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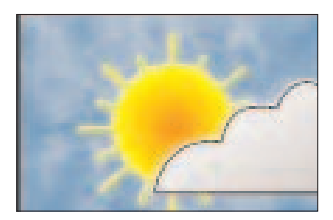
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2,800 early votes cast

Tuesday is election day in March primaries

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

With the Republican race running strong in the primaries, election officials are hoping to have more than 5,000 total ballots by the close of polls Tuesday.

According to Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom, 2813 voters cast their ballots during early voting, which came to a close Friday, and she's hoping to see just as many head to the polls during Tuesday's political party primaries.

"We had 1,779 ballots cast in the Republican primary and 1,034 ballots in the Democratic contest, so we're coming out of early voting well ahead



Bloom of totals posted in the 2004 presidential race," said Bloom. "I feel like we'll get another 2,500 ballots Tuesday, which should put us somewhere near 5,000 ballots, which represents 28 percent of the registered voters in Howard County."

Bloom said early voting has gone smoothly, but she's had quite a few last-minute questions regarding how voting in the primaries might effect voting in the November election.

"I've talked to quite a few people that are under

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THANKFUL PRAISE



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Pat Simmons and Everett Bender, right, congratulate Big Spring firefighters and paramedics Cody Quintana, Birdie Soto, Anthony Dutchover and Jake Smith for a job well done during the recent explosion at the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery. First responders, refinery employees and their families will be special guests during a celebration service Sunday at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Employees and first responders will have supper beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the FBC gymnasium. At 8 p.m., a communitywide celebration will be held in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Joyce Speed, proprietor of Love of Land Images of Dallas, watches as a potential customer views some of the items for sale at the annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday at the Howard County Fairbarns.

Gem show vendor hoping to rouse interest in Earth sciences

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Of all the vendors at this weekend's Gem and Mineral Show, Paul Burger is probably the one least concerned with turning a profit.

He has other goals in mind.

"My day job is as park geologist at Carlsbad National Park," Burger said. "What I really want to accomplish here is to help get kids interested in rocks, minerals and the Earth sciences in general."

Earth science — the study of the planet and the materials it contains — effects almost every-

"When kids get into rocks, they also get into hiking and other outdoor activities, something they're doing less and less of now."

—Paul Burger

one, he said.

"It's important for people to get into Earth sciences," he said. "Water, which everyone needs, comes from the spaces between rocks ... as does oil and gas. Materials we use to make cars and

other vital products come from the Earth."

And, as many parents might appreciate, the study of Earth sciences gets the kids out of the house.

"When kids get into rocks, they also get into hiking and other outdoor activities, something they're doing less and less of now," Burger said.

Burger, a self-described "Air Force brat," came across his love of rocks through another passion — exploring caves.

"It's the unknown," he said of the thrill of spelunking. "Caves are

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Local Boy Scouts leader Warren Wallace, left, hands a bag of groceries to Cub Scout Clay Creswell during the organization's annual Canned Food Drive Saturday morning at the Wal-Mart Supercenter parking lot.

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

MONDAY

Forsan baseball vs. Lakeview, 4 p.m.
Forsan softball at Kermit, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

Big Spring softball at Lubbock High, 4:30 p.m.
Big Spring baseball at Midland High, 4 p.m.
Coahoma baseball vs. Colorado City, 7 p.m.
Coahoma softball vs. Colorado City, 7 p.m.

THURS. - SAT.

Big Spring baseball at Snyder Tournament.
Coahoma baseball at Llano Tournament.
Coahoma softball at Clyde-Eula Tournament.

FRIDAY

Big Spring softball at Andrews, 5 p.m.
Big Spring boys golf at San Anelo.
Big Spring girls golf at Andrews.
Big Spring girls track at Snyder for Tiger Relays.
Big Spring boys track at Midland for Tall City Relays.
Big Spring tennis at Seminole tournament.

MARCH 11

Big Spring softball at Greenwood, TBA.
Big Spring baseball at Fort Stockton, 6 p.m.
Forsan baseball at McCamey, 5 p.m.
Forsan softball at Sonora, 6 p.m.
Coahoma baseball at Haskell, 4:30 p.m.
Coahoma softball at Haskell, 7 p.m.

MARCH 13-15

Big Spring softball at San Marcos Tournament.
Big Spring baseball at Greenwood Tournament.

Big Spring Little League signups being held all week

Big Spring Little League baseball signups for the 2008 season are being held until Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Registration times are Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and then on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Big Spring High Tennis Boosters meeting Monday

The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters are holding a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center. All parents of junior high or high school tennis players are encouraged to attend.

Hawks get no-hitter in sweep of NMJC

By ERIC C. RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

Perfection is hard to attain, but throughout the month of February the Howard College baseball team has been perfect.

The Hawks swept defending national runner-up New Mexico Junior College Friday at Jack Barber Field, 3-0 and 6-4 to improve to a perfect 16-0.

The Hawks' pursuit of perfection reached a ridiculous level in Game 1 as left-handed pitcher Colt Simon fell short of a perfect game, hurling a no-hitter against the No. 6 ranked Thunderbirds. Simon's only blemish on an otherwise flawless performance was when he hit the leadoff batter in the top of the fifth, providing New Mexico JC with their only baserunner of the game. Simon struck out seven in his first-ever

no-hitter en route to a 3-0 victory. "I've had a bunch of one-hitters, but that's my first no-hitter," Simon said. "Nobody said anything about it to jinx it."

For the first time in three years, New Mexico JC is not the leader of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and Simon's performance played a big part in that, according to Howard Head Coach Britt Smith.

"Colt pitched outstanding, but our defense was tremendous," Smith stated. "We made every single play and obviously to get a no-hitter you have to go out and do that. What a way to lead off conference, to go out and no-hit the No. 6 team in the country. Colt shut them down all day long and kept them off balance. He was fantastic."

Simon felt confident that his

teammates would get the job done, which put him at ease and let him focus on his job.

"I think that was our best defensive game we've had so far," Simon said. "I knew at one point our hitting was going to come through. It does every game. I don't think there will ever be a game where we don't hit the ball very well."

The Hawks were efficient in game one as they used three New Mexico JC errors and three hits to produce three runs, only one of which was earned.

In the bottom of the fourth, Tyler Ladendorf reached on an error and scored on a single by Matt Curry. In the sixth, Ladendorf reached safely on another error and scored when Travis Sample crushed a 2-run homer to give Howard a 3-0

advantage.

"When you have a bunch of offense in your back pocket in conference it's a little different deal," Smith said. "New Mexico has four starters that are probably as good as anybody in the country, top to bottom. You are not going to find any staff that has those four guys."

When Smith says "any staff" he means at any level as New Mexico JC's Game 1 starter has already signed to pitch with the University of Miami and the Game 2 starter is being recruited by Louisiana State University. Both programs are fixtures at the NCAA College World Series each June in Omaha.

As the Hawks dominated Game 1 in all aspects, Game 2 was a bit

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Bearkats eliminated by May, 44-41

By EVAN JANSA

Special to the Herald

FORT WORTH — Few fingernails remained intact after the Garden City Bearkats' regional semifinal contest against the May Tigers Friday afternoon at the Wilkerson Greines Activity Center in Fort Worth.

The Bearkats (22-9) fell to the Tigers (24-6), 44-41, after a Garden City buzzer-beating 3-point attempt didn't fall in the bucket.

The 'Kats got off to an auspicious start in the first frame, thanks to the superb shooting of Eric Hirt. The senior sharpshooter hit a 3-pointer to cap a 9-0 run by Garden City. All of Hirt's five points came in the quarter that ended with the 'Kats up, 11-7.

In the second period the 'Kats found themselves in a more familiar situation — playing from behind. With Garden City holding a 13-9 lead May guard Matt Pruitt went to work. The junior hit two consecutive 3-point shots and scored all of the Tigers' points in an 8-0 run.

Garden City's Achilles heel resurfaced on the season's biggest stage. The 'Kats turned the ball over nine times in the quarter where they were outscored 15-6.

"Ball handling has been our weakness all year," Head Coach Koby Abney said, "but this group never panics."

The third period began with another 'Kats turnover that turned into a basket for the Tigers. May pushed the envelope with a full-court press that gave Garden City fits the entire half.

"It was the first time we'd seen defense like that," Garden City junior Jake Schwartz said. "The refs were letting it fly so we just had to try to adjust."

By utilizing its deep bench throughout the first three quarters, the Bearkats were poised to put together a tenacious fourth-

quarter run.

The Kats went on a 7-0 run to cut the Tiger lead to 1 with less than two minutes to play. The run came in part due to May's point guard and leading scorer, Nathan Howard, fouling out at the 2:58 mark.

"We got a lot of help when he (Howard) fouled out," Abney said. "We definitely got more aggressive."

With less than ten seconds remaining and a 2-point lead, Pruitt stepped to line with the opportunity to all but guarantee a Tigers' victory. After making one of two, Garden City had the ball and an opportunity.

"We had a chance at the end," Abney said. "That's all you can ask as a coach."

Hirt's last ditch 3-pointer hit the backboard, the rim, then the hardwood, leaving a score of 44-41 on the scoreboard.

Hirt is one of four seniors — along with Bo Eggemeyer, Wade Jansa and Nick Sanchez — who saw their state tournament aspirations dashed, however, their legacy at Garden City is not diminished by the shortcoming, according to Abney.

"It's hard to lose such an exceptional senior class," Abney said. "Mostly because of the relationships I've developed with the kids."

The class of 2008 is the most successful class to pass through the program. Looked upon for decades as a football school, the four seniors have had a hand in transforming the Garden City basketball program from relative obscurity to renowned state power.

Before the seniors began their freshman year the program had only one postseason appearance in its history. In their tenure, they qualified for the postseason four times, while amassing two district championships, two

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Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City's Eric Hirt (21) goes up for two points in the Bearkats 44-41 loss to May in the Class A, Division II, Region II semifinals Friday in Fort Worth.

Steers outscore opponents, 30-2

Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — There aren't many better examples of dominance on a baseball diamond than the effort the Big Spring Steers put forth Friday in the Sandhills Tournament in Monahans.

Big Spring played two games against Morton and Denver City, respectively, and outproduced both squads by a combined score of 30-2.

"We were swinging the bat really well," Steers Head Coach Burt Otto said. "We did a really good job of waiting for our pitches and working on our fundamentals. I think the team learned that waiting for the right pitch allows the ball to fly off the bat better. We were very selective in what we swung at all day."

The Steers scored 15 runs in the second inning against

Morton, blasting the Indians, 16-2. The game was called after the fourth inning due to a 12-run rule after four innings in place for the tournament.

Big Spring recorded 11 hits, including four for extra bases and two home runs. John Benavides recorded the victory, pitching four innings and allowing two runs on five hits and one walk while striking out six.

"Morton threw a soft-tosser at us and we were just patient at the plate," Otto said. "We made great adjustments and took off from there."

The Steers' bats stayed hot in their second game of the afternoon against Denver City. Big Spring scored 14 runs in three innings and Lance Gross pitched a 3-hit shutout, leading the Steers to a 14-0 victory.

"We were supposed to win

these games. We were the better teams by far on the field," Otto said. "I'm glad we went out, made adjustments and had fun playing."

Big Spring's entertainment came at Denver City's expense as the Steers scored four of its first five runs on wild pitches in the first inning.

Gross finished with five strikeouts, one walk and allowed three hits in three innings of work as the game was against called due to the 12-run mercy rule.

"I think we learned a lot in the first day of the tournament," Otto said. "We opened the tournament with a big win against a great Pecos team. They were undefeated at the time. Then, we followed with a lesser showing against Presidio. I don't think we knew how to react to winning a big game. We were flat at the

plate and didn't have fun.

"We made adjustments today and had a lot more fun," he continued. "We didn't hurt ourselves, either. We made only one error in the two games. We played an outstanding day of baseball."

The Steers played Pecos Saturday in the tournament's consolation final. A win and the Steers escape Monahans without suffering a true loss.

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W - John Benavides (2-0). L - Lewis.
2B: MHS - Cook; BSHS - Nathan Doport, John Benavides, Jeremy Solis. 3B: BSHS - Doport. HR: BSHS - Jordan Herrod, Cade Hollandsworth. RBI: BSHS - Herrod 3, Benavides 2, Hollandsworth 2, Solis, Doport.

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Big Spring 527 x—14 9 1

W - Lance Gross (1-0). L - Adams.
2B: DCHS - Adams; BSHS - Doport, Solis. RBI: BSHS - Kaegan Hunt, Doport, Gross.

