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Howard College's Hawks begin Region V Tournament play at 3 p.m. Friday against high-scoring Temple College at the University of Texas at Dallas Activity Center in Richardson.

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## BRIEFLY

### ADDRESSES WANTED

The Big Spring Herald is seeking the addresses of all Big Spring and Howard County military personnel currently deployed to the Middle East.

Herald Publisher Hank Bond said the newspaper will be sending free newspapers to the service men and women helping to prepare for a possible conflict with Iraq.

### MILITARY SUPPORT

The public is invited to an organizational reception for Mission: POSSIBLE tonight in the briefing room of the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

POSSIBLE is an acronym for Provide Our Soldiers Support and Inspiration By Local Efforts.

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The purpose of the group is to support those in the military and their families.

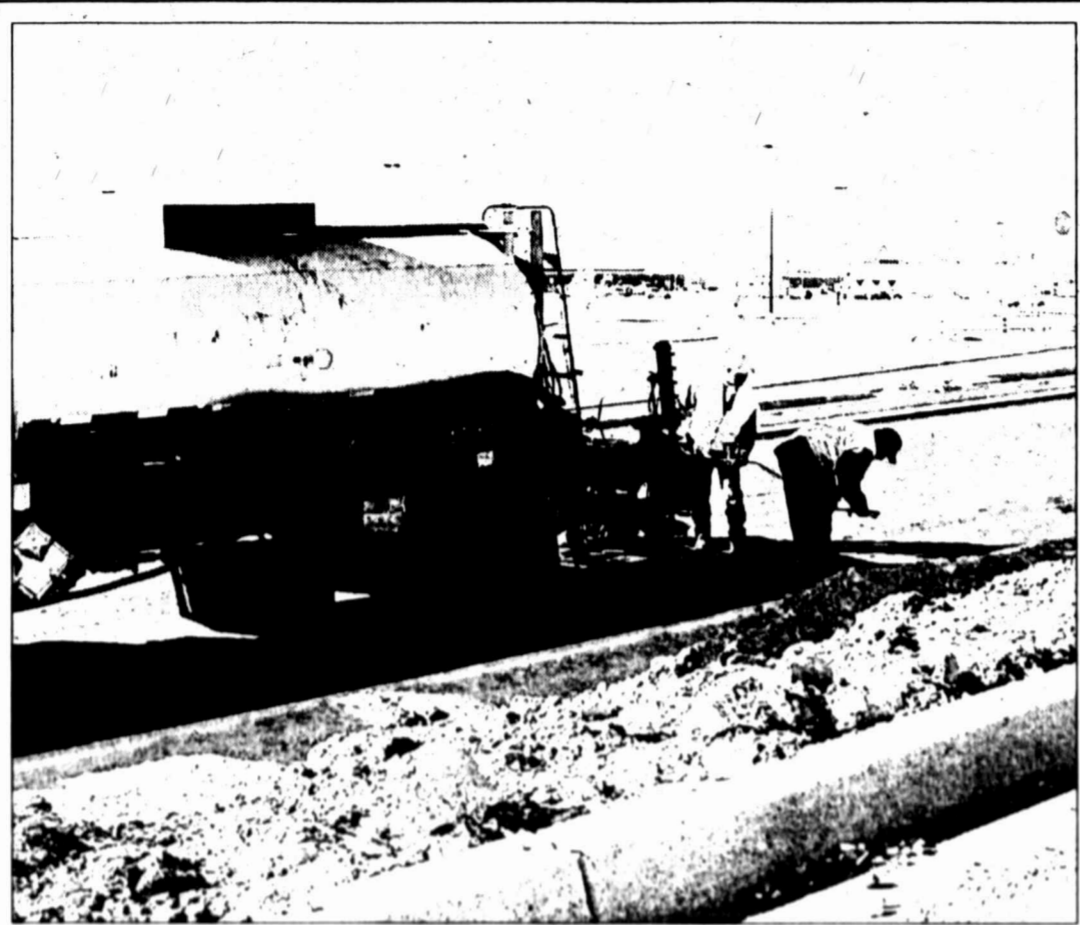
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HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Gilbert Rodriguez and Jaime Ornavas of Price Construction spread hot asphalt on the exit ramp at the FM 700/U.S. 87 intersection this morning. Weather delays have pushed back the completion date of the construction, which includes a new turnaround bridge over FM 700. A supervisor on the project said construction could be complete another month.

## Heart attack ruled as cause of death for accident victim

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The cause of death of a 48-year-old Big Spring woman involved in a traffic accident Wednesday was ruled a heart attack by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green.

Patricia Labrew was pronounced dead by doctors at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after being involved in a one-vehicle accident in the 1300 block of East 11th Street.

"The vehicle was heading east bound ... pulled up to a stop sign and stopped and then continued," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, Big Spring Police Information officer.

"Witnesses advised apparently the lady driving passed out at that time.

"The vehicle proceeded east bound and struck a tree at a low rate of speed."

Big Spring EMS personnel attempted to revive the woman at the scene. Sweatt said.

Labrew was taken to SMMC where doctors pronounced her dead, said Judge Green.

Green said he was not going to order an autopsy in this case.

Labrew's funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

## Carver to get groundwater district flowing

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, which includes Martin County and much of Howard County, is back on the right track, said newly-hired manager Ken Carver.

The district, which has been declared "non-operational" by the state, was considering a merger with the Mesa Underground Water Conservation District in Dawson County. Those

plans have been nixed and the PBUWCD is planning a turnaround, Carver said.

"What it really boiled down to was the Permian Basin was doing some activities, but they were not completing all of the activities that they had put forth in their management plan to the state that they said they would accomplish," Carver said. "So they were deficient in completing all of their objectives, so the state had declared them non-operational."

"From what I have seen thus far and from what the board has promised that they will do, I don't see it being a big problem. Challenging, yes. But it is very doable and we will get the job done."



