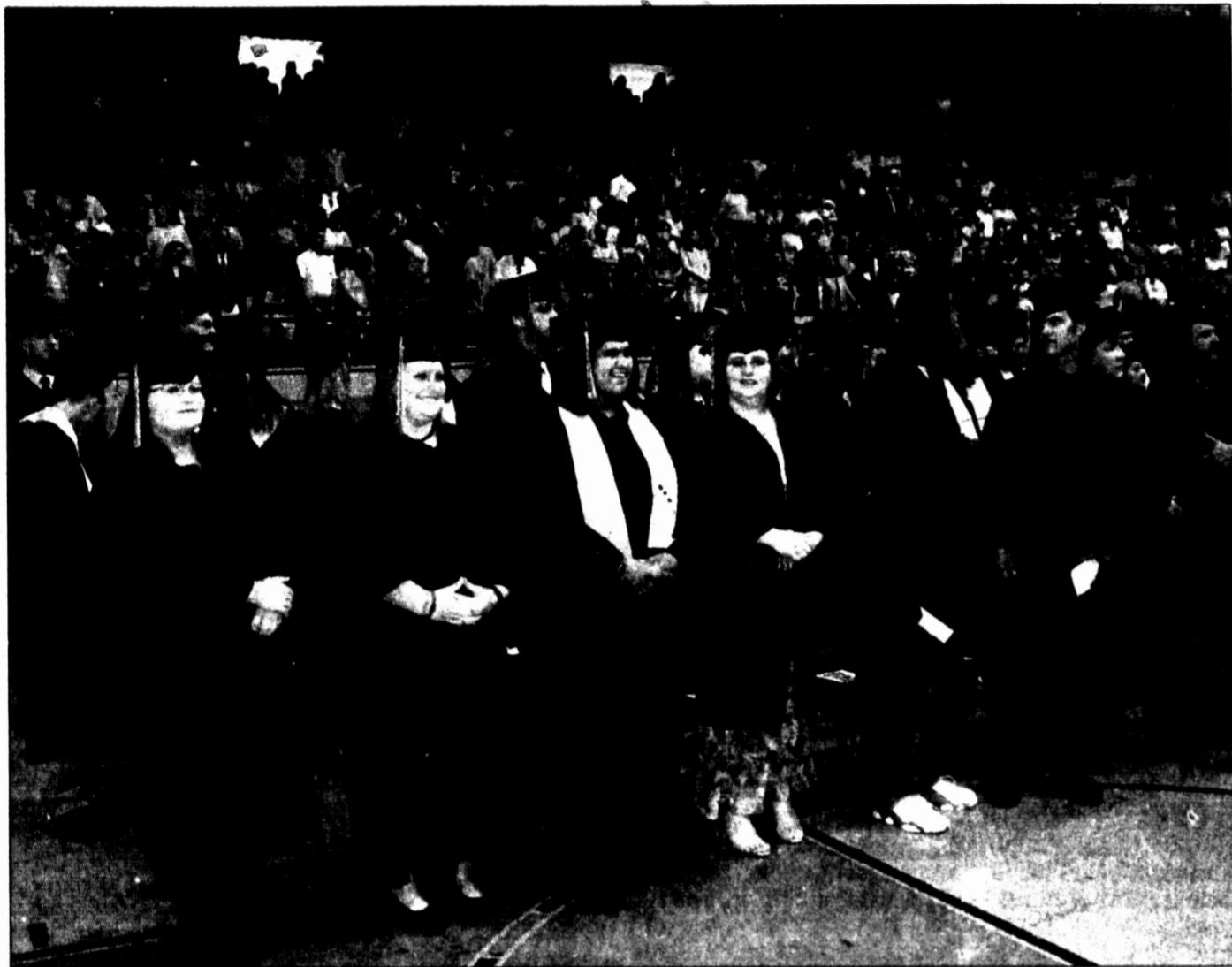




PROUD GRADUATES



Howard College students await the start of graduation ceremonies at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday evening. A large crowd was in attendance for the 59th annual commencement exercises.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Deadline nears for Medicare drug enrollment

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Despite opposition from Democrats in Washington who have been urging President Bush to postpone the deadline, Monday will be the last day to enroll in the new Medicare Part-D drug coverage before costly late-filing penalties and higher premiums go into effect.

The program, which uses private companies to make prescribed medications available at a considerable discount to a large percentage of Medicare-enrolled citizens, consists of a number of different plans, according to Paul Kenemur, pharmacy manager for The Medicine Shoppe.

"From what I've seen, there are about 37 different companies that are handling these types of programs," said Kenemur. "If someone comes in and asks us about

For more information on participation in the program, contact your pharmacist, visit www.medicare.gov on the Internet or call 800-633-4227

them, we're not allowed to suggest any one company, but we can help them decide what type of plan they should be looking for. We're expecting there to be a rush between now and Monday and we're ready for it." The new program allows 43 million seniors and disabled people to enroll in a government-paid private plan that will subsidize the cost of their prescription med-

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Women's health focus of program planned Thursday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Sometimes small steps can have considerable results.

That's the message the Texas Department of State Health Services will be delivering Thursday during its "The Start of Good Things" themed observance of Women's Health Week.

Nancy Vassar, women's health nurse practitioner for TDSHS, said there are several speakers lined up for the presentation, which is designed to encourage women to take better care of themselves.

"Women spend so much time taking care of the people around them, they don't always spend enough time taking care

What: "The Start of Good Things" program for women.

Where: Department of State Health Services, 501 Birdwell Lane.

When: 9 a.m. Thursday.

of themselves," said Vassar. "Women's Health Week is aimed at correcting that problem."

Vassar said Dene Sheppard, a regional director with Mary Kay Cosmetics, will speak at 9:15 a.m. on the importance of skin care, while local nurse Laurie Harris, RN, will discuss exercise and what an important

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Big Spring firefighters battled a house fire in the 200 block of N. Goliad Street Friday afternoon. There were no reports of injuries, although the structure suffered major smoke and fire damage.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring man killed in vehicle wreck

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A two-vehicle accident Friday evening claimed the life of a Big Spring man and sent two local teenagers to the hospital.

Charles Randolph De Ax III, 29, of Big Spring, died after the vehicle he was driving struck a tractor driven by Carl Ray Railsback four miles west of Big Spring on State Highway 176.

Department of Public Safety reports state that De Ax, who worked for a drilling rig operation, was westbound on Highway 176 when he veered into the left lane in a no-passing zone and struck a spray rig attached to the rear of Railsback's John Deere tractor at approximately

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Motorcycle groups to make way through Big Spring

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial will be the visited by two veterans' motorcycle groups in May, with each expected to bring more than 300 bikers to the site.

The first of those groups will arrive around 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, as the memorial will again be a stopping place along



Groves

capitol where they'll participate in

the route for a large group of West Coast bikers making the Run for the Wall from California to Washington, D.C.

Run for the Wall participants will stop at the Big Spring memorial en route to the nation's annual Rolling

Thunder observance on Memorial Day at the Vietnam Memorial.

"From what we understand, there are going to be more than 300 bikers, plus their support vehicles coming into the memorial on the 20th," Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee spokesman Jerry Groves said. "They'll be arriving around 11 a.m. and come into town from the west on Business 20 and FM

700. And they'll spend about an hour at the memorial before going on to Colorado City where they'll stop for a lunch break.

"The public is certainly invited to come and join us," Groves added, "but spectators need to be aware of the number of vehicles that are going to be involved in the procession. We ask that people be careful and not get into intersections and

disrupt the riders and their support group."

Groves also noted that any local residents wanting to join the Run for the Wall in Big Spring and accompany the group to Washington must register ahead of time.

Then, May 29, while Run for the Wall participants are taking part in Rolling Thunder, the

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday is Mother's Day and we wish moms everywhere a wonderful weekend. Our toast to moms includes an editorial on Page 4A and a tribute on Page 1C that includes comments such as the following from their children. Enjoy!

If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

A special Mother's Day luncheon will be held Sunday at the Spring City Senior Center.

The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m.

The menu is roast beef and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake. The center is located at 1901 Simler in the Airpark.

The Senior Center regularly serves lunch Monday through Friday beginning at about noon.

For information on aging services, programs and resources, call the Senior Helpline at 1 800 491-4636 or contact the Senior Center at 267-1628.

TOOTHPICKS ARE NEXT

TOKYO (AP) — Walk into any Japanese noodle shop or restaurant and chances are you'll be eating with a pair of disposable wooden chopsticks from China. But not for long.

In a move that has cheered environmentalists but worried restaurant owners, China has slapped a 5 percent tax on the chopsticks over concerns of deforestation.

The move is hitting hard at the Japanese, who consume 25 billion sets of wooden chopsticks a year. Some 97 percent of them come from China. Exporters have responded by slapping a 30 percent hike on chopstick prices — with a planned additional 20 percent increase pending.

Obituaries

Charles De Ax III

Charles Randolph De Ax III, 29, of Big Spring died Friday, May 12, 2006, following an automobile accident west of Big Spring. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Billie Shults

Billie Shults, 74, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Mountain View Lodge. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets Monday, May 15 at the First Presbyterian Church. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

Take Note

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM VETERAN OF THE MONTH RECEPTION HONORING ANITA MASSEY** is 6 p.m. May 23 in the museum's briefing room. For more information, call 264-1999.

• **WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK** event at the Texas Department of Health, 501 Birdwell Lane is set for 9 a.m. until noon May 18, featuring skin care, healthy gardening, exercise and door prizes. Call 263-9775 for more information.

• **A PUBLIC RETIREMENT RECEPTION TO HONOR FORSAN TEACHERS BRENDA WHITE AND RHONDA ROTHELL** is set for 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday in Elbow Elementary.

• **SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AT THE SPRING CITY SENIOR CENTER** begins at 11:45 a.m. Sunday. The menu is roast beef and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake. The center is located at 1901 Simler in the Airpark.

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

• **COAHOMA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE** is June 3. To participate, register at The Lil' Sooper Market or by calling Brian Klinksiek at 394-4395. Deadline to register is May 27. Registration fee is \$15.

• **AN ACCOUNT FOR JACK HANSON** has been established at T&P Credit Union for donations to assist with expenses related to his heart surgery. Call 399-4562 or 399-4770 for more information.

• **AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** for 21-month-old Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned for July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact

Police blotter

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

- **RAFAEL LOPEZ**, 47, 507 W. Sixth, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- **RAY CARL MCGEE JR.**, 29, 809 Ohio, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance.
- **JOHN PETER GORDON**, 18, 1516 Wood, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance.
- **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 26, 2911 W. 80, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance.
- **MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR.**, 20, 820 W. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **ANTHONY MORRISON**, 48, 600 E. 16h, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **NELDA C. SMALE**, 33, 2525 Hunter, was arrested on warrants from Kendall and Guadalupe counties.
- **JOSE DOLORES FRANCO**, 33, 1206 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **ASSAULT** was reported on Opal Lane.
- **HARRASSMENT** was reported on N. County Road 41.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977** is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail emilyboyd1@aol.com.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

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

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

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

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

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

• **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.

Bulletin Board

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

SATURDAY

• The 2006 Art Gala, a fund-raiser presented by the Howard County Humane Society, is 5 p.m. at Garrett Ranch. Call 432-425-2326.

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

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.

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. 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.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

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

• 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 Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.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.

• 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.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs around 80. Northeast Winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. The chance of rain is 40 percent.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-10-13-29-32.

Number matching five of five: 0.

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Congratulations the month. Lynn 2005! She is a hard worker. resident's, family Nursing & Rehabilitation Thank You

COMMENCEMENT 2006



SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students prepare to receive their diplomas during the 24th annual commencement exercises at the SWCID Activity Center Friday morning.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring native wins Bus Road-e-O for the second time

HERALD Staff Report

Don Hal Haney, a Big Spring native, has been named grand champion in the Washington State ESD 121 School Bus Road-e-O for a second consecutive year.

The WESD 121 regional competition tests the safety, driving skills and knowledge of laws for school bus operations of bus drivers throughout the state.

Haney, has been driving buses for the Kent, Wash., school district since 1996. He has placed as a finalist (in the top three spots) in regional competition six of the nine times he has competed. He has finished in the top 10 in state competition all five times he has competed at that level.

Haney will be one of 27 drivers from the nine regions competing at the state level June 24 in Pasco, Wash.

In 2003 he qualified for International competition by taking second place in state competition. The International Safety

Competition was held in New York City with more than 100 competitors from the USA and Canada entering, and Haney placed fifth in the transit bus category, for those who drive school buses similar to public transit buses. Other categories are for small buses and conventional school buses.

Haney was a 1966 Big Spring High School graduate. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Haney Sr., and now resides in Kent, Wash. He and his wife, Judy, have five children and six grandchildren.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Dorothy Kennemur, 82, died Tuesday. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park. Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church.

May Jones, 100, died Thursday. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jacque Virginia Herrera, 59, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles Randolph De Ax III, 29, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Billie Shults, 74, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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ications through Medicare. Approximately 37 million people have now either signed up or been automatically enrolled.

According to Jimmy Anderson, pharmacist in charge of Professional

Pharmacy, the programs won't be quite as affordable after Monday.

"After Monday, people will still be able to get on the program, but it's going to cost considerably more," said Anderson. "The cost of the program is taken out of their Social Security incomes, and a lot of these people

are living on fixed incomes. These penalties could have a definite impact on whether or not they can afford the program."

Anderson said the program would be the most advantageous for Medicare recipients who don't have a second form of health insurance.

"If they currently have co-pay coverage for their prescriptions, Medicare Part D is most likely not for them," said Anderson. "However, if Medicare is the only thing they have, they should seriously consider this program. That's who it will help the most."

For more information

on participation in the program, contact your pharmacist, visit www.medicare.gov on the Internet or call 800-633-4227.

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

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Permian Basin Ride to Remember will see several hundred bikers take part in the ride from the Permian Basin Vietnam Memorial to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

That ride begins about 10 a.m. on Memorial Day and the group should

arrive in Big Spring around 11 a.m.

However, Ride to Remember participants will enter Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87, parade south on Gregg Street and turn west on FM 700 en route to the memorial.

Groves said a brief ceremony will be conducted when the procession arrives at the memorial.

"We definitely encourage the public to come out

and join us for the ceremony," he said. "But we definitely want people to remember what Memorial Day is for — to honor the men and women who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation."

Groves also stressed that with the large number of motorcycles that will be involved in the Run to Remember, local residents should be aware they need to use caution

in the areas along Gregg Street and FM 700 when the bikers arrive.

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role it can play in women's health at 10 a.m.

Terri Johansen, owner of Johansen's Landscape and Nursery, is also expected to make a presentation on healthy gardening at 11 a.m.

"We began having these types of gatherings in 2000, when it was decided we would do something for women in the commu-

nity the week after Mother's Day," said Vassar. "We've been doing this on a national level for the past six years."

Vassar said free tetanus shots will be offered during the program. Pneumonia vaccines for women 65 years or older will also be available to anyone that hasn't had one.

"We really hope the women in the community will take advantage of

this program," said Vassar. "It's an excellent chance for them to bring a friend and learn about taking care of themselves. If they don't take care of themselves, who will?"

The program will be held at the TDSHS office, located at 501 Birdwell Lane Suite 28-B. For more information, call 263-9775.

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

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7:45 p.m. Friday.

Emergency medical technician teams responded to the accident, but De Ax was pronounced dead at the scene by Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs at 8:30 p.m., the report stated.

Railsback was uninjured in the accident, but two passengers in De Ax's Chevrolet 1500 pickup — 18-year-old Brandon Lynn White and 14-year-old Thomas Lynn White — were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries. Their condition was unknown as of early Saturday afternoon.

De Ax's body was trans-

ported to Myers & Smith Funeral Home, where services are pending.

Weather was not a factor in the accident, and De Ax was wearing his seat belt, the DPS report stated.

