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WHERE TO BUILD A COUNTY JAIL?



Jeffrey Heffelfinger, an architect with Fort Worth-based Southwest Architects Inc., goes over several different sites being considered by the Howard County Commissioners Court for a new jail.

Old Kmart building gets some scrutiny

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Construction of a new Howard County jail could be only a Blue Light Special away, as commissioners examined the possibility of renovating the old Kmart building during a special meeting Wednesday morning.

Jeffrey Heffelfinger, an architect with Fort Worth-based Southwest Architects Inc., went over several proposed sites for a new — or renovated — county jail during the meeting.

According to Heffelfinger, sites located adjacent to the 118th District Court building and currently occupied by the Heart of the City Park simply aren't large enough, among other problems.

"The lot adjacent to the district court building would require the entire



"We can still go out and look at other locations. I've heard the old Wal-Mart building talked about, and we'll be happy to look at that as well. However, until we have a location, we can't begin working on the design."

—Architect Jeffrey Heffelfinger

half-block, which would mean demolishing the barber shop, the (Big Spring Area) Chamber of Commerce building and an abandoned gas station," said Heffelfinger. "That would give us

42,000 square feet, and that simply wouldn't be large enough, so we would have to go up with it. That means a three-story building, and there would be no space to expand in the future.

State of the City

Mayor to report on why 2007 appears to be looking up for Big Spring

□ Tickets are \$10 if purchased by Friday, \$15 after that.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As 2007 begins to pick up speed, the direction for Big Spring in the coming year is a major concern for local officials — a concern Mayor Russ McEwen plans to share with area residents during the annual Community Luncheon.

The annual luncheon, which is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature McEwen's "State of the City" address, and is slated for Feb. 27 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum's East Room.

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my and the things that are going on in the city of Big Spring," said McEwen. "Things certainly are looking more upbeat this

year.

"When we did the address last year, we had a lot of things hanging over our heads, from the situation with the VA Medical Center to the attempt to bring the Air Force training center here."

McEwen said the Crossroads area seems to have traded those instabilities for a sound foundation going into 2007.

"There really seems to

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Third murder suspect jailed

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A third arrest was made this week in the murder case of 20-year-old Roland David Dickinson, who was found dead last month near Coahoma.

Christopher David Lovett, 33, was taken into custody by the Howard County Sheriff's Office Wednesday evening and charged with first-degree



Lovett

murder after avoiding law enforcement officials for nearly two weeks.

County Sheriff Dale Walker said Lovett was arrested Tuesday in Eastland by a Department of Public Safety trooper after being stopped for speeding.

"During the stop, the trooper found there was a warrant for his arrest and took him into custody," said Walker. "Our people drove to Eastland and picked him up, booking

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, will host a Business After Hours program from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. today.

Business After Hours is a community program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Door prizes will be awarded; refreshments will be available.

There is no charge to attend. Those attending are invited to tour the facilities.

For more information on Business After Hours or other chamber functions, call 263-7641.

DENTAL FAIR PLANNED

The Howard College Dental Hygiene Department will host a Dental Fair for children from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the department's clinic in the Horace Garrett Building on campus.

Dental hygiene instructors and students will be on hand for educational games, treats and door prizes.

In addition, children are encouraged to bring their old toothbrushes in for a free replacement.

Parents wishing to schedule an appointment for their children can initiate the process during the fair, college officials said.

For more information, call 264-5143.

SYMPHONY IS SATURDAY

Tickets are on sale for Saturday's "The Music of Europe" performance of the Big Spring Symphony at Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students, and are available at the *Big Spring Herald*, Blum's Jewelers, Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum and at the door.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and will present a variety of the most beloved musical classics by European and Scandinavian composers. Guest artist will be Dr. Kirsten Yon, assistant professor of violin at Texas Tech University.

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Obituaries

Maria Elena 'Cookie' Barrera Larez



Maria Elena "Cookie" Barrera Larez was born Nov. 6, 1953, and left this world to be with her father in heaven Monday, Feb. 12, 2007. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Francis Njoku, pastor of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Jesse and Kim Rios of Big Spring; her daughter, Elizabeth Larez of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Julian Larez, Anthony Larez, Lauren Rios and Nathan Rios, all of Big Spring; her mother, Esperanza "Hope" Rios of Big Spring; her sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Joseph Lopez of Abilene; her brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Corina Barrera of Odessa; two nieces, Jennifer Henry and husband, Jeremy of Abilene and Stephanie Barrera of Odessa; and two nephews, Adam Lopez of Abilene and Jeremy Barrera of Odessa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rosendo Larez and her father, Eleno Barrera Sr.

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

Paid obituary

Beverly Fern Lovelace Alexander



Beverly Fern Lovelace Alexander, 89, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Shane Brue, pastor, officiating.

Beverly Fern Alexander was born Nov. 18, 1917, in Fargo, Texas, to William Bryan and Nell McGill Lovelace. She married Jack Alexander on July 7, 1940, in Colorado City and he preceded her in death Sept. 15, 2001.

She graduated with a degree in home economics from Texas State College for Women in Denton in 1939 and received her master's degree from Texas Tech University in 1971. She taught for 25 years in Colorado City and Big Spring and was honored as the State Homemaking Teacher of the Year in 1980 and as the Doan's Woman of the Year in Wilbarger County in 2002. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. Fern was active in the First United Methodist Church, Retired Teachers, Kiwanis Club, 1948 Hyperion Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, and was a charter member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Logsdon and husband, Buddy of Memphis and Sherri Key and husband, Dr. John of Big Spring; four sons, Ray Alexander and wife, Norma of Big Spring, Don Alexander and wife, Helen of Decatur, Mark Alexander of Arlington, and Mike Alexander and wife, Kathleen of Dallas; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Doris Cowling and husband, Ben of Dallas and a sister-in-law, Janie Alexander of Abilene.

In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Alexandra Whitehead.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring 79720 or to a favorite charity.

The family will be at the home of Dr. John and Sherri Key at 801 Scott in Big Spring.

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Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 46 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ASHLEY LEE RAMOS**, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance and no driver's license.

• **JESSE RAYMOND HORTON**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **DOMONIQUE XAVIER WILLIAMS**, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **CHRISTOPHER DAVID LOVETT**, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of murder.

Lora Moore



Lora Moore, 64, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Mark Winn, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, officiating. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Saturday at the Gaines County Cemetery in Seminole. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 8, 1942, in Monahans to Edna and O.C. Todd. She graduated from high school in Seminole. She married Arthur Moore in Seminole. He preceded her in death in September 1979. She was a paramedic in Seminole, a clerk at the Seminole Courthouse, and a bookkeeper for Charlie Cope Trucking Company. She moved to Big Spring two years ago from Seminole. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs.

She is survived by two daughters, Danna Moore and Arthena Jones and her husband, Allen, all of Big Spring; one son, Kevin Moore of Big Spring; two granddaughters; two brothers, John Todd of Dallas and Darrell Todd of Seminole; two sisters, Renea Ford and her husband, Dean of Angleton and Frances Todd of Seminole; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Barbara Delores Ann Smallwood



Barbara Delores Ann Smallwood, 38, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Byron Brown and the Rev. Dana Brown, pastors of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 30, 1969, in Hamlin and had lived in Big Spring for over 26 years. Barbara was a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and attended the First Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed spending time with friends and attending church. She loved cats, playing and watching sports, singing and cooking special meals for her parents.

Survivors include her parents, J.W. "Jay" and Jonel Smallwood of Big Spring; her grandfather, John Edwards of Hamlin; an uncle and aunt; a cousin; an adopted sister and brother, Brianna Brown and Austin Brown, both of Big Spring; and numerous relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Berry Smallwood and her grandparents, John and Frances Smallwood and Earlene Edwards.

The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

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Sylvia Chesworth

Sylvia Chesworth, 72, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, in Big Spring. Private family services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Byron Brown, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at No. 5 Craigmont Court.

She was born March 6, 1934, in Bismarck, N.D., to Mabel and Ben Jesser. She married James Chesworth on Nov. 9, 1951, in Indianapolis, Ind. He preceded her in death Oct. 31, 1992. She lived most of her life in Riverside, Calif., moving to Big Spring in 1992. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She is survived by four sons, Jeff Chesworth of California, Mike Chesworth and his wife, Anita, Pat Chesworth and his wife, Candy, and Kelly Chesworth and his wife, Jennifer, all of Big Spring; three brothers, Virgil Jesser of Washington, Odell Jesser, and Rodney Jesser, both of North Dakota; one sister, Carol Jesser of North Dakota; 10 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

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

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Mary De La Rosa



Mary De La Rosa, 62, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, in San Antonio. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born July 28, 1944, in Andrews to Ollie and James Stump. She married Rafael De La Rosa on Sept. 8, 1973, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death May 7, 1996. She worked in nursing at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She also worked at Wall's Industries. She lived most of her life in Howard County, moving to San Antonio in 2001. She was a member of Prairie View Baptist Church.