Ken Carver,  
Permian Basin UWCD manager

The new manager said his first objective is to get the district back in compliance with state standards.

"I have been in the

groundwater business for 27 years," he said. "I was with a much larger district as assistant manager. So the key is really knowing what to do and

how to do it, and doing it timely. And then have the personnel. I can't do it by myself. I have to have the cooperation of the board."

Cooperation from the district's residents is important as well, he said.

"From what I have seen thus far and from what the board has promised that they will do, I don't see it being a big problem," he said. "Challenging, yes. But it is very doable and we will

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## Forsan candidate drought ends as Gressett seeks re-election

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

The drought for candidates in the Forsan City Council race has been broken. Council incumbent Mary Gressett filed Tuesday to seek re-election at the May 3 polls.

Gressett, a longtime veteran of the Forsan council, said she feels the governing body of that town works well together.

"I enjoy working with the council out here at

Forsan," she said. "We're a good little community."

Gressett said there are no major issues facing Howard County's smallest incorporated town.

"No, right now all we're doing is working on the grant that we got for the water, and we'll go from there," she said.

"Maintaining our city and keeping it like it is the main thing. I don't see any growth because Big Spring's not growing. I

don't feel like we will. Until Big Spring gets some retail, no one's going to grow."

Gressett is retired from the Forsan Independent School District.

Forsan has two other city council seats up for election in May. Incumbents are Fred Holguin and Clarence Williams. Forsan city council seats are elected

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## Community prayer rally planned here Wednesday

HERALD Staff Report

Want to show your support for the men and women preparing for war with Iraq?

The local Military Support Group has scheduled a "United We Stand" Community Prayer Rally for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Municipal Auditorium.

Representatives of local entities and groups will lead those attending in prayer and patriotic

music for the half-hour program.

Among those present will be Mayor Russ McEwen, City Councilman Oscar Garcia, County Commissioner Bill Crooker, Big Spring Independent School District Board President Frank Long, Sheriff Dale Walker, Fire Chief Brian Jensen, Police Chief Lonnie Smith and local

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## Hospital Relay team to sponsor pageant for all area children

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
Children birth through 18 years of age are invited to participate in a children's pageant April 26 to benefit Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team.

"Relay Rascal Razzmatazz" will be April 26 at 10 a.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, Third Street and Nolan.

Entry is \$10 and all proceeds go toward the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raiser.

Entries must be received by April 14.

Participation forms are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of

### RAZZMATAZZ

What: Children's pageant.

Where: Big Spring Memorial Auditorium, Third and Nolan.

When: 10 a.m., April 26.

For: Children birth through 18 years.

Cost: \$10 per child, received by April 14.

Commerce or can be obtained by calling event coordinator Linda Billington at (915) 268-7399.

"This will be a fun way for children to gain confi-

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Building a bank — Construction workers have the slab and the vault in place and are working on the walls of the new Western National Bank Branch in Big Spring. N.C. Sturgeon Construction is the general contractor on the branch, located on the corner of Scurry and Seventh streets. The branch is scheduled to open July 1.

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# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Opal King Dean

Opal King Dean, 92, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at the home of her granddaughter, Edilyn Smith in Snyder.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born on April 13, 1910, in Brownwood to Nevil and Rossie Gilbert Madison. She married Claude L. King in 1927. He passed away in 1960. She later married Ferman L. Dean on Aug. 16, 1973. They lived in Rising Star for a few years before moving to Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1998.

Mrs. Dean was a homemaker. She was also a member of the Big Spring Chapter 67 of the Order of the Eastern Star and an active member of Trinity Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Claude L. King Jr. of Quanah and L. Joe King and his wife, Connie, of Huron, S.D.; one brother, Louie Madison of Andrews; seven grandchildren, Claudia Kalantar and her husband, Jamal, of Colorado, Mark King of Oklahoma, Belva Laroux, Rebecca Franco and her husband, Juan, Edilyn Smith and her husband, Tony, Jill Duvall and her husband, Jerry, and Tammy King, all of Texas; 13 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Eddy R. King, and five brothers, Lois Madison, Gilbert Madison, Carl Madison, Paul Madison and Dick Madison.

The family suggests memorials to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring, 79721.

Pallbearers will be Gilbert, Bob, Mike, Dickie, Jack and Jay Madison.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### E.H. "Buddy" Robertson

E.H. "Buddy" Robertson, 71, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain with Odyssey Hospice, officiating.

Mr. Robertson was born on Oct. 13, 1931, in Colorado City and married Vera Mae Williams on Jan. 1, 1950, in Girard.

He had lived in this area all of his life, moving to Big Spring in 1965 from Colorado City. He owned and operated Country Produce for 10 years and then operated Country Computers for five years before retiring. After retiring, he worked for Cornell Corrections for a number of years.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Robertson of Big Spring; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Mike and Sue Robertson of Midland and Brian Scott Robertson of Houston; two daughters, Patti Robertson of Big Spring and Vicki Martin of Lubbock; one brother, Claude Robertson of Big Spring; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Lillian Dossey of Colorado City and Faye and J. W. Adams of Brazoria; six grandchildren, Mandy, Caleb, Justin, Pete, Linsey and Joni; and three great-grandchildren, Kaegan, Madison and Faith.

The family suggests memorials to: Special Care Unit at Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, Big Spring 79720.

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

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Pat LaBrew

Pat LaBrew, 48, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 5, 2003, in a local hospital.

Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

## Support groups

### MONDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngotomies and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

### TUESDAY

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting,

## Police blotter

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

- **VIRGINIA MARTINEZ**, 37, of 109 Pettus was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RAMERO R. GONZALES**, 51, of Sweetwater was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRANK FIERRO JR.**, 55, of 1803 Hamilton was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and on a Nolan County warrant.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 400 block of Owens.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road and the 100 block of West 18th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute. \$50 cash was reported stolen.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1300 block of East 14th Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 1300 block of East 17th Street, the 1700 block of South Lancaster Street, the 3400 block of West Seventh Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of West 18th Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2200 block of South Johnson. A maroon 1995 Buick reportedly sustained \$300 damage in the incident.
- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 1200 block of East 19th Street.

