Road, Big Spring  
James McGuire, 1910 E. 11th Place, Big Spring  
Mark Mead, 602 W. Fifth Street, Denver City  
Vaughn Lee Medina, 4000 W. Hwy. 80, Big Spring  
Linda Michelle Molina, 1545 Locust, Colorado City  
Debra Montez, 902 S. Second Street, Lamesa  
Russell Dean Nelson, 401 CR 241, Ackerly  
Brandi Neuger, 4301 Raleigh Court, Midland  
Tammy Nicholson, 1104 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring  
Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Cove, Cedar Park  
Dandra C. Ortega, 2300 Camp Dr. Apt. 1, Midland  
Erica Elaine Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big Spring  
Johnny Ray Payne Jr., 1509 Stadium, Big Spring  
Elva L. Perkins, 2414 N. Anderson Road, Big Spring  
Lon Ann Pichon, 62159 Sylve Street, LaCombe, La.  
Danny Gene Priest, 1418 W. FM 818 or 3701 Connally, Big Spring  
Karla Quimby, 1005 W. Debeca, Hobbs, N.M.  
Randy Ramirez, 1511 Sunset, Big Spring  
Robert Ramirez, 2200 S. Monticello Road, Big Spring  
Sierra Ramos, 1905 Wasson Road Apt. 20, Big Spring  
Dennis Michael Richardson, 2201 S. Main Street or 1102 S. Lancaster, Big Spring  
Salome Adolph Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring  
Evelyn Rodriguez, PO Box 2942 or 5402 Lancaster, Odessa  
Patricia Rodriguez, 2201 CR 31, Lamesa

Jennifer A. Roth, 2630 Dow, Big Spring  
Debra Ruth, 1311 Mobile Street, Big Spring  
Javier Soliz, 1319 Stadium, Big Spring  
Allen Stanford, 774 E. 8th Street, Colorado City  
Jerrick Delova Straughter, 811 Lorilla, Big Spring  
Stephanie B. Street, 2611 Ryan Pl. Dr., Fort Worth  
Tracy J. Thompson, 8406 S. Service Road, Big Spring  
Jacob Unger, County Road 402, Semole  
Ricky Webb, Route 1 Box 64, Ackerly  
Hayden Williams, PO Box 1074, Sterling City  
David Yanez, 2507 Gunter, Big Spring  
Teresa Josephine Zarate, 1105 W. Kentucky Ave., Midland  
James Dean Zeigenbein, 9413 University, Odessa  
Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg Street, Big Spring

District Court Filings:  
Virginia Gutierrez Webb vs. Darrin Lee Webb, divorce  
Belinda Fernandez, individually and as next friend of Toyota Tran, Son Tran and Thuy Tran, minors vs. Sheila Ward, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
Ramona J. Mancha, individually and Benjamin Mancha as next friend of Megan Mancha vs. Pamela Palmer, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
Dorothy Jane Rogers vs. H.E. Butt Grocery Company, injury or damages (other).

County Court Rulings:  
Judgment and Sentence: Robert Lee Evans Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$326 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Telesforo Juarez Zapata, driving while license invalid, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Ben Garza, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Ben Garza, evading arrest, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Warranty deeds:  
Grantor: Curtis Ben Bowlin and Max Ann Bowlin  
Grantee: Kent Morgan  
Property: A 18.84 acre tract out of the SW/4 of Section 3, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.  
Date Filed: July 27, 2004  
Grantor: Nancy L. Pulte, John Pulte and Georga Greenberg Daniels  
Grantee: Cynthia Pulte Brosig and Karl D. Brosig  
Property: All or part of Section 6, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: July 27, 2004  
Grantor: Billy R. Grimes and Iona Grimes  
Grantee: Katherine Reyes  
Property: Two tracts of land in Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: July 28, 2004  
Grantor: O.A. Madison