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

May 2006 Employee of the Month

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<p>May 16 * Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mall Walking - 8:00 AM • Coffee @ "Marcy House" - 10:00 AM • Supper Club "KC Steakhouse" - 5:30 PM 	<p>May 25 * Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mall Walking - 8:00 AM • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 AM • Games - 1:00 - 3:00 PM
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<p>May 18 * Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mall Walking - 8:00 AM • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 AM • "BUNKO" - 5:00 - 6:30 PM 	<p>May 30 * Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mall Walking - 8:00 AM • Supper Club "Cowboys" - 5:30 p.m.
<p>May 22 * Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Mexico Casino Trip - 9:00 AM - ??? 	<p>May 31 * Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 AM • Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM

Casino—New Mexico

We will be heading off to the Casino in Hobbs, New Mexico on Monday May 22. We will leave the SMMC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Seating is limited so call early to RSVP. We will arrive in New Mexico by 10 a.m. Mountain Time, and will eat at the casino buffet or Applebee's (group's choice).

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Make sure you remember Mom on her holiday

Today is Mother's Day, the day on which we honor the most important women in our lives — those who gave us life, and for about half of us, those who gave our children life.

This is a day to devote ourselves to praising and honoring those who by nature are perhaps the most devoted people on earth.

Mothers, after all, are nurturers. They are naturally giving, caring and fiercely loyal.

As a matter of fact, mothers perform the hardest job in the world — from giving birth to us and providing all our needs as infants, to nursing myriad ailments and illnesses during our formative years and, finally, letting us cut the apron strings and allowing us to venture into adulthood.

Too many times we've forgotten to say "thank you." Too often we've taken their efforts for granted. And too often we've been embarrassed or chafed at what seemed too much concern on her part.

But not today, please.

What will you do for your mother today to show her how much you love her and appreciate the years of unconditional love she's given you?

Whether it's flowers, a special meal, a tender greeting card or a simple hug and uttered "thank you," offer them from your heart.

Lord knows they're deserved.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Why are there uncontrolled intersections in our city? This is just an accident waiting to happen, especially when the intersection has obstructed views from either side.

An accident occurred at such an intersection at 14th and Nolan. Thankfully, nobody was seriously injured.

This accident could have been prevented if a stop sign or yield sign had been in place.

When you are driving along and your right of way does not have a stop sign, you naturally assume that the other side does. How many of us really look to make sure the other side has a posted sign?

and would give anything to see you. Even with all the miles between us and all the time we have spent apart, you have always been my biggest fan.

I pray at night that I would wake up and you will still live minutes away from me. But because of you, I am a grown-up and I realize that I got the best of you. I would rather have had you to raise me and teach me all that you know (and some of the crazy stuff you made up along the way) than any other mom in the world.

The thought of not having you takes my breath away.

I love you mom.

KAREN VANSCOY
BENTONVILLE, ARK.

JULIA MUNOZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am from Big Spring and moved away several years ago. My parents are still there and I would love to wish my mother, Irene Maynard, a very Happy Mothers Day since we are so many miles apart.

I love you mommy! I always have. I miss you more than anything else in this great big world

BOOSIE WEAVER
BIG SPRING

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are the type of security we need.

Amen

Talk about wonderful mothers...

Writing a Mother's Day column is difficult. It always is. The reason being, of course, is that you tend to get very sentimental writing about your mother.

I know there are those that might advise writing about somebody else's mother. The problem with that, however, is that you simply don't know other people's mothers that well. That's why you don't get overly sentimental when writing about them, and that's definitely why you shouldn't write about them on Mother's Day.



JOHN A. MOSELEY

OK, now that we've got that out of the way...

My mother, Jeane Moseley, is the best mom in the whole world — and there's not a question in my mind about that.

Now before I start getting a rash of cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails, let me say that I'm reasonably sure almost everyone else feels the same way about their mom.

They're supposed to.

And if you don't feel that way about your mother, I'm sorry.

In today's editorial we noted that "mothers perform the hardest job in the world — from giving birth to us and providing all our needs as infants, to nursing myriad ailments and illnesses during our formative years and, finally, letting us cut the apron strings and allowing us to venture into adulthood."

That's especially true for my mom, I hate to admit, because I spent way too many years being a problem child.

I was always all too ready to try something new and different, especially if it smacked of rebellion. That was particularly true when I was a teen-ager and young adult.

Worse still, I absolutely idolized my father.

Yes, I know that boys are, by nature, supposed to be closer to their mothers than their fathers, but I was, after all, a problem child.

I was convinced that my father was the smartest person on the planet. Even in my rebelliousness, I knew that if I wasn't doing something he approved of, it was wrong. That kept me from doing many foolish things, but I still had my moments.

I also thought my father was the coolest and funniest adult on this earth. I wanted to be just like him.

It wasn't that I didn't love my mom. On the contrary, I loved her very much.

And it wasn't that I consciously thought that she wasn't smart ... or cool ... or funny. Sadly, too often my actions relayed that message.

To this day mother will, with a much better nature than she should, admit that one of the most frustrating and hurtful moments I ever caused her came when I was in the fifth grade. Or was it the sixth?

Anyway, whenever it was, a situation arose one day when I was 11 or 12 years old when I asked her about something. She immediately gave me the correct answer. Then I had the audacity to turn around, look to my father and ask, "Is that right, Daddy?"

She should have killed me.

Instead, she absorbed the slight, held it inside and didn't mention it for many, many years.

Moms are like that ... yeah, they are.

And, no, my mother wasn't "cool" by the definitions many of us used in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

No, my mom was a very principled, moral Christian, who wanted her sons to be the same.

She not only didn't drink, she wouldn't even allow friends to

bring wine when they'd been invited over for an Italian food dinner.

While she didn't tell me at the time, it hurt her feelings that I never wanted to bring my friends by our house like my younger brothers did.

She thought I was ashamed of her. That wasn't true, it's just that I was afraid my friends would think I wasn't very cool if I told them how they'd have to act if they came to my house.

You see, we couldn't smoke, or drink, or curse at my house.

That's because my mom was wonderful.

I really do think she's probably the most wonderful woman I've ever known. It just took me way too many years to realize that.

And yes, I've forgotten to say "thank you" way too many times. I've too often taken her efforts for granted.

But I'll try not to today.

Today I'll call her and wish her a very "Happy Mother's Day" and wish with all my heart that I could go to church with her this morning. Wish that I had an opportunity to give her a hug and have her give me one of her patented kisses on the cheek.

You want to know what really makes my mom special?

Well, it's because I know there are dozens of people — all ages, genders, sizes and colors — that will tell you Jeane Moseley is one of the most wonderful, kind and loving people they know. They'll tell you they absolutely love her to death.

But here's what makes her so wonderful: She is always amazed that people feel that way about her.

Happy Mother's Day, Momma. I love you.

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A zoo attraction I don't want to see

Random thoughts while petting the cat. From the "Better Than Than Me" Department comes the following Associated Press snippet:

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Shanghai is getting set to open a "human zoo."

Four Australian men will live in a glass box on a downtown mall for two weeks in June, with the public able to watch them sleep, eat and bathe, a news report said Thursday.



STEVE REAGAN

The group, known as the Urban Dream Capsule, has drawn crowds with similar displays in London, Montreal, Hong Kong and other cities.

"They won't turn off the lights or pull down the curtains. They show their whole life, from getting up to going to bed," Karen Chang, the event's organizer, told the Shanghai Daily newspaper.

"People like to watch them taking a shower, so they have to shower at least two times a day," Chang said. "Of course, one can't see the key parts, because there is nontransparent glass in the bathroom."

When humanity suffers its inevitable downfall, people will point to stuff like this as a prime example why.

Personally, I blame reality television. After years of watching people make utter fools of themselves on TV, the thought of showering before total strangers doesn't seem so bad.

I wouldn't be caught dead

pulling a stunt like this, but then again, my mother made sure I had a sense of shame — not to mention a healthy dose of pride.

My first reaction upon reading this was to wonder what moved these men to turn themselves into two-legged zoo animals. On further reflection, however, I have to wonder what is so fascinating about the project that people would come far and wide just to watch a bunch of guys eat, shave and whatever.

I've seen guys eat. I've seen guys shave. And I've seen guys do some other stuff that decency and the statute of limitations forbids me to explain further.

And let me tell you that all the above-mentioned activities are vastly over-rated, and definitely not worthy of public display.

OK, I understand the novelty factor in all this — if it was a slow day and my TV was on the fritz and one of these "human zoos" were nearby, I might even saunter by for a quick look at the specimens.

But it seems to me the shelf life on one of these things has to be pretty short. After watching a bunch of guys burp and scratch and read the newspaper for a few minutes, I'd probably have an overwhelming desire to wash my car.

That's how boring this whole thing sounds to me.

But, let me say, "Thank Goodness" to one aspect of this scheme — at least the men won't be on, uh, full display while taking showers.

I am a firm believer that the fewer naked men there are in public, the better.

It's been awhile since I've updated the Files of the Criminally Stupid, so let's correct that oversight, shall we?

ANDERSON, S.C. (AP) — Two men trying to flee from police in a van left behind what authorities said was a cloud of heroin.

An Oconee County deputy tried to stop the van this week on Interstate 85 about two miles from the Georgia state line, but the driver sped away, authorities said.

When the van crossed into Georgia, a passenger started ripping open plastic bags and dumping powder out the window, said Sheriff Mike Cleveland, of Hart County, Ga.

The van was stopped a few miles down the road and the men were arrested, deputies said.

A thick residue of what appeared to be heroin covered the side of the van and the patrol car that chased it, Cleveland said.

This is one of those things that probably seemed like a good idea at the time: You're in possession of a sizable amount of heroin, the police are in hot pursuit and you need to dispose of the damning evidence.

I've got it! Let's toss the stuff out the window.

Oh, wait, don't coat the car with it, OK?

And no, my car is not dingy because it's covered in powdered heroin. It just needs a wash.

Honest.

Staff Writer Steve Reagan, who apparently has nothing better to do than search the Internet for story ideas, can be reached at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at

News

House sends school funding bill
AUSTIN (AP) — A sweeping education bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, setting the stage for Gov. Rick Perry's four-day special session.

The bill, which requires the state to pay for surplus money with surplus money, Legislature's plan to fund education.

Lawmakers intend to pass the bill by the end of the session, which is scheduled to start on Monday in August.

The legislation would give teachers a \$2,000 raise over the next four years, change the start date of the school year to Monday in August, and increase bonuses for teachers.

Cigarette tax
A bill that would pack survived a close vote after lawmakers re-dedicated 5 percent of the state's revenue to education programs.

They also removed a \$1.50 tax on cigarettes in January and 25-cent changes were made to the state's cigarette tax.

The new bill was approved by the House and sent to the Senate.

House approves Westboro Baptist Church lawsuit
AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday approved a lawsuit against the Westboro Baptist Church, claiming that the church's protests are a violation of the First Amendment.

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Four arrested at West Memphis
WEST MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Four men were arrested without incident on Tuesday, May 9, in West Memphis, Tenn.

Wayland Perry, 27, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

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Moussaoui begins trial
DENVER (AP) — Zacarias Moussaoui's trial began on Tuesday in Denver, Colo.

Marshals brought Moussaoui to court before dawn Saturday in southern Colorado, a day in his cell after other notorious criminals.



Family

News briefs

House sends school funding bill to Perry

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House approved a sweeping education reform bill Friday, sending another major piece of school finance legislation to Gov. Rick Perry four days before the end of the 30-day special session on the court-ordered issue.

The bill, which replaces some school property taxes with surplus money, is one of five that make up the Legislature's plan to fix the system before a June 1 deadline.

Lawmakers intend for the measure to answer the Texas Supreme Court's ruling that schools were funded by an unconstitutional statewide property tax in which districts were charging the maximum allowed by law and had no discretion to set their own rates.

The legislation sent to Perry on Friday also would give teachers a \$2,000 pay raise, require students to take four years of math and science to graduate, change the start date for all schools to the fourth Monday in August and allow performance-based bonuses for teachers, among other things.

Cigarette tax

A bill that would raise the cigarette tax by \$1 per pack survived a close vote in the Senate on Friday after lawmakers removed a measure that would have dedicated 5 percent of the revenue to smoking prevention programs.

They also removed a provision that would have phased-in the full \$1 increase, starting with 75 cents in January and 25 cents in September 2007. Both changes were made after the House raised technical objections.

The new bill was approved by a 14-13 vote.

House approves bill barring funeral protests

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of an anti-gay church would be barred from protesting funerals under a bill sent to Gov. Rick Perry on Friday.

The bill would make it a Class B misdemeanor to protest within 500 feet of the site of a funeral service from one hour before to one hour after a site is used for a service.

The House and Senate both approved the bill Friday.

The measure sponsored by state Rep. Brian McCall does not specifically mention the protests of Westboro Baptist Church, a Kansas church group that claims that God is killing U.S. soldiers who fight for a country that tolerates homosexuality.

But the bill was designed with them in mind.

"The scars that are created to the families by this sort of behavior are scars that will not heal cleanly, and we can do something about it," said McCall, a Republican from Plano.

Governors in Oklahoma and Iowa have signed legislation making such protests illegal.

Four arrested at West Memphis hotel

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. (AP) — Three suspects in a Texas bank robbery and a murder suspect have been arrested without incident at a West Memphis hotel, police said.

Wayland Perry, 27, of Arlington, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a murder warrant issued in October out of Texas.

Arrested on a bank robbery charge were Chuck Oliver, 37, of Arlington; Darren Mack, 22, of Grand Prairie, Texas; and Edward Crain, 23, also of Grand Prairie.

"We were able to take them in custody without incident," Assistant Chief Mike Allen said.

West Memphis Police Chief Bob Paudert said police received a tip that armed suspects might be in the area. Paudert said officers canvassed the city and found vehicles fitting the description the FBI gave them. Officers found a suspect registered at the Ramada Inn, and they evacuated nearby hotel rooms.

Police took four men and three women into custody, releasing the women later Thursday.

Allen said more than \$18,000 in cash and two weapons were recovered from the hotel after police obtained search warrants for the rooms and vehicles.

Moussaoui begins serving life sentence

DENVER (AP) — Convicted Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui on Saturday began serving his life sentence at the nation's most secure prison after U.S. marshals flew him overnight from Virginia to Colorado.

Marshals brought Moussaoui, prisoner 51427-054, before dawn Saturday to the Supermax federal prison in southern Colorado, where he will spend 23 hours a day in his cell and have little to no contact with other notorious criminals.

Bush considering plans to deploy National Guard troops at borders

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, trying to build momentum for an overhaul of the nation's immigration laws, is considering plans to shore up the Mexican border with National Guard troops paid for by the federal government, according to senior administration officials.

One defense official said military leaders believe the number of troops required could range from 3,500 to 10,000, depending on the final plan. Another administration official cautioned that the 10,000 figure was too high.

The officials insisted on anonymity since no decision has been announced.

The president was expected to reveal his plans in an address Monday at 8 p.m. EDT. It will be the first time he has used the Oval Office for a domestic policy speech — a gesture intended to underscore the importance he places

on the divisive immigration issue.

The key questions Friday were exactly how many National Guard troops might be deployed, for how long and at what cost to taxpayers — as well as the problem of possible disruption of upcoming deployments to Iraq and elsewhere overseas.

Border state governors were split.

Using those troops for border security is "maybe not the right way to go," said California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Republican former movie star, though he agreed the federal government is obliged to secure the borders. He noted that many of the Guard troops are returning from long duty in Iraq, and "I think that we should let them go... back to work again."

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson also opposed the plan, saying National Guard troops could be needed for emergencies such as wildfires or hurricanes. Richardson, chairman of the

Democratic Governors Association, said in a statement the Bush administration has not consulted directly with the governors who deal with border issues. "This would dramatically impact our states and we should be included in the discussion and planning," he said.

The governors of Texas and Arizona favor positioning National Guard

troops on the border.

But Texas Democratic Reps. Silvestre Reyes and Solomon Ortiz — both senior members of the Armed Services Committee — sent a letter to Bush urging him to consider a number of issues before deploying the troops, including whether another mission is in the best interest of "our over-stretched military."



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Volcano fears force evacuation

By CHRIS BRUMMITT

Associated Press Writer

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia ordered the immediate evacuation Saturday of thousands of people from the slopes of Mount Merapi volcano, warning of an imminent eruption as the mountain oozed fiery lava and belched clouds of black ash.