## Take note

The 1st Texas Light Artillery Company C Civil War Re-Enactment Group will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at 1312 Elm St. in Big Spring.

Anyone interested in Civil War-era battles, fashion, history or society is welcome to attend and find out what Civil War Re-Enactment is all about.

For more information call Kay Porter at 267-9604 after 5 p.m. or at 270-8264.

**SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

**THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

## VITA Volunteers

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

Those who participate are asked to park in the east lot of the Senior Center.

Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.

Anyone who cannot come in on Monday mornings or who is handicapped and needs at-home assistance — or, anyone needing further information — should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email [jmoseley@crcm.net](mailto:jmoseley@crcm.net).

### TODAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Friends of the Howard County Library, noon, Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Main St., noon, Rail Road Museum, Second St. and Main.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Citizen's Police Academy Association, 5:30 p.m. RSVP office, 501 Runnels.

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg Building.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

## Lottery

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$14 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 1-6-7-27-52-53.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$19 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-5

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-6

## Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds around 5 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

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

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy and cooler. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Big Spring Junior High School students from left, front row: Herrod, Callie Pa...

## Lack of creativity

By LYNDEL MOORE

Staff Writer

"Fungus Among Us" is not the title of the big screen Hollywood flick but the title of a project earning a place at the Big Spring Junior High School Science and Environment Fair.

Taking from their seventh grade Partee and Niday set out to see what most germs — school or the junior high school would do. The junior high school has more people said.

With cotton petri dishes in girls' schools, swabbing and floors to what type of microorganisms inhabit buildings.

Once their project was complete, the Partee used the Mountain Medicine incubator to their cache of organisms. The incubator also provided the results of the project.

The results of the day project schools were germy, the girls' schools were germier. More than 100 students and seventh graders participated in the school fair, said Potter, eighth grade teacher.

"Overall, the project was great. I was impressed with the projects everybody did," Potter added. "Students from a large portion of the schools outside of Big Spring participated in the seventh grade Partee. Herrod and Niday, that night didn't get any sleep."

"One day we had a sleep and one day we had a series of tests, ball, spelling, etc.," Nghiem said. "Their study, 'The Effect of Sleep on the Human Brain' was the best."

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Big Spring Junior High Science Fair winners who placed in the top three of the event are, from left, front row, Aihan Nghiem, Nita Cotton and Braden Schaffner, and back row, Jordan Herrod, Callie Partee and Shane Bowles.

## Lack of sleep or lots of fungus, creativity shines at science fair

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

"Fungus Among Us," is not the title of the next big screen Hollywood horror flick but the findings of two teen scientists and a project earning second place at the Big Spring Junior High School Science and Engineering Fair.

Taking from an idea they saw on television, seventh graders Callie Partee and Nita Cotton set out to see who had the most germs — the high school or the junior high.

"We thought the high school would dirtier than the junior high because it has more people," Cotton said.

With cotton tips and petri dishes in hand, the girls scoured both schools, swabbing doors and floors to find out what type of microscopic creatures inhabited the buildings.

Once their collection was complete, Cotton and Partee used the Scenic Mountain Medical Center incubator to cultivate their cache of microorganisms. The hospital also provided the materials for the project without charge.

The results of the eight-day project — both schools were equally germ, the girls said.

More than 100 eighth and seventh grade students participated at the school fair, said Audrey Potter, eighth grade science teacher.

"Overall, the quality was great. I was very impressed with the projects everybody turned in," Potter added.

Students completed a large portion of their projects outside of class. For seventh graders Jordan Herrod and Aihan Nghiem, that meant they didn't get any sleep — literally.

"One day we stayed up and one day we had no sleep and then we did a series of tests — basketball, spelling and checkers," Nghiem said.

Their study, "Does Lack of Sleep Effect How Well the Human Body

Functions?," placed first in the fair.

Now Herrod and Nghiem and Cotton and Partee will showcase their work at the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair set for March 22 at the University of Texas Permian Basin campus.

More than 400 area students from third to 12th grade are expected to attend the competition. At the fair, Intermediate — sixth-eighth grade, and senior — ninth-12th grade, students have a chance to advance to the Exxon Mobil Texas State Science and Engineering fair held in April in Arlington.

Results of the science Big Spring Junior High School Science fair are as follows:

- First, Herrod and

Nghiem, "Does Lack of Sleep Effect How Well the Human Body Functions?"

- Second, Partee and Cotton, "The Fungus Among Us."

- Third, Braden Schaffner and Shane Bowles, "Interfering Signals."

- Fourth, Alyssa Rains and Brinnan Pierce, "The Effects of Music on the Concentration of the Human Brain."

- Fifth, Jared Wilkerson, "Which Whitening Toothpaste Whittens Teeth Brighter?"

- Sixth, Emily Hanes and Maddy Hopkins, "Water Taste Test."

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Big Spring Junior High Science Fair winners who placed fourth through sixth of the event are, from left, front row, Maddy Hopkins and Alyssa Rains, and back row, Emily Hanes, Jared Wilkerson and Brinnan Pierce.

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get the job done."

Carver said he's looking at a tentative timeline of between six and nine months to get the district back in compliance, but the decision is up to the state.

"We have just received a letter from the state requiring some information from us, and that is the start of this process," he said. "They will actually set the timeline. Me, I'm operating at the present time as if six to nine months, we should have everything in line to bring it back in compliance. At that time we're going to set out to bring up the standard a lot higher than the minimum standard that the state requires."

The district's board of directors has already been quite cooperative, Carver said.