She is survived by her longtime companion, Hank Boykin of San Antonio; three sons, Bobby Joe Saunders and his wife, Julie of Grand Prairie, Robert Saunders of Wyoming and Emil De La Rosa and his wife, Marcia of Cleveland; five brothers, Carol Stump of Mt. Vernon, Billy Stump of Washington, Paul Stump of Washington, Glen Stump of Austin and Jerry Stump of Pawhuska, Okla.; four sisters, Jaquetta Shilling of Arlington, Francis Reece of Missouri, Bernice Valentine of Oklahoma and Zora Reecer of Lockney; and four grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, David Saunders; three brothers and two sisters.

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Roslind Ann Davis



Roslind Ann Davis, 54, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Burial will be Tuesday at Live Oak Cemetery in Port Arthur. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 3, 1953, in Franklin, La. to Gloria and Elside Davis. She married Leroy Davis on July 28, 1973, at which time they moved to Sweetwater where she was an active member of Greater Zion Baptist Church. She worked for TU Electric, Getty Oil and then Texaco, which later became Chevron/Texaco where she was an engineer tech at the time of her death.

She was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church for 19 years.

She is survived by her husband, Leroy Davis of Big Spring; son, Kendall Davis and his wife, Amber of Frisco; daughter, Kimberly Davis of Plainview; brothers, Darrell of Cedar Hill, Elside of Norman, Okla.; Johnathan and Keith of Port Arthur; sister, Mona Faye Davis of Port Arthur; and several aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Davis.

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Margaret Aken Creeley Nixon

Margaret Aken Creeley Nixon, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• **RONNIE FREEMAN**, 49, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 100 block of 18th Street.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad.

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AHA luncheon slated

The American Heart Association will hold its Learn & Live Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Tables may be reserved for groups.

Keynote speaker will be Kim Shaffer, RN, FNP.

Tickets are \$16 per person.

All proceeds from the luncheon will go to the American Heart Association. For additional information or to make reservations, contact Brenda Thomas at 213-0918 or Vicki Cole at 213-1112.

Also, mark your calendar for the AHA gala, Saturday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m.

No indication suspect peanut butter sold locally

From staff and wire reports

A salmonella outbreak that has slowly grown to nearly 300 cases in 39 states since August has been linked to tainted peanut butter, federal health officials said Wednesday. But there has been no indication that any suspect peanut butter has been sold locally.

It is believed to be the first salmonella outbreak associated with peanut butter in U.S. history, said officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 20 percent of the 288 infected people have been hospitalized, but none has died, said Dr. Mike Lynch, a CDC epidemiologist.

About 85 percent of the infected people said they ate peanut butter, CDC officials said.

How salmonella got into peanut butter is still under investigation, Lynch said.

The Food and Drug Administration warned consumers not to eat certain jars of Peter Pan or Great Value peanut butter because of the risk of contamination.

The affected jars have a product code on the lid that begins with the number "2111." The affected jars are made by ConAgra in a single facility in Sylvester, Ga., the FDA said.

Great Value peanut butter made by other manufacturers is not affected, the agency said.

H-E-B Grocery Store in Big Spring sells Peter Pan brand peanut butter, but a spokesman said there has been no indication that suspect products have been sold there recently.

The Wal-Mart Supercenter sells both Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter, but none of their products match the description of the affected brands. A spokesperson at the store said that if people had concerns about peanut butter purchased there recently, they should return the items to the store.

Nationally, ConAgra

said it is recalling all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter beginning with product code 2111.

"Although none of our extensive product tests have indicated the presence of salmonella, we are taking this precautionary measure because consumer health and safety is our top priority," spokesman Chris Kircher said. "We are working closely with the FDA to better understand its concerns, and we will take whatever additional measures are needed to ensure the safety, quality and wholesomeness of our products."

The largest number of salmonella cases were reported in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri.

Salmonella infection is known each year to sicken about 40,000 people in the United States, according to the CDC. Salmonellosis, as the infection is known, kills about 600 people annually.

Symptoms of salmonella can include diarrhea, fever, dehydration, abdominal pain and vomiting.

The new outbreak began in August, but just two or fewer cases have been reported each day, CDC officials said.

It was only in the past few days that investigators were able to hone in on a particular food, Lynch said.

ConAgra is destroying all affected products the company still has, the FDA said.

The company will cease production until the exact cause of contamination can be identified and eliminated. Meanwhile, ConAgra advised consumers to destroy any Peter Pan and Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111.

The FDA sent investigators to ConAgra's processing plant in Sylvester where the products were made to review records, collect product samples and conduct tests for salmonella.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph after midnight.

Friday...Sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Not as cool. Lows in the upper 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest after midnight.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

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City council filing at snail's pace

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With a single incumbent filing to run for re-election and one announcing they will not seek another term, filings for municipal elections have started off sluggishly in Howard County and surrounding areas.

The city of Stanton has the distinction of being the first area city to have a candidate, as council member Tommy Haislip filed to run for re-election.

According to city officials in Big Spring and Coahoma, no candidacies have been filed by incumbents or challengers in either city as election officials prepare for the May 12 elections.

Two seats on the Big Spring City Council will

be on the ballot, as Mayor Russ McEwen and District 5 councilwoman Joann Knox will see their terms expire. McEwen has already announced he plans to run for re-election, while Knox said Tuesday she will not seek another term.

"This decision has been several months in the making," Knox told the city council. "It's not a decision that came to me easily. In light of recent actions of citizen groups I became torn about making a final decision, but in the end, my choice is still based on personal evaluation and not negative evaluations of my actions as a member of the city council."

McEwen also has the distinction of having his name on the ballot twice, as voters will be asked to

decide whether to recall the Big Spring mayor.

"If a citizen does not want Russ McEwen to be mayor, they have the option to simply not vote for him, rather than not vote for him and vote for the recall," said City Finance Director Peggy Walker. "It's a redundancy. One will not supersede the other. It's a very unusual situation, to say the least."

"Typically, this provision in our charter is used to remove and elect official prior to the end of their term. That's not the way this particular petition is going to work. They are going to vote on the same ballot."

McEwen said the recall election will have no effect on how he runs his campaign for re-election. "This doesn't change

how I plan to run at all," said McEwen. "I have a record, and if people think it's a good record, then they should vote for me. If they think it's a bad record, then they shouldn't vote for me. Then they should vote for someone else. The situation (with the recall) doesn't change that at all."

The city of Coahoma will place seats currently held by David Elmore, Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read on its May ballot.

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

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Take Note

• AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 will hold a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. U.S. Highway 80. orders can be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is invited. Delivery orders can be made by calling 263-2084.

• NORTH BIRDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Angelfood Ministry pickup date is Saturday, Feb. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2702 N. Birdwell. Doors close at 1 p.m. and all orders not picked up will be donated.

• BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS BEGIN at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the first United Methodist Church upstairs choral rehearsal room. The rehearsals are for the April 21 concert and will feature spiritual music and Mozart.

• BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE OFFERING THE EXIT LEVEL TAKS RETEST, Feb. 20-23. Please report to the high school library at 8 a.m. Bring a picture I.D. February 20, ELA (English Language Arts); Feb. 21, Math; Feb. 22, Science; Feb. 23, Social Studies. For more information, call 264-3641, ext. 133.

• THE 5TH ANNUAL RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 24, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Entry forms are available at KBST

and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Entry deadline is Feb. 20.

• MY WAY, A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA, will be held at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26-27 and 7:30 p.m. March 5-7.

• MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will host a retirement party for Kaye Clawson from 4

p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the school's library.

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

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-13-24-43-45-51.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$41 million.

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OUR VIEWS

Remember to join us Saturday during symphony concert

The Big Spring Symphony will stage a third stop on a musical trip around the world, so to speak, Saturday night with a concert featuring European music.

The orchestra's performance of European flavored music, the third subscription concert of its "Music Around the World" concert season, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Titled "The Music of Europe," the concert will present a variety of popular musical classics by European and Scandinavian composers.

Violinist Kirsten Yon, an assistant professor at Texas Tech University, will be the featured guest artist, and perform the "Third Violin Concerto in B Minor" by 19th century French composer Camille Saint-Saens.

A winner of numerous competitions, Yon has been a soloist, concertmaster and performer with numerous professional orchestras in the United States and South America, including the Ann Arbor Symphony and the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

Yon will not be the only musician giving the symphony a helping hand, however.

During performance of "Jupiter" from Holst's "The Planets," Symphony Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann and the symphony will have the assistance of several Big Spring High School Band members — flautist Crystal Ward, oboist Meagan Smith, bassoonist Simon Hilario, trumpeter Royce Perez and percussionist Eric Welch.

Graumann explained that "Jupiter" requires a very large orchestra, with many more musicians than is normally required.

And with the talent available from the high school's concert band available, the symphony has just the extra help it needs.

Graumann said he is grateful to BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris for coaching his students in preparation for Saturday's performance, and said he believes "it will not only be a wonderful experience for the students to 'sit in' with a professional orchestra, but will be gratifying to the orchestra and me as well."

What's more, we believe the entire performance will be a real treat for the audience.

Other selections scheduled for performance during the evening include "Academic Festival Overture," by German composer Johannes Brahms; the "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1," by Norway's Edvard Grieg; "The Moldau," by Czech Bedrich Smetana; and "Finlandia," by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Tickets, which cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students, are available at the Big Spring Herald, Blum's Jewelers, Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, First Bank of West Texas and the Heritage Museum.