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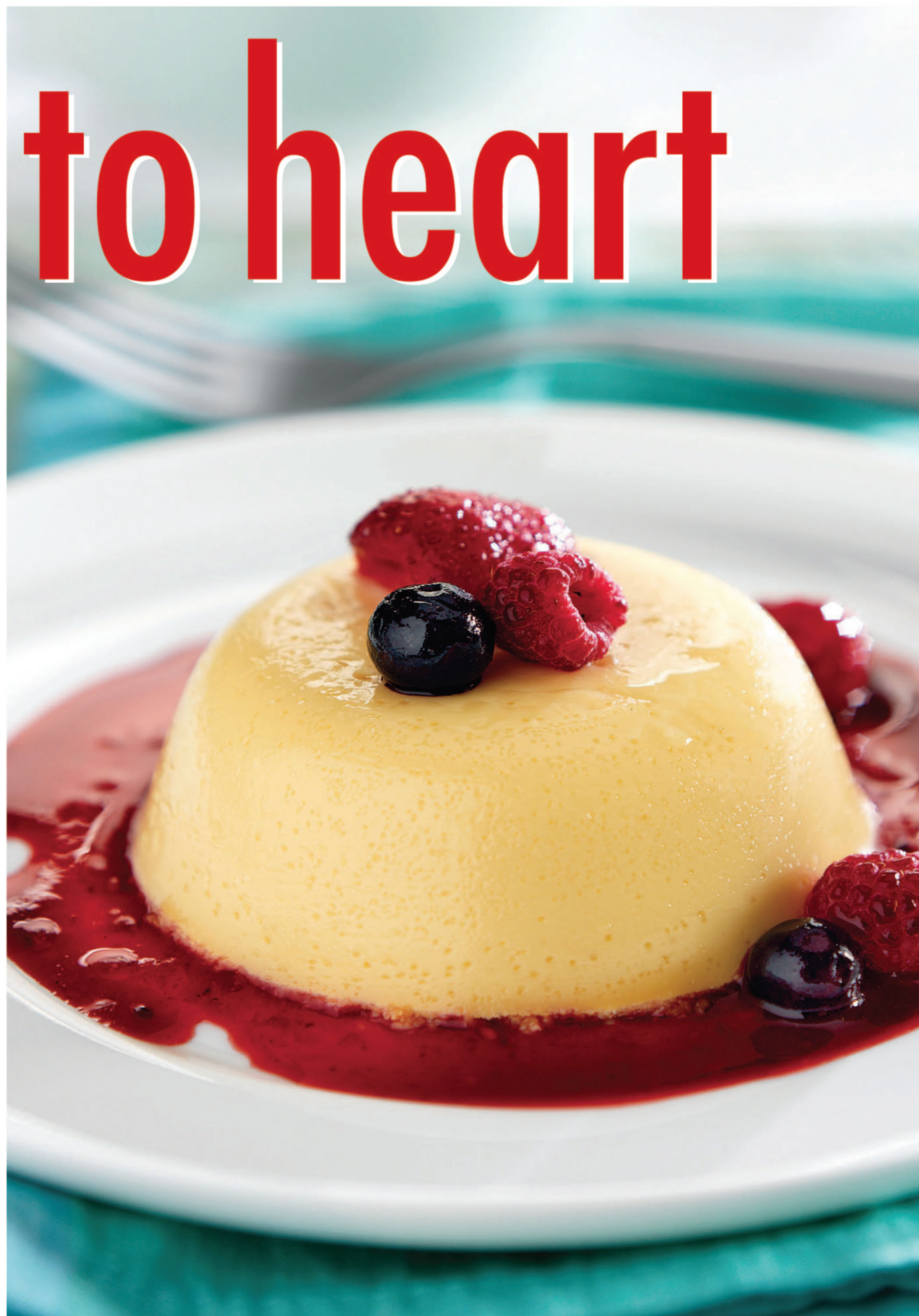
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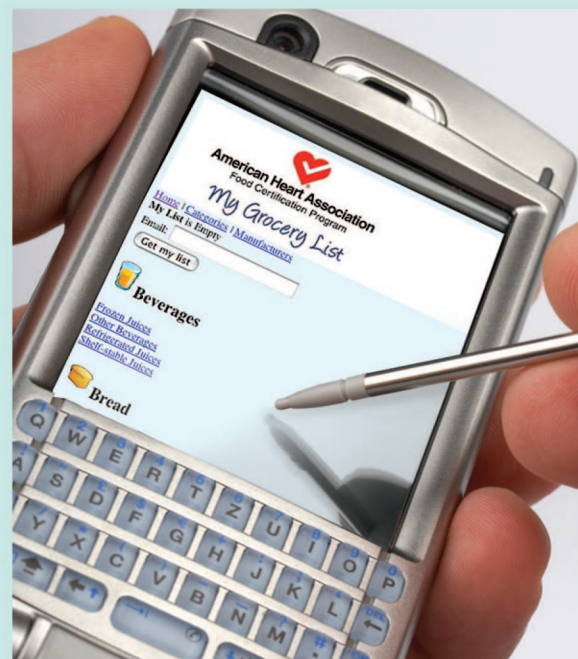


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Vanilla Flans With Berry Coulis

Serves 4; 1 flan and 3 tablespoons coulis per serving

- Vegetable oil spray
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup fat-free evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 8 ounces frozen unsweetened mixed berries, thawed and juice reserved
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup frozen unsweetened mixed berries (optional)

Put oven rack in center of oven. Pre-heat oven to 325°F. Lightly spray four 6-ounce ramekins or custard cups with vegetable oil spray.

Pour water into small saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Turn off heat, cover pan and leave on burner.

In food processor or blender, process evaporated milk, egg substitute, egg, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla until smooth. Pour equal amounts (about 1/2 cup) of mixture into each ramekin.

Place 13- by 9- by 2-inch glass baking dish in oven. Pour boiling water into dish, then carefully place ramekins in dish. Bake 40 minutes, or until knife inserted in center of flan comes out clean. Carefully remove baking dish from oven and place it, with ramekins still in water, on cooling rack. Let cool slightly, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, gently stir together 8 ounces mixed berries, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into fine sieve over medium bowl. Using back of a spoon, press berries firmly until all liquid is strained into bowl and only a thin coating of berry skins remains in sieve. Set coulis aside.

About 30 minutes before serving flans, set remaining frozen berries out to thaw slightly.

When flans are slightly cooled, remove ramekins from baking dish. Run knife around edge of each ramekin to release flans. Place dessert plate over each ramekin and invert. Serve warm or refrigerate and serve chilled, covering with plastic wrap once flans are cooled.

To serve, spoon coulis around each flan. Top with 1/2 cup mixed berries, if desired.

Nutrient information per serving: 186 calories, 10 g protein, 32 g carbohydrates (29 g sugars), 55 mg cholesterol, 1.5 g total fat (0.5 g saturated, 0.0 polyunsaturated, 0.5 g monounsaturated), 2 g fiber, 156 mg sodium

Dietary Exchanges: 1/2 fruit, 1/2 skim milk, 1 other carbohydrate, 1 very lean meat

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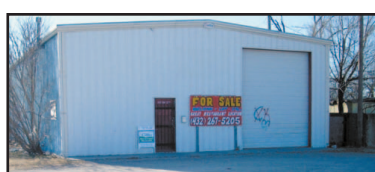
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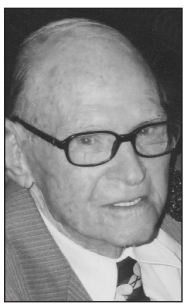
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Obituaries

Rev. George R. Harrington



Services for the Rev. George R. Harrington, 99, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring with the Rev. Rocky Alexander, pastor of the First Church of God in Ira, officiating. Interment will follow at Salem Baptist Church Cemetery on the Old Colorado City Highway northeast of Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith.

The Rev. George Harrington came to Howard County in 1920 in a covered wagon with his parents and eight siblings, of whom he was the last survivor. He was born Oct. 28, 1908, in Taylor County near Abilene and died at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, just eight months short of his 100th birthday.

Bro. George was an ordained minister of the Church of God for 65 years and pastored churches in Florida, South Carolina, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Alabama. He and his wife and three daughters did evangelistic work in more than 20 states, preaching and singing. He was preceded in death by his first wife of nearly 50 years, Lucile McDonald Harrington, who was also an ordained minister, and by his second wife, Juanita Davis Jones. His primary passion was Christ and "the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20:28). Numerous people in Big Spring will remember him for his incredible generosity to others.

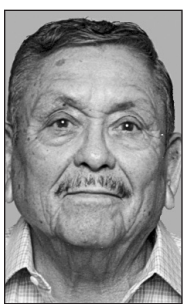
He has three daughters, all married to ordained Church of God ministers, Georgetta (Mrs. Dave) Stephenson, of Dallas; Diane (Mrs. Eston) Hunter, of Lakeland, Fla.; and Hope (Mrs. Jerry) Kolb, currently of Big Spring. He has six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, with a 12th due in June.

The Rev. Harrington lettered in track, baseball and boxing at Coahoma High School in the late 1920s and attended many of Coahoma's ballgames well into the 1990s. He was a graduate of Coahoma High School and attended Anderson College in Anderson, Ind., where he met and married Lucile McDonald, who became his 50-year partner in ministry.

Online condolences can be made at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Guadalupe V. 'Lupe' Urias



Guadalupe V. "Lupe" Urias, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, in a Midland hospital. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father Bernard Gully officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 12, 1927, in San Jose, Texas, to Higinio and Dolores Urias and married Maria J. Juarez on June 3, 1967, in Mexico.

Raised in Fort Stockton for many years, Lupe came to the Stanton and Big Spring area as a young man. He had worked for a number of years for Hughes Motor Company as a mechanic and then drove a bus for St. Mary's Episcopal School and Church. In 1991, he opened El Nopal Cafe and owned and operated it until his death. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and had served in the United States Army.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Urias of Big Spring; four sons, Arthur Urias Sr. and wife Ruby of Dallas, Ricky Juarez Sr. of Mexico, Edward Urias and wife Lorena and Barnaby Urias, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Martha Salazar and husband Louis of Big Spring; one sister, Nena Jurado-Isaias of Stratford; three brothers, Joe Urias of Kansas City, Mo., Higinio Urias Sr. of Dumas and Calistro Urias of Slaton; a sister-in-law, Rosa Acosta of Stanton; 11 grandchildren, Denise Urias of Odessa, Arthur Urias Jr. and Roger Urias, both of Round Rock, Chance Urias, Ricky Juarez Jr., Rene Juarez, Louis Salazar Jr., Edward Urias Jr., Marisa Salazar, Ethan Urias and Matthew Salazar, all of Big Spring; one great grandchild, Anthony Urias of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Natividad Urias; an infant sister, Juanita Urias; and a nephew, Charles Urias.

Pallbearers will be Arthur Urias Jr., Roger Urias, Chance Urias, Ramon Urias, Lupe Urias, David Dominguez Jr., Joe Acosta, Ricky Juarez Jr., and Vicente Zavala. The grandchildren will serve as honorary pallbearers.

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

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Linda Jane Coskey



Linda Jane Coskey, 59, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mark Winn, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at New Electra Cemetery in Electra.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born Oct. 2, 1948, in Bowie and married Michael Coskey on Sept. 11, 1964, in Iowa Park. He preceded her in death Sept. 13, 2005.

Mrs. Coskey had lived in the community since 1975 and worked at Wal-Mart until the time of her death. Linda was a very family oriented person. She was especially fond of her grandchildren and was known as "Nana" or "Nana Linda." She enjoyed bingo and playing games with friends and family. She was a Baptist and attended First Baptist Church of Sand Springs.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck and Lesa Coskey of Big Spring and Clark and Kayla Coskey of Midland; her mother, Hazel Cozart of Midland; two sisters, Penny Bateman of Midland and Kelly Scheinder of Saginaw; one brother, Joe Cozart of Odessa; seven grandchildren, Shay Shubert of Kermit, Taylor Johnson of Merkel, Ashton Johnson of Big Spring, T.J. Karr and Clayton Karr of Colorado City and Brianna and Matthew Coskey of Midland.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Wayne Coskey and her father, Bill Cozart.

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Paid obituary

Darrell Payne

Darrell Payne of Stanton, 71, passed away Friday, Feb. 29, 2008.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Sunday, March 2, 2008, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 27, 1936, in Loraine to Lucille Ballard Payne and Leo Harold Payne. On Nov. 6, 1954, he married Ruby Gilmore Payne. She preceded him in death Sept. 30, 1991. He later married Linda Whiston.

Darrell spent his childhood years in the Tarzan, Lenora and Courtney communities, graduating from Courtney High School in 1954. He farmed in Martin County most of his adult life. He was a corporate pilot in Southern Arizona from 1969 to 1974 and spent the remainder of his life in construction and renovation work. He was a lover of American history, and philosophy and was an avid reader. Darrell enjoyed working every crossword puzzle he could get his hands on, and became a master of the *New York Times* Crossword. Most of all, he loved his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Whiston Payne of Stanton; his mother, Lucille Payne of Stanton, and three children, Michael Payne of Stanton, Stacy Payne of Stanton and Steve Payne of Irving; five grandchildren, Lance Payne of Austin, Rory Payne of Anna, Melanie Fore of Portland, Sabina Payne of Irving, and Steven De Armond of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; one great-grand child, Daniel Lane, of Portland; three brothers, Tom Payne, of Ruidoso, N.M., and Rodney Payne and Phillip Payne, both of Garland.

He was also preceded in death by his father, Leo Payne, and his sister, Nelda Payne.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to the Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwesterly winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening...Then a slight chance of rain after midnight. Windy. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds 20 to 30 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 50. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 70.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School will be offering the Exit Level TAKS Retest, March 3-7, 2008. Please report to the High School Library at 8 a.m. Bring a picture I.D. Dates are, March 3, Social Studies; March 5, English Language Arts; March 6, Math; March 7, Science.

• A fund has been established to help pay expenses for Sean Bailey, 25, who was injured in an oilfield accident Jan. 28. He and his wife are Tressa are currently in Lubbock, where Sean is hospitalized. Donations can

be made at Citizens Federal Credit Union to account 930442 to help with expenses. Please keep them in your prayers.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 263-1758 213-3598.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
- 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.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- 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.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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 at 703 W. Third.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- **EDWARD LOPEZ**, 19, 411 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **KATAVIOUS BOOKER**, 26, 1010 E. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon/alcohol premises.
- **TEKIA D. WILLIAMS**, 25, 910 N.W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **DONALD KOERBER**, 20, 1605 Eubanks, as arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **TERRY E. SHIRLEY**, 45, no address given, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **ERNEST W. CLARK**, 67, 400 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DENNIS DUMOND**, 25, 1425 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **MARK VELASQUEZ**, 37, 818 W. Eighth, was arrested on a capias warrant.
- **ERIC SEBER**, 26, 1425 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **JUAN CABRAL**, 23, 538 Westover, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and five local warrants.
- **TODD SEBER**, no age given, 1001 Birdwell, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **SAUL GONZALES**, 23, 1425 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

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Judge to Barry Bonds' prosecutors: Try again

By PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The release of Barry Bonds' grand jury transcripts made one thing clear: whatever his personal trainer Greg Anderson gave him, he said he didn't pay for it.