"One of the first things I requested when I was hired was to be able to go in there and modernize the office," he said. "A new computer system and high-speed Internet and start there so that we can build our water quality

databases and have it put in and computerized. They have authorized the purchase of all that equipment."

Additional staff members have also been authorized, he added.

"We're talking about secretarial help and then we're talking about a field person that can go out and do the water quality testing and collection of the data and things like that," he said. "I think those things are going to demonstrate to the state that the board of directors are serious about bringing it into compliance and making it a viable district, and I think they will work with us."

Carver, born in Mineral, Wells and raised near Fort Worth, received a degree from Texas Tech in agriculture education. Most recently, he worked with the High Plains water district.

"I had taken early retirement from the High Plains water district in Lubbock and I had been out for about three years," he said. "I had known that (the PBWD) needed a manager for

some time, and I had visited previously with the president of the board, John Campbell, and at that time they weren't in a position to hire. I had been in Arizona for the winter and I had come back to Lubbock to take care of some personal business and John and I got to talking. I found out the job was open and they were ready to hire someone."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Dorothy Coates, 76, died Friday. Funeral services will be 11:30 AM, Thursday at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Cecil L. Mackey, 88, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Opal Dean, 92, died Tuesday. Services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. Graveside services will be at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder. The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## PRAYER

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veterans, farmers and ministers.

Following the event will be a concert by the Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir, a group of children from Ghana, the Sudan, Uganda, and other African countries.

In addition to traditional African songs, the chil-

dren will sing well-known children's songs, popular gospel tunes and spirituals.

The event is free to the public, and a love offering will be collected to support the choir's needy children.

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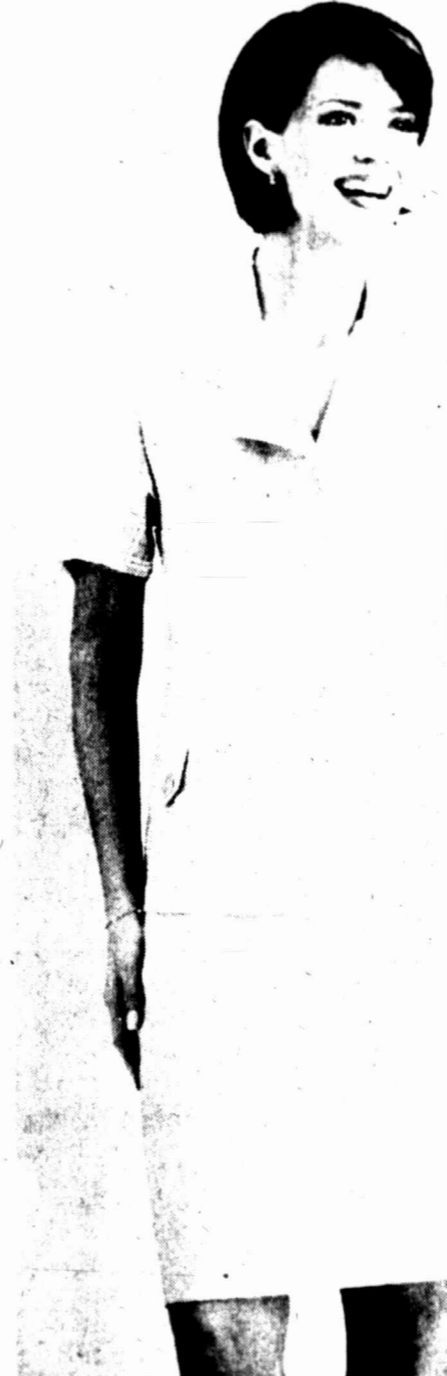


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## OUR VIEWS

Back the Hawks  
and see some  
great basketball

Howard College's Hawks are returning to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region V men's basketball tournament.

While Howard teams are no strangers to the post-season, the Hawks will be returning to regional competition following a one-year hiatus.

And there will be something new about this year's Region V tournament — a new host. After several years of playing at Texas Tech University's United Spirit Center in Lubbock, the four representatives of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) — Howard, South Plains, Odessa and Clarendon — and top four teams from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference (NTJCAC) — McLennan, Hill, Temple and Collin County — will play at the University of Texas at Dallas.

UT-Dallas, of course, is actually located in Richardson.

The Hawks will open tournament play taking on Temple at 3 p.m. Friday.

It promises to be exciting. Howard, which climbed to as high as No. 2 in the NJCAA men's poll this season and is now ranked 15th in the nation, takes a 27-3 record into the regional opener. Temple, despite being unranked, finished third in the NTJCAC with a 24-6 slate, but leads the nation in scoring with an average of 107 points per game.

We want to congratulate Hawks head coach Chris Jans and his players on their impressive season and encourage all Howard College fans, not just the student following, to make the trip to the Dallas area this weekend to support the team.

Not only will you play a part in representing our community, and lend support to a team that so richly deserves that backing, but you'll see probably the best basketball that will be played in the Lone Star state this weekend.

We'll see you there.

## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

We of the Greater FM 700 Revitalization Association would like to take time to say thank you to everyone in Big Spring and the surrounding area towns for your support in our first fundraising.

We appreciate each person who purchased a ticket on the 2003, 100th anniversary Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle.

Our grand winner was Shiela Armstrong of the Big Spring area. We will present a scholarship to Howard College this fall.

Our fund-raiser was quite successful. Our thanks again to everyone who bought a ticket.

BRIAN MICHAELZ,  
JODY SWINNEY,  
TOMMY CHURCHWELL  
AND GAY HERREN

TO THE EDITOR:  
I am writing in regard to the new ordinance that the city council is trying to pass and enforce.

After you pay your

hard-earned money for your place to live, it should be your right to use it your own way, not the way someone else thinks is proper.

These people are forcing their views on everyone. Would they like it if a group of people got together and made them park on their grass and not in the driveway? No they wouldn't.

I believe that these people are not happy with their own lives, so they are trying to direct other people's lives like Hitler did. These people are trying to force their beliefs on everyone and are using the city council, the code enforcement department and the police department to accomplish that.