Hundreds of women, children and elderly were taken in buses and trucks to relocation centers set up at local schools and government buildings.

Authorities put the region on highest alert after they observed two days of steady lava flow from the 9,700-foot peak on the island of Java.

Many people had been evacuated from homes closest to the crater prior to Saturday, but thousands who live further down the fertile slopes refused to leave behind precious livestock and crops. Officials have said as many as 7,000 people still needed to go.

On Saturday, experts recorded 27 volcanic tremors as burning lava oozed from the crater and reached nearly a mile down its slopes, said Dr. Ratdomo Purbo, who heads an observation post at Merapi.

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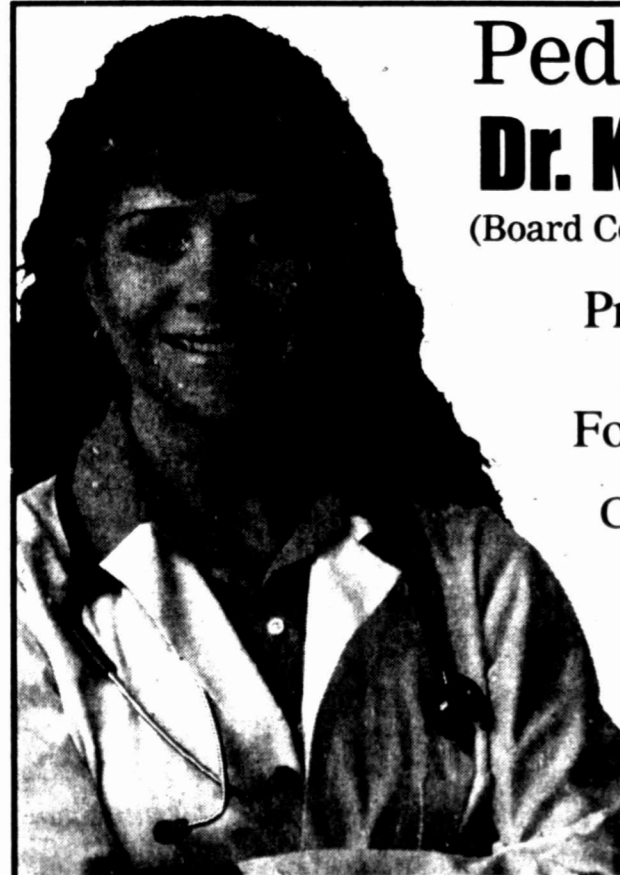
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Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage links, orange juice; Lunch, corn dogs, potato rounds, fresh veggie medley, rainbow freeze bars, (high school second choice, taco salad).
Tuesday: Breakfast, honey buns, apples; Lunch, spaghetti with meat sauce, black-eyed peas, Jello with mixed fruit, corn, garlic rolls, (high school second choice, chicken-fried steak).
Wednesday: Breakfast, tortillas, sausage links, pineapple juice; Lunch, popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, California vegetables, sliced peaches, wheat rolls, (high school second choice, meatball sandwiches).
Thursday: Breakfast, cereal, cheese bites, apple juice; Lunch, Mexican beef wrap, Spanish rice, refried beans with cheese, madarin oranges, (high school second choice, crispy chicken sandwiches).
Friday: Breakfast, peanut butter uncrustables, orange juice; Lunch, sausage pizza, garden salad with ranch, spiced apples (high school second choice, hamburger).

milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, manager's choice, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, hamburger, French fries, hamburger salad, applesauce, milk, mustard.
Tuesday: Breakfast, manager's choice, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, manager's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, manager's choice, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, green beans, garden salad, applesauce, milk, ranch dressing.
Thursday: Breakfast, manager's choice, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, chicken casserole, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapples, cornbread, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, manager's choice, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken wrap, beef wrap, western beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pears, milk, salsa.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, sweetened rice, ham, apple juice, milk; Lunch, tacos, salad, pinto beans, tortilla chips, milk, burritos.
Tuesday: Breakfast, French toast, sausage links, juice, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, tater tots, salad trays, apples, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch, breaded chicken, creamed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, Sloppy Joe.
Thursday: Breakfast, donuts, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger pockets, chips, pickle spears, fruit, milk, corn dogs.
Friday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage on stick, syrup, fruit,

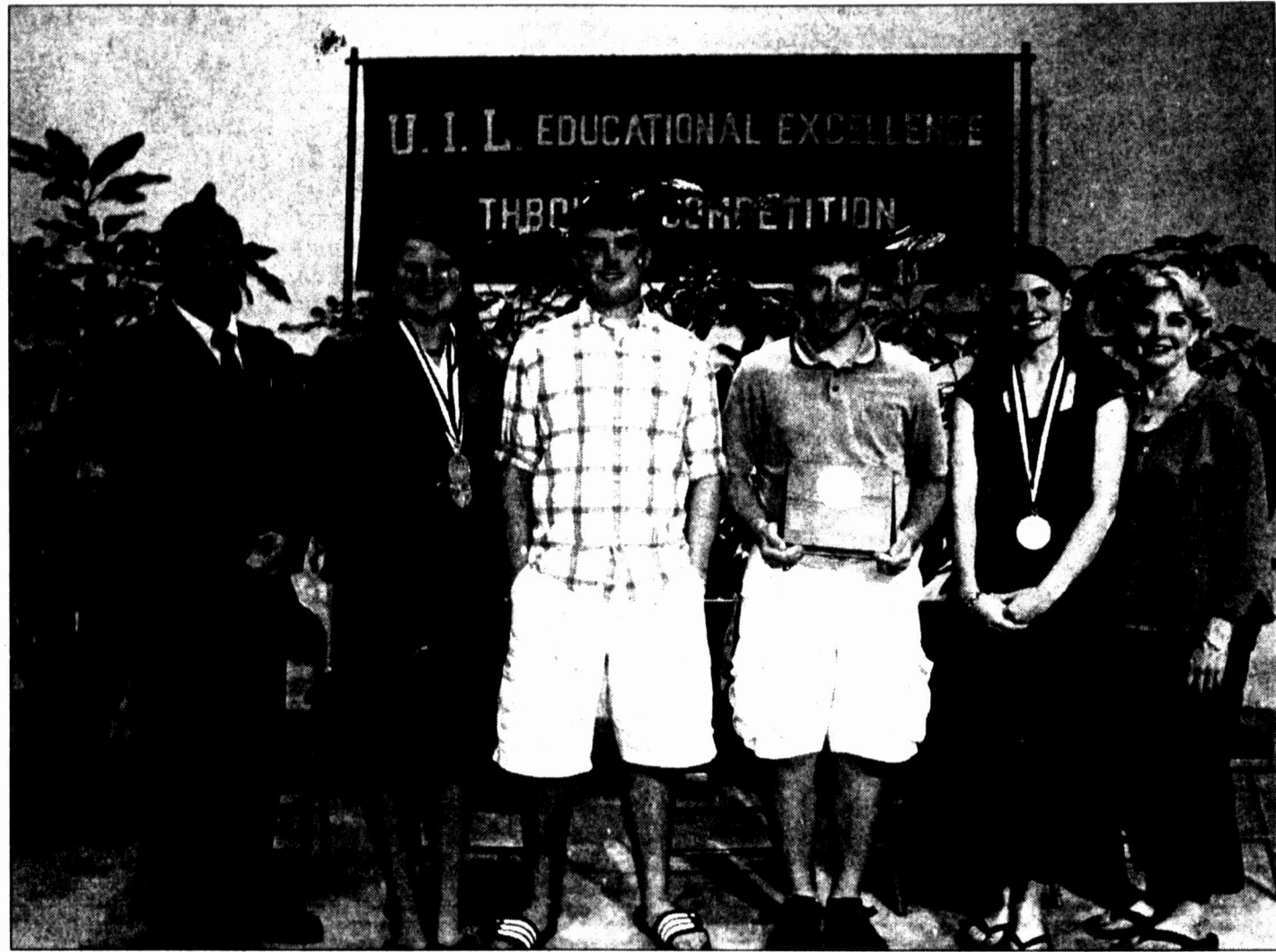
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Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: Lunch, beef tips and rice, green beans, pudding, rolls.
Tuesday: Lunch, chicken and dumplings, okra and tomatoes, banana pudding, crackers.
Wednesday: Lunch, beef enchiladas, Spanish rice and beans, salad, chips, fruit salad.
Thursday: Lunch, chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, mixed fruit, rolls.
Friday: Lunch, chicken spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, cake.

TOP CONTENDERS



Borden County High School brought home plaques and medals from the University Interscholastic League Class 1A Academic Contest in Austin. Pictured left to right are Darrin Ard, academic coach; Kate Wallace, state champion in Persuasive Speaking and Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Rowdy Clary, state champion in Social Studies; Andrew Lamming, member of the state champion Speech Team; Becky Dobyns, state champion in Ready Writing, silver medalist in Spelling and Vocabulary, bronze medalist in Editorial Writing; and Sue Jane Mayes, academic coach. Borden County finished with 108 points, third to Garden City (159) and Lindsey (110). The Speech Team was named the state champion with 46 points by virtue of first place finishes in Persuasive Speaking and Lincoln-Douglas debate as well as the runner-up state champion points won by Rowdy Clary and Rachel Wilson in CX Debate in March.

Don't cry because you failed, but smile because you tried

Remember when your child was just learning to walk? I remember so well. I have two girls and two boys but the story was the same. Remember when the first few steps led to a few more until several steps were in the process and walking had actually begun? "Come on, you can do it! Come on, I'm right here!" Remember the looks of fear around those first steps?



DARRELL RYAN

As our children have grown older we still see those looks of fear when we are attempting to get them to try something new but now we know they are the looks of the fear of failure. However, we must convince our children that failure is not always bad. We must remind them that they have failed many times but they just don't remember. So we remind them of the fear of those first steps when they were trying to learn to walk or the fear when they were learning to swim.

We must convince them that failure doesn't mean they are a failure, it only means they haven't succeeded yet! We must ask them, "Did you hit the ball the first time you swung the bat?" Heavy hitters, the ones who hit the most home runs, also struck out a lot. Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs. R.H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York caught on, and look at it now! English novelist John Creasey got 753 rejection slips before he published the first of his 654 books. And notice the failures of Thomas Edison as he attempted to invent the light bulb. Failure doesn't mean

you will never make it, it only means that it will take a little longer. The main idea about failure is not to worry about it. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try. Failure doesn't mean you don't have it, it only means that you have to do something in a different way. Abraham Lincoln was classified as a failure in his pursuit of public office, but he didn't stop trying, and we know of his accomplishments as president. Failure doesn't mean you should give up, but it does mean you must try harder. Richard Nixon once said, "It's better to have tried and failed than to fail to try!" As we work with our children, we must continually convince them to try and try and try again. Failure doesn't mean you will never make it, it does mean it will take a little longer than you expected. There

Parent's Corner

is one thing of which you can be sure; you will never be successful if you never try. Will Rogers once said, "Don't cry because you failed; smile because you tried!" What a delightful way to go through life, smiling because you have tried!

Darrell Ryan is the director of curriculum for Big Spring Independent School District.

Schools awarded mini-grants

TxDOT awards grants for graduation activities.

Special to the Herald

Big Spring and Forsan high schools are once again recipients of a \$350 mini-grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Called Project Celebration 2006, the schools are among 30 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each school will receive a \$350 mini-grant for graduation activities.

"As the Abilene District's traffic safety coordinator, I am delighted that TxDOT continues to be a staunch advocate of safe and sober driving habits," Brenda Mitchell said. "By approving the expenditure of funds to support graduation activities across Texas, we are

assisting communities to provide a safe and sober occasion for their graduating students."

Mitchell visited each of the 30 participating high schools in the district and presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school event. One of the mementos is a transistor radio that bears the slogan, "Friends don't let friends drink and drive."

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals and the like. Transportation officials

report that this program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.



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The estate of C.B. Lawrence vs. In Re, other civil.
In Re Christopher Noe Galindo vs. In Re, family - other.

Marriage Licenses:

Jeremy Ray Hernandez, 18, and Tiffany Nicole Villareal, 18, both of Big Spring.
Daniel Clayton Holt, 26, of Big Spring, and Jennifer Kay Schaler, 26, of Bryan.
Ashley Dean Johnson, 23, and Rhonda Leann Beach, 22, both of Big Spring.
Thomas Lovis Griffin, 23, and Kari Elizabeth Jones, 23, both of Big Spring.
Clifford Raymond Stinson, 36, and Bonnie May Grett, 34, both of Big Spring.
Steve Rodriguez, 24, and Linda Brito, 19, both of Big Spring.
Derek Wayne Ward, 24, and Mandy Lou Morgan, 19, both of Coahoma.
Gene Edward Aiello, 49, and Betty Lou Dekeyser, 44, both of Big Spring.

Warranty deeds:

Grantor: Rip Griffin Truck Service Center
Grantee: Roark-Whitten Hospitality
Property: A 3.2 acre tract out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 5, 2006
Grantor: William Reed and Katherine Reed
Grantee: Manuel Hernandez
Property: Lot 8, Block 2, Suburban Heights
Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: Roland Aaron King
Grantee: Linda Carroll Choate
Property: An 11.7 acre tract out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: Linda Chaote
Grantee: Joe Corum and Tami Corum
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Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: Gus Nasiehl
Grantee: The Quantum Real Estate Group
Property: A 3.5 acre tract out of Lots 3-14, Block 1, Coronado Hills; A

1.5 acre tract out of Lot 1, Block 12, Coronado Hills
Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: The Quantum Real Estate Group
Grantee: Jeff Rodriguez and Regina Rodriguez
Property: A 3.5 acre tract out of Lots 3-14, Block 1, Coronado Hills; A 1.5 acre tract out of Lot 1, Block 12, Coronado Hills
Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: Charles Hamm
Grantee: Matias Cisneros
Property: A 1 acre tract out of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 9, 2006

Grantor: Diane McNew Davis
Grantee: Geraldine Posey
Property: A tract out of Section 30, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 9, 2006

Grantor: Robert Wright
Grantee: Neil Conner
Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Worth Peeler Addition
Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: Luz M. Garcia
Grantee: Big Spring Realty
Property: Lot 26, Block 25, College Park
Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: Jack Martin
Grantee: Oscar Cruz and Flora Cruz
Property: Lots 4 and 5, Block 6, Fairview Heights
Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: Bryan Sledge and Amy Sledge
Grantee: Chandra McBee
Property: Lot 5, Block 1, Caroline Court
Date Filed: May 8, 2006

Grantor: Gary Crittenden
Grantee: Robert Frappier
Property: Lot 24, Block 2, Colonial Hills
Date Filed: May 9, 2006

Grantor: The Wayne L. and Joan M. Rock Living Trust
Grantee: Oscar Enriquez and Michelle Enriquez
Property: Lot 13, Block 7, Suburban Heights
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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
There's Only One Right Play

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8
♥ 9
♦ Q 10 7 6 5 2
♣ A Q 7 3

WEST
♠ J 9 4 2
♥ A K J 8 5 4 3
♦ 9
♣ 5

EAST
♠ K 10 7 6 3
♥ Q 10 6
♦ 4
♣ J 10 6 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 5
♥ 7 2
♦ A K J 8 3
♣ K 9 8 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ 3♥ 5♦
Opening lead - king of hearts.
Assume you're declarer with the South hand at five diamonds. West leads the king of hearts and shifts to the deuce of spades. How would you proceed?
The actual South played low from dummy, losing to East's king. East then exited with a spade to the ace, and when the clubs later turned out to be divided 4-1, declarer went down one.
South should have made the contract, however. His downfall came at trick two, when he should have gone up with dummy's ace of spades instead of playing low. This was the right thing to do for the best possible

reason: Playing the ace guarantees the contract 100 percent regardless of who has the spade king or how the clubs are divided.
Observe what happens if declarer takes the ace at trick two. He next plays the ace of trumps, ruffs a heart in dummy and cashes the ace of clubs. After these preliminary moves, he then exits with a spade.
It doesn't matter to him which opponent wins the trick. In the actual case, East takes the king, but has no effective return. A heart or spade lead yields a ruff-and-discard, permitting South to dispose of his club loser; a low club permits declarer to win with the eight; a high club is taken in dummy and, after West shows out, leaves declarer with a marked finesse against East's remaining honor.
The contract is likewise certain if West is the player with the king of spades. After taking the king, he would have to present declarer with a ruff-and-discard, or else make a similarly suicidal club return. Either way, South is sure to score 11 tricks.
Of course, it might have turned out that the clubs were divided 3-2 all along, and that either spade play from dummy at trick two would have been successful. While this is true enough, the fact remains that a method of play that is likely to succeed is not nearly as good as a method of play that is sure to succeed.