Tickets will also be available at the door, so make sure to make this concert a part of your weekend activities.

We'll see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are in good condition, Lord, when we trust in You.
Amen

Record votes provide path to good state government

Folks in the Austin press corps got a big chuckle in January when Tom Craddick pushed his fellows to record how they would vote in his effort to be re-elected Speaker of the Texas House.

You see, Craddick has been a staunch, behind-the-scenes opponent of record votes in the Texas House but, when his political power was threatened, he jumped on the bandwagon — temporarily, at least — because it gave him a way to intimidate recalcitrant legislators.

The rhetoric and debate leading up to that vote was a bit dizzying. Suddenly, some of the same people who de-railed last session's record vote legislation were heard arguing forcefully in favor of record votes!

It's too bad those arguments were disingenuous. Neither Craddick nor any other House leader has any intention of actually putting into law a measure that would require all substantive votes taken in the Texas House of Representatives be on the record. In their opinion, the concept is too much trouble, good only as a tool of intimidation not as a method to ensure transparency.

Here's the issue: There is nothing in the law that requires Texas legislators to state, on the record, how they voted on important legislation. And, unless the issue is forced, legislators won't go on the record with their votes.

In just one example from the 2005 session, representatives voted

to exempt themselves from a bill requiring candidates to file campaign contributions and expenditures electronically — but not their future challengers. But, you can't tell who voted how because the vote wasn't recorded.

Now, before you say that all you expect of a Texas Legislator is that he votes his conscience, know that whether or not a vote is on the record has a profound impact on the outcome. A motion to table that bill — essentially killing it — appeared headed to easy passage until a record vote was requested. Suddenly, the vote flipped, and the motion to table failed.

In other words, Texas legislators often have one set of ethics when the vote is on the record and another when it's not.

Sadly, many legislators believe this issue is important only to the media. The disdainful comments legislators made during committee hearings make that clear, and the same comments make it clear many legislators don't take this very seriously.

It's true, the media — specifically newspapers — have pushed very hard over the last two or three sessions for this kind of legislation, not because it makes our jobs easier — though, in some ways, it does. Newspapers are in favor of this legislation because it makes it easier for citizens of Texas to hold lawmakers accountable.

Ironically, legislators are all in favor of accountability (especially for educators) but not so much where it comes to their own actions.

As it did in 2005, the Texas Senate will likely approve some type of legislation mandating

record votes. But, unless they can pass the House State Affairs Committee in the next week or two, none of the several bills filed will make it to the House floor for debate and that means the fate of this legislation rests in the hands of nine state representatives.

Texas is one of only 10 states that does not have some sort of requirement that votes on major legislation be on the record, and it's easier to find out how your U.S. Congressman or city council member voted than your state representative or senator.

Good government advocates all across the state — including the League of Women Voters and nearly every citizen advocacy group you might name — have called for this kind of legislation in Texas.

Indeed, in the run-up to the Speaker's vote, 80 Texas legislators voted in favor of record votes, at least on the Speaker's race. That some of the same people who've quashed previous attempts to mandate record votes are among these 80 legislators merely adds to the irony.

Texas legislators must end the hypocrisy of using voice votes to avoid accountability. If it's important that folks back home know how legislators voted in the Speaker's race, it's important for them to know how they voted on other important issues.

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Faking corporate support for women

Two phone calls this week, one from a liberal magazine, and one from an organization representing female executives, were asking questions about two sides of the same issue: "Best" lists for working women. You know the ones "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers," "Fifty Best Places for Latinas to Work," "Best Companies for Diversity," and so on. The magazine wanted to know if the lists are of any use to working women at all, or if in fact they do harm. The female executives wanted to alert me that Walmart, though facing the largest sex discrimination lawsuit in history, made their top 30. Their question was whether a company can be good for exec women and lousy for say, cashiers.

It is not only possible, but it may be usual, for a company to be better for women at the top than those at the bottom. That's also true for men. You see plenty of grayhairs in gray suits, riding around in chauffeured limos driven by other guys who make little more than the minimum wage, often with meager benefits to boot. The difference is there are still a lot more men than women in those backseats reading the Wall Street Journal and figuring out how to bust the unions.

The bigger question is whether the companies that show up on these lists are worthy of admira-

tion at all. An example I like to use is a school. Suppose your kid's school was named one of the "Top 100 in the U.S." by two different scholastic magazines. You'd be pretty proud, wouldn't you? Now suppose you learn that the first magazine allowed the schools to rate themselves by sending in descriptions of programs, and they didn't have to provide data on student performance. The second magazine did its own rating, but digging a little deeper you find the actual report cards of the students in the ranked schools are abysmal. The top school comes in with average student grades of 28 percent and the lowest rates a miserable 11 percent average. Furthermore, the school pays a Vice Principal a full time salary just to fill out forms, buy advertising, and underwrite the magazines' award ceremony so the school can make the list in the first place. Still impressed? More likely you'd be outraged.

This scenario happens every day in corporate America. Diversity Manager is the usual title of our theoretical Vice Principal, and she or he has a big budget to throw around so the company makes the list. The company buys advertising in the magazine giving the award (or makes an outright donation if it's an organization with no magazine), and gets to brag about it. Most are Fortune 500 firms where women are stuck at the bottom, and many are defending themselves in court for sex discrimination (or have paid huge settlements) — some in the same years they get the awards.

This stuff is far from benign. I

took a look at some publicly available court papers in a sex discrimination filed against the giant consulting company, Deloitte and Touche, and talked to some women in the company. One told me the company recruiter had touted their "awards" and "Best" listings repeatedly. Once on board, she realized women never seemed to get promoted, and were systematically winnowed out as time passed. It gets worse. When another woman sued for sex discrimination, Deloitte tried to get the judge to throw the case out — strictly on the grounds that it had made the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers," published by Working Mother Magazine. The female judge said no dice — but who knows what a good ol' boy on the bench would have done.

The lesson is simple. Women should be extremely wary of what they read about "good" companies if the information is put out by any organization that stands to profit. And yes, lists can do harm. Just ask the woman who left a good job to go to what she thought was a better one at one of these firms, only to have to sue for pregnancy discrimination two years later. It did happen, it does happen, and "Best" lists only make the problem worse.

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MARTHA
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Peak performer

Mercedes-Benz's E320 Bluetec has what counts under the hood

By TERRY BOX

The Dallas Morning News

Suits bore me. So do churches, politicians, global warming seminars and clean, well-lit cafeterias. How, then, can a supremely well-adjusted guy like me ever find pleasure in a standard-issue silver German sedan with skinny tires?

In the case of the 2007 Mercedes-Benz E320 Bluetec — which looks like a prosperous insurance agent's daily driver — the appeal is purely under the hood, as it should be.

As many of you know, Mercedes-Benz has sold respectable diesel-powered vehicles in the U.S. for decades. The 3-liter V-6 turbo diesel in my Mercedes is the first diesel passenger car motor to meet tougher new U.S. emissions standards, and Audi, Volkswagen and Jeep intend to use the Bluetec technology on their diesels.

In honor of all that clean-air progress, I played a lot of save-the-whales music as I drove.

Of more importance to most consumers was the fact that I could hear any music at all. If you are old enough, you might remember some of the sorry diesels available in the 1980s — many of them from Oldsmobile and Cadillac.

Those big old buckets clattered loudly at idle. Under even modest acceleration — which is all they were ever capable of — they sounded like someone shaking big bags of ball bearings and broken glass.

After a few hundred miles, they broke.

Always. But this silent wallflower of a sedan from Mercedes-Benz could change some of those old perceptions.

When I started the Benz, the first thing I heard — before switching to save-the-whales music, of course — was Dale Watson singing "Whiskey or God" on goofy little KHYI-FM (95.3) in Plano. That was good.

Even better, when I slipped the Benz into drive, it behaved like a regular strong-running gas V-6. No clatter followed by a lurch and cloud of sooty smoke. As far as I could tell, there was no smoke of any kind, period.

Moreover, the power was for real — and not just an initial low-end load of diesel torque. The smooth-running Mercedes rips off 0 to 60 mph runs in 6.6 seconds, which is just 0.1 of a second slower than the gas V-6 in the ES 350, company officials say.

And while we're crunching numbers, get this: the Bluetec — which refers to various exhaust treatments Mercedes-Benz has developed — is rated at 27 miles per gallon city, 37 highway in the Benz, a big, roomy car that weighs 4,000 pounds. That's 7 mpg better in the city than the gas ES 350 and an 11 mpg improvement on the highway. The car has an astounding range of 700 miles, which should cover any of those Dallas-to-El Paso party runs you've been planning.

Like every Mercedes-Benz on the planet, the Bluetec is expensive, with a base price of \$52,325. The good news — if there can be good news in a dullish sedan that costs 50 large — is that the diesel costs just \$1,000 more than the gas motor. Don't some people pay that for good stereos or those DVD things?