Please let everyone have their own life.

People need to wake up. They are losing their rights one by one. We have already lost so many.

DENNIS RICHARDSON  
BIG SPRING

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we never do more, Lord, than we can pray about.  
Amen

## Hydrogen power sticker shock

There's something about bad ideas and Washington that go together.

So expect a smooth ride for the Freedom CAR — a new Bush initiative that proposes to spend \$1.7 billion on the development of a hydrogen-powered car.

"If you're interested in our environment and if you're interested in doing what's right for the American people, if you're tired of the same old endless struggles that seem to produce nothing but noise and high bills, let us promote hydrogen-fuel cells as a way to advance into the 21st century." President Bush said in a speech that hyped the FreedomCAR program last month.

What Bush didn't say is that the FreedomCAR easily could produce

"nothing but noise and high bills" as well, if history is an indicator.

You see, FreedomCAR is a reincarnation of a bad Clinton program, the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV), instituted in 1993. At a cost to taxpayers of \$1.5 billion, the PNGV partnered with American automobile manufacturers to develop an affordable family car that gets 80 miles per gallon.

You never saw that car. The Big Three automakers and your \$1.5 billion didn't deliver that car, while Toyota and Honda developed hybrid cars — cars fueled by both electricity and gasoline — such as the Prius, which averages 50 miles a gallon.

As the National Taxpayers Union wrote in a new issues brief, "Toyota can research, develop and market a successful hybrid car on its own, but General Motors requires subsidies from the government?"

Gives you pause, does-

n't it?

The Bushies realized that PNGV was a dog, so they decided to push for a different goal — a hydrogen-powered car with its futuristic promise of no exhaust and no greenhouse gases.

Alas, the FreedomCAR also has a futuristic price tag. Carlos Ghosn, the chief executive of Nissan, quipped to The New York Times that the sticker on a hydrogen fuel-cell car would be around \$700,000.

Last month, The New York Times Week in Review asked watchdog groups what they'd cut in the federal budget. From right to left and in the middle, the National Taxpayers Union, Cato Institute, the Natural Resources Defense Council and Taxpayers for Common Sense listed the FreedomCAR.

Sierra Club spokesman Eric Antebi noted that Toyota now makes a profit on the Prius — well, after its research and development costs — and Ford is about to market a hybrid SUV. "If this is the direction that

consumers are going in, and the auto companies are going in, why is the administration going in a completely different direction?" Antebi added. "It doesn't make any sense."

Enviros also don't like the fact that the FreedomCAR eases the pressure on Detroit to increase fuel efficiency. Bush will be able to say that he's doing something about fuel efficiency, just as Clinton said before.

The rub is that fuel efficiency may or may not materialize in a decade or two — the only certainty is that taxpayer money will be spent.

National Taxpayers Union spokesman Pete Sepp noted that "a wasteful project doesn't become less so because it has a GOP label on it." His group plans to turn up the heat on the FreedomCAR. Bully, because Republicans are supposed to oppose big government, especially corporate welfare.

FreedomCAR's just another word for \$1.7 billion more to lose.

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"What? When I said you were  
'beefing up,' I meant it as  
a compliment."

## Ted Kennedy's grand design

The Democratic filibuster against judicial nominee Miguel Estrada has little to do with the 41-year-old Honduran immigrant. It is part of a grand design to talk to death a succession of conservative judges

selected by President Bush. Democrats are intent on keeping the Senate from voting on any appellate nominations that do not meet the party's specifications.

This extraordinary design, without precedent in two centuries of judicial nominations, was launched Jan. 30 in the office of Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle. Present were Assistant Leader Harry Reid and six Senate Judiciary Committee Democrats. With all pledged to secrecy, the fateful decision was made to filibuster Estrada's nomination.

That was only the beginning. One Judiciary Committee member there was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the Senate's 71-year-old liberal lion. In private conversations with Daschle and in Democratic caucuses,

Kennedy has pressed a plan to prevent President Bush from putting his ideological stamp on the federal bench. As Republicans returned this week from recess, they had no immediate response to this threat.

Internal Senate sources depict a Senate minority on an audacious mission. Rare use of the filibuster to keep a judicial nominee off the bench is only the tip of the iceberg. Multiple filibusters would generate the first full-scale effort in American history to prevent a president from picking the federal judges he wants.

At the Jan. 30 meeting in Daschle's office, the eight senators agreeing to filibuster the Estrada nomination did not discuss his merits or demerits as a nominee for the District of Columbia appeals court, second in importance only to the U.S. Supreme Court. Rather, the objections to Estrada were political and procedural. His confirmation, they agreed, would set a precedent that appellate nominees need not answer detailed questions and would make it hard to stop him as a possible future Supreme Court nominee. The senators talked about slowing down a Bush "assembly line" of conservative nominees and cited support from an energized Democratic

base.

Considering these politicized views, what Kennedy said when he took the Senate floor five days later sounds disingenuous. Demand for Estrada's memos as a government lawyer, Kennedy said, "would be helpful in understanding Mr. Estrada's fitness for a judgeship" — as if he had not decided to talk the nomination to death.

Off the Senate floor, Kennedy was more candid. According to Senate sources, he urged Daschle to devise a long-term strategy: to make a short list of judicial nominees that the Democrats would keep from ever coming to a vote. Privately, Kennedy talks frankly of a filibuster strategy.

While conceding that Estrada is "intelligent," Kennedy has told colleagues that he must be filibustered because of the need to win an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation with the White House. Kennedy tells his younger associates that Bush's application of an ideological litmus test constitutes the "worst" judicial nomination process he has seen in 40 years of service. He accuses the president of daring Senate Democrats to keep ideologues off the court and refers to Estrada as a "stealth right-wing zealot." Such comments belie the

notion that Bush's nominees would be given a Senate vote if only they would answer some questions.