"I never paid Greg for anything," the slugger testified in December 2003.

U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston ordered the transcripts unsealed while also demanding prosecutors amend Bonds' indictment so that each of the five counts against him don't cite multiple statements that prosecutors say are false.

Prosecutors originally accused Bonds of lying 19 different times during his grand jury appearance, and charged him with four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice.

Illston agreed with Bonds' attorney, Dennis Riordan, that prosecutors must edit out many of the alleged lies or seek a new indictment, which could contain more charges.

Prosecutors are expected to decide whether to seek a new indictment before Bonds' next court date March 21. They declined comment outside court.

Bonds' 2003 grand jury testimony was extensively reported on by the San Francisco Chronicle in December 2004 and in the 2006 book "Game of Shadows," written by the

reporters from the original newspaper account. However, Friday was the first time the entire 149-page document was released.

Although the indictment last fall discussed a November 2000 test that showed elevated testosterone and the Chronicle reporters wrote about a November 2001 test that showed an acceptable level, the transcript revealed another sample that previously had not received attention.

A document labeled "BB" with Bonds' date of birth refers to a sample taken in January 2001 for testing by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, known as BALCO, according to federal prosecutors who questioned Bonds during his three-hour grand jury appearance.

BALCO was the center of a performance-enhancing drug ring. Bonds' personal trainer Greg Anderson, founder Victor Conte and three others pleaded guilty to steroids distribution charges.

In his appearance before the grand jury, Bonds said he didn't understand the results from the January 2001 test prosecutors showed him and then said "that some people may have more testosterone levels than others."

The Chronicle obtained the transcripts from lawyer Troy Ellerman, who was sentenced to two years in prison after he was unmasked as the newspaper's confidential source.

The transcript could bolster each sides' case. In parts, Bonds flatly

denies ever taking steroids or human growth hormone, which prosecutors allege are lies.

During the grand jury testimony, prosecutor Jeff Nedrow confronted the slugger with "doping calendars" bearing Bonds' initials and other evidence: "Now, with what you've seen today, do you feel comfortable as you sit here today saying that you have never taken steroids?"

Bonds replied: "I feel very comfortable, very comfortable."

However, in other parts of Bonds' testimony, Bonds hedged and said he became suspicious of some of the creams and oils Anderson had provided to him.

Bonds testified he became suspicious after Anderson's house was raided that his childhood friend might have been providing him with steroids masquerading as flax seed oil and arthritis cream.

Bonds said he never asked Anderson what he was taking because he trusted the trainer. He also said he didn't ask Anderson about his relationship with BALCO.

Anderson was released from prison after spending a year locked up for refusing to testify about his relationship with Bonds. Anderson is expected to be called to testify if Bonds' case goes to trial. Anderson maintains he will refuse to testify if ordered, meaning he could return to prison.

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Astros honoring Clemens' contract

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Roger Clemens was a no-show when Houston Astros minor leaguers went through their usual drills at spring training on Friday.

The Rocket flew home to Houston instead of working with the young prospects for a third straight day, said his oldest son, Koby, a catcher in the Astros' system.

Clemens departed the day after the FBI said it opened an investigation into whether he lied in sworn testimony about steroids.

Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane said Friday he will honor

Clemens' 10-year personal services contract despite the FBI's decision. McLane said that reports that he was reconsidering Clemens' contract because of his legal issues were "overstated."

"All the legal troubles, does that jeopardize this?" he said. "My answer was, 'I don't know where that's going. We'll just have to wait and evaluate what happens.' But I don't see anything that's occurred right now that would jeopardize his contract. That's what was overstated."

Clemens' contract begins after he retires. He threw batting practice to

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HAWKS

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of a contrast as it wasn't decided until the final swing of the bat.

New Mexico JC's Steve Vitale hit a 3-run homer in the top of the third inning to stake the Thunderbirds to an early 3-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, Curry led off with a single, but was erased from the base paths as the Thunderbirds were unable to turn a double play, allowing Sample to reach on a fielder's choice. Howard catcher Miles Hamblin made New Mexico JC pay for the mistake as he smashed a 2-run homer to pull the Hawks within a run, trailing 3-2.

Howard staved off disaster in the top of the fifth, when David de la Chapelle pitched the Hawks out of a bases loaded jam with two outs. New Mexico JC did manage to score one run off starter Evan Blakeley who gave way to Ray Martin, before de la Chapelle finished off the inning. Blakeley allowed

four runs on six hits, one walk, one hit batter, while recording four strikeouts in four innings of work. Martin recorded two outs, allowing a hit and a walk, while striking out one T-Bird.

Howard center fielder Cameron Monger led off the bottom of the fifth inning with a solo home-run to cut the New Mexico JC lead to 4-3. After pitching strong out of the bullpen, de la Chapelle finished the eighth inning with three and a third innings of total work, allowing no runs, on one hit and two strikeouts.

In Howard's half of the eighth, Hamblin ripped a two-out base hit and scored when Josh Riley ripped an RBI single to tie the game at 4-all, setting up the dramatic finish.

According to Smith, the Howard bullpen was solid as pitching coach Jack Giese did an excellent job of plugging in the right pitchers to put the Hawks in position to win the game.

"Jack was trying to piece it together before we went to our closer and de la Chapelle did an outstanding job getting us to

the ninth inning," Smith stated. "We were going to go to our closer in the top of the ninth, but Chase (Adams) found a way to get it done."

Right-handed relief pitcher Chase Adams pitched the top of the ninth allowing two base runners with a walk and single, but had a pair of fly outs to end the scoring threat.

In the bottom of the ninth, Curry singled to right with one out. Then Sample reached on a fielder's choice as Curry was forced out at second base. For the second time in the game, Hamblin crushed a 2-run homer, propelling Howard to a 6-4 win.

Smith said Hamblin's success is a testament to his hard work.

"Miles (Hamblin) is one of the toughest kids I've ever coached," Smith said. "He had that reputation when he showed up here and he works and works and works. He's a joy to have in our program. Guys who do that, you love to see have success and he was a huge part of that today. He was outstanding. The bottom of the ninth was fantastic."

The Hawks' pursuit of perfection hits the road for the first time this season Saturday, as Howard is at Hobbs, N.M., in the final two games of the series against New Mexico JC. The first game is slated to begin at 12 p.m. MST. Left-hander Anthony Collazo and right-hander Danny Gidora are the projected starters for the Hawks.

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Births

Jasiah Oscar Castañeda Flores, a boy, was born at 9:30 p.m. Feb. 6, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

He is the son of Emily Luz Flores and Hector Ruben Castañeda of Big Spring. His maternal grandparent is Oscar Flores and his maternal great-grandparent is Gregoria Flores. His paternal grandparent is Frances Enriquez.



Jasiah Oscar Castañeda Flores



Jorden Glen Silva

Jorden Glen Silva, a boy, was born at 8:08 a.m. Jan. 4, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

He is the son of Ben Silva and Erika Armendanz of Brazoria. His maternal grandparents are Teresa and Victor Martinez. His maternal great-grandparents are Oralia and Willie Armendanz.

His paternal grandparents are Benjamin and Guadalupe Silva.

Jorden was welcomed home by sibling Aiden Isaiah Silva.

Naudia Rose Marquez

Naudia Rose Marquez, a girl, was born at 11:03 a.m. Feb. 25, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Joy and Michael Marquez of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparent is the late Francis Villegas. Her paternal grandparent is Debrah Cantu.

Naudia was welcomed home by big brothers Brandon and Xaviur and big sister Brittany.

Contact the Herald at
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Engagements

Atkinson and Worth

Dennis and Debbie Atkinson of Big Spring are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Diane to Drew Oneal Worth of Odessa. Drew is the son of Don and Jackie Worth of Seminole.

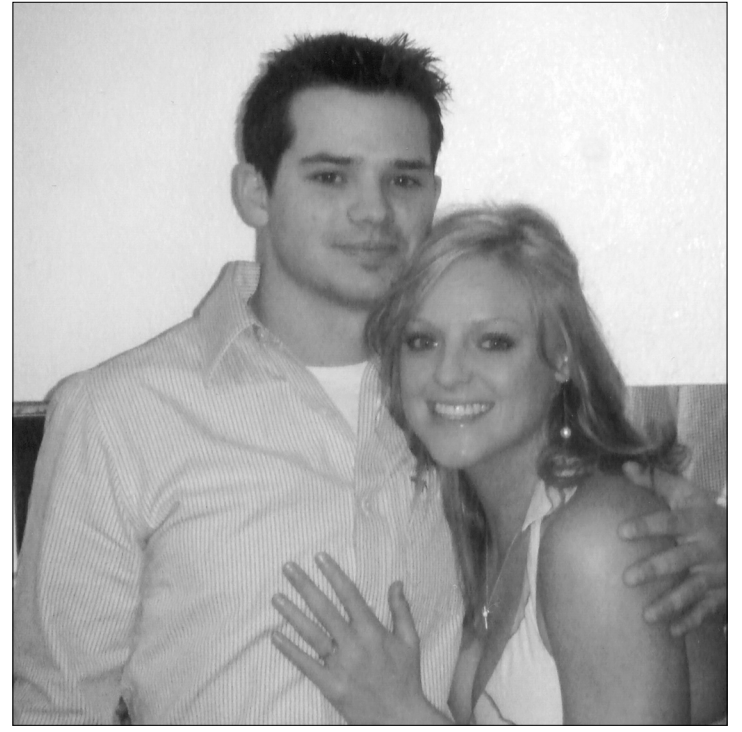
Crystal is the granddaughter of Runez Atkinson of May and Frank Atkinson of Woodson and the late Bud and Juanita Waybourn of Jal, N.M.

She is a graduate of Coahoma High School and graduated from UTPB in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and a minor in biology. She is attending Texas

Tech Health Science Center in Odessa, pursuing her doctor of physical therapy. She is expected to graduate in 2010.

Drew is the grandson of Pearl Barr and the late Jack Barr of Brownfield and Garvis and Doris Worth of Seminole. He is a graduate of Seminole High School and graduated from UTPB in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. He is employed with Haliburton and plans to continue his education when Crystal graduates.

The couple plans to be married at Cuthbert Mansion in Midland, May 16, 2008.



Drew Oneal Worth and Crystal Diane Atkinson

Menus

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday — Caribbean pork chops, buttered noodles, mixed greens and cornbread.

Tuesday — smothered chicken, macaroni and cheese, okra and tomatoes, biscuits and cottage cheese and peaches.

Wednesday — large baked potato, chili, crackers, broccoli and cheese, calico salad and lemon pudding.

Thursday — baked ham, macaroni and tomatoes, black-eyed peas, tossed salad, pears and cornbread.

Friday — cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes and onion, pickle slice, French fries and banana cake with icing.

Forsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, muffins, bananas, juice, milk; nacho grande, lettuce & tomatoes, cornbread, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, baked potatoes, broccoli & cheese, Texas toast, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, juice milk; Lunch, corn dogs, oven

fries, baked beans, apples, rice crispy treats, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday — Breakfast, waffles, ham, syrup, orange juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti, salad, mixed fruit cups, rolls, milk, burritos, pickle spears.

Tuesday — Breakfast, Pop Tarts, ham, apple-sauce cups, milk; Lunch, Nacho Grade, pinto beans, oranges, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, gravy, jelly, orange juice, milk; Lunch, tacos, salad, grapes, milk, corn dogs.

Thursday — Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, apple juice, milk, chicken patties, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, milk, Hot Pockets.

Friday — Breakfast, French toast, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, apples, milk.

Who's Who

Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene is pleased to announce that Brennan R. Harp and Shelby J. Harp, both of Stanton, received academ-

ic honors for the fall 2007 semester.

Brennan was named to the Dean's List and Shelby was named to the President's List.



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Coffee @ Parkplace Retirement Living Center, 10 a.m.
Supper Club, "Casa Blanca" 5:30 p.m.
- March 5** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- March 6** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Café "Coffee Club," 10 a.m.
Bunko, 4 p.m.
- March 7** – Lunch Bunch & Birthdays, 11:30 a.m.
"Carlos"
- March 10** – Meet & Greet, 2-3:30 p.m.
- March 11** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Supper Club, "Texas Cajun" 5:30 p.m.
- March 12** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m.
- March 13** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Cafe, Coffee Club 10 a.m.
- March 14** – Kiwanis Pancake Supper 6 p.m., Howard College

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Nadine Peckinpugh arranges cookies and other baked goods outside StarTek in the College Park Saturday morning. StarTek employees were holding an open house, as well as selling burritos and other food to help benefit Alon Refinery employees.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Five local men face drug charges

Herald Staff Report

Five Big Spring men are in jail facing drug charges after their arrests this week.

Juan Cabral, 23, Eric Seber, 26, Tod Seber, 21, Saul Gonzales, 23, and Dennis Dumont, 25, face charges ranging from misdemeanor marijuana possession to felony drug delivery charges, a Big Spring Police Department report states.

Acting on a tip from confidential sources, BSPD narcotics investigators made entry at Ponderosa Apartments No. 120 and located Cabral, along with the two Sebers and Gonzales.

While taking Cabral into custody on multiple cocaine and marijuana delivery charges, investigators established probable

cause for a search of the residence, the report states.

Upon executing a search warrant, investigators found approximately one ounce of marijuana, along with drug paraphernalia items.

An arrest warrant also was issued for Dumont, who was not at the residence at the time of the original arrests. He was later located and charged with possession of marijuana.

Cabral is charged with three counts of delivery of marijuana, a state jail felony, and two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, both second degree felonies.

The other four men are charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces, a Class B misdemeanor.

Glasscock, Martin counties ready for election day

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As election polls across the state prepare for a 12-hour run Tuesday, election officials in Glasscock and Martin counties say they are ready for this year's political party primaries.