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The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section "The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 18, 2006.

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Please vote in as many categories as possible.

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- Barbecue Sandwiches _____
- Barbecue Ribs _____
- Breakfast _____
- Buffet _____
- Burritos _____
- Catering _____
- Catfish _____
- Chicken _____
- Chile Rellenos _____
- Chinese _____
- Coldest Beer _____
- Cookies _____
- Cup of Coffee _____
- Desserts _____
- Donuts _____
- Drive Thru Window _____
- Enchiladas _____
- Fajitas _____
- French Fries _____
- Hamburgers _____
- Home Cooking _____
- Hot Dog _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Locally Owned Restaurant _____
- Margaritas _____
- Nachos _____
- Pizza _____
- Salads _____
- Service _____
- Steaks _____
- Tacos _____

Grocery Stores

- Deli _____
- Meats _____
- Produce _____

Businesses

- Abstract/Title Co. _____
- After School Care _____
- Alterations _____
- Animal Hospital _____
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- Appliances _____
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- Auto Glass _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Auto Wrecker _____
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- Bank Drive Thru _____
- Bank Hours _____
- Bank Trust Services _____
- Bar _____
- Barber Shop _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- Book Store _____
- Building Supply _____
- Cabinet Maker _____
- Car Wash _____
- Carpet _____
- Cellular Dealer _____
- Check Cashing _____
- Construction _____
- Convenience Store _____
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- Credit Union _____
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- Drinking Water Co. _____
- Dry Cleaning _____
- Electric Company _____
- Electronics Store _____
- Farm Store _____
- Fencing Company _____
- Fitness Center _____
- Florist _____
- Furniture Store _____
- Garden Center _____
- Gas Company _____
- Gift Shop _____
- Golf Course _____
- Hardware Store _____
- Health Food Store _____
- Hearing Aid Ctr. _____
- Heating/Cooling Service _____
- Home Health Care _____
- Home Improvement _____
- Hospice _____
- Internet Provider _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry Store _____
- Kennels _____
- Landscaping _____
- Lawn Care Service _____
- Liquor Store _____
- Local Band _____
- Locksmith _____
- Lumber _____
- Medical Supply _____
- Mortgage Company _____
- Motel _____
- Motorcycle Repair _____
- Muffler Repair _____
- Museum _____
- Nail Salon _____
- New Car Dealer _____
- Office Supply _____
- Oil Change _____
- Optical Center _____
- Paint Dealer _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pest Control _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Photo Studio _____
- Plumbing Service _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Resale Shop _____
- Retirement Home _____
- Roofing Company _____
- RV Dealer _____
- RV Park _____
- Screen Printing/ Embroidery _____
- Septic Tank Service _____
- Siding Dealer _____
- Signs _____
- Storage Units _____
- Swimming Pools/Spas _____
- Tanning Salon _____
- Tattoo Parlor _____
- Television Dealer _____
- Tire Dealer _____
- To Get A Loan _____

Businesses

- Transmission Repair _____
- Travel Agency _____
- Used Car Dealer _____
- Video Rentals _____
- Western Wear _____

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- Accountant _____
- at _____
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- Physical Therapist _____
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- Police Officer _____
- Postal Worker _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- Restaurant Server _____
- at _____
- RN _____
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- Teacher _____
- at _____
- Used Car Salesperson _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Volunteer _____
- at _____
- Welder _____
- at _____

IN BRIEF

HC sets girl's summer basketball camp dates

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodewald have announced the dates for three summer basketball camps to be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For more information, call 264-5043 or 816-4327. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

C.G.A. sets date for annual scholarship golf tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has set the 16th annual scholarship tournament for May 27-28 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is a two-person (pick your own team) scramble and it costs \$75 and free food is provided.

For more information, call 264-2366 or 264-7116.

HC sets boy's summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College men's basketball coaching staff announced that two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

There will be 24-hour security during the camp and the cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for boarding campers and lunch for commuters.

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C.G.A. sets date for annual scholarship golf tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has set its 16th annual scholarship tournament for May 27-28 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is a two-person (pick your own team) scramble and it costs \$75 and free food is provided.

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Coahoma comes from behind to beat Kermit

• Two gutsy calls, big hits by Daylong lead Bulldogs to victory

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
ANDREWS — What's better than executing a suicide squeeze bunt with the game on the line? Executing two suicide squeeze bunts with the game on the line.

That's what happened Friday in Andrews as the Bulldogs rallied from seven runs down to take Game 1 of their best-of-three Area championship series with Kermit as

Coahoma won 10-9 in eight innings.

"I told the guys during the year that all those come-from-behind wins we got would pay off in the playoffs and sure enough it was the first game of the playoffs for us where that came into play," said Coahoma head coach Brad Harman. "We were able to get the job done."

The Bulldogs improved to 20-8 with the win and played Game 2 in Andrews Saturday at 3 p.m., but results were unavailable at press time. Coahoma is now 3-0



against the Yellow Jackets.

The squeeze bunts both came in the eighth inning with the Bulldogs down 9-8.

Freshman P.J. Daylong tripled for the second time in the game to start the eighth frame and scored on a suicide squeeze by senior Tad

White to tie the game. White advanced to second on a balk on the mound by Kermit and senior Kacee Coberly was intentionally walked. Junior Blaine Kerby singled to load the bases and senior Cody Griffith laid down a suicide bunt to score White and the Bulldogs celebrated a win in Game 1.

Harman made the gutsy bunt calls, but credited his players for getting the job done at the plate.

"You're asking a lot of young kids at that point, but they got them down," said Harman.

"The first one could have been expected, but the second one was done by our cleanup hitter and you just don't expect a bunt from him."

Getting down early is nothing new to Coahoma as it has battled back from deficits to get wins all season.

The cause for this deficit was three errors in the field. Kermit scored one unearned run in the second off an error and crossed the plate six times in the third off starter White, but two

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Coahoma fights off elimination at ASU

• After losing Game 1, Bulldogettes roll to 11-1 win in nightcap

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
SAN ANGELO — Will the real Bulldogettes please stand up?

No. 6 Coahoma struggled to get things going in Game 1 of its best-of-three series against Sonora, but exploded in Game 2 and a deciding third game is needed as the Bulldogettes lost 3-1 in the opener and then rolled to an 11-1 win in the nightcap.

"We have a history of being tight in first games," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "This was the round last year that Hawley snuck up and beat us in Game 1. That is why I like to play a series because we'd be home right now if there was only one game."

Instead, the Bulldogettes played Game 3 at Angelo State University Saturday at 1 p.m., but final results were unavailable at press time.

Sonora's Megan Craig had her game going in the opener as she surrendered just three hits to the Bulldogettes. The only run of the game she allowed was unearned as her Lady Bronco teammates committed three errors in the field.

Coahoma was also uncharacteristic in the field as it also committed

three errors. The Bulldogettes also stranded 10 runners on base.

"It was just one those games that you can't explain," said Dickenson. "We did things that are uncharacteristic for this team. The Achilles heal of this team all season has been stranding runners on base though."

Sonora's first run of the game came in the second and it was unearned after an error in the outfield.

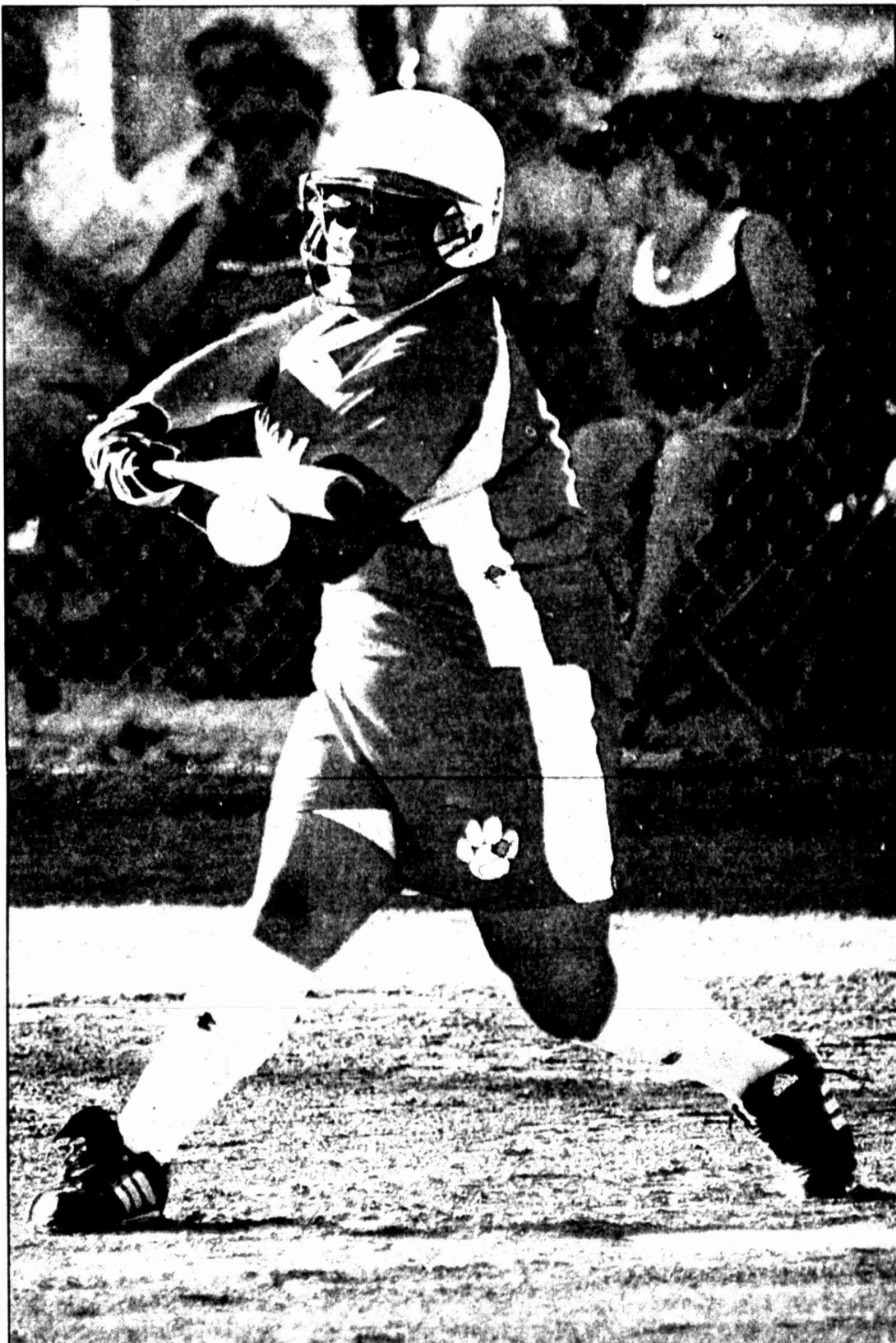
Coahoma battled back to tie the game in the fifth. Freshman Shelbi Paige and senior Drew Wells both reached base on back-to-back Sonora errors to start the frame and then Paige later crossed the plate.

The Lady Broncos caught fire against senior Kali Roberts in the sixth inning. They got three of their six hits in the frame and took the lead with one run and then added an unearned insurance run in the seventh to make it 3-1.

Junior Ami Martinez walked to begin the bottom of the seventh and Roberts reached with a single. However, Coahoma did not take advantage with runners on base and lost the game by two runs.

Coahoma stranded two runners on base in the first, fifth, sixth and seventh innings. Most of its offense came from walks as Sonora issued six free passes.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma Junior Ami Martinez connects with a pitch during the Bulldogettes' doubleheader against Sonora in the Regional Quarterfinals of the Class 2A softball playoffs Friday at Angelo State University. Coahoma lost Game 1, 3-1, but came back to take Game 2 easily, winning 11-1.

Piercefield, Billalba reach decision on athletic futures



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Front row, from left: Big Spring seniors Kyle Piercefield and Tommy Billalba sign scholarship offers Friday morning at the Athletic Training Center. Back: Parents Gene and Lana Piercefield and Olga and Tommy Billalba witness the scholarship signing. Piercefield will play football at Cisco Junior College, while Billalba takes his golf swing to Western Texas.

• Piercefield signs with Cisco, Billalba to attend Western Texas

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Two Big Spring male athletes will move on to junior colleges next year to continue their careers at the next level as Kyle Piercefield and Tommy Billalba accepted scholarship offers from two different schools.

Piercefield accepted an offer to play football at Cisco Junior College, while Billalba will take his golf swing to Western Texas College, a junior college located in Snyder.

Piercefield, an all-district tight end and defensive end as a senior Steer this past season, chose Cisco over Hardin Simmons, Howard Payne and West Texas A&M.

"Coach (Tim) Holt said that Cisco's head coach John Parchman is a great

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Martinez singled and walked twice to lead the way at the plate. Gonzales and Roberts had the other two hits and senior Liz Conley walked twice.

Roberts was not her dominating self on the mound, but she pitched well enough to win. She went seven innings, gave up six hits and only one of the three runs scored against her was earned. She struck out four and walked one.

"Kali struggled a bit," said Dickenson. "She didn't hit her spots tonight, but she is also not 100 percent out there."

Craig allowed an unearned run for Sonora and she recorded seven strikeouts in the game.

The second game of the series was grabbed by Coahoma early and never let go as the Bulldogettes cruised to the easy win.

Coahoma still struggled to move runners around to score, leaving eight on the basepaths, but it got seven walks at the plate and recorded eight hits.

The Bulldogettes appeared to score a run in the second inning, but the home plate umpire had other ideas. Conley singled to start the inning and after two strikeouts sophomore Christie Rich singled to put two on. Martinez walked to load the bases and sophomore Janice Gonzales was also issued a free pass, which should have scored Conley from third. However, the umpire called Conley out at home because she apparently failed to touch the plate as she walked down the line and the game remained scoreless.

"No one really saw it clearly on our side, but Liz said she stomped on the plate," said Dickenson. "It's one of those plays you can't argue though if you're a



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma senior Drew Wells returns a ball to the infield during Game 1 of the Bulldogettes' Regional Quarterfinal best-of-three series at Angelo State University Friday in San Angelo. The Bulldogettes lost to Sonora in Game 1, 3-1, but fought off elimination by taking down the Lady Broncos in Game 2, 11-1.

coach." It wouldn't matter much to Coahoma, though, as it had plenty of runners who did hit the plate successfully. Senior Ashle New started off the third inning with a double to the wall and Roberts drove her in

with an RBI single. Roberts advanced to second after Sonora made a throw home and then took third on a wild pitch before scoring on an RBI groundout by senior Sarah Dunn. That's all the runs Dunn would need as she was in

a zone on the mound for much of the game. She got the win after allowing one run on five hits. She struck out three, had a no-hitter through four innings and retired Sonora in order three times. "Sarah kept them off

balance most of the game and made them hit her pitch," said Dickenson. "She did a great job for us."

The hit by New was big for the senior's confidence. She struggled at the dish and in the field in Game 1, but came back to make great stops at shortstop in the second game and got out of her hitting slump with a double, two walks, two runs and an RBI.

"She needed that, really," said Dickenson. "She made some uncharacteristic bad plays in the first game, but really got us going in the second game. Her defense was outstanding, too."

Coahoma took advantage of Sonora's fielding mistakes in the fourth inning as the Bulldogettes added three runs to the scoreboard.

Paige reached base on an error to start the inning and then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Rich.

Martinez and Gonzales both reached on back-to-back errors after that. New reached on a fielder's choice and then scored on an RBI triple by Roberts. Martinez and Gonzales both scored in the inning as well.

"We jumped on them early in this game and you could see them just lose focus in the field," said Dickenson. "It seemed like the more we scored the more they tensed up."