Such an intractable position raises the question of how Democrats would expect to get any judges confirmed in the event that Bush is defeated for re-election but the Senate remains Republican in the 2004 voting. The Republican Judiciary Committee chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, is outraged by the Democratic strategy and ready to respond in kind. But Hatch will not be chairman in 2005, thanks to Republican term limits.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, next in GOP seniority, as chairman might stop the cycle of vengeance.

That's what worries Republican strategists, who talk about jumping conservative Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona above Specter to guarantee a strong hand in the confirmation wars. Well in advance, there is consideration of blocking a vote on future judicial nominees by a Democratic president until the Republican nominees who had been blocked by filibuster are confirmed. That is the morass into which the Senate is being led by Teddy Kennedy, its second most senior member.

## In

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choice. This restaurant is located on Gregg Street, here in Big Spring.

Coworkers and I eat at this restaurant at least once a week. This

## Fact

Secondhand smoke is as the sn inhaled smokers. This someone smoking cigarettes, cigars or pipes in the indoor environment.

Second-hand smoke has also been referred to as "environmental tobacco smoke," "ETS," "passive smoking" or "sidestream smoke." Ja

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# In the kitchen.... with Beth

In this visit I want to start off by telling you about this week's restaurant of choice. This restaurant is located on Gregg Street, here in Big Spring. Coworkers and I eat at this restaurant at least once a week. This



BETH BOND

restaurant is another one of the most consistent restaurants I have ever visited. No matter how many times I go to Rocky's, the food tastes exactly the same and the employees are always helpful and courteous. I am impressed! My sandwich of choice at Rocky's is the fish sandwich with cheese, so this is something to try the first time or the next time you visit Rocky's. Now on to the recipe of the week.

**Sauteed Tuna Steaks with Garlic Sauce**  
2 large garlic cloves, minced  
1 tablespoon and 1-1/2 teaspoons olive oil  
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper  
4 tuna steaks (6 ounces), each 1 inch thick  
1-1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley or basil

In a large, heavy non-stick skillet, cook the

garlic in 1 tablespoon of the oil over very low heat, until the garlic's aroma is apparent, about 30 to 60 seconds, stirring frequently. Immediately add the vinegar, 1/8 teaspoon of the salt and half of the pepper. Remove the mixture to a bowl and cover it with foil to keep it warm. Season the fish with the remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt and the remaining pepper. Heat the remaining 1-1/2 teaspoon oil in the same

skillet over medium heat. Add the fish and cook until it's browned on the first side, approximately 4 to 5 minutes. Turn it over and cook it until the fish is just opaque throughout. It should take about 3 to 4 minutes. Serve the fish topped with the garlic sauce and parsley or basil.

Next week we will visit again with another great recipe from the culinary world and I will let you know where to dine and

hope to have an A+ restaurant experience.

*Beth Bond is a certified chef with a culinary degree and a hotel-motel degree from Sullivan University in Louisville, Ky. She also has several years' experience in the hospitality and food service industries. She can be reached by e-mail at BethBond@mail.com, writing the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721, or calling 915-263-7331.*

## Facts about the dangers of second hand smoke

Secondhand tobacco smoke is defined as the smoke inhaled by non-smokers. This includes smoke in the air from someone smoking cigarettes, cigars or pipes in the indoor environment. Second-hand smoke has also been referred to as "environmental tobacco smoke," "involuntary smoking" or "passive smoke." Janie



KATIE WALKER

Harris, housing specialist for Texas Cooperative Extension, states, "Of the 4,000 chemicals found in tobacco smoke, 200 are known poisons and around 40 of these could cause cancer." Secondhand smoke can cause many acute and chronic health problems. Exposure to this smoke increases irritation of the eyes, nose and throat. It also causes lung irritation, which results in coughing, chest discomfort and reduced lung capacity. Secondhand smoke can also lead to heart disease, as well as serious health problems in children, whose sensitive lungs are still devel-

oping. Children of smokers experience a wide variety of alarming health risks. These include increased instances of disease and hospitalization, increased risk of premature death and increased medical expenses. They also suffer interference with growth and development and a hindered quality of life. Children who live with secondhand smoke have more respiratory illnesses and are more susceptible to asthma. They also have more ear infections, hearing problems and are more likely to miss school due to an illness. If you are a parent, it is

your responsibility to give your children the opportunity to grow up in a smoke-free environment. There are many ways to reduce your children's exposure to secondhand smoke. Do not smoke in the home or in cars that transport children. Ask others to avoid

smoking in your home and car. Also, make sure the places where your children spend time, such as daycare or school, ensure a smoke-free environment. Remember, secondhand smoke is an entirely preventable health risk.

*Katie Walker is the Texas Cooperative Extension agent for family and consumer sciences for Howard County. She may be reached at 264-2246. Her office is located on the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse.*

## Paraplegic joins Everest trek

HERALD Staff Report

Riley Woods, son of George and LaDonna Woods of Big Spring, has been accepted to be part of the Everest '03 Challenge Trek Team in conjunction with the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, an Austin-based organization. Woods is confined to a wheelchair, the result of a spinal cord injury which occurred while he was in his junior year at West Point.

"The purpose of the trip is really about showing people with disabilities that they do not have to be hampered with that," said Woods. "You can do everything, even take on something like Mt. Everest. I want to give hope to people that they can do anything they want."

It will take about \$6,100 to pay for the trip, plus another \$500 to \$1,500 in equipment, clothing and the like.

Anyone interested in helping Woods acquire the funding he needs can reach him at (254) 741-9120 or by e-mail at Riley72@aol.com

Checks should be made payable to SAT PVA and mailed to Woods at 1199 Western Oaks, Woodway, Texas, 76712. The checks

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## Ritchey, Yanez are tops in Goliad's first science fair

HERALD Staff Report

Two Big Spring novice scientists are heading to regional competition after winning the first Goliad Intermediate School Science and Engineering Fair.