Rob Moran, a spokesman for Mercedes-Benz, says the 201 horsepower Bluetec engine — which has an impressive

400 pound-feet of torque — can also be ordered in the M-class and GL-class SUVs as well as the R-class crossover. (If you're not familiar with the R-class, it's that vehicle that looks like a homemade station wagon or a really bad hearse.)

"Right now, we're in the process of reintroducing diesels to America," Mr. Moran said. "We have a pretty good history of diesel cars in the states, and people were waiting for us to bring another one to the U.S."

They probably won't be disappointed. Inside, buyers will be treated to an upscale leather interior, a great-feeling shifter on the five-speed automatic and light, precise steering.

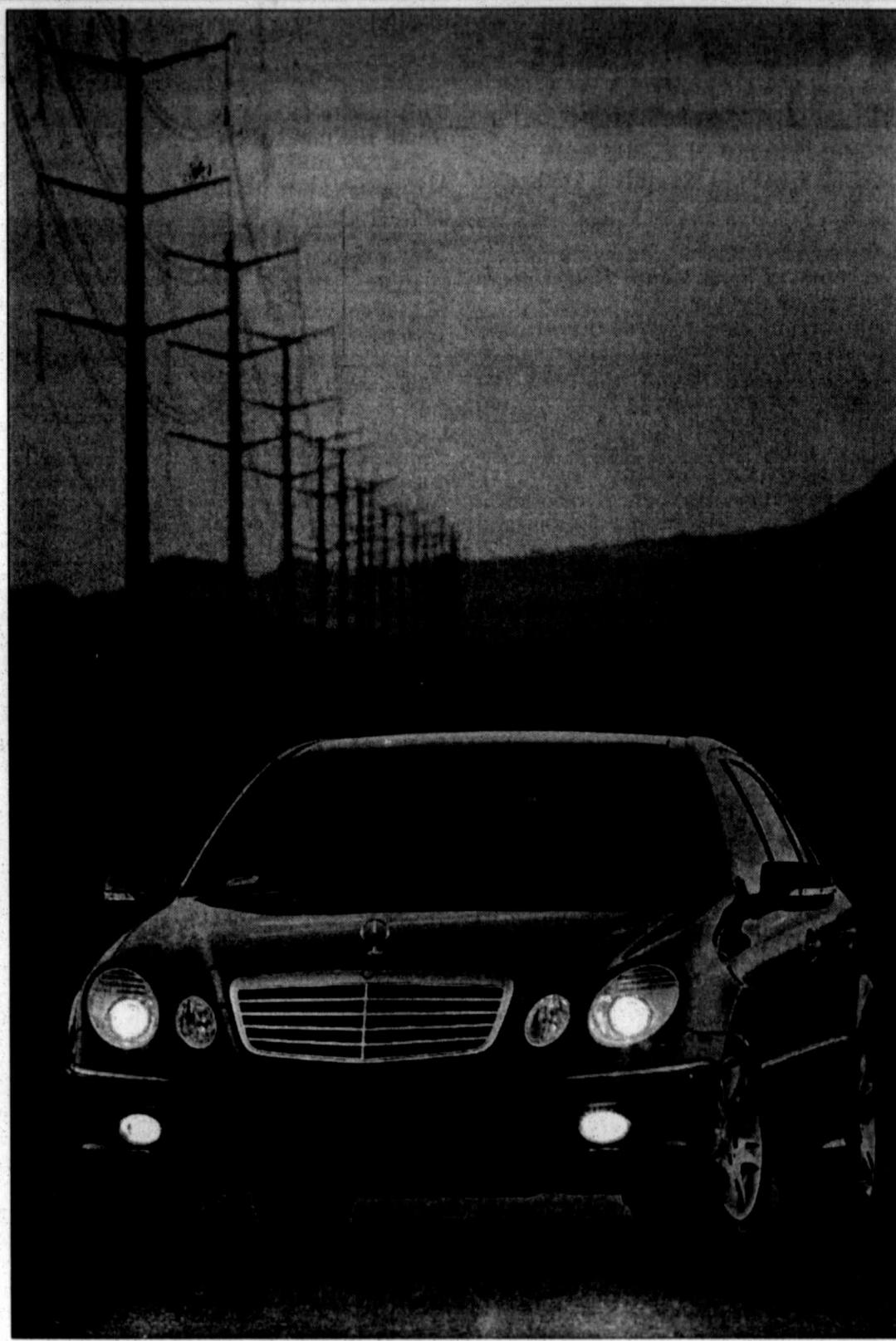
The car's driving dynamics are tight and refined, as you would expect in a Mercedes.

Just don't forget that you're driving a diesel when you pull into a gas station — which could easily happen. I drove through parking garages with the windows down and, remarkably, never heard any diesel clatter. The only time I got any mechanical feedback was standing in front of the Benz at idle.

It was even kind of amusing on the awful, traffic-choked Dallas North Tollway. The engine has so much compression that I could practically stop the car at slow speeds — the only speed on the tollway these days — by just lifting my foot off the accelerator.

My only complaint about the Bluetec was its occasional turbo lag. I never noticed it off idle. But a couple of times, I pushed hard on the accelerator to pass someone only to be met by a half-second of nothing before the engine and transmission decided to go back to work.

That minor irritation



The 2007 Mercedes E320

aside, this is a good, solid car worth consideration if you drive a lot and can afford to spend \$50,000 on transportation. And if you're a fashion-con-


scious driver worried about the Benz's low-profile looks, here's a suggestion: Use the car's prodigious torque to smoke the tires at green lights.

That will get you noticed, I'm told.

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GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006

Data	10			Total
	General	Other	Governmental	
Control Codes	Fund	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$8,255,491	\$32,365	\$8,287,856
5800	State Program Revenues	280,815	32,374	313,189
5900	Federal Program Revenues		216,017	216,017
5020	Total Revenues	8,536,306	280,756	8,817,062
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	1,588,535	167,885	1,756,420
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	29,844	503	30,347
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	288		288
0021	Instructional Leadership		1,946	1,946
0023	School Leadership	165,190	928	166,118
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	53,105	507	53,612
0033	Health Services	379		379
0034	Suden (Pupil) Transportation	156,216	1,738	157,954
0035	Food Services		156,045	156,045
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	170,556	296	170,852
0041	General Administration	254,455	500	254,955
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	540,505	2,535	543,040
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	600		600
0053	Data Processing Services	12,153		12,153
Debt Service:				
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	105,167		105,167
0072	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	12,566		12,566
Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	51,786		51,786
Intergovernmental:				
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	4,878,010		4,878,010
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member District of SSA	50,171		50,171
6030	Total Expenditures	8,069,526	332,883	8,402,409
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	466,780	(52,127)	414,653
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	3,145		3,145
7915	Transfers In		52,127	52,127
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(52,127)		(52,127)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(48,982)	52,127	3,145
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	417,798		417,798
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,026,864		3,026,864
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$3,444,662		\$3,444,662




State of the City Address
by
Mayor Russ McEwen

Community Luncheon
February 27, 2007

East Room of the Dorothy Garrétt Coliseum
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Presidents' Day is an opportunity to honor all our former presidents of the United States for their service and contributions to our great country

These financial institutions will observe the following hours Monday, Feb. 19:

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Closed

First Bank of West Texas
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State National Bank
Open

Big Spring Banking Center
Closed

Electric Utilities Credit Union
Open

Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union
Closed

► News briefs

SMU faculty opposes order limiting release of documents

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University's Faculty Senate has voted to ask the school to request that President Bush rescind his order allowing former presidents to keep White House documents secret forever.

That action was part of the group's endorsement of the SMU history department professors' letter opposing the executive order, which Bush issued nearly two months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, saying he was protecting national security.

The group also approved a resolution Wednesday outlining their issues and concerns about Bush's presidential library, museum and institute, a partisan think tank that would report to the Bush Foundation — not SMU.

The two resolutions will be presented to SMU President Gerald Turner to use in negotiating with the library site selection committee, which is in exclusive talks with SMU.

Judge dismisses \$30 million lawsuit against MySpace

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has dismissed a lawsuit against the social networking site MySpace.com filed by the family of a 13-year-old girl who says she was sex-

ually assaulted by a 19-year-old man whom she met online.

The \$30 million lawsuit also named MySpace's parent company, News Corp., and the 19-year-old, whose criminal case has not yet gone to trial.

In a ruling issued Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks said MySpace is protected under the Communications Decency Act and cannot be expected to verify the age of every user because that "would of course stop MySpace's business in its tracks."

The decency act cited by Sparks generally grants immunity to interactive computer services such as MySpace so that they are not liable for content posted by users.

An attorney for the girl and her family said they will file an appeal.

Drill sergeant who posed nude removed from active duty

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Air Force drill sergeant who posed nude for Playboy magazine has been removed from active duty, she said.

Whether that amounts to an honorable discharge, as Michelle Manhart also says, is unclear.

Manhart, who appeared in a six-page spread in Playboy's February issue, said she got word Friday that she was

removed from "extended active duty" and was also told that she was demoted in rank from staff sergeant to senior airman.

"I'm disappointed in our system," Manhart told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "They went too far with it."