Glasscock County Deputy Clerk Suzie Hillger and the rest of the clerk's office staff are ready to get down to business Tuesday, a good sign considering all of the county's races could be decided in the primaries.

"All of the candidates who filed to run in the primaries filed on the Republican ticket," said Hillger. "So we expect to have all of our races decided Tuesday instead

of having to wait until the November election."

Polling places — which will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. — for the Glasscock County contest and their respective precincts are:

- St. Lawrence Hall: Precinct 1
- Garden City Church of Christ: Precinct 2
- Drumright Center: Precinct 3
- Community Center: Precinct 3
- Garden City Senior Citizens Center: Precinct 4

Glasscock County commissioner for Precinct 1, Jimmy Strube, is unopposed in the primary. Fellow incumbent commissioner Marck Schaefer, who represents Precinct 3, decided not to

run for re-election.

Schaefer's decision has drawn Dalem Schwartz and Gary W. Jones, both Republican candidates, into the race.

Like Strube, County Tax Collector and Assessor Nancy Hillger is also unopposed.

Voters in Glasscock County will be asked to elect a new sheriff, as Royce "Booger" Pruitt announced he would not be running for re-election after nearly 50 years of service.

Keith Burnett and Kenneth W. Zunker have both filed with the Republican party to run for sheriff.

The office of constable, currently held by Mark L. Frysak, will also go

unchallenged in both the primaries and November election, as Frysak failed to draw an opponent.

Election officials in Martin County are also gearing up for Tuesday's contest, according to Deputy Clerk Linda Gonzales, with polls slated for the following locations:

- Community Center: Box 1 Precinct 1, Box 2 Precinct 2, Box 3 Precinct 3, Box 4 Precinct 4
- Grady School: Box 3A Precinct 3
- Flower Grove Gin: Box 4A Precinct 4

Voters in Martin County will have plenty of races to decide during the primaries, as several seats up for grabs have drawn both Republican

and Democrat candidates.

The race for Martin County sheriff has drawn a trio of candidates, with John Woodward II and Teddy H. Smith both running on the Republican ticket and lone Democrat Jerry Heflin failing to draw a challenger.

Incumbent Randy Cozart opted not to run for re-election.

The race for the Precinct 1 seat on the Martin County Commissioner's Court may very well be decided in March, as Jesus "Sonny" Garza will take on Bruce Jeffcoat in the Democratic Primary. The winner of the race is expected to go unopposed in November.

The Precinct 3 seat on

the commissioner's court managed to draw a trio of candidates. Morgan Cox and Jim Smith will square-off for the Democratic nomination for the position, while Republican candidate Bobby Holland should automatically advance to the November election.

County Attorney James L. McGilvray and Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Hull, both incumbents, failed to draw opponents for the impending elections, and will be re-elected by default.

VOTE

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the impression how they vote in the primaries is how they must vote in November," said Bloom. "And that's simply not the case. Which primary — Republican or Democrat — or who you vote for has absolutely no effect on who you can or can't vote for in the November race. I'm really hoping this misconception hasn't frightened some voters off from voting in the primaries."

Bloom said she and her election clerks are ready for Tuesday, when polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. to decide several local party nomina-

tions.

Polling places and their corresponding precincts include:

- Northside Fire Station: 11-14, 16, 103-105, 112
- Life Church: 22, 24-26, 205, 208
- Coahoma Community Center: 207, 207C, 408, 409
- First Baptist Church: 33-35, 304
- Dorothy Garrett Coliseum: 42, 44-46, 404-407

Howard County voters will have plenty of decisions to make as they head to the polls Tuesday.

Sheriff Dale Walker is running for re-election on the Republican ticket, facing off against Gary Morgan and Stan Parker in the primaries, with former HCSO deputy Pat

Carter the lone candidate on the Democratic ticket.

In the race for the Precinct 3 seat on the commissioner's court, nearly a half-dozen hopefuls are on the Republican ballot. Dick Dubose, who ran for the seat four years ago, is the lone Democratic candidate, automatically earning him a place on the November ballot. However, Steve Gray, Winston Paschal Odom, Jimmie Wayne Long and Fred Green will have to duke it out in hopes of winning the Republican nomination.

Edwin O. Ware will be able to quietly cruise through the primaries as the lone Republican candidate seeking the

Precinct 1 seat on the commissioner's court, while incumbent Emma Brown and challenger Yolanda Mendoza will try to win the Democratic nomination. Brown defeated Mendoza in her last bid for re-election approximately four years ago.

Howard County Constable Bill Holden is running for re-election on the Democratic ticket, and while he failed to draw an opponent for the primaries, Kneel B. Stallings has filed to challenge on the Republican card, forcing the contest to a November resolution.

Also in Howard County contests, County Attorney Mike Thomas is running for re-election with the

Democratic Party, drawing his only opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who is running on the Republican ticket, setting up yet another November showdown.

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Crawling around rocks made him curious to know more about the minerals, which led to him receiving a degree in geology from the Colorado School of Mines and his current job at Carlsbad

National Park.

The gem show, hosted by the Big Spring Prospectors Club, continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns.

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NFL has busy first day of free agency

By **DAVE GOLDBERG**

AP Football Writer

Asante Samuel, Isaac Bruce, Kris Jenkins and Jonathan Vilma were just a few of the big-name players to change teams on a busy first day of the NFL's free-agent period.

The Philadelphia Eagles made the biggest splash Friday by signing Samuel, the former Patriots cornerback who tied for the league lead in interceptions with 10 last season.

Samuel will be paid a reported \$57 million over six years with \$20 million of it guaranteed, comparable to the \$80 million that cornerback Nate Clements got for eight years from San Francisco last year.

"We regarded Asante as the No. 1 available free agent in the NFL," Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said.

Samuel was protected last season as the Patriots' franchise player, but was allowed to go this year. He was one of the defensive keys last season to New England's run to 18-0 before its Super Bowl loss to the New York Giants.

The Giants lost two key defensive players from their championship team: linebacker Kawika Mitchell and safety Gibril Wilson.

Mitchell signed with Buffalo after

having a career season in his only year with the Giants. He finished with 37 sacks and an interception returned for a touchdown and had two more sacks in the playoffs, including one in the Super Bowl. Oakland signed the playmaking Wilson to a \$39 million, six-year deal.

Bruce agreed to a two-year deal with San Francisco, a day after St. Louis released one of the most prolific receivers in NFL history.

An NFL source, speaking on condition of anonymity because the contract hadn't been signed yet, said Bruce chose to stay in the NFC West with the 49ers after 14 seasons with the Rams. The deal is worth \$6 million.

Bruce will be reunited with 49ers offensive coordinator Mike Martz, who ran the Rams' offense during the team's two most recent trips to the Super Bowl.

The New York Jets were particularly busy, acquiring Jenkins from Carolina and dealing Vilma to New Orleans. They also re-signed defensive tackle Sione Pouha to a three-year deal and fullback Stacy Tutt to an exclusive-rights contract.

New York also appeared to be one

of the front-runners to sign Pro Bowl guard Alan Faneca.

Vilma, who missed the final nine games of last season with a knee injury, had 118 tackles as a rookie after being the No. 12 overall draft pick in 2004. The linebacker led the NFL the following season with 187 tackles and made the Pro Bowl. That changed in 2006, when the Jets switched defenses and Vilma had just 116 tackles.

He played in seven games last season before injuring his knee and had 39 tackles. The Jets eventually gave him permission to shop for a new home and he found it Friday. New York will receive a fourth-round pick this year for Vilma, and, with incentives, that could be upgraded to a third- or possibly a second-rounder next year.

"This represents a new chapter in my football career and in my life," Vilma said. "I am truly excited and fortunate to be joining a team that just a little over a year ago was one win away from appearing in the Super Bowl."

Jenkins, whose play fell off the past two years, was obtained for

BEARKATS

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regional tournament bids and a trip to the state tournament in Austin.

"Four years ago if you told me the regional tournament would be the norm, and not the exception, I'd say you were crazy," Abney said.

"We know it's going to

take a lot of hard work to get back here," Schwartz said. "We've got a lot of big shoes to fill."

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BONDS

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Bonds said he doesn't pry into anyone's life, including that of his wife.

"I've been married to a

woman five years, known her for 17 years, and I don't even know what's in her purse," he testified. "I never looked in it in my lifetime."

Bonds' lead attorney, Allen Ruby declined comment Friday. The former

San Francisco Giants star, who remains an unsigned free agent, was not required to attend the hearing and has been excused from the next court date, too.

The indictment, unsealed last November,

quotes Bonds denying Anderson ever injected him with steroids, which prosecutors alleged was a lie.

Bonds was charged 100 days after breaking Hank Aaron's career home run record.

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Tina Roux, daughters, Kassady Groebl, 8, Wanda Groebl, 6, of Colorado City.

Brent Williams, wife, Amy, daughters, Kendra, 5, Hannah, 2, son, Benjamin, 3, of Graham. He is the youth director for the First United Methodist Church.

Rodney Chandler, wife, Ada, of Mixa, Mo.

Shane Seaton, wife, Stephanie, daughters, Taylor, 14, Morgan, 11, Peyton, 8, of Wichita, Kan. He is an attorney with Ben Bancroft.

Jeff Deems, wife, Michelle, daughters, Rebecca, 16, Cheyanne, 11, son, Dominic, 14 of Abilene. He is a senior environmental engineer for Tetra Tech Inc. in Midland.

Thural Reid of Haskell. He is a retired carpenter.

Jack Gise, wife, September, children, Sheae, 10, Ellis, 1, of Plano. He works for Howard College.

Jonaeton Carrisales, wife, Casey, son Jason, 6, of Guymon, Okla. He is employed by Basic Energy.

Grace Ramirez, sons, Manuel, 16, Kris, 15, Steve, 14, of San Antonio.

Chad Martin, wife, Kaila of Snyder. He is employed by Credit World.

Daisy Radloff, grandson, Nathaniel Sanderson, of Tacoma, Wash.

Dustin Fugleber, wife, Tamie, children, MacKenzie, 3, of San Antonio.

Military

Army Pvt. Paul G. Nieto has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

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

He is the son of Eve Nieto of Big Spring and a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Instilling values in your children

If you have taught your children the importance of good manners, instilling values and ethics should come naturally. Children learn from an early age how to treat others by the way you, as a parent, treat family members, friends and strangers. They learn that small acts of kindness and courtesies toward others become a way of life. These pleasantries not only make others happier, but themselves as well.

Your children should be taught loyalty, acceptance of differences in others, as well as personal habits of promptness,

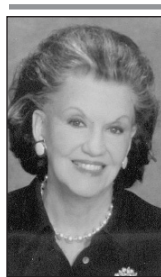
personal neatness and good hygiene.

Children who learn early in life that promptness for appointments, classes, meals, etc., mark them as one who has respect for his own word as well as respect toward others.

If your child grows up without the understanding of respect for himself, most likely, he will not understand how to respect others.

Dear Jerrie,
How do I teach my 4-year-old to pick up after herself? When I ask her to put away her toys, she fusses and cries. What is a good solution?
Jenny

Hello Jenny,
If you have read my column before, you know that I stress training a child very early in life.



JERRIE STOCKS

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Why don't you make a game out of picking up her toys with her? At the same time, explain to her that it keeps her room tidy as well as protects her toys from getting damaged. Most children enjoy putting away their toys if you explain how important it is to take good care of their personal things.

Dear Jerrie,
Often times, our 5-year-old son will answer the telephone when it rings. We don't mind him answering the telephone, but he only says, "Who's this?" Over and over.
Jo Ann

Hello Jo Ann,
Have you ever talked to your son about the correct way to answer the telephone? You teach him how to answer the phone by showing him how and

what to say. Explain to him, there is a right way and a wrong way. Since he is getting to be a big boy now, he must learn to answer the phone like a big boy. Believe me, he will catch on.

Dear Jerrie,
Are there any guidelines for taking small children to a movie and allowing them to talk, laugh, and run up and down the aisles, etc. disturbing others?

I realize some parents cannot afford babysitters but taking toddlers seems a little inconsiderate to others.

Thanks for your answer.
Carolyn

Hello Carolyn,
Thanks for a very important question. Taking a toddler to a movie and allowing them

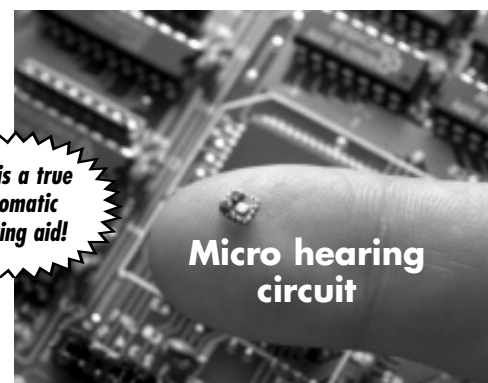
to disturb others is just about as inconsiderate as one can get.

I agree some parents cannot afford babysitters, but in no way does this excuse the parents from taking small children to movies. Those who do so, are not thinking of others, but themselves only. It seems to me the manager of the theater should be informed when this happens.

Jerrie Stocks has for a number of years conducted classes on etiquette in public and private schools, colleges, churches and ladies' groups, as well as providing private tutoring and conducting workshops. E-mail your questions concerning etiquette to yourmanner-scourt@suddenlink.net.