Sonora broke up Dunn's no-hitter in the fifth inning as the Lady Broncos got two hits, but stranded both runners on base.

Coahoma added four runs in the sixth inning to pretty much seal the

deal. Rich, Gonzales and New all walked to start the inning and Roberts reached on a fielder's choice to keep the bases loaded. Dunn helped herself out on the next play as she delivered an two-run single, which scored freshman Berkley Iden and New and then Roberts also scored on an overthrow. Iden was pinch-running for Gonzales. Dunn scored one batter later as Conley smashed an RBI triple to the wall.

Sonora got two more hits in the sixth and scored its only run of the game. It wouldn't matter, though, as the Bulldogettes were determined to force a third and decisive game.

Wells singled and scored in her only at-bat of the second game in the seventh inning. Rich reached on another Sonora error and Martinez delivered an RBI infield single. She scored the final run of the game on an RBI sacrifice fly by New.

Roberts and Conley led the Bulldogettes at the plate with two hits each. Both seniors tripled and Roberts added two runs and two RBIs.

Dickenson was unsure of his starting pitcher in Saturday's final game. Both Dunn and Roberts could see time on the mound, but Roberts will most likely start the game.

"Hopefully Kali is going to be fired up because she wasn't happy with her performance today," said Dickenson. "We have got our work cut out for us, though. The nice thing is I think we got (Craig's) timing down in the second game."

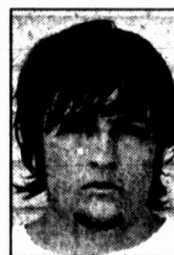
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errors made all of the runs unearned.

"We were tight and jittery and the layoff hurt us a bit," said Harman. "It took us some innings to relax, but the guys knew there was no reason we should have been down in the game and woke up."

Coahoma cut into the lead right away as it answered Kermit's six runs with five runs in its half of the fourth. White singled to start the inning but was retired on Coberly's fielder's choice. Kerby knocked in Coberly with an RBI double and then Griffith reached with a single. Kerby



HUGHES David

knocked in Griffith with an RBI single. Hughes scored later on a wild pitch. Freshman Donnie Garcia reached base on an error and later scored as well.

Perhaps the biggest hit of the game came in the sixth inning with the Bulldogs down 7-5.

After McMillan and Hughes both walked, Daylong crushed a two-run triple to the wall to score the runners and tie

the game. It was a s Daylong's first of two triples in the game and Harman said both hits came at huge parts of the game. "Those hits were huge and even larger coming from a freshman," he added. "He's playing with guys much older than him, but that doesn't matter to him. He just gets it done and has a lot of composure for a freshman."

Each team scored one run in the seventh inning before the suspense-filled eighth inning. Griffith and Garcia both singled in the seventh for



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Coahoma and Griffith later scored the run.

White, the team's ace this year on the mound, pitched 7.2 innings but was not involved in the decision. He allowed two earned runs on 15 hits and struck out 13. He remains 13-1 on the season.

"He gave up some hits, but they were not hit hard very often," said Harman. "It was not his best game, but it wasn't bad. He got better as the game went along and it took him awhile to get loose."

Harman said Garcia took the ball on the hill in Game 2 for Coahoma as the Bulldogs tried to finish off Kermit in two games. A third game, if needed, was played 30 minutes after Game 2.

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Both Piercefield and

Billalba have aspirations of playing after their time at junior college.

Piercefield, who is also one of many football players to move on to the college level recently, will play offensive end and be the long snapper at Cisco.

"I'd like to win as many games as possible, but I will most likely leave after one year if I can get a Division I offer somewhere. I'd like to remain in Texas if possible, but if an out-of-state school wants to offer me a scholarship I will definitely listen."

Piercefield's wanting to stay in Texas was a big reason why he chose Cisco in the first place. That and it was fairly close to home.

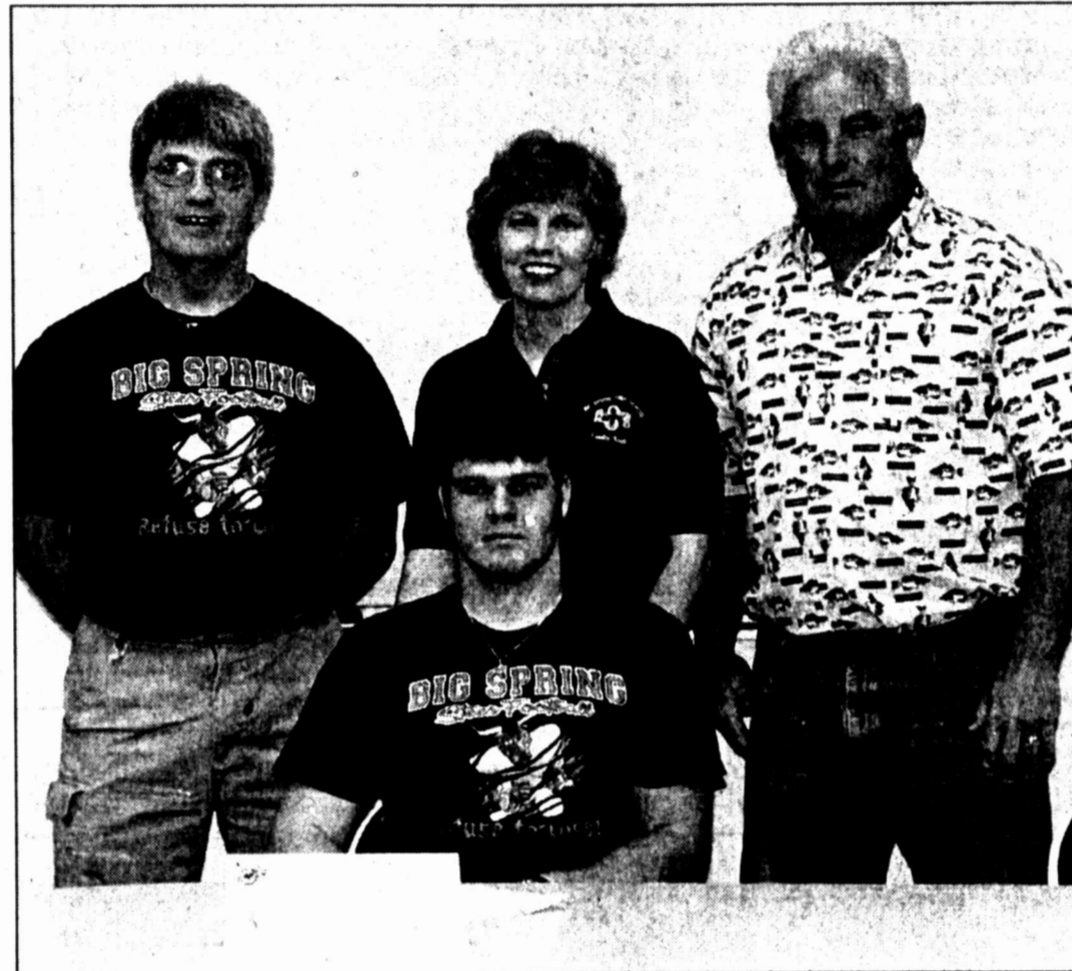
"It's close enough to come back once in awhile, but is far enough out there to get away, too," he said. "The location of the school helped my decision, and it won't be hard to come home if I need to."

Western Texas has a strong relationship with the University of Texas San Antonio and a chance of moving on to play golf at the Division I level intrigued Billalba.

"I want to qualify for a lot of tourneys next year, maybe place in the top 10 of some tournaments and just get my name out there for some bigger schools to notice me," said Billalba.

Billalba was a regional qualifier during his junior year and just missed out on regionals this past season. His teammate and best friend Chance Cain, who is still undecided on his school of choice in college, shared No. 1 duties on the team the past two years. Cain qualified for regionals this year and was one shot away from state.

Piercefield also participated in basketball and baseball during his four years at Big Spring.



Above: From left, Big Spring head golf coach Steve Ward and Olga and Tommy Billalba Jr. (front) at the Athletic Training Center Friday. Bottom: From left, Gene and Lane Piercefield and Big Spring head football coach Tim Holt pose with Kyle Piercefield (front). Piercefield signed a letter of intent to play football at Cisco, while Billalba will move on to play golf at Western Texas in Snyder.

Baylor gets big win over Huskers

• Cassavechia pitches out of late jam in win, Bears improve to 11-11 in Big 12 action

WACO (AP) — Nick Cassavechia pitched out of a ninth-inning jam to help lead Baylor to a 6-5 win over Nebraska Friday night.

Cassavechia earned his seventh save by striking out Nick Jaros with runners on second and third base after Nebraska scored two runs in the inning.

The Bears (31-19, 11-11 Big 12) took an early lead in the first with Tim Jackson's RBI single to left-center field.

Chase Gerdes made the score 2-0 when he came home on an error.

Baylor went ahead 6-3 in the bottom of the eighth on RBIs by Jackson and Mike Pankratz.

Nebraska's Andrew Brown homered in the second and fourth innings.

The Cornhuskers came to within a score in the ninth with Jake Opitz' two-run RBI single.

But Cassavechia struck out Jaros to end the game.

Starter Ryan LaMotta (6-4) took the win, allowing three runs on seven hits.

He was replaced by Jake Weghorst after seven innings.

Joba Chamberlain (5-4) got the loss. He gave up six runs on eight hits in 7 1-3 innings.

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Lidge removed as Houston's closer

Garner moves Wheeler, Qualls into temporary role

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

HOUSTON — Astros closer Brad Lidge will probably not be used in save situations for the next couple of games as he makes adjustments that manager Phil Garner hopes will be a remedy for his recent struggles.

Garner told Lidge of the decision Friday before Houston's game against the Colorado Rockies.

"I want to hopefully get this over with as soon as possible so I can get back to closing games," Lidge said before the game.

The right-hander pitched the seventh inning of Houston's 12-2 win Friday night and retired the side in order with one strikeout.

Lidge has had trouble locating his pitches this season and almost squandered a three-run lead in the ninth inning Thursday night before being replaced by Dan Wheeler with the bases loaded and two outs. Wheeler retired Kenny Lofton to preserve a 4-2 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"What I want to try to do is give him a couple of outings here where he can work on some of the things that he and (pitching coach) Jim Hickey have been working on," Garner said. "And do it without thinking that the one pitch may cost him a ballgame if he doesn't get

it where he wants to." Garner said he will try to get Lidge in sometime after the sixth inning, but he might still be used in the ninth if he has to use his other pitchers early in a game.

Wheeler and Chad Qualls will likely fill in as closer during this stretch.

Astros general manager Tim Purpura said he thinks this was "some-what of an obvious decision."

"Like everybody else on the club you have to produce and you have to execute," he said.

Lidge blew a save last week against Colorado, and in late April he gave up a grand slam to Nomar Garciaparra in a 6-2 loss to the Dodgers.

Lidge converted a franchise-record 24 saves in a row from June 21 to Sept. 28 last year, but has been dogged by questions about his mind-set since Albert Pujols' monster three-run homer that gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 5-4 win in Game 5 of the 2005 NL championship series.

Lidge has a 6.48 ERA and has given up 13 runs, 17 hits and 16 walks in 16 2-3 innings this season. He has 11 saves in 14 opportunities.

Garner maintains that Lidge's problem is not a mental one, but rather a matter of mechanics.

"He's flying open," Garner said. "What that means is when your front shoulder goes out too soon, your ball tends to flatten out.



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback
Grady sophomore Justin Tubb competes in triple jump earlier this season. Tubb placed eighth in triple jump at the Class 1A state track meet Friday in Austin. Tubb jumped 42-9, while Tyrus Dowell of Avinger won the title with a leap of 48-10. Jared Villanueva of Roscoe placed fifth with a jump of 45-0.

Suns regain advantage after win in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shawn Marion had 32 points and 19 rebounds, Tim Thomas added 19 points and 14 rebounds and Phoenix outscored Los Angeles 12-6 to finish the game and take a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinals after a 94-91 over the Clippers.

Marion got it started, making a 3-pointer with 2:58 remaining to tie it at 65. After a foul shot by Shaun Livingston gave the Clippers a one-point

lead, Nash made two free throws and Thomas added two more, putting the Suns on top 89-86.

Marion's three-point play with 49.2 seconds to go gave the Suns a six-point lead. Elton Brand's three-point play with 46 seconds to play and two free throws by Quinton Ross with 28.4 seconds left cut Phoenix's lead to one. The Suns then ran the clock down before league MVP Nash made a 14-foot jumper with 3.6 seconds to go.

Wade leads Miami to win over New Jersey

Carter scores 43, costly turnovers by Nets turn advantage in series to Heat

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Dwyane Wade scored 30 points, half in the final 4 1/2 minutes, and added 10 assists and seven rebounds to lead the Miami Heat over the New Jersey Nets 103-92 Friday night in Game 3 of the best-of-seven series.

Knocked out of the game briefly by an inadvertent elbow during a stretch when New Jersey was threatening to take control, Wade helped the Heat come back to win the first competitive game in the series and take a 2-1 lead.

Shaquille O'Neal added 19 points and nine rebounds, and Antoine Walker scored 16 points

for the Heat.

Game 4 of the series is Sunday in New Jersey.

Vince Carter scored 43 points, but had a few costly turnovers in the fourth quarter that helped the Heat finally shake the Nets.

Richard Jefferson added 17 points — none in the final period. Jason Kidd was also scoreless in the fourth, finishing with 10 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds.

New Jersey was without key reserve Clifford Robinson, who was suspended five games by the NBA earlier Friday for violating the anti-drug policy.

The news came as a tough surprise to the Nets, who learned of the penalty at around noon — after Robinson had already taken part in the morning shootaround.



Courtesy photo
Erin Pollard, third from right, of Legacy Elite Athletics won first place in the STTA Championship Tumbling and Trampoline Competition hosted by the upside-downers in Lubbock April 29. She is now qualified for the national meet in Chicago this summer.

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SUVS

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2004 Ford Expedition XLT - Beige, All Power, Local One Owner w/25,000 Miles. **Was \$23,995 NOW \$22,995**

2003 Nissan Xterra SE 4X4 Supercharged - Gray w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/79,000 Miles. **Was \$17,995 NOW \$16,995**

2003 Ford Escape XLT - Red, V-6, All Power, Local One Owner w/50,000 Miles. **Was \$17,995 NOW \$16,995**

2002 Jeep Liberty - White, All Power, Local One Owner w/72,000 Miles. **Was \$12,995 NOW \$11,995**

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2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter, w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles. **Was \$21,995 NOW \$20,995**

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VANS

2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, Leather, One Owner. **Was \$14,995 NOW \$16,995**

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Happy Mother's Day

Mothers

This is filled with poignant truths about motherhood and the relationships between mothers and children. I found several described me exactly while surviving various stages of child rearing. Others tore at my heart, as I empathized with mothers who have suffered experiences I have been spared.

This is for the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf laced with Oscar Mayer wieners and cherry Kool-Aid saying, "It's alright honey, Mommy's here."

Who have sat in rocking chairs for hours on end soothing crying babies who can't be comforted.

This is for all the mothers who show up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse. For all the mothers who run carpoools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who don't.

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

This is for the mothers whose priceless art collections are hanging on their refrigerator doors. And for all the mothers who froze on metal bleachers at football or soccer games instead of watching from the warmth of their cars, so that when their kids asked, "Did you see me, Mom?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who yell at their kids in the grocery store and swat them in despair when they stomp their feet and scream for ice cream before dinner. And for all the mothers who count to 10 instead, but realize how child abuse happens.

This is for all the mothers who go hungry, so their children can eat. For all the mothers who read "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then read it again, "just one more time."

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started school. And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for every mother whose head turns automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home — or even away at college.

This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find the words to reach them.

This is for all the stepmothers who raised another woman's child or children, and gave their time, attention, and love... sometimes totally unappreciated.

For all the mothers who bite their lips until they bleed when their 14-year-old dyes their hair green.

For all the mothers of the victims of recent school shootings and the mothers of those who did the shooting.

For the mothers of the survivors and the mothers who sat in front of their TVs in horror, hugging their child who just came home from school, safely.

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to be peaceful and now pray they come home safely from a war.