Competing against more than 100 Goliad fifth graders, Martin Yanez and Matt Ritchey received the Best of the Fair award for their individual projects.

"This is the first year that students have competed at this level in the Big Spring Independent School District," said Caren Schmidt, Goliad fifth-grade teacher. "Hopefully more and more grade levels in BSISD will join in and take part in the competition."

Science is essential to the education of young students, Schmidt said.

"It teaches students to ask questions and to

"Students must set aside their opinions and focus on the facts. Sometimes students are surprised by what they find out."



Sometimes students are surprised by what they find out.

Caren Schmidt,

Goliad fifth grade teacher

think critically," she said. "Students must set aside their opinions and focus on the facts. Sometimes students are surprised by what they find out."

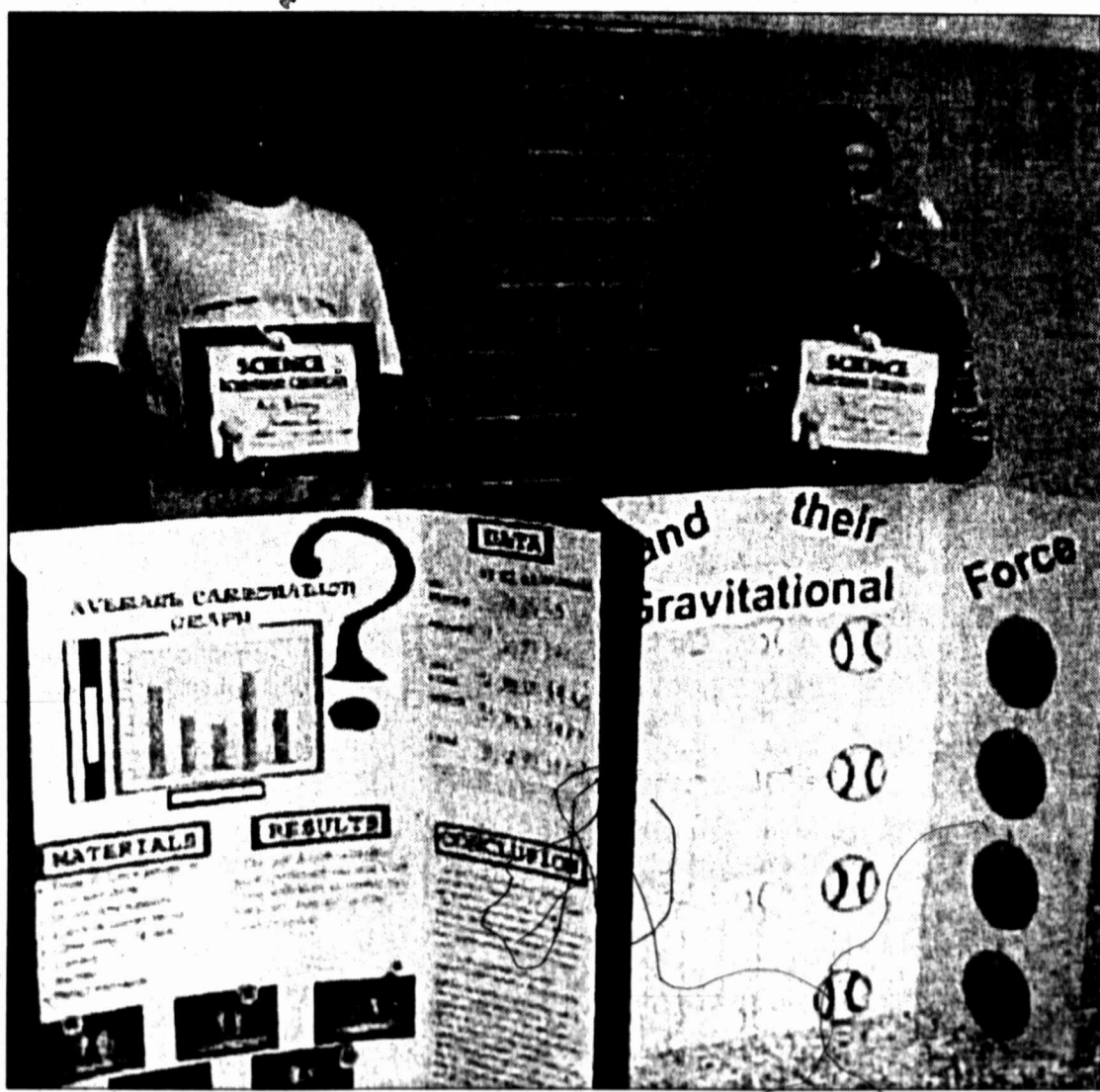
The local win allows Yanez and Ritchey to participate in the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair set for March 22 at the University of Texas Permian Basin campus.

Around 400 area students from third to 12th

grade are expected to showcase projects to be scrutinized by science fair judges. Competition falls in three levels, third through fifth, junior; sixth through eighth, intermediate; and ninth through 12th, senior.

Students placing first and second in the intermediate and senior levels qualify for the Exxon Mobile Texas Science and Engineering Fair set for April in Arlington. At state competition, senior level students vie for a slot at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

"In order for Big Spring students to compete at that level, they must begin at an early age," Schmidt said. "Children love science because it is fun to experiment. In order to keep students interested in science, students must be able to do experiments in the classroom."



Mike Ritchey, left, and Martin Yanez, both fifth-graders, were the winners of the Goliad Intermediate Science and Engineering Fair for their individual projects. The win allows the boys to participate in the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair set for March 22 at the University of Texas Permian Basin campus.

## RELAY

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dence by being on stage in front of their friends and family," Billington said. "This is a low-key children's pageant and is not a beauty pageant."

Children will model "Sunday Best" attire and participate in an on-stage

things, as name, age, school, hobbies, ambitions," Billington said. "We want them to feel comfortable and at ease."