Grantor: Jim Williams and Charlotte Williams  
Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 15, Saunders Addition  
Date Filed: July 28, 2004  
Grantor: Johnny Anchondo and Carolyn Anchondo  
Grantee: Michael Nairn  
Property: The N/45 feet of the S/90 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 8, Cole and Starhorn Addition  
Date Filed: July 28, 2004  
Grantor: Minnie Pearl Rawls Parum  
Grantee: Owen Richard Rawls  
Property: Lots 3-6, Block 9, Lakeview Addition  
Date Filed: July 30, 2004  
Grantor: Michael J. Smith and Marciel B. Smith  
Grantee: Irene Buchanan  
Property: Lot 8, Block 5, Washington Place Addition  
Date Filed: July 30, 2004  
Grantor: Teri L. Nail  
Grantee: Rudy Larocque and Reta Larocque  
Property: Lot 3, Block 6, Avion Village  
Date Filed: July 30, 2004  
Grantor: Syanley Knight and Jackie Knight  
Grantee: Keith M. Chaney  
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 23, Fairview Heights Addition  
Date Filed: Aug. 4, 2004  
Grantor: Patsy McCormick  
Grantee: Bobbie Shockley  
Property: The N/2 of the S/2 of Section 14, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Aug. 4, 2004  
Grantor: Victor V. Keyes Jr. and Janet A. Keyes  
Grantee: Robert K. Fowler  
Property: Lot 1, Block 4, Worth Peeler Addition  
Date Filed: Aug. 5, 2004  
Grantor: Sheila Johnson  
Grantee: Z.B. Rinehart  
Property: Lot 9, Block 18, Kentwood Addition No. 2  
Date Filed: Aug. 6, 2004  
Grantor: Z.B. Rinehart  
Grantee: Cheri K. Lindell  
Property: Lot 9, Block 18, Kentwood Addition No. 2  
Date Filed: Aug. 6, 2004  
Grantor: Stacey Pendleton and Stanley Pendleton  
Grantee: Gary L. Cole and Angela E. Cole  
Property: Lot 3, Block 24, Monticello Addition  
Date Filed: Aug. 10, 2004  
Warranty deeds with vendors lei:  
Grantor: Clarence Hays  
Grantee: Raymond Lynn Hodnett and Brenda Lea Hodnett  
Property: The E/2 of Lot 3, Block 2, Reynolds Addition.  
Date Filed: July 23, 2004  
Grantor: Jeff Gill and Whitney Gill  
Grantee: G. Tommy Bastian  
Property: Lot 3, Block 4, Kentwood Addition Unit No. 1

**BRIEFS**

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meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting rural Texas and the agricultural industry. The meetings are open forums where producers and community members can discuss issues as well as present their own ideas and solutions to the commissioner.

Area meetings include two on Monday, Sept. 23. One will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Dal Paso Museum, 306 S. First St. in Lamesa. The other will be held at 4 p.m. at the Center Meeting Room, Texas State Technical College, 300 College Dr., in Sweetwater.

**Business conference slated Sept. 24**

The Workforce Network of Big Spring will be hosting the Texas Business Conference for area employers on Sept. 24.

The conference is presented by the Texas Workforce Commission in Austin and is comprised of state legal staff who will answer legal questions and provide updates on new employment laws.

Some of the topics will include workers compensation, unemployment claims, wage and hour laws, taxes and tax credits, policy handbooks and hiring and firing issues.

The conference has been tentatively set for the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Any employer who does not receive a notice concerning the conference should contact the Workforce Network Office at (432) 263-8373.



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invites you to join our...  
**August 2004 Schedule**

**August 1 • Sunday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 2 • Monday**  
\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 3 • Tuesday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Retirement Living - 10:00 am  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 4 • Wednesday**  
\*Stretch & Tone (Hospital) - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 5 • Thursday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gales - 10:00 am  
\*Supper Club "Furr's" - 5:30 pm  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 6 • Friday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 7 • Saturday**  
Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
2nd Floor (Hospital) Call To Enroll 268-4550  
Laurie Burks, Instructor  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 8 • Sunday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 9 • Monday**  
\*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)  
\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 10 • Tuesday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Lunch Bunch & Birthdays - 11:30 am - \*Hunan's\*  
Bus Fare & Hotel (Cut off of trip) Aug. 10  
Openings Still - Open - Call - \$225 per person  
Reception For New Radiologist  
Dr. Thein & Wife - Hospital Lobby  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Open To The Public - Refreshments  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 11 • Wednesday**  
\*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 12 • Thursday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am  
\*Supper Club "Hermans" - 5:30 pm  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 13 • Friday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 14 • Saturday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 15 • Sunday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 16 • Monday**  
\*Shreveport Trip For Seniors  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 17 • Tuesday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Shreveport Trip For Seniors  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 18 • Wednesday**  
\*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 19 • Thursday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 20 • Friday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 21 • Saturday**  
\*ROCKHOUND BASEBALL & Fireworks - 5:00 pm  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 22 • Sunday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 23 • Monday**  
\*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)  
\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 24 • Tuesday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 25 • Wednesday**  
\*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am  
\*Supper Club "La Posada" - 5:30 pm  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 26 • Thursday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am  
\*Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 27 • Friday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 28 • Saturday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 29 • Sunday**  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 30 • Monday**  
\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**August 31 • Tuesday**  
\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

**\*Anita Cline**  
Volunteer/Sr. Circle Director  
268-4721

Shreveport Trip  
August 17  
Opening Still Available  
\$225 Per Person  
Call Sr. Circle - Cut Off Aug. 10

**OB Dept.**  
Donna Mills, RN, Director Of Women's Services  
268-4550