Manhart said that being removed from duty meant that she reverted to her Air National Guard status and that she submitted a "resignation" to the Guard, which she said is pending. Manhart was a member of the Iowa Air National Guard before going on extended active duty.

Anti-mandate bill may leave out private school students

AUSTIN (AP) — Girls attending private schools could still be required to get anti-cancer vaccinations mandated by Gov. Rick Perry if the leading bills aimed at blocking his order make it through the Legislature.

The measures would amend the state's education code, which the Attorney General's office has previously said applies only to students in public school.

That means girls attending private schools — whose families are likely to be among the mandate's most strident opponents — might still have to get the shots.

About 60 state representatives and 14 state senators are co-sponsoring duplicate bills that would bar state officials from requiring schoolgirls to be inoculated against the human papillomavirus, or HPV.

Newest dollar to go into circulation around the country

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newest \$1 coin, bearing the likeness of George Washington, is going into circulation around the country just in time for next week's celebration of the first president's birthday.

U.S. Mint officials hope they have overcome problems that doomed its two predecessors, but coin experts are still skeptical.

Mint Director Edmund C. Moy was to participate in a coin exchange Thursday at New York's busy Grand Central Terminal to promote the new dollar, which the Mint believes can be a big success despite the naysayers.

The Mint is making sure the coins, which are golden in color and slightly larger and thicker than a quarter, will be widely available so people will not be disappointed when they show up at banks looking for the coins.

So far the Federal Reserve, the Mint's distribution agent, has placed orders for 300 million of the Washington coins.

LOVETT

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him into the county jail Wednesday evening."

Lovett's arrest came nearly two weeks after Walker announced the arrest of Kirk Douglas Flanary, 35, in San Angelo on a charge of first-degree murder, and approximately a month after John Michael Hays, 50, was arrested at his



Flanary



Hays

home on Midway Road and charged with murder.

According to investigators, Hays confessed to the murder, saying Dickinson had been hateful and disrespectful

to a family member. All three suspects are believed to have ties to the Texas

prison affiliated gang known as the Aryan Circle.

Dickinson's body was recovered Jan. 11 from a ravine six miles north of Coahoma on Highway 820. He had lived in the Big Spring area for less than six months, according to Walker, having moved to the area to work in the oilfield, where he was most recently employed by S&S Well Service.

The body was classified as a "John Doe" for more than a week before family members made a positive identifica-

tion. Walker estimates the body had been at the location near Coahoma for approximately three to four days.

Preliminary autopsy results showed the cause of death to be blunt trauma to the head. The body, which was found wearing only a pair of underwear and a white T-shirt, showed signs of a brutal assault, according to Walker.

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JAIL

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you that's almost impossible."

With three possible sites eliminated, Heffelfinger said the old Kmart building — located near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700 — was the best option given to him by the court so far.

"By using the existing shell and basically building within it, you can

save up to 30 percent versus building a new structure," Heffelfinger told the court. "I've walked the building, and it already has several key features in place, including utilities, a fire system and a huge parking lot, which is a major plus on a project like this."

"As far as concerns about asbestos go, we'll likely find it in the floor tiles or the floor tile mastic. However, the cost of removing that material is not that high. When the

Kmarts and Wal-Marts build these types of buildings, they generally do a really good job."

The building's close proximity to residential housing, as well as Washington Elementary School and Howard College, doesn't present a problem, according to Heffelfinger.

"I've checked the zoning, and we're perfectly capable of putting a jail or a law enforcement center there," he told commissioners.

County Judge Mark Barr said the prospect of purchasing the building, which is estimated to cost approximately \$650,000, could become complicated.

"I understand there is a church currently looking at the building," said Barr. "I feel like any efforts to try to get into a bidding war with a church are not going to

well for the county. I just don't think that's a good idea."

Heffelfinger told commissioners he is willing to look at more sites if the court will provide them for him.

"We're not bound by this," said Heffelfinger, pointing to a folder containing his current findings. "We can still go out and look at other loca-

tions. I've heard the old Wal-Mart building talked about, and we'll be happy to look at that as well. However, until we have a location, we can't begin working on the design."

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be a tremendous amount of stability right now in Big Spring, as far as I'm concerned," said McEwen. "We'll touch on that, as well as the future and what it may hold for the city."

Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said the luncheon is a chance for residents to take a close look at what's to come in 2007.

"The chamber sponsors the community luncheon each year," said ValVerde. "It's a chance for the mayor to inform the city of what his plans are for the coming year. For the chamber it's a chance to represent our members and try to focus on promoting community and economic development. I think this a perfect example — a perfect chance — for us to promote that through the mayor's state of the city address."

Tickets for the annual luncheon are on sale at the Chamber office, located at 215 W. Third Street, and according to ValVerde, will most likely go quickly.

"Tickets are \$10 each if they are purchased by Friday," said ValVerde. "If purchased after that date through Feb. 27, or at the door, they are \$15. We want to encourage everyone to come in early and

pick up their tickets. The serving line will start at 11:45 a.m. and catering is being provided by Great Western Dining."

For more information, contact the Chamber at

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IN BRIEF

Junior College player dies at half

HILLSBORO — A Grayson County College basketball player died Wednesday night after collapsing during halftime of his team's game, police said.

Mike Ndiribe, 18, collapsed in a locker room during his team's game at Hill College, said Hillsboro police Cpt. Kyle Cox.

An ambulance took Ndiribe to Hill Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead less than an hour later, Cox said. A cause of death was not released.

A roster on the Grayson County College Web site lists Ndiribe as a 6-foot-8, 210-pound freshman from Fort Bend.

Howard Hawks athletic schedule

The Howard Hawks women's and men's basketball teams will play in Snyder against Western Texas College today.

The women are set to tip-off at 6 p.m. and the men at 8 p.m.

Hawks fundraiser has been set

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Howard College Rodeo team will conduct a Cow Pattie Bingo fundraiser.

The event will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the east grounds of the Student Union Building and all squares are \$ 10. Tickets are now available.

For more information contact Coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

Big Spring girl's softball registration

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding sing-ups to register for the upcoming 2007 season.

Females from ages 4 to 7 (as of Jan. 1st) are eligible to participate in the league.

Sign-ups will be held each Saturday, beginning Feb. 24th, through March 17th at the Big Spring mall.

The registration fee is \$40 and there is a discount for the second child. This fee will cover all uniforms.

A division for boys between 4 and 6 years old will be available this season.

For more information contact Ron Shafer at 213-3747.

DallasCowboys hire new coaches

Ray Sherman and John Garrett were hired as assistants to new Dallas Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips.

Sherman, who had been with eight other NFL teams dating to 1988, will be the receiver coach.

Spurs snap Pistons' 7-game win streak

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs had every excuse to put forth a lackluster performance Wednesday night — and didn't need to use any of them.

Tim Duncan scored 23 points and Francisco Elson added 12 points and a career-high 8 rebounds as the road-weary Spurs snapped Detroit's seven-game winning streak with a 90-81 victory.

"We've been inconsistent all year, so it was nice to see us put together 48 good minutes," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That's one of our best games all year, and it is the finest game Francisco has played for this team."

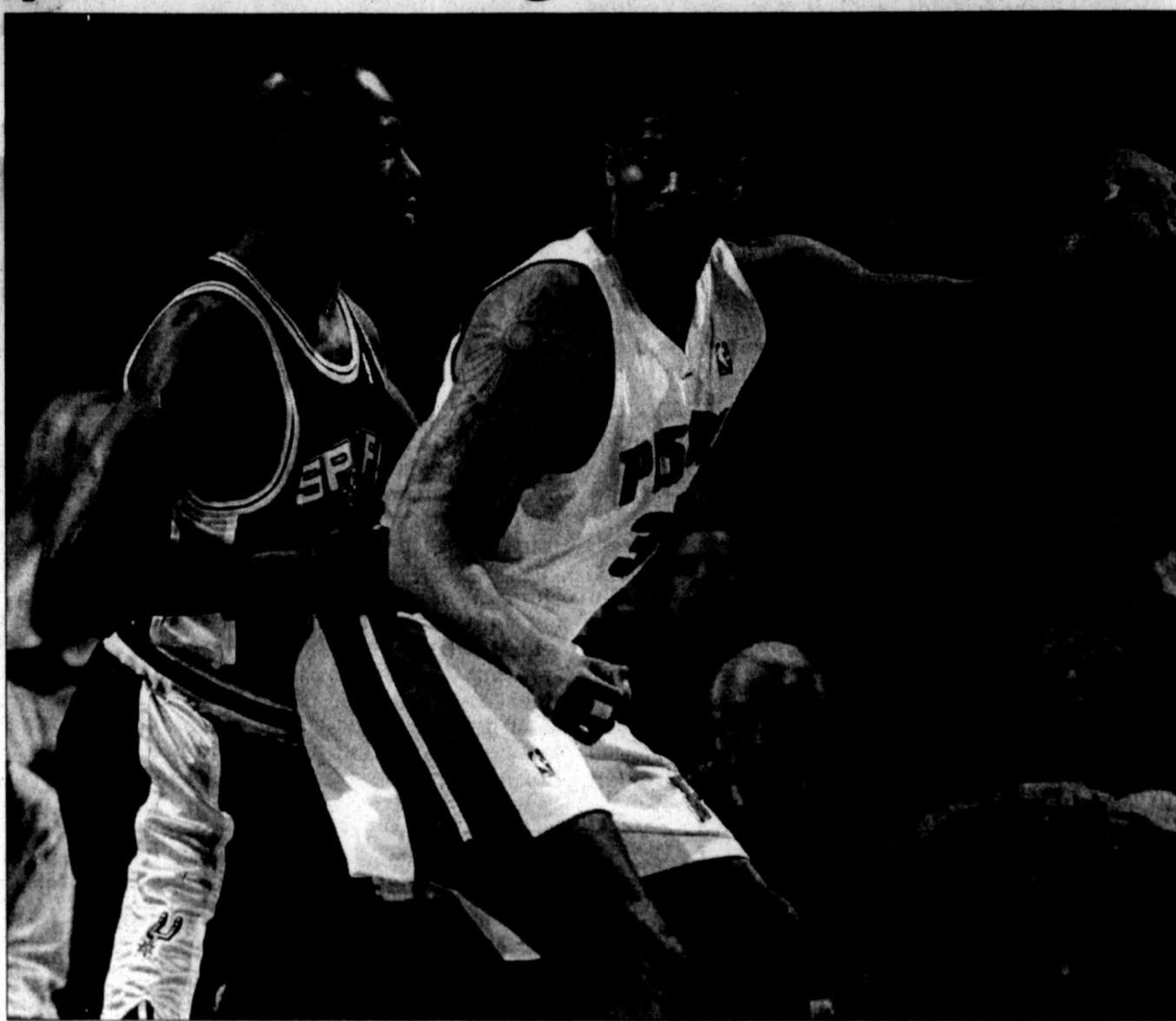
The Spurs were playing the finale of an eight-game road trip and their last game before the All-Star break, but looked like the fresher team.