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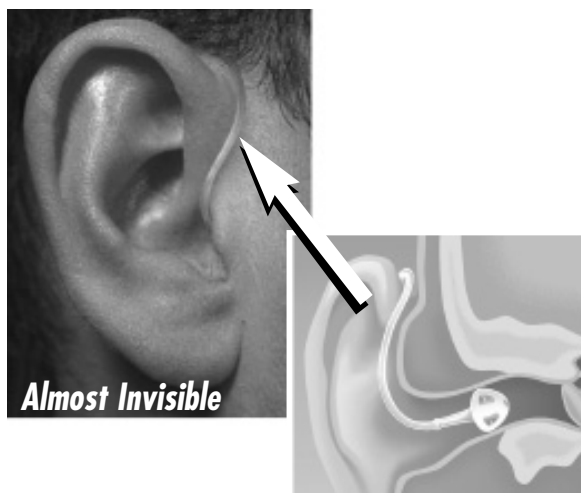
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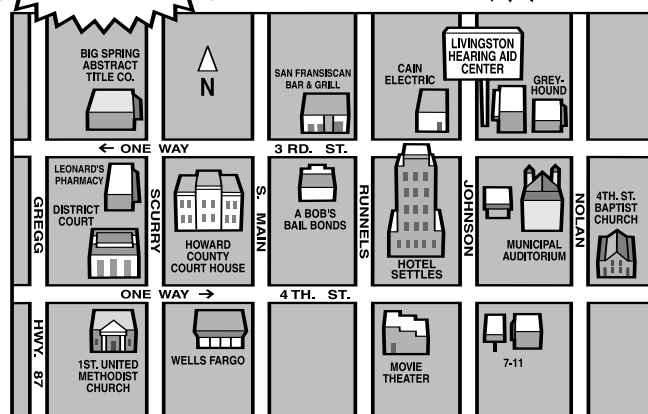
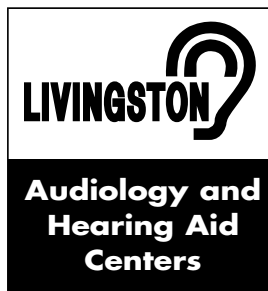
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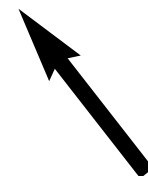
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OUR VIEWS

Let us join in giving thanks for our miracle

Big Spring is truly a blessed community. Any Doubting Thomases need only recall the Feb. 18 explosion and fire at the Alon USA Refinery. Think of it: An explosion and fire of horrific proportions, but nobody was killed and only five people were injured.

It was, as we printed on the front page of our Extra edition that evening, nothing short of a miracle.

And while a great many of us have spent much time in prayer during the past few weeks thanking God for his blessing and protection, tonight the entire community will have a chance to do so in unison by attending the "Refinery Miracle Thanksgiving Service" at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

The event begins at 7 p.m. with a dinner for refinery workers, first responders and their families in the church's gymnasium.

The thanksgiving service, which is expected to last about an hour, will begin at 8 p.m. in the church's sanctuary, and that will provide an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

Everett Bender, one of the event's organizers, is encouraging everyone in the community to come attend and "join us in thanking God for providing the absolute miracle we experienced."

We couldn't agree more. We are convinced that we as a community need to express our appreciation for the protection God provided all of us during the emergency.

What's more, we can never offer too many thanks to the emergency personnel who daily put their lives on the line to protect us.

And, as we've noted in recent days, we should certainly be grateful for Alon USA's continued commitment to our community.

"It's going to be a celebration, not a worship service with a sermon," Bender said of the service. "It's simply going to be a time we can all come together and share our gratitude for the blessings that have been bestowed on us.

"We aren't going to be preaching to people and we're not going to have a bunch of politicians making speeches," he added. "What will be happening is several people — refinery employees and emergency personnel will share their experiences from last week's explosion and fire at the Alon Refinery"

Tonight's undertaking involves hundreds, if not thousands of people, and required the help of many volunteers to handle set-up, meal preparation, serving during the dinner and clean-up afterward, as well as those who've volunteered to be greeters and ushers for the service.

"So many have helped, so sacrificially, in so many ways because they want to express the appreciation they feel in their hearts for what the Lord, the first responders, the refinery workers and all of their families have done for the quality of life in our community," Bender noted. "It's truly 'Big Sky, Big Heart, Big Spring!'"

Indeed. We'll see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we hang out with whomever You would want us to, Lord.

Amen

Something in the air there

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following opinion piece appeared in the Sunday, Feb. 24, edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram along with a photograph from the Alon USA Refinery explosion and also appeared on Ed Chinn's blog on the Internet. Countless people have sent copies to the Herald and we believe it should be shared with the entire community.

By ED CHINN

Special to the Star-Telegram

On Monday morning, after a weekend in Midland, my wife and I pulled onto Interstate 20 for our trip back to Fort Worth. As we drove east, a dark cloud began to grow on the eastern horizon. By the time we got to Big Spring, the cloud had boiled up into an enormous whale's tail filling the sky. We had arrived an hour after the explosion at the Alon USA refinery.

Naturally, getting through and around the city was a challenge. So we listened to local news radio for navigating clues. We got much more than that — the radio revealed the vivid shapes and shades of true community.

"I-20 is closed in both directions."

"OK, I just want your listeners to know that they've now closed 350 to Snyder."

"Hey, folks, stay off Farm-to-Market 700."

"Please, tell everyone to stop using cellphones — emergency workers need the bandwidth."

It went on like that for more than an hour. And then a woman called to say: "I think the people in Big Spring need to pray. God has spared us from great tragedy, and we don't know who may be trapped at the plant or what injuries may have been suffered."

I expected the host to push her off his program — this was not Christian radio. But, incredibly, he asked her to lead the listeners in prayer. She began very simply



and sincerely: "Lord, thank you for your mercy on our city. Now we just ask you to protect us."

Was I really hearing someone earnestly leading a city in prayer on a news radio station?

She concluded with: "... and we ask this in the name of Jesus ..."

Jesus? Did she just not know that non-Christians might be listening?

The moment was inspiring; we were passing through a town where people care enough to help their fellow citizens, do their best to assist emergency services, display open gratitude to God and boldly pray in public for the safety of others. And a radio station facilitated all of that. Apparently the people there believe they have a civic responsibility.

After driving the back roads, we finally got back to I-20. For the next five hours, I listened to national broadcasting: network news, NPR and talk radio.

Because our experience with local radio was so dramatic, I was struck by the contrast. The programming content was so packaged, processed and conformed to uniform templates of group-think.

I found myself wondering how we ever came to allow other people — remote, nestled into elitist

enclaves and alien to us — to make decisions about what streams into our minds. Isn't it a little aberrant to let strangers control the "electrodes" that prompt us to eat, drink, buy, vote, desire and join?

"Micro-cultures" such as family, community and church are essential to civilization. Their interwoven bonds of love and fidelity form a kind of societal sod that keeps our cultural real estate from washing away. That's why siblings, firefighters, police officers and members of rock bands and Bible studies will freely donate cash or kidneys to one another.

Yet the centrifuge of modern life spins all of us away from the local and pins us to the wall of the supposedly more significant mass culture. Mass culture is the province of interests that do not care about the local, the micro or you.

Face it — Rush Limbaugh is not going to let a woman in Wichita lead his listeners in prayer for a tornado-damaged community. Tiger Woods won't give you a kidney.

But America is still full of places and people who will. A few minutes in Big Spring just might renew that reality for anyone who forgets it.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

My friend, Dr. E. Byron Range, and myself volunteered to rebuild M1 rifles for VFW Post 4372 in Odessa. We received parts from the Civilian Marksman Program to help these veterans carry on their program to honor veterans who've passed away.

The VFW post did 127 funerals in 2006 and about the same number last year.

We were short 12 blank firing adapters and two Big Spring residents came to our rescue. Don Karns donated material at cost and David Bagnall at Liberty Machine

Shop built the devices which were better than the commercial ones that were not available when needed.

A special thank you to Don Karns and David Bagnall. Big Spring has a lot of caring people.

VICTOR R. COOTS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

We wish to thank the people who were very helpful early Saturday morning (Feb. 23) when we learned that our office building was struck by an out-of-control automobile.

We were awakened around 2:30 a.m. by a call from the police dispatcher who informed us that a car had struck our building. We hurried there to find several police officers already on the scene.

Joseph, I believe his name was, a man who had witnessed the accident, stayed at the location and asked if there was anything else he could do.

The officers were very professional and helpful in getting all the information and filing a report.

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Rhetoric can take you a long way

Keeping up with politics is hard. You no sooner go away for a week or so and they discover a flaw in the "Practically Perfect Candidate," Barack Obama.

He's eloquent. That's his flaw.

Hillary Clinton was the first to bring it up. "Obama gives a good speech but speeches don't put food on the table," she said, or words to that effect. "I'm a solutions person."

First Husband-in-waiting Bill echoed that thought and almost immediately you had commentator after commentator repeating it, just as though they'd thought of it themselves. (Thereby validating something that the late Gene McCarthy once told me: "You journalists are like a flock of blackbirds. One of you lands on a wire, you all land. One of you flies away, you all fly away.")

The onslaught of criticism so unnerved Obama that he gave a dull speech, just to show he could do it. Nevertheless Obama swept through the Wisconsin primary and Hawaii caucuses, running his winning streak to 10 and finishing with a substantial lead on his opponent.

Hillary's attack started me wondering, however. Maybe solutions do matter more than rhetoric. What would she have said at Gettysburg in 1863, for example,

had she been Commander-in-Chief instead of Lincoln? Perhaps something like this:

"Eighty-seven years, three months and fifteen days ago some of the leading figures of the time brought forth a new government, one with three branches — legislative, executive and...that other one...with the judges.

"It was based on the idea that men and women are created equal, which is why I'm announcing a new cabinet-level Department of Equality to see that idea carried out. And it will have a special division responsible for seeing that older women and people who work nights get a fair shake.

"As you may have heard we are engaged in a Civil War right now, which is a result of the misguided policies of my predecessors and of which I approved only against my better judgment. Actually, I was against the war right from the beginning and I say it's gone on long enough. I promise that if you re-elect me next year, I will begin to withdraw troops within 60 days.

"So anyway, we're here on a great battlefield of that war, like it or not. Not really on the battlefield. I understand that most of the fighting took place over there, where that cow is standing.

"And I suppose nobody will remember what we say here but I do think they'll remember the solutions we find here. So I'm asking you all to put your thinking caps on and send me your solutions to the problems you see. Mail them to "President Hillary, White House, Washington DC.

"In closing I'd like to thank Governor Curtin and, of course, his friend David Wills of Gettysburg for inviting me here today to dedicate this cemetery. I'm sure it will be quite beautiful when the trees grow in. In fact, I intend to form a Department of the Interior for the express purpose of seeing to it that no cemetery is left behind.

"And special thanks to the Gettysburg High School marching band for doing such a good job playing for us today. It's too bad we don't have an official national anthem for occasions like this. I intend to appoint a blue-ribbon commission to look into choosing an appropriate tune sometime in the near future."

I don't know. That doesn't seem to do it for me. I guess I'm just a sucker for a well-turned phrase.

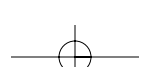
The Clinton people aren't going down without a fight. On the eve of the Wisconsin election they accused Obama of plagiarism and his wife of being proud of her country. Nothing worked.

The smart guys are saying that it's all over but the shouting. Obama is a shoo-in, they say.

Which would be comforting to the Obama people but for the fact that the smart guys have yet to get anything right in this election.

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NFL

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third- and fifth-round draft picks. The 349-pounder is expected to move to nose tackle after signing a new five-year contract worth \$35 million, including \$20 million in guaranteed money.

In another major trade, Detroit traded Shaun Rogers to Cleveland instead of dealing the defensive tackle to Cincinnati, a person familiar with the moves told The Associated Press.

The person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Lions and Browns weren't commenting on

the trade, said Detroit acquired cornerback Leigh Bodden and a third-round pick from Cleveland after the deal with Cincinnati fell through.

Meanwhile, two quarterbacks stayed put: Cleveland's Derek Anderson and Washington's Todd Collins.

Anderson, who came off the bench after the first game to lead Cleveland to a 10-6 record, signed a multiyear contract hours after he became a restricted free agent.

The Browns also acquired defensive tackle Corey Williams from Green Bay for a second-round draft pick and then signed him to a six-year deal.

In other deals Friday:

- Denver released wide receiver Javon Walker and linebacker Ian Gold.
- San Diego re-signed backup QB Billy Volek, who led the Chargers to a playoff win in Indianapolis in relief of the injured Philip Rivers.
- Minnesota signed safety Madiou Williams and fullback Thomas Tapeh.
- Jacksonville formally completed a trade with Minnesota for former first-round draft pick Troy Williamson and signed another wide receiver, former Raider Jerry Porter. The Jaguars also signed former Dolphin Cleo Lemon as their backup quarterback.
- Kick returner Allen Rossum signed with San Francisco.

• Miami signed former Jacksonville wide receiver Ernest Wilford and former Jets tight end Sean Ryan, and traded for Dallas nose tackle Jason Ferguson. The Dolphins also added journeyman Josh McCown.

• Atlanta re-signed quarterback Chris Redman.

• Houston re-signed receiver and return man Andre' Davis.

• St. Louis kicker Jeff Wilkins announced his retirement, leaving the Rams with just three players from their Super Bowl winner in 2000. The Rams signed Seattle kicker Josh Brown to a five-year deal.

• Tampa Bay signed free-agent center Jeff Faine and linebacker Antoine Cash.

CLEMENS

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minor leaguers on Wednesday and Thursday, but McLane said he did it voluntarily and did not get paid.

The Astros said earlier in the week that Clemens also planned to work with the minor leaguers on Friday.

Koby Clemens said his father wanted to fly home to attend a baseball tournament in which his younger brothers were participating. Koby said Roger will return to Florida, but he did not know when, and added that his mother and three brothers also will come.

On Thursday, the FBI

said it took over the Clemens case after Congress asked the Justice Department to look into Clemens' testimony at a Feb. 5 deposition and a Feb. 13 hearing.

Clemens could face charges of perjury, making false statements or obstruction of justice. McLane said he was not familiar enough with the wording in the contract to know how an indictment might affect Clemens' agreement.

"I'm just dealing in the present of where we are today," McLane said. "I don't know where this will lead. I don't know how this fits into the contract. I think Roger, long term, can be an asset to the Houston Astros."