What makes a good Mother anyway? Is it patience? Compassion? Broad hips? The ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time?

Or is it in her heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time?

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 a.m., to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby?

The panic, years later, that comes again at 2 a.m., when you just want to hear their key in the door and know they are safe again in your home?

Or the need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a fire, a car accident, a child dying?

The emotions of motherhood are universal and so our thoughts are for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation... and mature mothers learning to let go.

For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers. Single mothers and married mothers. Mothers with money, mothers without.

This is for you all. For all of us. Hang in there. In the end we can only do the best we can.

Tell her every day that you love her. And pray.

Anonymous

"Home is what catches you when you fall - and we all fall."
Yes we do.

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Why Did God make Moms?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What would it take to make your Mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect inside. but outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other Mom?

1. Because we're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of little girl was your Mom?

1. My Mom has always been my Mom and none of that other stuff.



in the world. And my Mom eats a lot.

2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.

2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work & work at home, & dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
3. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.

2. I'd make my Mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head.

"Why God made Moms" answers given by elementary school age children.

mother, Sandy

...to that most honored and respected woman, my mother, Sandy. I remember those first days when I was born. It was like for the first few weeks of my daughter's life, I learned how to help. A sense of responsibility meant that my daughter never left my sight and that we were close.

...children and nearly 30 years later, I have learned that sleep is necessary for motherhood. It's hard to schedule.

...what I have learned the most in these 30 years is how much I appreciate my own mom. For the column I write, my mother, Sandy, always says, 'but you didn't mention me.' So Mom, here goes.

You are my best friend and confidant. I cherish every moment we spend together and am so glad that you are in my life. I marvel at your resiliency and courage and hope someday to have the same measure of those attributes myself.

You ever inspire me. When my brother, your son died, I was so very proud of your strength and how you held everyone together. The words of comfort you offered helped me heal through that tragedy and I know Ernie is proud of you.

I have seen you make great changes in your life and your character over the years. Every time you say to me 'I heard what you said' and then tell me how you are changing your thoughts or beliefs because of our relationship, I am inspired and honored that I get to call you Mom.

Your sense of humor has grown so much over the years. You will always be my 'I Love Lucy,' the comedienne who uses wit and physical humor to make even the most mundane experience hysterical.

I remember when I was 12 and it was time to remove my appendix. We were in the doctor's office and to ease my pain, you put on my little purple triangle-shaped hat, tucking the tie strings behind your ears, making faces at me. You nearly scalped yourself trying to remove it when the doctor unexpectedly walked in.

I love how you taught me to laugh at myself and not take myself too seriously. In my second grade annual you wrote 'to my favorite daughter.' Being your only daughter, I will always cherish knowing I am also your favorite.

I am so grateful that you taught me hard work and doing a job right. Divorced with three young children, no education and a job that paid just \$2 an hour, I watched you work two jobs for several years to pay the bills and buy groceries.

No matter how tired you were, you always went to work. Raising my own family has demonstrated to me just how truly hard that is.

You taught me to believe I can do anything and accomplish anything with hard work and faith. Maybe I inherited stubbornness, just not willing to accept limitations, but my accomplishments are only possible because you helped me believe in myself.

Thank you, Mom, for taking me to church that first time and supporting my decision of faith. And knowing you will be in church together Sunday is an answer to prayer.

Thank you for teaching me loyalty. If someone hurts my feelings, all I need do is tell you and instantly you are immediately on my side, defending me and being my champion.

Telling people that you're my mother. Their reaction is never neutral - you are such a character. But those who know you always smile and immediately share with me because you made them laugh and feel good about themselves.

Thank you so much, Mom, for all the years and tears and love. Happy Mother's Day. Sandy.

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In the Military



Air Force Airman Crystal B. Ferguson

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Air Force Airman Crystal B. Ferguson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Glen Ferguson of Big Spring and Tracy Hodges of Bonham.

Army Reserve Pvt. Timothy A. Smith

Army Reserve Pvt. Timothy A. Smith has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesies, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He earned distinction as an honor graduate.

Smith is the son of Tim Smith of Sunset and Tasha Smith of Big Spring.

The private is a 2001 graduate of Coahoma High School.

Local students audition for national musician membership

Special to the Herald

Fourteen local, young pianists have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians and will perform in national piano-playing auditions at Howard College.



CONNER

These students are: Hope Cimino, Bernadette Flores, Christina Gaw, Emily Gaw, Sophia Gonzalez, Clay Harris, Gerald Harris, Sam Harris, Amber Neighbors, Alejandra Preciado, Elizabeth Rhodes, Diego Subia, Nando Subia and Kristina Tubera. Linda Lindell, Dolores Lillard and Vicky McDowell are the students instructors. The National Fraternity of Student Musicians is sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers and also the Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which the local instructors are members of. Lillard is the local chair-

person. During the auditions, the students will strive for pledge, local, district, hobbyist, duet, ensemble, state, national or international honors.

The American College of Musicians will evaluate the students' performances based upon their presentation of baroque, classic, romantic and modern works. Each student will perform in the presence of an adjudicator chosen by the National organization headquarters in Austin.

Adjudicator for the Big Spring Center will be Susan Conner from Winters. Conner is a nationally certified teacher of music. She has a degree in piano from Texas Tech University and has judged auditions for the National Guild of Piano Teachers in Texas, New York, New Mexico and California.

Recently, she has judged piano festivals in San Angelo, Wichita Falls, Brownwood and Stephenville. Conner is the president-elect of Texas Music Teachers Association and is planning the annual convention for this year.

Eagle Scout court of honor set

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jerry Odell Sims with Troop 16 of the Buffalo Trail Council in the Lone Star District is Saturday, May 20, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Forsan Baptist Church.

Sims, 17, a graduate of Forsan High School, is the son of Lee and Lori Sims. His grandparents are Jerry and Loretta Medley and Odell and Violet Bearden, all of Abilene.

The subject was organizing and leading a team of Scouts in cleaning and painting the exterior of the activity center of the Forsan Baptist Church.

For more information, call 432-457-0077.

Births



Miracle Escovedo Ovalle

Miracle Escovedo Ovalle, a girl, was born at 2:50 p.m., May 4, 2006, weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Carlos Ovalle Sr., and Mary Ann Escovedo of Big Spring. Her grandparents are David Escovedo, Victoria Escovedo, Ruben and Sylvia Valdez and the late Oscar Ovalle Sr.

Miracle was welcomed home by siblings, Carlos Jr., Justin and Alexis Ovalle.



Conner Blake Holt

Conner Blake Holt, a boy, was born at 12:48 p.m. April 26, 2006, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Jay D. and Sheila Holt of Coahoma. His grandparents are Jay F. and Theo Holt of Big Lake, John and Barbara Berry of DeWitt, Mich., Donnie and Judy Hale of Westbrook.

Conner was welcomed home by sibling, Jayden B. Holt.



Aubree Faye Blissard

Aubree Faye Blissard, a girl, was born April 26, 2006, at 12:07 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Her parents are Mike and Amanda Blissard of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Bill and Dolores Jenkins, Sonny Anderson and Barbara Blissard.

Aubree was welcomed home by sibling, Myka Blissard

Newcomers

• Oscar B. Barrera, wife, Norma, daughters, Melissa, 14, Destiny, 5, formerly of Hereford. He is the operational supervisor for Atmos Energy.

• Gary N. Crittenden, wife, Pauline, formerly of Seminole, Okla. He is the postmaster for the Big Spring post office.

• Curtis Whittington, wife, Jewel, formerly of Petersburg, Va. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

• George Dunning, formerly of Punta Gorda, Fla. He is a consultant for Alltel Wireless.

• Clifford Tibbetts, wife, Elia, son, Kegan, 19, formerly of Brady. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

• Don Carrell, wife, Bianca, sons, Brandon, 11, Dylan, 7, formerly of Post. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

• Gwen Johnson, formerly of Snyder. She is the coordinator for safety at Price Construction.

• Michael Randall, formerly of Mobile, Ala. He is employed at Robinson Drilling.

• Jerold P. Spivey, wife, Judi, formerly of Tucson, Ariz. The couple are both retired.

• Cheyenne Berry, daughter, Juliana, 2 1/2, formerly of Midland.

• Scotty Leatherwood, wife, Christee, son, Matthew, 13, formerly of Abilene. He works for Weatherford Pump Service.

• Allan Easton, formerly of Dallas. He is a radiologist for the VA Medical Center.

• George Parsley, wife, Pam, formerly of Lubbock. He is the CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• Jay Landrum, wife, Wylene, daughters, Kendel, 16, Emily, 8, son Payte, 3, formerly of Lubbock. He is employed by Cingular Wireless in Midland.



Boston Scott Green

Boston Scott Green, a boy, was born at 6:31 p.m., March 20, 2006, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches.

His parents are Callie and Josh Green of Arlington. His grandparents are Scott and Debbie Burt, Jim and Mary Burt and Ann Fitts, all of Big Spring and Tommy and Bridgette Green of Snyder.



Lauren Paige Bryans

Lauren Paige Bryans, a girl, was born at 7 p.m. March 11, 2006, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 inches long.

She is the daughter of Todd and Jerica Bryans of Round Rock. Her grandparents are John and Jenny Bryans of Big Spring, Dan and Debbie Masters of Lubbock and Jessie and Judy Fagle of Jarrell.

Lauren was welcomed home by sibling, Cayde Devry.



Ricky and Joseph Kole Jackson

Joseph Kole Jackson, a boy, was born at 12:09 p.m. March 23, 2006, weighing 8 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Joey and Paige Jackson of Big Spring. His grandparents are Jack and Sandy Griffin, Tony Jackson and Dr. Robert and Rhonda Hays, all of Big Spring.

Joseph was welcomed home by big brother, Ricky.

Emily Amanda Rice, a girl, was born at 4:56 p.m. March 27, 2006, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches in long.

She is the daughter of Doyle and Sara Rice of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Don and Kristi Mereness of Forsan and Doyle and Peggy Rice of Snyder.

Emily was welcomed home by big sister, Elyse Rice.

Luke Issac Ramirez, a boy, was born at 3:12 p.m. April 25, 2006, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

His is the son of Yvette Soliz and Lorenizo Ramirez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Artie Soliz, Noe Soliz, Elizabeth Torres and Alex Ramirez.

Luke was welcomed home by big sisters, Paige and Eliza.

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Enga



David N. Wade and Sharon Rebecca Fleming, W

Sharon Rebecca Fleming Wade of Amarillo will marry David N. Wade on June 9, 2006, at 10 p.m. at the Big Spring Community Center.

The bride-elect is LeighAnn Fleming, daughter of Dorothy Kidd of Langford.

The future groom is David N. Wade of Amarillo. He is the son of Happy and Betty Wade.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Big Spring High School and graduated from Canyon Community College in Canyon.

She is currently employed by Pharmaceutics in Midland.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Big Spring High School and graduated from Texas Tech University in Amarillo.

He works for Amarillo as an assistant manager.

The couple will reside in Big Spring.

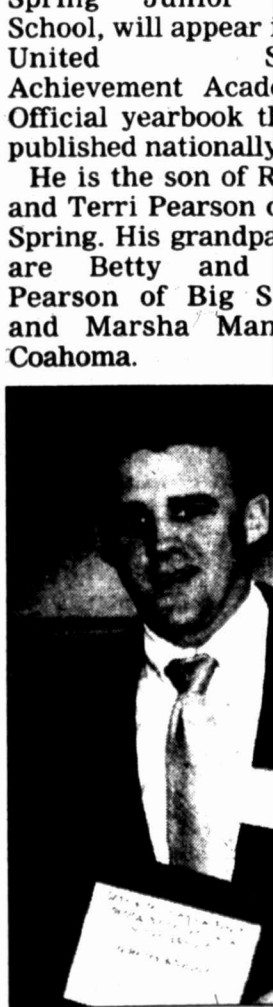


Justin Seth Pears

Justin Seth Pears of Big Spring has been named the recipient of the 2006 United States National Honor Student Award.

Pears, who attends Big Spring Junior High School, will appear in the United States National Honor Student Achievement Academy Official yearbook that is published nationally.

He is the son of Robert and Terri Pearson of Big Spring. His grandparents are Betty and Ed Pearson of Big Spring and Marsha and Ed Coahoma.



Jeremy Knight

Engagement



David N. Wade and Sharon Rebecca Fleming

Fleming, Wade to wed

Sharon Rebecca Fleming of Midland and David N. Wade of Amarillo will be united in marriage at 7:30 p.m. June 9, 2006, at the Ranch House Weddings.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Steve Fleming and LeighAnn Fleming. Her grandparents are Marvin and Dorothy Kidd of Lamesa.

The future groom is the son of Samuel and Carolyn Wade of Amarillo. His grandparents are Ben and Ruth Boston of Happy and the late Monroe and Mary Wade.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and graduated from West Texas A&M University in Canyon with a bachelor's degree in general studies. She is a sales representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Midland.

The groom-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Amarillo High School and graduated from Wayland Baptist University in Amarillo with a degree in business management. He works for the First United Bank in Amarillo as an assistant vice president in retail banking.

The couple will reside in Midland.



Arturo Del Valle and Heather Michelle Burt

Burt, Del Valle to wed

Tommy and Sally Burt of Big Spring announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Heather Michelle Burt of Lubbock to Arturo Del Valle of Wilmington, Del., at 6 p.m. May 20, 2006, in The Clawson House in Lubbock.

The groom-to-be is the son of Arthur Del Valle and Nancy Duarte. He is the grandson of Candida Melendez and the late Arturo Del Valle.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Sara Caffey and of the late Albert Gonzales Jr., Louie Caffey and Buster and Dora Burt. She is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from Texas Tech University in 2003 and is currently attending graduate school at Texas Tech University.

The future groom is a 1994 graduate from Juan Q. Morell High School in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 2004 and his master's degree in personal financial planning in 2005. He is now working for Diversified Financial Consultants in Wilmington, Del.



Robin Cave and John Dulaney

Cave, Dulaney to wed

Dr. James R. and Lois Cave of Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Cave of Lubbock to John Dulaney, also of Lubbock.

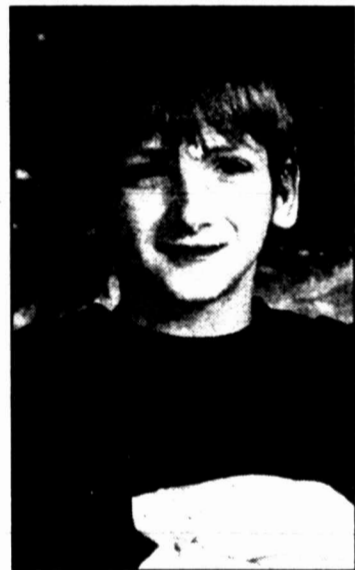
The bride-elect, a physical therapist for Covenant Health Systems, is the granddaughter of Eilene Cave and the late James Cave, formerly of Roby and the late Foster Sims and Florine Price of Sterling City.

The groom-to-be is the son of Lurlene Dulaney of Beaumont and the late Jimmie Dulaney. His grandparents are the late William Jasper Stanley of Hemphill, the late Jewel Stanley McCain of Nacogdoches and the late James and Jeanette Dulaney of Tyler County.

He is employed by Chambers Engineering and is pursuing a mechanical engineering degree at Texas Tech.

The couple will live Lubbock.

Who's Who



Justin Seth Pearson

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Justin Seth Pearson of Big Spring has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Student Award winner. Pearson, who attends Big Spring Junior High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official yearbook that is published nationally.

He is the son of Robert and Terri Pearson of Big Spring. His grandparents are Betty and Levi Pearson of Big Spring and Marsha Mann of Coahoma.



Anastashia Parra-Johnson

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Anastashia Parra-Johnson of Midland received a Merit Award for Academic Achievement April 25 at the Robert E. Lee Freshman High School awards banquet.

Parra-Johnson is the daughter of Elizabeth Parra of Midland. Her grandparents are John and Oralia Tovia of Big Spring and her great-grandmother is Ofelia Flores of Big Spring.

Parra-Johnson attended Big Spring Junior High from 2003-2005.