"It wasn't tough at all to get up for this one," Duncan said after San Antonio's first win in Detroit since Game 5 of the 2005 NBA finals. "We aren't playing well, and we really needed to put together a good game before the break."

The Pistons were playing their fifth straight game at home, but struggled at both ends of the floor in their first loss of the month.

"It's always tough to play the last game before the break," Chauncey Billups said. "They came in hungry, because they've been struggling a bit. By the time we started fighting, it was an uphill battle."

Manu Ginobili added 20 points for the Spurs, while Tony Parker had 16. San Antonio's reserves outscored Detroit's 35-13 as they finished 4-4 on the marathon trip.



Detroit Pistons' Rasheed Wallace (36) keeps the ball away from San Antonio Spurs defender Francisco Elson (16) during first half action at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich., Wednesday night.

"This is going to make it a lot easier to enjoy the break," Ginobili said. "I would have rather gone 6-2 on the trip, but with the way we've been playing, and that we started 2-4, going 4-4 is pretty good."

Richard Hamilton led the

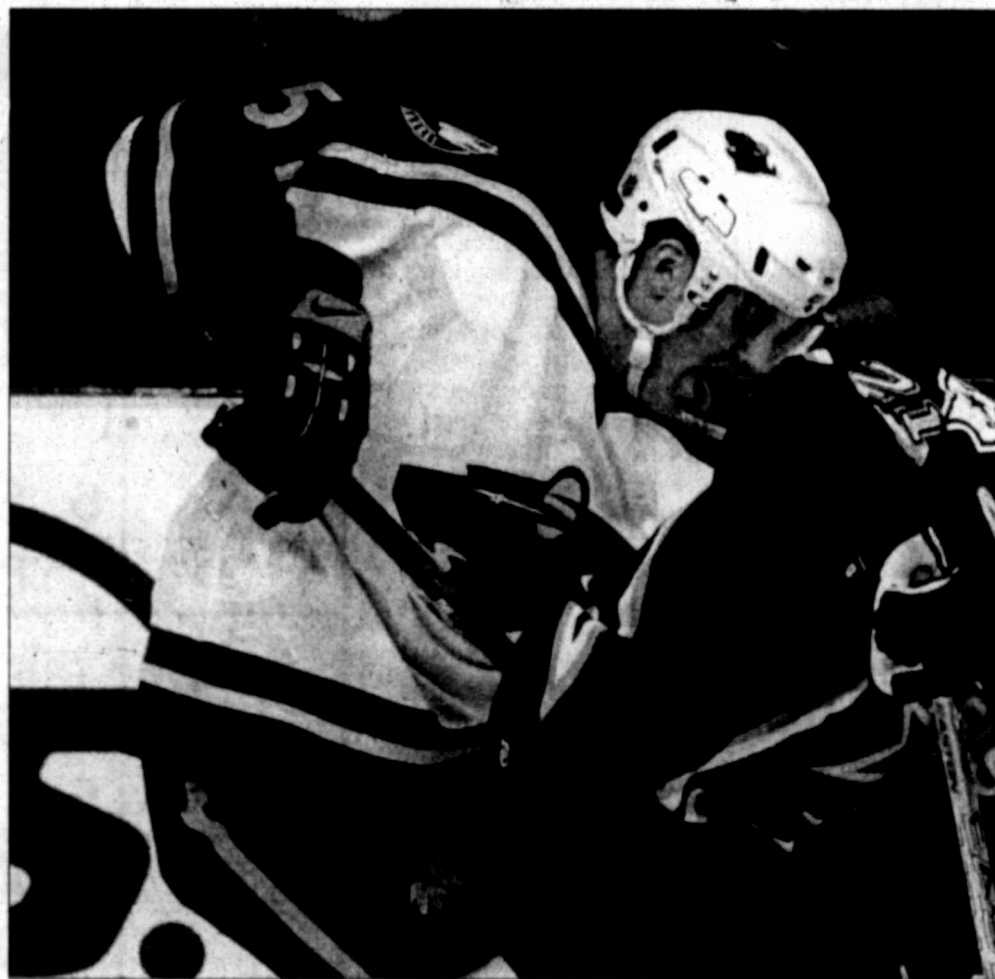
Pistons with 20 points while Billups scored 19, including 16 in the second half.

San Antonio led 51-34 after dominating the first half. The Spurs outshot Detroit 56.1 percent to 31.6 percent, and outrebounded the Pistons. Elson had

eight points and 10 rebounds in the half, while Ginobili scored 12 off the bench.

"We had mental mistakes all over the place," Pistons coach

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Minnesota Wild's Kim Johnsson (left) tries to get past Dallas Stars' Loui Eriksson to get the puck during the first period at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

Red Wings rebound from loss, skate past Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings didn't let the embarrassment from their previous loss linger.

Henrik Zetterberg notched the go-ahead goal with 4:36 left, after setting up the tying score a little over four minutes earlier, and the Red Wings rallied for a 3-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on Wednesday night.

Detroit was routed by the Philadelphia Flyers — the NHL's worst team — 6-1 on Monday night, and trailed the Stars 1-0 midway through the third period. The Red Wings had trouble solving rookie goalie Mike Smith, who was trying for his second shutout in three games.

He didn't get it. Pavel Datsyuk tied the game 1-1 at 11:14 with his 18th goal off a setup by Zetterberg, who then gave the Red Wings the lead at

15:24 with his 27th goal on a shot from the high slot.

Mathieu Schneider added an empty-netter with 33 seconds left, assisted by Zetterberg, to ice the victory and snap Dallas' three-game winning streak.

"When we embarrass ourselves, which doesn't happen very often, we respond," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. "The other night in Philly was a humbling experience, to say the least."

Mike Ribeiro had a second-period, power-play goal for the Stars.

The Red Wings got 17 saves from Chris Osgood, who started despite a broken right index finger. Detroit has won seven of nine.

"We've done that a few times this year," Osgood said of the comeback. "Being down 1-0, you're only a shot

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Attorney to plead guilty to leaking Balco testimony

By PAUL ELIAS and DAVID KRAVETS

Associated Press Writers

SAN FRANCISCO — Two San Francisco Chronicle reporters will avoid jail time under a plea agreement by a criminal defense lawyer who admitted leaking their secret grand jury documents from the BALCO steroids investigation.

In court papers filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, attorney Troy Ellerman said he allowed reporters Lance Williams and Mark Fainaru-Wada to view transcripts of the grand jury testimony of baseball stars Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, Gary Sheffield and sprinter

Tim Montgomery.

Ellerman had represented Victor Conte, founder of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative, the Burlingame supplements lab that allegedly provided performance enhancing drugs to the elite athletes, as well as BALCO vice president James Valente.

The Chronicle published stories in 2004 that reported Giambi and Montgomery admitted to the grand jury that they took steroids, while Bonds and Sheffield testified they didn't knowingly take the drugs. The leaked testimony also was featured prominently in the writers' book, "Game of Shadows," which recounts Bonds'

alleged use of steroids.

A federal judge ordered the reporters jailed after they refused to divulge their source. They have remained free pending an appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but Ellerman's plea deal states that federal prosecutors will no longer try to put the reporters in prison.