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Permian Basin UWD sets directors election

Special to the Herald

An election for at-large district directors for the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District has been ordered for Saturday, May 10.

Howard County will elect one director from that portion of the county within the district. This position has been vacant since the death of D.L. Newton. Martin County has two positions on the ballot. Christopher Stone

and Johnny Louder are incumbent district directors.

Anyone living in the district may file an application for place on the ballot. Candidates may file until 5 p.m. Monday, March 10.

Candidate packets may be requested Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, 101 N. St. Joseph St. in Stanton, or by calling

(432) 756-2136.

Eligibility requirements for district director are the same as other public offices in the state of Texas.

Some of the major qualifications are that candidates must be citizens of the United States, must be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled, must have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and must have resided in the territory from which the office is

elected/appointed for six months.

Members of the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District's Board of Directors serve a four-year term. They meet monthly to consider legal, financial, and business matters.

Early voting for this election is set for April 18 to May 6.

Polling place information will be published at a future date.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of Investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.



Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Last Tuesday, oil futures closed above \$100 for the first time. As can sometimes be the case, there didn't seem to be a solo driver in last week's action.

On Monday, OPEC president Khelil made comments suggesting the cartel had ruled out the possibility of a supply increase at its March 5 meeting. However, Khelil has made similar remarks in the past, and this wouldn't be a surprise. In OPEC's latest monthly report, the producer group forecast softening fundamental conditions. Some are inclined to believe this heightens the possibility OPEC will cut production from March 5. Such a scenario would be bullish, but hard to justify with prices at these levels. We feel the probability of this remains low.

Initially, strength in Tuesday's market came from gasoline. This can be tied to the Big Spring Refinery explosion, but by the end of the session, gasoline actually finished as the weakest performer in the complex.

Late in Tuesday's session, revolutionaries threatened new attacks in the Niger Delta unless the government proved their leader, Henry Okah, was still alive. The militants suggested Okah may have been shot during an interrogation. However, the group admitted the assertion was only a "rumor" at this point. In all likelihood, this "rumor" is probably meant to give Okah's family and followers access to him.

In reality, we view the fundamentals of the current market as being weaker than when crude originally eclipsed the century mark. Crude inventories are rising and the EIA, IEA, and OPEC have all reduced their forecasts for global oil consumption. Expectations remain that both OPEC and non-OPEC production capacity will increase during the year.

The crude oil market could simply be trading in a wide range between \$87 and \$100 per barrel. Or, the rally may be related to financial hedging against inflation in an environment where the Fed has and is expected to continue cutting. If the Fed's moves prove supportive of the economy, further down the road, inflation could emerge as a significant concern. Real assets such as oil do well in an environment where inflation fears persist.

Food manager certification training course to be offered by Texas AgriLife

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.



KANDY McWHORTER

During a past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you

have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for six years.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service in Howard County is offering a food manager certification training course.

This program will be offered for \$89 March 11 and 12 at the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street in Big Spring. Cost includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certifi-

cation examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction;
 - Improved relationships with health officials;
 - Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness;
- By attending the course, foodservice man-

agers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling;
- Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food;
- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees;
- Complying with government regulations;
- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings;
- Controlling pests.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training Course of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Kandy K. McWhorter at (432) 264-2237.

Former local resident receives recognition

Cody Frasure, former chief of social work at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, has recently received two outstanding awards.



FRASURE Social

Frasure, who transferred from Big Spring to Mountain Home, Tenn., in 2003, has been named

Worker of the Year in Tennessee. And a few months earlier, he was named president of the Association of VA Social Workers.

Frasure, a native of Idaho, is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and served in the U.S. Army during the Persian Gulf War. He is married to the former Alicia Wood of Big Spring.

Weyerhaeuser, Chevron form biofuels venture

SEATTLE — In a move to speed the development of alternative fuels that don't consume food crops, oil giant Chevron and timber behemoth Weyerhaeuser are setting up a joint venture called Catchlight Energy.

The companies said Friday the venture will pursue new technologies for converting cellulose and lignin — the compounds plants are made of — into biofuels. Catchlight will initially have offices at Weyerhaeuser's Federal Way, Wash., headquarters and at Chevron's San Ramon, Calif., home base. Chevron executive Michael Burnside will be the new venture's chief executive, and W. Densmore Hunter of Weyerhaeuser is chief technology officer.

Both firms will contribute technology and personnel. Catchlight may employ 30 to 40 people over time in its research and development effort, said Weyerhaeuser president Dan Fulton.

Harley makes India inroad

By RICK BARRETT

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — After years of negotiations, Harley-Davidson is finally able to sell motorcycles in India — provided the buyers are willing to pay nearly double the retail price because of tariffs and taxes.

A change in Indian law now permits Harley to export bikes into one of the world's most populous countries. Previously, the Milwaukee motorcycle manufacturer was shut out of the market for technical reasons related to vehicle-emissions standards.

India's commerce ministry has now agreed to recognize European engine emission standards for motorcycle engines exceeding 800 cubic centimeters. That opens the door for Harley since the company's bikes comply with European Union standards.

India hasn't set a limit on the number of Harleys allowed in the country. But there is a 60 percent tariff on the imported bikes, plus another 30 percent or so in various taxes.

"The net effect is, the cost of a Harley in India is about double what it is here," Harley spokesman Bob Klein said.

The company sought the change in the law because there's long-term sales potential in India, which doesn't yet have a Harley dealership.

"It's one step for us," Klein said. "But given the tariffs, we have not gone ahead and entered the Indian market."

Harley continues to meet with Indian government officials to get some relief on the tariffs.

"That's the big remaining issue," Klein said, adding that Harley is seeking a tariff rate of about 10 percent, similar to the tariff on industrial

products.

The Indian government has moved slowly on trade issues, so it's unknown when or if Harley and other motorcycle manufacturers might get a break on the tariffs.

"We are still laying groundwork for possible entry into the market, should those barriers be addressed," Klein said. "It's something that we continue to have regular contact with the Indian government on."

The heavyweight motorcycle culture is barely established in countries such as India and China, and Harley has just begun to tap the sales potential, said analyst Craig Kennison with Robert W. Baird & Co.

"But the markets are huge. If Harley makes an investment in them now, then in 10 or 20 years it should pay off in spades," he said.

Harley, like many other

consumer-product companies, has been hit hard by the U.S. economic slowdown.

As motorcyclists see their cost-of-living expenses rise and the equity in their homes crumble, they're being cautious about spending.

The bright spot for Harley in 2007 was growth in international markets, where motorcycle sales were up more than 17 percent in the fourth quarter.

Harley has done well in Europe and Latin America, where its brand is well-established.

The company might have run into a speed bump in Mexico, though, where it was sued for trademark infringement.

Mexican news reports said the lawsuit's plaintiffs claim the term "Sportster" — the name of Harley's most popular motorcycle — belongs to a Mexican businessman.

• In the nation's original oil patch where Edwin Drake drilled the first commercial oil well in northwestern Pennsylvania in 1859, today's high prices have some revisiting the area in search of extracting what's left in the fields abandoned decades ago.

• A new Ernst & Young study suggests the top strategic threat to the oil and gas industries is a lack of skilled labor. The rest of their top 10 risks include: disintegrating contractual terms, higher costs, national oil companies' competing for reserves, political constraints, lack of clarity with regard to future energy policy, demand shocks, climate change, supply shocks, and energy conservation.

• A human capital deficit can impact oil and gas supplies' growth. *The Wall Street Journal* reports top petroleum engineering graduates can expect to make \$80 to \$110 thousand plus bonuses and perks coming out of school.

• Following the Pakistani elections, President Musharraf has vowed he will not step down despite the opposition wins. Reuters is reporting the party of assassinated former Prime Minister Bhutto is working to form a coalition "that could topple" the president. Meanwhile, President Bush has urged the new government to continue Islamabad's anti-terrorism alliance with Washington.

• China's finance ministry has announced fuel consumption taxes on naphtha, solvent oil, lubricants, and fuel oil will be restored retroactively to the beginning of this year. The tax on fuel oil is \$2.25 per barrel. The government has only collected 30 percent of the tax since the general consumption tax was changed in 2006. Higher taxes tend to discourage demand.

• In response to the U.S. shooting down an unresponsive spy satellite that was falling back to Earth, the Chinese government has warned Washington that the action could threaten security in space.

• An Australian government report suggests current climate change efforts "still fall far short of getting deep cuts in global emissions underway." The report claims the industrialization and urbanization of both China and India is resulting in climate change occurring faster than previously thought.

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Tax Aide program continues Mondays at library

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Mondays mean one thing at the Howard County Library: Tax time.

And taxes are exactly what the volunteers with the AARP Tax Aide program will have on their minds Monday, as the group enters its second month of form preparations.

"Everything is moving along very smoothly right now," said Gloria



Hopkins

we managed to get enough computers, which we were really worried about at the beginning of the year. I can't say enough about the group of volunteers we have working with us

this year. They are terrific." According to Hopkins, the program is aimed to serve area residents without the means to file a tax return. "The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," she

out the tax season, according to Hopkins. "We'll be doing taxes at the library each Monday from 8 a.m. until noon through the April tax deadline," she said. "For those who are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready. "People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with

them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms. They also need to bring any forms that show their 2007 earnings and their 2006 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing." For more information on the program and volunteering, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

reapply for Medicaid for the two boys every three months? I have to write a letter once a year to let CPS know where the boys are and how they are doing because state has custody. Why do I have to go through all of this? They just give their mother benefits and let her keep her baby. I know this sounds more of a state problem than a city problem, but nobody else will listen. These people are just as "deadbeat" as the three parents of these boys! I have asked for help from CPS and they send me to places around town. We have been told that CPS can't help us because the boys are no blood relation to us. I'm just upset because we keep asking the state for help with these boys and get told no. Then, the woman that had her kids taken away by the state gets help from the state to have another child. What is the point? Why can't we get help? She did!

LISA LANG
BIG SPRING

LETTERS

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Personnel from Pat Gray's Wrecker Service arrived promptly and were very careful in the action of extracting the automobile from the building without causing further structural damage.

We wish to especially thank Lee George of Lee George Construction for coming to the scene even in the late hour and bringing the necessary materials to board up and secure the building for the night. He even came back after daylight that morning to make sure that everything was secure and to help assess the conditions to begin to get an estimate of the damages, even though he was very busy with crews at a construction site at the Alon refinery.

While in the process of boarding up, a deputy sheriff stopped by to make sure everything was secure and to find out if we needed further help.

We were very encouraged by everyone's professionalism and their assis-

tance that was above and beyond customary expectations. Thanks Big Spring.

BILL AND THEDA BROOKS
THE DESIGN PLACE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I feel I must take issue with one of the candidate's statements from last Sunday's paper. I read some of the most asinine comments I've ever seen.

First of all, the man had the audacity to make derogatory comments about the agency he says he wants to lead. This candidate says the sheriff's deputies do not act professionally and the deputies do not take pride in their jobs. He claims the men have no integrity.

Secondly, this candidate states that the deputies have and get no respect. They are not friendly enough. They don't have the confidence of the public.

Lastly, this man seems to think that being a good law enforcement officer is genetic.

I am married to the chief deputy and I have

news for this man who seeks to be sheriff. My husband takes great pride in his work and he does a fantastic job. I am also close personal friends with many of the other deputies.

My husband and his men put their badges on with pride each and every day. The deputies go to special schools and training sessions to help defend and protect this community. They work long hours and do not get paid overtime. They stay on call until that call is finished.

If he does not think these men are professionals, then he has never been with them when they have comforted someone to whom they have just delivered a death notice. He's never been with them at the scene of a fatality accident. He's never helped them search for a lost child or stayed up with them 24 hours away from their own families helping someone they don't know.

These honorable men of whom I speak are respected by the majority of the community and even some of the people they

arrest. Apparently, the public has confidence in them, because the calls keep coming in.

Sure, they may not be friendly and sweet on every call. Has the candidate ever tried to separate two screaming people on a domestic violence call?

Whether he respects the men at the sheriff's office or not, they will protect and serve him, just as they do everyone else.

And now let me clear up that genetic thing. My father and uncle were police officers. They were excellent at their jobs and well respected. But I am not foolish enough to think that I would make a good sheriff.

SHEILA HALL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My letter is about the Child Protective Services of Big Spring and the Advocates (CASA) of Big Spring. For over two years my husband and I have had two boys through CPS and we now have permanent joint custody with the state. My

ALON ENERGY REFINERY EXPLOSION

The Pinkerton Law Firm, PLLC recently resolved over 150 personal injury claims related to the BP explosion that occurred in Texas City, Texas, with clients recovering extraordinary monetary awards and/or settlements. The Pinkerton Law Firm, PLLC has the experience and track record to prosecute your claim to the maximum extent possible under the law.

If you were there, you may have a claim for physical and/or emotional injuries. Time is of the essence to preserve your claim.

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Cheston Phillip Lane vs. Porter Henderson Implement Company and Balinda Turner Gonzalez, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
R. Wayne Johnson vs. Donna Mann, injury or damages not involving a motor vehicle.