Crystal Ward

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Crystal Ward, a Big Spring High School sophomore, was awarded the Outstanding Soloist in the high school advanced division of the 2006 Texas Tech University Flute Festival presented by the Texas Tech University School of Music College of Visual and Performing Arts.

She performed a Class I solo titled "Ballade," accompanied on the piano by Jeff Fentam of Midland.

Other music honors received during the 2005-2006 school year include: Second chair piccolo in the Texas All-State Band, first chair piccolo in the area 4-A band, first chair flute and piccolo in the 4A all-region band and second chair in the 5A all-region band and orchestra.

She also performed with the West Winds Woodwind Quintet for various community organizations during the Christmas season. She will perform her solo at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin May 27.



Preslie Smithie

Preslie Smithie

Preslie Smithie, 6, recently participated in a Proscout Talented Open Call in Midland and was selected to attend a modeling and talent scout event in Dallas June 10-11. She present a 30-second monologue for a name-brand commercial and will interview with agencies like The Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, Elite Model Management and BMG Models, among others.

Her parents are Shannon and Angela Smithie and her younger sister is Hartlie. Her grandparents are James and Carla Collinsworth and Buddy and Beverly Smithie, all of Big Spring and Bobby and Wilma Dennis of Fritch.

James Austin Barton

James Austin Barton, a Coahoma High School graduate and the son of Debra and Don Barton was recognized as a new member of academic honor societies at the Austin College Convocation April 27. Barton has joined Alpha Chi, Pi Sigma Alpha and Sigma Delta Pi.



Linda Ann Brito and Steve Rodriguez

Brito, Rodriguez to wed

Linda Ann Brito and Steve Rodriguez, both of Big Spring, will be united in marriage at 2 p.m. May 20 in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Pasaila Hilario and Juan Estrada of Big Spring.

The future groom is the son of Elva and Ruben

Rodriguez of Sand Springs.

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He is employed by Fiberod.

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Jeremy Knight

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Jeremy Knight was awarded an Oklahoma State University Animal Science Department Scholarship. Knight, the son of Alan and Mitzi Knight of Big Spring, was awarded the Ray and Delores Kimsey/Robert and Nell Totusek Equine Scholarship at the Animal Science Departmental Awards Banquet held April 1. Knight's university activities include Block and Bridle, Ag Council representative, Internal Affairs Committee Ag Council and Horseman's Association.

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ELROD'S RECEIVES AWARD



Lynda and Dee Elrod — owners of Elrod's Furniture — accept the Lane Furniture Bronze Award from West Texas Lane Furniture Sales Representative David Biddle. The award is for businesses that have shown a 25 percent sales growth with Lane's products over the past year.

Record net profit reported by Alon over first quarter

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy, Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) ("Alon") reported record net income of \$54.2 million for the first quarter 2006, compared to net income of \$22.4 million for the first quarter 2005, an increase of \$31.8 million.

First quarter 2006 earnings per share were \$1.16, compared to \$0.64 for the first quarter 2005.

Net income for the first quarter 2006 included \$34.3 million of after-tax gain recognized on disposition of assets ("after-tax gain") relating primarily to the sale of the Company's inactive Amdel and White Oil Crude Oil pipelines to an affiliate of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P., and \$4.2 million of after-tax interest expense resulting from the prepayment of Alon's \$100 million term loan facility.

Net income for the first quarter 2006, excluding the effects of the after-tax gains on disposition of assets and interest expense, would have been a \$24.1 million, or \$0.52 earnings per share as compared to \$5.3 million of net income, or \$0.15 earnings per share for the first quarter 2005 after exclusion of \$17.1 million of after-tax gain recognized in connection with the contribution of certain pipeline and terminal assets to Holly Energy Partners, L.P. in the first quarter 2005.

The increase in net income for the first quarter 2006 over the first quarter 2005 was primarily attributable to stronger industry refining mar-

Refinery receives safety awards

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Refinery, owned and operated by Alon USA Energy, was recognized with four National Petrochemical and Refiners Association (NPR) Safety Awards at the NPR's 2006 National Safety Conference in Austin.

The refinery was honored with the Award for Meritorious Safety Performance for earning a total recordable incidence rate of 0.97 in 2005; the Gold Award for achieving a 25.4 percent reduction in the 2005 total recordable incidence rate in comparison to the average for the previous three years; the Award for Safety Achievement — Years, for completing more than three years

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Big Spring native Shaffer named Funeral Director of Year for region

Gary Shaffer, owner-operator of Shaffer Funeral Home, was named Funeral Director of the Year for the West Texas Region of the Texas Funeral Directors Association.

His name will now be submitted to the association for the State Funeral Director of the Year award that will be presented at the State Convention in June. Shaffer has been active in West Texas Funeral Directors Association, serving as president in 1999-2000. He has also been active with the Texas Funeral Directors Association, serving on numerous committees including many years on the legislative committee; serving as state president in 2004-2005 and is currently serving as immediate past president.



Shaffer

Shaffer was born, raised and attended school in Big Spring. He went to Howard College before attending mortuary school at the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. After graduation, he was employed by Ellis Funeral Home in Midland and continued to work for Newbie Ellis until he purchased Newby Funeral Home in Bronte and Robert Lee. He has owned and operated Shaffer Funeral Homes for 30 years. In 1997, he, wife Della, and partner Kelly Nichols opened Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Homes in Crane and McCamey with a chapel in

Iraan. Then in 1999, ground was broke for Shaffer Funeral Home, Pioneer Memorial Park and Crematory in San Angelo and about the same time they purchased Belvedere Memorial Park, also in San Angelo.

He and Della have five children, Courtney, Lindsay, Lisa, Chrissie and Joseph.

Shaffer was one of the founding directors of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce and also served on the Bronte City Council. He has also served as justice of the peace of Coke County. He is a member of the Bronte Masonic Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite, the Suez Shrine and the First Baptist Church of Bronte.

Big Spring man appointed to TDLR A/C Advisory Board

Big Spring's Ricky Robertson has been selected as a member of the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors Advisory Board.



Robertson was appointed to a seat designated for a Class B licensed contractor. His term extends to Feb. 1, 2007.

The advisory board was created to advise the commission on the adoption of rules, enforcement and administration in the air conditioning and refrigeration program and to advise the commission in setting fees.

The board is comprised of six members from across the state. They are experienced in the

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Sands FFA Vice-President Garrett Nichols, center, presents awards to community members Justin Wilson and Ray McMorris.

Sands FFA honors community members

Two community members were recognized Friday, May 5 when the Sands FFA had its barbecue and awards night. Ray McMorris was awarded the Honorary Chapter Degree. McMorris substituted for Scott Brewer while he was at stock shows this year. He also trained the meats judging team and served as a sponsor on several judging trips.

Justin Wilson was presented with the Appreciation of Service Award. He is the transportation director at Sands Independent School District. Wilson helped the agriculture students with several of their shop projects this year. Chris Gaskins was recipient of the picnic table. Chapter President Dee Fryar and the other officers presented the program.

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Living Well



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Keeping summer's bounty safe to eat

Fresh melons and berries fill the aisles of grocery stores and markets. Roadside produce stands full of home-grown fruits and vegetables are seen along the highway. All of these are signs that summer is here and so is a bounty of fresh produce.

Summer's harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables is an important part of a healthy diet. Remember to handle fresh produce safely to prevent food borne illness. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that there are 76 million cases of food borne illnesses each year resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths.

Although not traditionally associated with food borne illness, fresh fruits and vegetables have recently been linked to several outbreaks. That's because fresh produce is often eaten raw. In fact, in recent years the proportion of cases of food borne illness linked to

fresh fruits and vegetables has increased. To help consumers keep fruits and vegetables safe to eat, the Partnership for Food Safety Education gives six recommendations for safe handling of fresh produce:

Check: Food safety for fresh fruits and vegetables begins at the store. Before purchasing, make sure the produce is not bruised, cut, or damaged. If purchasing items that are pre-cut, such as melons, or packaged, such as salads, buy only the items that have been kept refrigerated.

Clean: Hands should be washed in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh produce. Make sure cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives are also clean before using them. Fresh produce should be rinsed under running tap water before you eat it. That's also true for fruits and vegetables that have

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Time to spray for pecan pests

Pecan Nut Casebearer traps placed around Howard County began to catch moths May 3. This indicates that the time period when an insecticide application aimed at this pest would be most effective between May 16 and May 20. Delaying of treatments will most likely result in increased damage to the nut crop.



TOMMY YEATER

The Pecan Nut Casebearer is one of the most important nut infesting insect pests of pecans. Casebearer larvae tunnel into nutlets shortly after pollination, often destroying all nutlets in a cluster. The most effective and reliable method of control is a well-timed insecticide applications timed to kill hatching larvae before they tunnel into the nutlets. It is important to note that the Pecan Nut Casebearer only causes damage to developing nuts, r.o damage is done to the

pecan tree and should only be controlled when trying to maximize pecan production.

Insecticides available for Casebearer control in the home landscape include carbaryl (Sevin), malathion, diazinon, and Confim T&O. Those labeled for commercial pecan production include Confirm2F, several Bt products, and Imidiaz 70WSB. Whatever you use, be sure to follow label directions for rates and other information. It would be beneficial to add a foliar fertilizer containing zinc to the mix as well, as many trees in our area never get enough of this essential nutrient. For more information on this pest of pecans and further updates, please contact me at 432-264-2236. Another source of information is the Texas A&M Pecan Web site at <http://pecankernal.tamu.edu>.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

Big Spring native selected as new Wal-Mart manager

Special to the Herald

STRATFORD, Conn. — Tony Spears has been named store manager of the Wal-Mart store in Stratford. Spears has 20 years of retail experience and began his duties as store manager April 6.

"I have really enjoyed working at Wal-Mart. The company has provided me with incredible opportunities to develop my skills," said Spears. "I'm excited to be here in Stratford and look forward to getting involved in the community." Spears began his Wal-

Mart career in 1993, working as lead deli associate in Big Spring before being selected to participate in the company's management training program in Midland. After completing his training, he was promoted to assistant manager in Carson City, Nev., and Reno, Nev. Spears most recently served as co-manager in Garden City, Idaho.

"We are happy to welcome Tony to Stratford," said Wal-Mart Market Manager Brian West. "He will be an enthusiastic and knowledgeable addition to this store and the community."

Spears has been active in supporting local schools and is involved with a softball tournament raising money for the Children's Miracle Network. He plans to continue to pursue civic-minded opportunities in Stratford, including the Chamber of Commerce and supporting the local community through Wal-Mart's Good Works community involvement programs.

Spears is a graduate of Big Spring High School. His wife, Brenda, is a Wal-Mart associate in Southington.

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Trade deficit declines again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit unexpectedly declined in March for a second consecutive month, something that hasn't happened in more than two years. The improvement reflected record U.S. exports and a big drop in the country's foreign oil bill.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the gap between what the country sells abroad and what it imports narrowed to \$62 billion in March, the smallest deficit in seven months. It was a 5.5 percent improvement from February's \$65.6 billion deficit which in turn had fallen from the all-time high of \$68.6 billion.

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rinds or skins that will not be eaten. People don't realize they need to scrub the outside of melons with a vegetable brush or rub them with their hands under running water. If bacteria contaminate the outside of a melon for example, when you slice into it you have the potential of bringing that contamination into the fruit. Clean firm-skinned produce with a clean vegetable brush or rub it with your hands under running tap water. Do not use detergent or bleach to wash fresh produce. After washing, dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth or paper towel. Vegetable brushes can be purchased at your local variety store for two to four dollars. They're an inexpensive tool that can help you keep your fresh

produce safe to eat.

Separate: In the grocery cart, keep fresh fruits and vegetables away from such items as cleaners, detergents, and raw meat, poultry, and fish. At home, that advice also holds true during storage in the refrigerator and during preparation: Keep fresh produce away from raw meat, poultry and fish.

Do not use the same cutting board for produce and meats unless it is cleaned with hot, soapy water before and after food preparation.

Cook: If fresh produce has been in contact with raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices, throw it away or cook it thoroughly.

Chill: To prevent bacterial growth, store all cut, peeled, or cooked produce in the refrigerator within two hours.

Throw away: Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerat-

ed within two hours of cutting, peeling, or cooking should be thrown away. Remove and throw away bruised or damaged portions of fresh produce before cooking or eating it raw. Any fruit or vegetable that will not be cooked and that has been contaminated by raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices should also be thrown away. If in doubt about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out!

Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well."

For more information on safe handling of fresh produce contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Howard County Office at 432-264-2236.

Kori Myers, M.Ed., is a Texas Cooperative Extension Service agent for Howard County. She may be reached at 264-2236.

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Robertson operates Robertson Mechanical Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration, located at 411 E. Third St. in Big Spring.

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oil differentials increased to an average of \$6.57 per barrel during the first quarter 2006, compared to an average of \$5.08 per

barrel during the first quarter 2005. Refinery production increased to an average of 69,603 barrels per day during the first quarter 2006, compared to an average of 47,060 barrels per day during the first quarter 2005.

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Concienne, Alon vice president of refining and transportation. "These awards are the result of the efforts of everyone who works at the refinery."

Accepting the awards at the event, on behalf of the refinery and all who work there, was Robert Campbell, safety director.

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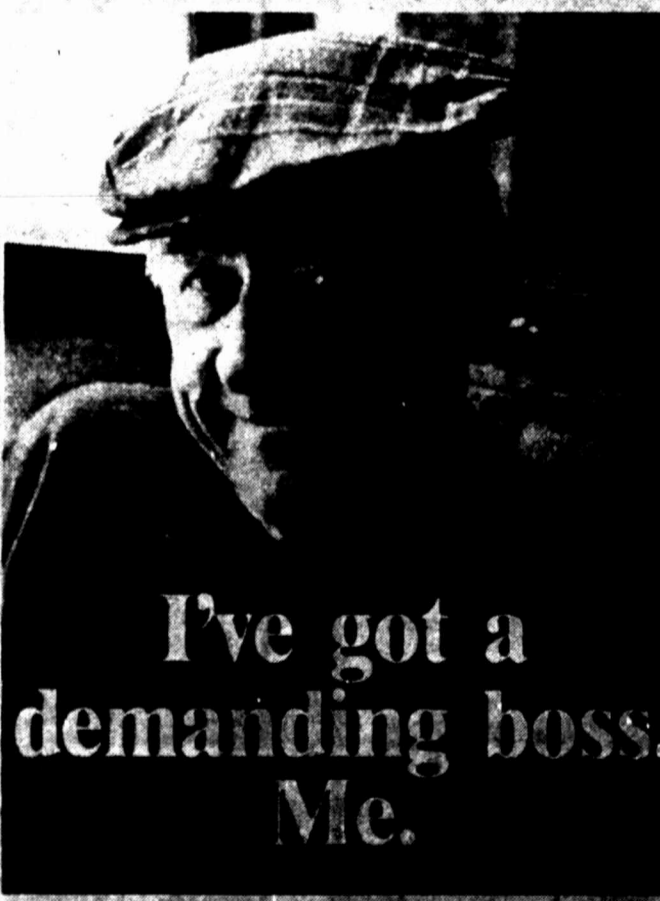
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- Demonstrated ability and experience to coordinate and supervise well servicing activities
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- Experience in working economic evaluations
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Technical questions are directed to Stacy Slaten, Art Instructor, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5115, e-mail: sslaten@howardcollege.edu.
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: **Daniel H. Rios and Victoria P. Rios**

and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:
Lot 19, 20, 21, and 22, Block 35, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$2,005.13**, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs, against **Daniel H. Rios and Victoria P. Rios**, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the **20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DANIEL H. RIOS and VICTORIA P. RIOS**, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **4858** but the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the **19th day of June, 2006** before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1st day of May, A.D. 2006.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#4955 May 7 & 14, 2006

THE STATE OF TEXAS
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: **JERALDINE DRAKE** Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 26 day of June, 2006, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 31 day of MARCH, A.D., 2006, in this case, numbered 44728 on the docket of said court, and styled, **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. VS. JERALDINE DRAKE**
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: **AC COUNTS, CONTRACTS, & NOTES**
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.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this the 8 day of MAY, A.D. 2006.
COLLEN BARTON, District Clerk
118th District Court, Howard County, Texas
By **Priscilla Ginnett**, Deputy
#4964 May 14, 21, 28 & June 4, 2006.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: **Alfonzo L. Rodriguez and wife, Modesta T. Rodriguez**

and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:
A 6.00 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the exhibit attached hereto.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$3,636.95**, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs, against **Alfonzo L. Rodriguez and wife, Modesta T. Rodriguez**, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ALFONZO L. RODRIGUEZ and wife, MODESTA T. RODRIGUEZ**, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **4727** but the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the **19th day of June, 2006** before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1st day of May, A.D. 2006.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#4956 May 7 & 14, 2006

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. COUNTY OF HOWARD
By virtue of an **ORDER OF SALE** issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinabove numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 10 day of May 2006, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the **8th day of June, 2006**, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

- CAUSE NO. T-4562**
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Maxine Overman
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A 50x140 foot tract of land out of North 50 feet of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4562
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Maxine Overman
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A 0.161 acre tract of land out of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4562
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Maxine Overman
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION The North 50 feet out of the East 130 feet of Lot 3, Block 18, Cedar Crest Addition of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4670
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Robert Lee Evans, Sr.