Ellerman agreed to plead guilty to four felony counts of obstruction of justice and disobeying court orders. He could spend up to two years in prison and pay a \$250,000 fine. A judge still has to approve the terms of Ellerman's plea agreement; no senten-

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Giants' Barry Bonds is shown before a game against the Washington Nationals. Bonds is at the center of the Balco investigation.

Tech women win and A&M women lose in Big 12 action

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Patrice Edwards hit two free throws with 24 seconds left then blocked a potential game-winning shot to push Texas Tech to a 70-69 win over No. 19 Nebraska on Wednesday night.

Texas Tech (15-11, 6-6 Big 12) survived three scoring chances for Nebraska (21-5, 9-3) in the final 8 seconds. Nebraska's Kelsey Griffin missed a pair of free throws with eight seconds left. But teammate Yvonne Turner grabbed the rebound, going up for a short jumper that Edwards blocked out of bounds.

Griffin got the inbounds pass, drove the lane and tried to force a pass to Jelena Spircic that the Lady Raiders knocked out of bounds. Kiera Hardy missed a long 3-point shot at the buzzer that hit the rim and bounced off.

Texas Tech, which led by six at half, built an eight-point margin on Edwards' inside shot that made the score 49-41 with 12:41 remaining. Most of the Lady Raiders' advantage at that point came from hitting 7-of-9 on 3-point shots.

Nebraska came storming back, putting together a 16-5 run, taking the lead on Turner's 3-pointer with 9:13

remaining and going up 57-54 after Turner stole the ball and hit a layup 14 seconds later.

The Lady Raiders retook the lead with four straight free throws. The game seasawed in the final eight minutes with Texas Tech leading by as many as three.

Nebraska went up 69-68 on Hardy's driving layup with 1:20 left.

LaVonda Henderson led Texas Tech with 17 points, hitting 8 of 10 shots. Edwards had 16 points. Raquel Christian had 12 for the Lady Raiders, Brooke Baughman added 11 and Alesha Robertson finished with 10.

Hardy had 16 points to lead Nebraska. Danielle Page had 14 points for the Huskers, Chelsea Aubry had 12 and Griffin ended with 10 points.

Iowa State 61, No. 13 Texas A&M 54

Nicky Wieben scored 20 points and Toccara Ross added 12 points and 13 rebounds, leading Iowa State to a 61-54 victory over No. 13 Texas A&M on Wednesday night.

Iowa State (18-7, 6-6 Big 12) held A&M without a field goal for more six minutes during a 14-1 game-clinching run that ended the Aggies' six-game winning streak and dropped them to 0-6 at Hilton Coliseum.

The Texas Aggies (19-4, 9-3) tied the score at 46 all when Patrice Reado scored inside with 8:25 left to play in the contest.

However, the Aggies missed scoring opportunities and rebounds as the team failed to get another basket until Reado scored at the 2:17 mark.

By that point the Lady Cyclones went to the 6-foot-4 Wieben inside to put the conference game away.



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The deal occurred in a duplicate

pair event. West, attempting to take advantage of the vulnerability, opened the bidding with one spade! East innocently responded with two clubs, and South modestly bid two diamonds.

North scratched up a raise to three diamonds, over which East bid three spades. This bid by East, together with North's raise, caused South to be highly suspect — to put it delicately — of the legitimacy of West's opening bid. Certain that the bulk of any missing high-card strength would lie in East's hand — where South wanted it to be — South raised the ante to six diamonds.

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There is considerable doubt that the slam would have been reached without West's shenanigans. As the bidding developed, South got a far better picture of the hand than he would otherwise have obtained. This was fully borne out when it turned out that the slam had not been bid at any other table.

"Psychics" have been known to be successful at times — although they are generally eschewed by the top players — but they have one great defect. They do occasionally boomerang.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Flip Saunders said. "When you do that, all of a sudden they get easy buckets and then every one of your shots becomes a pressure shot."

Lindsey Hunter kept the game from getting out of hand, going 3-for-3 in the second quarter while his

teammates were going 1-for-13. He outscored the rest of the Pistons 8-7 in the period.

"The shots we missed, we usually make," Hamilton said. "We allowed them to run their offense and dictate the way the game was going to be played."

Billups, who went 0-for-4 in the first half, scored 10 points in the third, but

it didn't help much. Elson had eight more rebounds in the period, and San Antonio took a 70-54 lead into the fourth.

"Francisco was huge," Duncan said. "He was active on the boards, which we've been lacking, but he also ran the floor and flattened out their defense. He only got a couple layups out of it, but he made them hustle

back all night."

Detroit got as close as 11 early in the period, but the Spurs kept them at bay.

The Pistons finally got the margin to single digits, 86-77, on Rasheed Wallace's 3-pointer with 2:23 left, but Billups had a 3 go in-and-out with a minute to play and San Antonio clinched the game from the line.

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away. I thought we stuck to our game plan. We didn't take any unnecessary gambles. We just kept putting the puck on net."

Smith, who finished with 29 saves, was playing in his fourth straight game — two as a starter and two in relief of Stars' No. 1 goalie Marty Turco.

Dallas coach Dave Tippett insists there is no goaltender controversy, that he's simply resting Turco, who

made 11 consecutive starts before this four-game stretch.

Another factor influencing Tippett's decision to start Smith, Turco has a career record of 1-8-5 against the Red Wings.

"Smitty gave us a chance to win," Tippett said. "But we didn't play with enough poise, and let their best players take the game over. When you keep giving the puck to them, it's going to come back to bite you. Games like these are hard lessons."

Smith made several difficult saves in the first period that ended with Detroit holding a 12-7 edge in

shots.

Dallas moved in front at 6:34 of the second period on Ribeiro's eighth goal. He steered Jussi Jokinen's centering pass into an open net while Osgood was caught out of position.

But the Stars couldn't build on their lead and lost to the Red Wings for the third time in three meetings this season.

"You try to take the positives out of a game like this, but we've got to learn from our mistakes," Ribeiro said. "We've got to put this one behind us and move on."

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cing date has been set. Ellerman, who is licensed to practice law in California, also faces disbarment.

"I find the fact that Troy Ellerman has admitted to leaking the BALCO grand jury transcripts to be outrageous," Conte said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "This man was an officer of the court who was highly paid to provide the services of a criminal defense attorney. Instead, he chose to serve his own agenda and act in a way that was tremendously damaging to his own clients."

Conte and Valente were among five men who pleaded guilty to steroids-related charges in an earlier phase of the investigation.

Eve Burton, general counsel for Hearst Corp., which owns the Chronicle, would not confirm or deny that Ellerman was the source of the leaked documents. The reporters also declined to discuss their source.

"As we have said throughout, we don't discuss issues involving confidential sources," Williams and Fainaru-Wada said in a joint statement.

Ellerman's attorney, Scott Tedmon, could not immediately be reached.

Ellerman, a 44-year-old resident of Woodland Park, Colo., is commissioner of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

He earlier represented Conte, but it was in 2004, when Ellerman was preparing Valente's

defense against steroid distribution charges that he became a key source for the two Chronicle reporters.

In March 2004, Ellerman signed an agreement that he would not disclose grand jury testimony given to him to prepare the defense. But in June of that year, he allowed Fainaru-Wada to come to his office and take verbatim notes of Montgomery, and the Chronicle published a story about the sprinter's testimony on June 24, according to court documents.

After telling Judge Susan Illston that he was angry about the leak, he filed a statement with the court swearing that he wasn't the source. And in October 2004, he filed a motion to dismiss the criminal case against Valente because of "repeated government leaks of confidential information to the media."

The following month, he again allowed Fainaru-Wada to take verbatim notes of the grand jury transcripts, this time of the testimony of Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield, the court papers show.

Prosecutors said Wednesday that a "previously unknown witness" they did not identify approached the FBI and offered to help prove that Ellerman was the source. Larry McCormack, for-

mer executive director of the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and a private investigator connected to the BALCO investigation, confirmed to The Associated Press late Wednesday that he was the one who tipped off FBI agents.

"Doing illegal things and watching people go to prison behind it and thousand and thousands of dollars being spent on it ... I didn't think it was right. I told Troy that several times," McCormack said.

"I feel bad for Troy and his family, and I wish he'd never done this to begin with," he added.

San Francisco U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan said the plea deal should end speculation that his office was a source of the leaks.

"I've maintained from the beginning that neither the agents nor the federal prosecutors involved in the BALCO case were the source of any grand jury leaks," he said. "I've always had the utmost confidence in this team's integrity."

Peter Scheer, executive director of the California First Amendment Coalition, said Ellerman's admission was one of the best possible outcomes for journalism.

"Ultimately, the reporters did not have to go to jail and they did not have to compromise on ethics, and that's a good

thing," Scheer said. "All the press can promise, and it's not a lot, is that we're not going to give you up. Of course, someone else might."

Besides Conte and Valente, chemist Patrick Arnold, Bonds' personal trainer Greg Anderson, and track coach Remi Korchemny have all pleaded guilty in the BALCO probe. Korchemny and Valente were sentenced to probation and the others were each sentenced to jail terms no longer than four months.

Bonds has never been charged but suspicion continues to dog the San Francisco Giants slugger as he chases baseball's career home run record.