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Grantee: Rachel Garza
Property: Lot 1, Block 9, Avion Village
Date: Feb. 19, 2008
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Property: Lot 1, Block 2, Morningside Addition
Date: Feb. 19, 2008
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Grantee: Jackie W. Farris and Beverly Farris

Property: Lot 12, Block 5, Coronado Hills
Date: Feb. 20, 2008

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Grantee: Claud Fryar and Patsy Fryar
Property: Lot 14, Block 1, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: Feb. 20, 2008

Grantor: Isreal Martinez and Toni Mendoza
Grantee: Henry W. Smith
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block J, Moore Addition
Date: Feb. 20, 2008

Grantor: Nancy Carolyn Fields
Grantee: John Glen Kelley
Property: Lot 10, Block 34, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Feb. 21, 2008

Grantor: Brenda Sue Phifer and Janet Sue Cole
Grantee: Laura Leos
Property: Lot 1, Block 17, McDowell Heights
Date: Feb. 25, 2008

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Property: Lot 3, Block 11, Settles Heights
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Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
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Grantee: Mike Seely
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Property: Lot 3, Block 26, Monticello Addition
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Grantee: Jason Brock and Jayci Brock
Property: Lot 3, Block 11, Washington Place
Date: Feb. 20, 2008

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Grantee: Eric Herm
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Grantee: James McComb
Property: A tract out of Section 104, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
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Property: Lot 41, Block 3, College Park
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- 8 A Few Good Men actor
- 15 Available for couch potatoes
- 16 Thanks, overseas
- 17 Lodges
- 18 Every five years
- 19 Kofi Annan alma mater
- 20 Pullover of a sort
- 22 Link locale
- 23 Plans for the future
- 25 Catches on coats
- 26 Fictional Schnauzer of literature
- 27 Detour guides
- 29 Test of abstract thinking
- 30 Largest terrestrial North American mammal
- 31 Make precious
- 33 Wanted
- 35 Yes, I'm a Witch artist
- 37 Party offering
- 41 Downing Street dessert
- 46 Something verified
- 47 Order follower
- 49 Moving fundraiser
- 50 Creative Arts honor
- 51 Time Person of the Year in '99
- 53 It means "around"

DOWN

- 1 They got their name from their hibernation
- 2 Its face is almost vertical
- 3 Buy for the den
- 4 Sixth-century date
- 5 Takes on
- 6 Asks for
- 7 Trip to the cleaners
- 8 Hot stuff
- 9 Tie that binds
- 10 All alternative
- 11 Means, for short
- 12 Manager subject of Men at Work
- 13 Tackle
- 14 County of the Holy Roman Empire
- 21 Inside Las Vegas author
- 24 Detect
- 26 Direct
- 28 Doctor's order
- 30 Go
- 32 Discipline, so to speak
- 34 Genentech's ticker symbol
- 36 Moving subject
- 37 Raised, with "up"
- 38 Ensemble's home, perhaps
- 39 Big name in movie history
- 40 Muddy place
- 42 ___ sheet
- 43 Least out-of-line
- 44 Put another way
- 45 Test-track area
- 48 Sign
- 51 Arise
- 52 Star of Fox's first prime-time series
- 55 Mechanical drill
- 56 Policy
- 59 Charge
- 61 Cleanup helper

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The owner of Block 5, Mesa Addition, located at 4107 West Highway 80 has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a Travel Trailer/Recreational Vehicle Park. #5698 February 24 & March 2, 2008

Legals

City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following: J & T Land Inv., Inc., ALL BK 5 of Mesa Addition, Located at 4107 W Hwy 80, is requesting a variance on land area requirement of a minimum of 5 acres for a recreational vehicle park #5699 February 27, and March 2, 2008

Forsan Independent School District will be accepting proposals for the installation of a new water service line from the meter site at FM 33 & Wesson Road, along county road to the school at a distance of approximately 2.5 miles. Sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on March 10, 2008. Proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope: SEALED PROPOSAL - WATER SERVICE LINE. Please mail or deliver your proposal to: Forsan ISD Attn: Randy S. Johnson, Superintendent 411 W. 6th Street PO Drawer A Forsan, TX 79733

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Lee's Rental & Storage, which is located at 1606 FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be on March 21, 2008, 8 A.M. till 12:00 P.M. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space will be sold by each space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants:

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Legals

Advertisement for Sealed Proposals & Qualifications The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals and qualifications for the following:

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GYPSY TED GULLEY, Deceased, were issued on February 26, 2008, in Cause No. P-13621, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Barney F. Gulley.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Barney F. Gulley 22 Thistlewood, The Woodlands, Texas 77381

DATED the 26th day of February, 2008. Glynnna Mouton Attorney for Barney F. Gulley State Bar No.: 14606500 200 West Third Street Big Spring, TX 79720 Telephone: (432) 263-7676 Facsimile: (432) 263-8686 #5704 March 2, 2008

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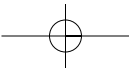
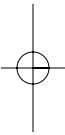
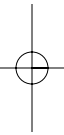
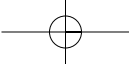
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There's less company for Mother Nature



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Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania ecologist Patricia Zaradic, cowriter of a study about the decline in outdoor activities, walks on a nature trail at Haverford College.

By **SANDY BAUERS**

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — It's windy. Rain is imminent. The path is muddy.

But Patricia Zaradic is loving it all. What's important is that she is out in nature, a place her research tells her fewer and fewer Americans are heading.

In the last two decades, park visits, permits for camping or fishing, and other data show a fundamental, pervasive shift away from outdoor activities, the Bryn Mawr ecologist concludes in a study published recently in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

National parks are still popular, to be sure. Last year, 275 million people visited them. But adjusting for population increases, Zaradic says attendance is 70 million short of a 1987 peak.

Overall, participation in outdoor activities has declined 18 percent to 25 percent, according to the study by Zaradic and coauthor Oliver R.W. Pergams, a University of Illinois conservation geneticist.

They link the decline to a term they coined, videophilia, that is, doing stuff indoors in front of a screen — watching TV, sitting at computers, playing Xbox — instead of taking a hike.

The authors say the trend has impact well beyond the nation's expanding waistline: It could blunt conservation efforts and other activities that depend on an appreciation of Mother Nature.

"It's striking and significant," Zaradic said recently, as she paused along a woody Haverford trail she often walks with her husband and three children.

"There's this whole other body of research that indicates it's time spent in nature, especially as a child, that leads to environmental sensitivity as an adult," said Zaradic.

And not just experiences at Yellowstone. Even the small realm of bugs and earthworms and fallen leaves in the American backyard has import, Zaradic said. It's something "you just can't get from a flat screen, no matter how high-D it is."

The trend also worries leaders of environmental organizations who are noticing all the gray hair among their supporters.

"There's a strong correlation to whether people have nature experiences as they grow up and whether, as adults, they will be ... concerned about policies that affect nature," said Bill Kunze, Pennsylvania state director for the Nature Conservancy, the national group that funded Zaradic's research.

Kunze called it "an interesting paradox" that

people are participating less in nature activities even as interest in the environment is heating up, prompted by concerns over global warming.

"I don't think they've made the full connection between climate change and nature," he said.

Growing concern has led to a renewed interest in developing hands-on nature programs for children, with names such as "Ranger Ricks" and "No Child Left Inside."

For instance, the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education in the city's Roxborough neighborhood has instituted nature programs for children as young as 2. "Nature Tots" come with their parents, and "we just take them out for walks," said Erin Johnson, program development manager. "Little excursions out to meadows and ponds to just look."

Among older kids, she can tell the ones who aren't familiar with the great outdoors. "They are constantly wondering what's going to get them. Even bugs. They're very scared of bugs."

Some become antagonistic, squishing tadpoles or insects.

Pergams and Zaradic, who has a doctorate in ecology and evolution from the University of Pennsylvania and is a regional fellow with the Environmental Leadership Program, a national nonprofit that seeks to nurture environmental leaders, began studying how people relate to the natural world several years ago.

In their current paper, amid all the downhill data, they found but one tiny increase: People went from hiking once every 12.5 years to once every 10

years.

A recent 15-year trend analysis by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service echoes their findings. It shows declines of 16 percent among anglers, 11 percent among hunters, and 23 percent among those taking trips to watch wildlife.

National Park Service spokesman Gerry Gaumer acknowledges park officials don't see "as much of the family vacations as we used to," although he noted, "I don't see that there's any crisis as to visitation."

David Brown, executive director of America Outdoors, a national organization of outfitters, resorts and tour operators, said his group's research shows that primitive activities have, indeed, declined. Fundstrapped parks can't keep the trails open. Women don't like the bathrooms — or the lack thereof.

However, he said, demand is strong for "outfitted trips," especially near popular destinations.

"You would assume from the study that everything is crashing," he said.

But the Nature Conservancy's chief scientist, Peter Kareiva, based in Seattle, thinks the country is in the midst of a vast social change.

"I have kids," he said. "Almost everyone I knew growing up wandered around in the woods. There really is less of it."

Some say video games and TV aren't the only problems.

"When I talk to parents and kids, it's very clear there are other major things going on," said Richard Louv, author of a 2005 book, "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our

Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder."

One is access. "It's pretty tough to go out in the woods if it's been cut down."

Homework has increased. Ditto scheduled activities.

And neighborhood covenants. "Just try to put up a basketball hoop, let alone a treehouse," Louv said.

Parents worry about Lyme disease from ticks, West Nile virus from mosquitoes, and, most of all, the chance, however slim, that some stranger will harm their child.

Zaradic knows all the parental impulses. Her children are 2, 7 and 11.

But, "out of some of this work, I've realized how important it is to have them play out in the backyard with the dog and just run around and do what kids do," she said.

Zaradic grew up in concrete-bound New York City. But most weekends, the family took to the Long Island beaches, where they went fishing, got mussels, and found "all these amazing things," she said. "It seemed like such a magical world."

She has noticed that her own children seem much different after their annual summer vacations, in an Adirondacks cabin without electricity.

"The kids come back so energized and enlivened, and at the same time calmer and more settled with themselves," she said.

Pergams and Zaradic hope to focus more studies on what happens if you do give kids a grounding in nature.

"It looks like that's the way to go, but there's no good data on it," Zaradic said. She hopes it will tell them what works, what doesn't.

She glanced up at the cloudy sky, tapped her boots against the ground and nodded. "We're getting to a point where I think it's pretty critical to turn this trend around."

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Bedtime stories by Colorado dad find larger audience

"Kids have enough reality. I want to help them escape. I can have conflict and struggle, but it doesn't have to be dark."

By **BILL REED**
The Gazette

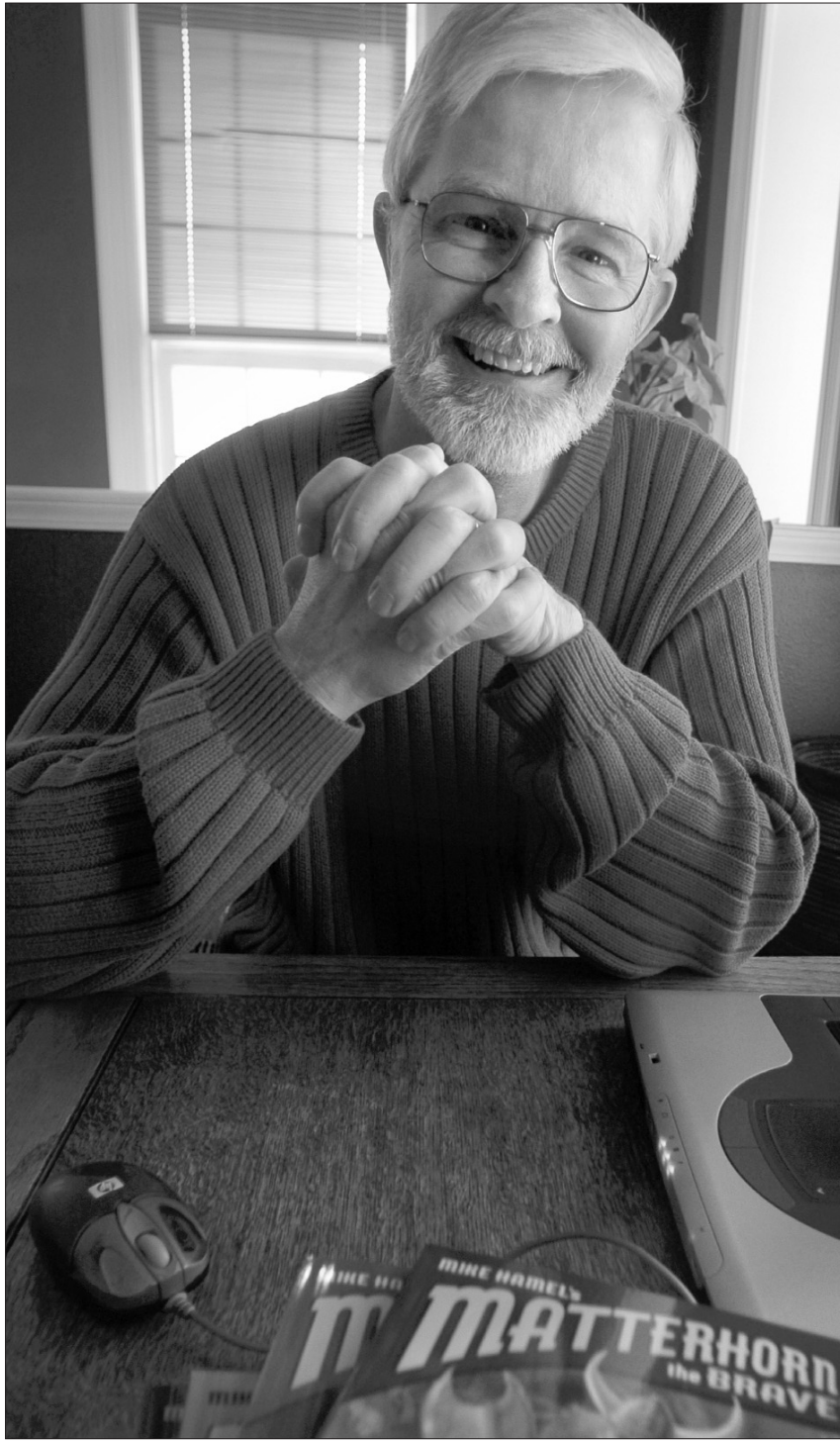
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The Matterhorn books began as bedtime stories Mike Hamel made up on the spot to tell his four kids. He was concerned that his third son, Matthew, might feel left out, sandwiched between the older brothers he couldn't keep up with and a younger sister. So he created Matterhorn, an adventurer that his boy could aspire to become, a hero who travels through time and space to save the world.

"I wanted to infect him with this vision of himself," said Hamel, a Colorado Springs freelance writer.