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curing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the **19th day of June, 2006** before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1st day of May, A.D. 2006.

Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
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#4956 May 7 & 14, 2006

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: **Tommy Mauldin**

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinabove described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 7, Block 1, North McEwen Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$8,347.91**, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs, against **Tommy Mauldin**, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **March 18, 2005**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TOMMY MAULDIN**, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **4847** but the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-

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curing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1st day of May, A.D. 2006.

Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#4957 May 7 & 14, 2006

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: **Carlos Flores and Catalina Flores**

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinabove described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

50x150, Tract 24, William B. Currie Addition, SE4, Sec. 42, Blk 32, T-1-N, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on attached exhibit "A"

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$1,486.95**, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs, against **Carlos Flores and Catalina Flores**, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the **27th day of May, 2006**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CARLOS FLORES, et ux**, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **4669** but the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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CAUSE NO. T-4778
STYLE Howard County, et al v. L.C. Lawson
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 2, Block 2, Rice Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4484
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Starla Mendoza
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 7 and 8, Block 7, Boydston Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4801
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Frances Miramontes Sawyers
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 7, Block 2, Williams Addition, City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4810
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Karen J. Gallagher
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 7, Block 26, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4827
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Crist Delgado Cuellar
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
S/72' of Lot 1 & E/15' of S/72' of Lot 2 Block 3, Settles Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4849
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Manuela Olguin
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 1, Furrh Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4876
STYLE Howard County, et al v. William O. Daves, Estate
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
E/2 Lots 17 & 18, Block 2, Gordon Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4894
STYLE Howard County, et al v. George D. Young
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
1 acre out of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4913
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Pearly Mae Green
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 3, Block 6, Banks Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4923
STYLE Howard County, et al v. George Kay Edwards and John Raymond Edwards
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 7, Block 3, Mittel Acre Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4992
STYLE Howard County, et al v. May Dell Henry Wilson Cline Johnson, et al
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 8, Block 3, Lockhart Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4993
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Otilie Theresa Van Vleet, Deceased, et al
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 4, Block 30, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
Witness my hand this 10 day of May, 2006.
Dale L. Walker
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
By: **Dean Restelli**, Deputy
#4965 May 14, 21, 28, 2006.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Sagittarius moon favors the most novel approach to Mother's Day that you can dream up. Kidnapping mom for an all-day road trip, an out-of-the-way hike or a plane ride goes perfectly with the spirit of the day. If the traditional brunch is already in motion, consider adding some very nontraditional touches. "Would you like some sushi, Mom?"

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If someone you respect is not giving you a deadline and a little pressure, then work drags on far too long. Accountability is the missing factor that will make a difference in your productivity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your curiosity is your higher self, talking to you, leading you in a



HOLIDAY MATHIS

direction of happiness. Follow! Make a list of five things you have always been interested in, and pursue the juiciest one on the list.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're most successful when you avoid the chatter-filled input of media and gravitate to substantial, meaningful influences. Libra and Pisces people do their best to please you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To restore the flow of love through your life, give credit to your "parental units," and if possible, a phone call would be nice, too. Caution: Impolite cell phone use could cause a rude encounter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Knowing nothing is better than knowing the wrong thing. Be wary of what you hear and read. Misinformation is rampant. Check sources. Be slow to make conclusions. Decisions can wait.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life gets easier. The problem you thought

would never be resolved will disappear in a flash of insight. A talk with a Scorpio helps you get the correct perspective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friends enhance your existence — so much so that you cannot possibly give too much to them now. Crazy, over-the-top generosity may actually be just the correct amount.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being centered on something other than love or the lack of love is favored. If you haven't been putting your talent to use, this is the perfect time to do so. Your dedication to your gifts attracts romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your brain is currently like a TV resistant to changing channels. Instead of tuning in to a persistent problem, jam the frequency with distractions. Community service gets your mind off your troubles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be rearranging your "stuff."

Storage is too costly — it's better to rid yourself of certain items for good. Possessions that hold sentimental value are clues to understanding yourself better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Regarding love, it's been said that you need to get in over your head in order to know how tall you are. Let yourself fall. Singles: Pursue your hobby. You'll meet hip people who, of course, find you utterly charming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your signmate Jon Bon Jovi is a hit singing "Who Says You Can't Go Home?" This is your day to corroborate that query by returning to a comfortable place or relationship and finding it exactly the way you left it.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Mother's Day under the Sagittarius moon allows us to experience our mothers in a progressive way, perhaps seeing her for the first time the way her contemporaries would — as a

woman of her time instead of the maternal extension of your generation. What follows Mom's Day are the final days of the year's Taurus sun — an invitation to plant your feet in the terra firma and grow roots. Soon, the air-sign energy of Gemini will sweep your head into fluffy white clouds, so it will be most helpful to know what anchors you. For what and for whom are you responsible? Taurus energy teaches us that our true responsibilities are not burdens, but gifts, without which we are fractions of what we could be. Friday, the messenger of the zodiac leaps into the sign of Gemini, immediately changing the way we communicate. It's zippy, but not brief. Witty, but not to the point. Those of us who haven't yet learned the computer shorthand that brings us such hits as "LOL" (laughing out loud) and "BTW" (by the way) may finally catch up to the crowd during this

transit, which lasts through June 3. Saturday, the sun enters Gemini. The reign of the twins begins!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: A Taurus, Tori Spelling knew when she became a TV actress that the world would be critically watching to see what this daddy's darling could do. Taurus people also know that hard work is the best way to win the critics! Now, with the attention and praise her new pseudoreality show "So Notorious" will raise, Spelling shoots again from celebrity to celebratress.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: A long time ago, I read an essay listing all the things Mom does before going to bed, and I remember thinking how true it was. Could you possibly reprint it? — Sandy in Illinois

Dear Sandy: Here it is — just in time for Mother's Day:

Mom and Dad were watching TV when Mom said, "I'm tired and it's getting late. I think I'll go to bed."



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

She went to the kitchen to make sandwiches for the next day's lunches, rinsed the popcorn bowls, took meat out of the freezer for supper the following evening, checked the cereal box levels, filled the sugar container, put spoons and bowls on the table and set up the coffee pot for brewing the next morning. She then put some wet clothes into the dryer, sewed on a loose button, picked up the newspapers strewn on the floor and the game pieces left on the table and put the telephone book back into the drawer. She watered the plants, emptied a wastebasket, hung up a towel to dry, wrote a note to the teacher and counted out some cash for the kids' field trip. She signed a birthday card for a friend, addressed and stamped the envelope, and wrote a quick reminder for the grocery store. She put some water into the dog's dish and put the cat outside, then made sure the doors were locked.

Mom washed her face, put on moisturizer, and brushed and flossed her teeth. Her husband called, "I thought you were going to bed." "I'm on my way," she replied. She looked in on each of the children, turned out a bedside lamp, hung up a shirt, threw some dirty socks in the hamper and had a brief conversation with the older one, who was up doing homework. In her own room, she set the alarm, laid out clothes for the next day, straightened up the shoe rack and added three chores to her list of things to do tomorrow.

About that time, her husband turned off the TV and announced to no one in particular, "I'm going to bed," and he did.

Dear Annie: I want to thank you for the column you ran on Mother's Day, and in particular, when you said, "Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and mother figures who have helped

raise the world's children. And please don't forget those for whom this day, for whatever reason, is filled with sadness. Give them a call and say you are thinking of them." I felt as though your message was sent exclusively for me.

My only child passed away from a brain tumor in July 2003, at the age of 13. Before reading your column, I was trying to figure out how to get through Mother's Day alone. Thanks to your suggestion, I remembered that I have a mother and a godmother, whom I love dearly, and decided to make their day special. In return, my godchild and several friends reminded me that I am, and always will be, a "mom."

I planted flowers in memory of my daughter, who always celebrated with her own personal touch. (The year before her death, she plastered "I Love You" notes around the house, on the bathroom mirror, inside the kitchen cupboard and in my shoes.)

Unfortunately, the number of people who lose parents is enormous, and those of us who have lost a child is sizeable. Perhaps my letter will reach others who have lost someone who completed Mother's Day for them. Hopefully, they can find a simple way to celebrate the memories. I believe that when we reach out to others, we feel the warmth and spirit of our deceased loved ones inspiring us.

So, if you'll excuse me, I must send a few cards to friends who are new to the aforementioned

predicament this year. — Always a Mom from Fraser, Mich.

Dear Always a Mom: What a beautiful and thoughtful letter. You have found a way to turn your grief into a loving tribute to your daughter. She would be proud.

Dear Annie: A few years after my mother died of cancer, my Dad, age 60, married "Lucinda," a woman 14 years younger. We were happy for him, and for the first 12 years of his marriage, we all got along great. But nine years ago, Dad had a stroke.

Lucinda realized this was a huge burden, and for the first few years they tried to make as much out of life as possible. But now, in his 80s, Dad lies in bed all day, getting up only for meals and to use the bathroom, walking slowly with a walker. Lucinda works full time, and Dad is home alone. An aide comes once a week to give him a shower and shave.

We suggested to Lucinda that since Dad has an excellent pension, she might consider working part time, or hiring the aide to come in more often, or even that Dad be put in a nursing home for better care. He fell once and fractured some ribs. But Lucinda refuses anything that costs money. If we buy clothes for him, she returns them for cash. On a 90-degree day, the central air conditioning is off. Visiting them is difficult, as her work hours vary greatly.

What can be done to make the quality of Dad's life better and still get along with the goldigger? She barely speaks to us now. — Stepchildren

Dear Stepchildren: Caring for a stroke victim cannot possibly be easy. Plus, you don't know how much of Dad's pension they've run through in the last nine years. The financial situation may not be as stable as you think. And you can't

blame Lucinda for wanting to be sure there is enough money for her to live on after Dad's pension runs out or if he leaves all his remaining money to his children.

Have you offered to contribute toward Dad's care, either by paying for an aide or by taking the time to watch him? Perhaps if you approach Lucinda as an ally and ask what you can do to make her job easier, it will heal the breach and get results. If you believe Dad is being abused (we're worried about the lack of air conditioning), you should contact your state abuse hotline.

Dear Annie: After reading your column urging people to send cards or visit veterans on Valentine's Day, I was inspired to contact the VA hospital at Bay Pines in St. Petersburg, Fla.

I am a soprano who performs several one-woman

musical programs (along with my accompanist, Caroline Decker). When I spoke with Stuart Seidell of the Bay Pines recreation staff, he invited us to sing for the veterans.

We drove up from Sarasota early on the morning after Valentine's Day. Annie, I've been singing for many years, but I can't remember a more appreciative audience or a more rewarding experience. We were flooded with accolades, warm words of appreciation and invitations to return. Bill Schmit of the recreation staff was so helpful with the piano and microphones, and even volunteered to dance a segment of the program with me.

Thank you for encouraging all of us to show our appreciation for these veterans. We got back so much in return. — Irene Herman

Dear Irene: What a love-

ly thing to do. It must have been the "high note" of the day.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from the man who wanted a snappy comeback when someone commented on his height. I am just about 5 feet, and when people ask me how tall I am, I reply that I am tall enough to get on the rides. — T.B.

Dear T.B.: And we know many 10-year-olds who envy you. Thanks for supplying a cute response.

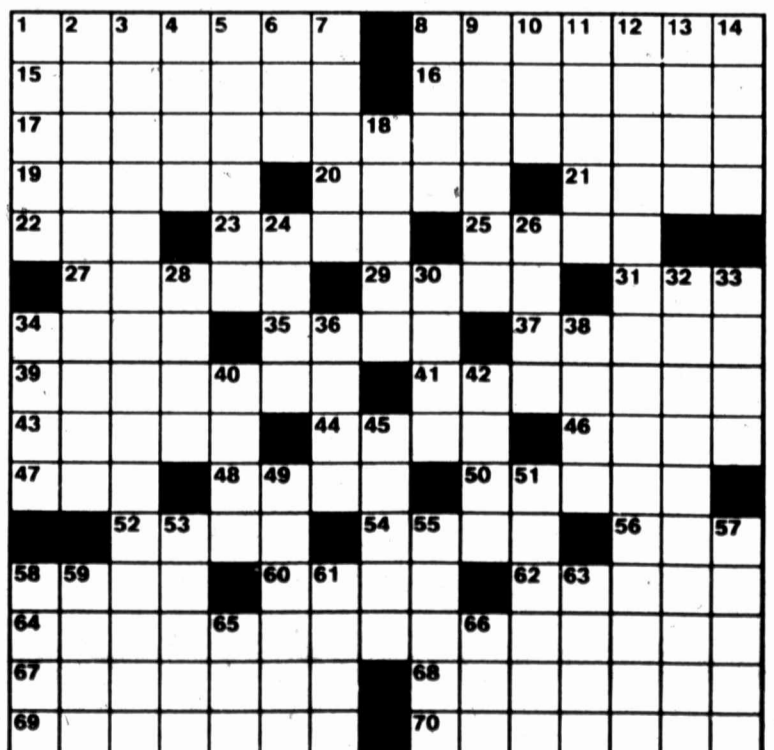
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Newsday Crossword

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| 1 Husbands | 1 Remote places |
| 8 Cold follower | 2 Shown to be similar |
| 15 Waiting | 3 Recipe in the Library of Congress handwritten by Thomas Jefferson |
| 16 Gallic exclamation | 4 Designer Schiaparelli |
| 17 Aggravates | 5 Suppresses |
| 19 Escapee's acquisition | 6 New England sch. |
| 20 The Greatest American Hero star | 7 Ganders |
| 21 Make ___ with (win over) | 8 Fabric unit |
| 22 Nearby star | 9 Want no part of |
| 23 Place for drying | 10 German physicist |
| 25 Make more acute | 11 New York city |
| 27 Hormone producer | 12 Says a discouraging word |
| 29 In history | 13 Future race of fiction |
| 31 Belgian resort | 14 Bonkers |
| 34 Prince Chulalongkorn's land | 18 Bound |
| 35 Part of q.v. | 24 Item in the WSJ |
| 37 Not very excitable | 26 Guesstimate phrase |
| 39 Surveying angle | 28 Ordnance |
| 41 Offended, perhaps | 30 Third piece |
| 43 Office scheme | 32 Reading for Rubinstein |
| 44 Administered item | 33 Fronts |
| 46 Poetic periods | 34 Actress Thompson |
| 47 Stand-ing order? | 36 Restaurant franchise |
| 48 Bridge spanners | 38 ___ toad |
| 50 Playground retort | 40 Argue for |
| 52 Baker with a trumpet | 42 Forcible impact |
| 54 Equivalent | 45 Very, musically |
| 56 White House monogram | 49 S&L debit |
| 58 Other, in Acapulco | 51 Acres |
| 60 Farina, e.g. | 53 Anwar's successor |
| 62 Standard Oil of Indiana | 55 Letter opener |
| | 57 Vocal manners |
| | 58 River to the Baltic |
| | 59 Heavy text |
| | 61 Pipe connections |
| | 63 German mineralogist |
| | 65 Stereo-jack letters |
| | 66 Small tale |



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