He told the grand jury he thought Anderson had given him flaxseed oil and arthritic balm, rather than the BALCO steroids known as "The Clear" and "The Cream." A federal grand jury is investigating him for possible perjury and obstruction of justice charges.

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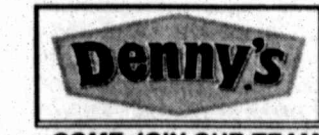
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're currently involved in a self-fulfilling prophecy. If you don't like the way it's going, it's not too late to make a different prophecy. A Virgo person can help you turn things around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love isn't a monologue. It's a dialogue with another soul. If someone is rattling on and on without regard to your

response, it's about time you interrupted. You're entitled to be heard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your social schedule is filling up. Maybe it's because you feel like being around people. Or maybe it's because you're so hilarious now. Don't forget to hold for your laughs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today has its awkward moments that don't flow, instances where you feel you're not able to be real, or scenarios that, for whatever reason, just don't work. In retrospect, those will be the best parts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you feel insecure, you focus on the slightest hint of criticism. But when you feel great, as you do now, you hear, see and read only things that support your upbeat view of yourself. As it should be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You set high standards, and you stick to them. Pushing beyond what people expect of you

is becoming a hobby of yours. Apply this habit to your personal relationships, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You settle disputes easily because you have a system that works. Your respect for the ideas and opinions of others promotes diversity and works against fear. Hopefully others are ready to listen to you. Take charge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're getting the job done. But are you running on the chemicals of adrenaline rather than natural energy? Check in with yourself. Mindless activity is the enemy of true accomplishment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're finding your way through a complicated maze. You could save yourself some time and energy by talking to your mentor or sensei — or finding a new one who has navigated this puzzle before.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Rely on your team. Loved ones will be

supportive enough to assure you they're on your side, but challenging enough to make sure your long-term best interests are served.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relaxation is a crucial part of your success formula. An activity such as gardening, cooking or showering sets your subconscious free to work on problems without your interference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's both safety and strength in numbers. The trick is getting the whole group to agree to stand for the same thing. If anyone can do this, you can. You relate to all kinds.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

Dear Annie: For religious reasons, my husband and I waited until we were married to have sex. I'm now convinced my husband is gay and used our marriage as a facade and to have children. He has admitted to sexual dreams about men and has always been more emotionally interested in men than in me.

Although we had quick, perfunctory sex for most of our marriage, in our 40s, it has diminished to nothing. I have a strong desire for a physical connection to a man who wants a woman. I feel I've lived my whole adult life denying my natural desires, and I'm angry with my husband.

Dear Confused: It has nothing to do with men over 60, but that seems to be your dating pool, so you are more likely to find the rotten apples in that barrel. We also don't know what you mean by "cheap," but that is beside the point. This man drinks to excess, is a slob, seems to be in love with his cat, and doesn't treat you as you'd like to be treated. It's time to move on.

Dear Annie: I have been to several concerts this year with my husband, who is an amputee. He is 77 years old and in a wheelchair.

Some people at these concerts are rude and inconsiderate. They stand the entire time, blocking the view of the person behind, regardless if he is handicapped or not. I recently asked a young lady to sit down because my husband couldn't see. She politely told me she paid for her ticket and could stand if she wanted.

The entertainers ought to make an announcement at the beginning of the show asking patrons to be considerate, or they should provide an area for "Standing Only." — Louisville, Ky.

Dear Annie: If you print this, maybe someone will recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse in their own family.

Often, an adult will "test the waters" to see how a child responds to a small advance. If the child doesn't report the incident, the adult feels he has a green light to continue. In our case, my father-in-law, who is 77, wanted to see more of our 9-year-old daughter's legs, so he asked if she could lift her skirt a little. She thought this was odd, but she did it — and didn't tell us.

The next week, he French-kissed her, which she also didn't mention. When I asked my daughter if she was excited that Grandpa was coming to visit again, she said, "No." She said Grandpa was acting weird and creeping her out. That's how I found out what was going on.

We can never undo abuse once it has happened, so we have to stop it before it starts. It could be someone like Grandpa, or Dad (as Grandpa was 40 years ago, when he abused his own 9-year-old daughter, as we discovered), any relative, close family friend, neighbor or teacher, male or female. Kids need to learn at a very young age that pri-

vate parts are private. If something makes them feel weird or uncomfortable, they need to TELL. If they are too little to tell, watch how they respond to different people. When your child is unhappy about a visit from someone she used to like, more could be going on. — Wiser Mom in Connecticut

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Dear Annie: At some concerts, people are going to stand, no matter what other arrangements are requested. It might be more efficient to designate a wheelchair-accessible area where patrons who cannot stand are assured of a good view. Talk to the managers of your local concert halls.

Dear Annie: I am 65-year-old semi-retired female and have met a 68-year-old retired male, "Richard." My question is, after three months, spending many evenings with him and being physically intimate, I feel he does not treat me the way he did before. Lately, he's become very cheap.

Richard has serious health problems, but drinks every day and his house is a pit. He has a cat he is devoted to and calls her "his wife." He seems immature for his age. I suspect he has been drinking for a very long time and it has stunted his emotional development.

I have been through two verbally abusive marriages and have had cheap boyfriends previously, but what is it with men over 60? — Confused in South Dakota



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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT DENNIS. HE MAKES ALL OF MY OTHER STUDENTS SEEM WELL-BEHAVED."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Guess how long it took this pen to run out of ink?"

HAGAR



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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2007. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date: In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established by Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt

escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later, on March 20.

In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.

In 1986, the Philippines National Assembly proclaimed Ferdinand E. Marcos president for another six years, following an election marked by allegations of fraud. (Marcos ended up being ousted from power.)

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kevin McCarthy is 93. Actor Allan Arbus is 89. Country singer Hank Locklin is 89. Former Illinois Congressman John Anderson is 85. Comedian Harvey Korman is 80. Actress Claire Bloom is 76. Author Susan Brownmiller is 72. Songwriter Brian Holland is 66. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks) is 63. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill is 63. Actress Jane Seymour is 56. Singer Melissa Manchester is 56. Actress Lynn Whitfield is 54. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening is 53. Model Janice Dickinson is 52.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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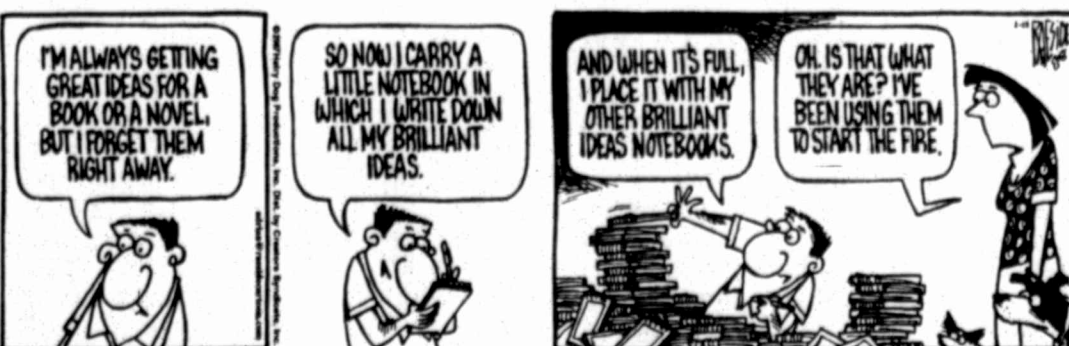
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ACROSS

- Shakespearean villain
- Jouster's suit
- They spawn fawns
- Certain swab
- "... sweet and ___ you"
- Up to nothing
- Mailed, maybe
- Throat woe
- Garb on the bench
- "Be quiet!"
- Winter hrs. in Wichita
- Tram fillers
- Peter Pan, eternally
- Word after go or great
- Highlighter, essentially
- Gunsnake setting
- Bluegrass instrument
- 2001 biopic
- Vegetable spread
- Not far off
- Bully's victim, often
- Youngest Gabor
- Get around
- Doles out, as duties
- Suffers from
- Former-surname indicator
- Cool one
- Gandhi garment
- "___ bodkins!"
- Diagram that depicts choices
- Creole cookery staple
- Strike, Biblically

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- Smarts nos.
- Got fed up with?
- Pink-lady liquor
- Decides (to)
- Relieve of anxiety
- No good
- The Bells of St. ___
- Twistable treat
- Trojan War hero
- Fruit with a core
- Repairs, as sheets
- Furnace fuel
- Boldly
- provocative
- Hägar the Horrible dog
- Lettuce purchase
- Pledge of Allegiance word
- Unpleasant tasks
- Limburger trait
- Noted exile site
- Penetrate slowly
- Leap aboard
- Dowsing stick
- Beach shelter
- Shows mercy toward
- Some opera stars
- Soccer chant
- Weather-pattern affecter
- Become furious
- Eggy cakes
- Senate committee
- "I'm onto you now!"
- They drill and fill
- Plasma purchases
- Davis of *Do the Right Thing*
- Neon or nitrogen
- Millinery proprietor
- Slap the cuffs on
- Marsh bird
- Information, slangily
- Squeezed (out)
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