But it didn't take long for his other kids to hear the stories and ask for characters of their own. Soon, Matterhorn, Aaron the Baron, Nate the Great and Princess Jewel were taking adventures together. Hamel wove quirks of his kids' personalities — say, a love of spicy foods or a good sense of direction — into their heroic characters "to give them a sense of who they were and what they could grow up into," he said.

The real-life Matterhorn is 28 and about to graduate with a master's degree in business administration, and now the bedtime stories he inspired have turned into the Matterhorn the Brave series for tween readers. The first six books were published by Living Ink Books in 2007, and the final two are due out later this year.

"It's not every day you're immortalized in a book," said Aaron "the



MCT photo/Carol Lawrence/
Mike Hamel works on the eighth book in his series "Matterhorn the Brave" at Agia Sophia coffee shop in Old Colorado City, Colo.

Baron" Hamel, 32.

In the books he's a 13-year-old gadget-whiz who's prepared for anything, and in life he's the owner of Laxson Electric Co. and the father of two. He looks forward to reading the books to his own kids.

"The stories now are a lot more elaborate than I remember as a kid, but the gist of the adventures is the same," he said.

Matterhorn the Brave books are a blend of adventure, fantasy and science fiction. There are sword fights, a cast of characters that includes leprechauns, sasquatch and merpeople, and time

travel to various lands and centuries, accompanied by heady physics discussions of how it all works.

"Kids have enough reality. I want to help them escape," Hamel said. "I can have conflict and struggle, but it doesn't have to be dark."

Matterhorn and his comrades are "travelers"

who are sent on missions together to places such as medieval Ireland, ancient Egypt and the Greenland ice cap, and Hamel takes pains to accurately portray the history, geography and setting of each locale.

Hamel kept his own kids in mind when he wrote the stories, and pointedly tried to appeal to reluctant readers. Thus, the books are chockfull of action, with short chapters and short sentences that move the stories along quickly. He eschews interior monologue for action and dialogue and engaging the senses. And there's no romance.

His publisher is Christian, and there's language about "serving the Maker" in the books, but Hamel maintains that although there's a battle between good and evil, there's nothing specifically Christian about the Matterhorn series. He doesn't

intend to preach; he wants to entertain.

"If an author has to stop and tell you his message, then that's a failure," Hamel said.

Instead of religion, he wants to impart character to his readers. The heroes of the books aren't superheroes, but rely on bravery, friendship and honesty to complete their

missions.

In an interesting twist, the child heroes become adults while they travel on their missions. It makes their exploits more believable, and allows readers to imagine a version of themselves to grow into, as they follow a self-doubting middle-schooler learning to become a knight.

"He knew our personalities and temperaments growing up, and that was evident in our characters," Aaron Hamel said.

But Mike Hamel points out that his characters don't slavishly copy his kids. For instance, Nate the Great is an aboriginal Australian.

"He took it from a personal level and turned it into something universal," said Matthew Hamel.

Matthew Hamel was the first person to read his dad's stories when he started writing them a decade ago. He's the unofficial creative consultant.

Hamel's sons clearly get a kick out of the Matterhorn books, but perhaps closer to their

hearts are their memories of the bedtime stories.

"It was an opportunity for my dad to create something unique for me," Matthew Hamel said. "Nobody at school or anywhere else had access to these stories."

Matthew and Aaron Hamel recalled how their dad would tape installments of the stories before he left on business trips so they could listen to them while he was gone.

"We always looked forward to Dad's bedtime stories. He's a good storyteller," Aaron Hamel said. "And they tended to lead to the next story. We always knew there were more adventures to come."

For more information on the Matterhorn the Brave book series (\$10 each, plus tax, shipping and handling), visit matterhornthebrave.com. Mike Hamel also co-authored three business books, "The Entrepreneurs Creed," "Executive Influence" and "Giving Back."

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Big Spring firefighters responded to the scene of a house fire on the 1000 block of Johnson Street Friday afternoon. No injuries were reported, although the fire caused extensive damage to the structure.

Stanton ISD prepares for \$9 million bond election in May 2008

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

STANTON — School district voters here will decide whether to finance \$9 million in facility improvements when they head to the polls May 10.

School trustees voted Monday to call for the bond issue, which would finance construction at the high school and elementary school campuses.

Superintendent David Carr said the bond would finance construction of a new science wing, auditorium and tennis courts at the high school and an eight-classroom wing at the elementary campus.

Carr said two factors are behind the push for new science labs — state requirements that each high school student receive four years of science instruction; and the changing nature of school financing.

“Our lab facilities are inadequate,” he said. “We have just one lab at the high school and it’s too small to fit the new requirements. We just need more lab space.”

Also, Carr noted that Stanton ISD will likely be classified as a “property rich” district within the next year or so, making SISD funds subject to state recapture and distribution to “poorer” districts.

“If we’re going to be in

that position, (the bond) is a way to keep tax dollars at home and do the best for our kids at the same time,” Carr said.

The new elementary wing would replace the existing basement-level wing of classrooms at that campus.

“There are some potential air quality issues there,” Carr said. “This gives us the opportunity to eliminate any possibility of problems in that area.”

The new auditorium, which would be used by all district campuses, is to be built at the site of the existing tennis courts, necessitating the need to

build new courts elsewhere, Carr said.

Carr said no firm figures were available as how much taxes will increase because of the bond, but added the effect won’t be drastic. SISD’s current rate of 99 cents per \$100 valuation is the lowest among area schools and the district currently has no debt service, factors that would alleviate the overall tax impact of the bond.

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Candidate filing slow for area school boards

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The question facing some area school district voters is not whether they will decide contested races, but if there will be any candidates filing for trustee spots.

With little more than a week remaining before the filing deadline, not only are there no contested trustee elections on the horizon, but two of the three Howard County public school districts report no candidate filings at all.

Persons interested in running for area school board elections have until March 10 to announce their candidacies.

Howard College and area school districts, with the excep-

tion of Glasscock County and Grady, will hold trustee elections May 10.

Big Spring Independent School District will elect two trustees this year. The District 1 seat currently held by Irene Galan, and the District 3 seat held by Board President Alan Partee are up for election, BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said.

Galan and Partee have both filed for re-election. Both seats will be for three-year terms.

Candidates can file for the election from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the district business office on 11th Place.

All three incumbents have filed for re-election to the

Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees, officials said.

At-large seats currently held by Dr. Charles Warren, John Freeman and Marie Ethridge are up for election this year. Warren, Freeman and Ethridge have filed for additional six-year terms, said Steve Smith, assistant to the college president.

Candidates for the HC board may file for the election between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the college president's office in the administration building.

In Coahoma, three at-large seats are up for election, said Administration Secretary Judy Dobbs.

Three-year seats currently

held by Dale Coates and Mike Blissard will be up for election. In addition, an election will be held to fill the unexpired term of the seat vacated by John Wayne Metcalf, who recently resigned.

No candidates had filed in Coahoma as of Friday, Dobbs said, adding that they may do so from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the administration building.

Forsan ISD will elect three trustees in May. At-large seats currently held by Beckie Wash, Marty Whetsel and Dale Humphreys will be decided, although no candidates have filed as of Friday.

Administration Secretary Judy Park said candidates may

file at the administration building between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stanton ISD voters will elect three trustees this spring — three-year terms in Districts 3 (currently held by Valerie Smith) and 4 (in which Todd Smith is the incumbent) and a one-year unexpired term in District 7, currently held by Reggie Franklin.

The two Smiths (who are not related) and Franklin have filed for election to their respective districts.

Persons interested in the election may file between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the business office, Business Manager Brad Holland said.

► News briefs

Bush asks Congress to end prescription drug sales on the Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is asking Congress to work with his administration to end illegal sales of highly addictive prescription drugs on the Internet to stem a rising number of people dying of overdoses.

Bush used his weekly radio address to highlight his administration's 2008 national drug control strategy, which the White House is releasing Saturday.

The president said that while an estimated 860,000 fewer young people are using drugs today than in 2001, the abuse of prescription drugs is a growing problem.

"Unfortunately, many young Americans do not understand how dangerous abusing medication can be, and in recent years, the number of Americans who have died from prescription drug overdoses has increased," Bush said.

One factor behind the trend is the availability of highly addictive prescription drugs on the Internet, he said.

"The Internet has brought about tremendous benefits for those who cannot easily get to a pharmacy in person," Bush said. "However, it has also created an opportunity for unscrupulous doctors and pharmacists to profit from addiction."

Bush's drug policy adviser, John Walters, said the governor is now focusing its "supply, demand and prevention policies with the goal of seeing the same reductions that we have achieved for illegal 'street' drugs."

Northrop Grumman, EADS beat out Boeing for Air Force refueling tanker contract worth \$35B

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force on Friday

awarded Northrop Grumman Corp. and a European partner a \$35 billion contract to build airborne refueling planes, delivering a major blow to Boeing Co.

The selection of Los Angeles-based Northrop Grumman and European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co., the maker of Airbus planes, surprised industry and elected officials. Air Force officials said the larger size of the Northrop-EADS aircraft helped tip the balance in its favor.

Chicago-based Boeing, which has been supplying refueling tankers to the Air Force for nearly 50 years and had been widely expected to hang onto that monopoly, could protest the decision, though the company said no decision has been made.

The contract to build up to 179 aircraft — the first of three awards worth up to \$100 billion over 30 years — opens up a huge new opportunity for Northrop Grumman.

"They don't come along at this scale very often," Northrop Grumman Chairman and CEO Ronald Sugar said. "We do see this as being a very important component of our business for many years to come."

The deal also positions EADS to break into the U.S. military market.

In after-hours trading, shares of Northrop initially surged more than 5 percent before retreating to \$78.83, an increase of 22 cents. Boeing's stock price fell \$2.64 to \$80.15.

Teenage son in custody in deaths of sheriff's deputy and her 2 young daughters in Georgia

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A 17-year-old boy was arrested Friday and charged with killing his mother, who was a sheriff's deputy, and his two small sisters, authorities said.

Anthony Tyrone Terrell Jr. was charged with mur-

der in the shooting deaths at the family home near Lawrenceville, where the bodies were found late Thursday, said police spokeswoman Illana Spellman. She identified the victims as Gwinnett County Sheriff's Deputy Joy Deleston, 39, and her two daughters, Micaiah, 11, and Jelani, 4.

The motive for the killings was still under investigation, Spellman said.

Terrell was taken to jail in neighboring DeKalb County to avoid any potential conflict because Deleston worked for Gwinnett County, Spellman said.

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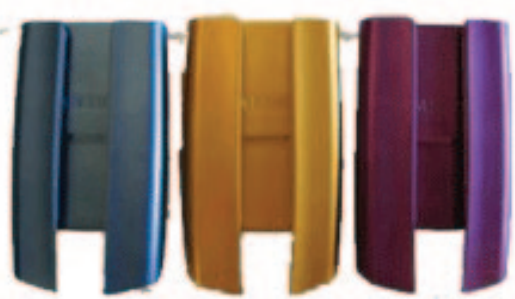
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The mutable Pisces sun kind of shuffles his feet during this time of year: Ho-hum, what to do? After all, winter's almost over, and it's not yet spring. But today's Capricorn moon materializes an agenda, bringing focus to our moods — with bullet points. Some of us are amazed by what we can finish up while just puttering around!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The stars highlight your conflicting attitudes on a topic. Your versatile point of view doesn't mean you're wishy-washy, it means you're intelligent! Other intelligent people appreciate your stance (or lack thereof).
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not one to complain, but what's not to your satisfaction becomes a topic of conversation now. Just be sure you're discussing this with the one who can actually do something about it. Otherwise, it's called complaining.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Family dynamics promise to push you in interesting emotional directions.

Luckily you're empowered, undaunted — even cheerful. Disposition, not circumstances, is what makes for a pleasant environment.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Embrace whimsy. Accept that not everything has to make sense. When you're not trying to make sense of it, organize it or force it to be what you thought it would, life's mystery becomes understandable.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you've tried and failed, now is your time to try again — and perhaps fail again, but you'll fail even better than the last time. This is the road to sweet success, and you are on your way.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

How you regard someone close to you is the topic of the day. Love is not blind. Infatuation is blind, but that's not what you're in now. Love sees more. It sees both what is and the potential of what will be.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Altruistic acts not only promote good karma but also help you to make fast friends. You'll fill in the social calendar with future engagements. Capricorn and Pisces are fun to include.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Lessons center around the power of imagination. Spend more time projecting a fabulous outcome, especially regarding negotiations and deals that must

be worked by the week's end.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You and a loved one speak two different languages — languages that share words in common, but those words have radically different definitions. Try not to assume — ask questions, and be more specific.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You hear (ad nauseam) about the amazing accomplishments of others. There's no need to compare yourself, and there's no benefit to be had by doing so, either. You're in a league of your own.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Most people would find it difficult to balance 1.6

million things in their heads at once, but you're not most people, and this is not like most days. Something creative and special comes out of this astounding mental activity.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you tell yourself to do something, you do it. By this time next month, you'll have pulled a major goal to you. Concentrate on building your team and increasing your number of fans.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week's Pisces new moon sings the timeless John Lennon song, "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one." Under the influence Pisces consciousness, we're all part of a unified dream; if you can imagine or dream it, anything's possible. Who are you anyhow? You are part of a larger interrelated identity. According to scientists, we're clusters of molecules, and from the sun's perspective, we're flecks of dust. From a spiritual perspective, we no more resemble the clothes we wear than the cars we drive. Underneath, we're the same. This week, it's possible to glimpse our shared essence. Through dignifying one another with kindness, reverence and compassion we tap the power of grace. Since Uranus has entered Pisces, many of us realize that by striving for and achieving the things we all want — love, happiness, freedom from suffering, peace — we potentially affect the consciousness of everyone. We also "think globally and act locally." Consider that we don't just make up the whole, we are also the whole.

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