Age groups will be divided into: newborn-12 months, 13 months-2 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-18 years.

receive a ribbon and a certificate.

Winners will be recognized at the Relay for Life event and can be present to hand out balloons to the cancer survivors during the "Survivors Walk." All winners must have a guardian or parent present when they hand out

## DROUGHT

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on an at-large basis.

Two of three Big Spring City Council races are currently contested.

In District 2, incumbent Oscar Garcia faces challengers W.A. "Woody" Jumper and Manuel Ramirez, while District 6

has said he will not seek re-election to the seat.

In Coahoma, Mayor Bill Read is the only person who has filed for the race thus far. As well as the mayor's position, council seats currently held by David Elmore and Ricky Stone are up for grabs. In Coahoma, the mayor and

begin April 16 and end April 29.

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# Sp Lady

By TOMMY WELL

Sports Editor

The Big Spring will try and complete an impressive start high school tomorrow at the West Texas Relay at Ratliff Stadium. One of 64 teams from West Texas will participate in the meet scheduled to Saturday.

Tomorrow's meet consists of finals in 100 and 200 yard Preliminary race in the remaining

# 'W



Freshman JeKel Foy runs during the relay meet on Thursday afternoon when they open

# Have tour

By TOMMY WELL

Sports Editor

When Howard Chris Jans takes the field on Thursday afternoon at the Uni activity center, he leads his team's very line on the line. It's time, you see, brings another day.

He knows all that all the ha sweat, and tears into making the one of the elite in the nation caught if they don't care of business to end. After three 27 wins and 27 miles wandering expanse known Texas, the entire comes down to three games in D.

"Everything will through the year to prepare us for reference tournament Jans, now in his the Howard ( Obviously, we f

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells: at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: jmoosey@crcom.net

### Lady Steers set to compete at WT Relays

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers will try and continue their impressive start to the 2003 high school track season tomorrow at the first day of the West Texas Relays at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium. Big Spring is one of 61 teams from throughout West Texas slated to participate in the meet which is scheduled to run through Saturday.

Tomorrow's action will consist of finals in the field events and distance running. Preliminary races will be held in the remaining events.

The Lady Steers, competing in the Division II field, could make a big impact in tomorrow's field events. The Lady Steers, behind strong efforts from Ka'Rissa Magers, Raegan Ritchey, Amisha Vanderbilt, Cierra Butler and Ashley Smith, used a strong performance in the field last week in Lubbock and rolled to the girls' team title at the Lubbock Invitational. Magers, Vanderbilt and Butler all won first-place honors in field events.

All three will be in action tomorrow, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Last week, Magers sailed 17-

feet, 5 1/4 inches to win the long jump title. Vanderbilt won the shot put crown, while Butler won the discus.

Moshea Hurrington and Vanderbilt could also compete for the discus crown. They were second and third, respectively, last week.

Big Spring sprinter Brandon Mendoza keys the BSHS Steers' efforts at the meet. He was second in toe 100-meter dash last week.

Joining Big Spring in the Division II field will be Amarillo; Artesia; Dumas; El Paso; Hereford; Lubbock; Midland; Odessa and Canyon.

#### West Texas Relays

The following is the Division II schedule of events for the West Texas Relays, which will be held Friday and Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

**Friday**  
**Field Event Finals**  
1:30 p.m. — Division II Girls: High Jump, Discus, Division II Boys: High Jump, Shot Put, Long Jump  
3:30 p.m. — Division II Girls: Long Jump, Division II Boys: Long Jump  
**Running Events**  
(For both divisions, boys and girls)  
**Finals**  
3:20 p.m. — 3,200 Meter run (at Permian High School)  
**Preliminaries**  
1:30 p.m. — 400 Relay  
2 p.m. — 400 Meters (Girls)  
2:50 p.m. — 100 Meters (East side), 110 Hurdles (West side)  
3 p.m. — 800 Meters (at Permian High School)  
3:55 p.m. — 400 Meters (Boys)  
4:30 p.m. — 1,600 Meter run (at Permian High School)  
4:55 p.m. — 800 Relay  
5:25 p.m. — 300 Hurdles  
6:20 p.m. — 200 Meters  
7 p.m. — 1,600 Meters

Put, Division II boys: Triple Jump, Discus, Shot Put  
Nixon — Division II boys: Pole Vault  
**Running Events**  
(For both divisions, boys and girls)  
**Finals**

1 p.m. — 400 Relay  
1:35 p.m. — 800 Meters  
1:55 p.m. — 100 Hurdles (for girls) 110 Hurdles (for boys)  
2:20 p.m. — 100 Meters  
2:45 p.m. — 800 Meter Relay  
3:05 p.m. — 400 Meters  
3:25 p.m. — 300 Hurdles  
3:45 p.m. — 200 Meters  
4:05 — 1,600 Meters  
4:35 p.m. — 1,600 Relay

#### Division II Boys teams

Amarillo High, Artesia (N.M.), Big Spring, Dumas, El Paso, Jefferson, Hereford, Lubbock High, Midland High, Midland Lee, Lubbock Monterey, El Paso Montwood, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Canyon Randall, El Paso Socratic, El Paso Chaparral

#### Division II Girls teams

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#### Region V Tournament

## 'Whatever it takes'

## Ryan going to the Hall?



Freshman JeKel Foster and the nationally-ranked Howard College Hawks begin their quest at earning a berth in the national tournament tomorrow afternoon when they open play in the Region V Basketball Tournament. Howard College needs just three more wins to reach the national finals.

## Hawks begin quest for berth in national tournament against high-octane Leopards

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

When Howard College Hawks' head coach Chris Jans takes to the court tomorrow afternoon at the University of Texas at Dallas activity center, he'll know his team's very life will be on the line. It's playoff time, you see. A win brings another day.

He knows all too well that all the hard work, sweat, and tears that went into making the Hawks one of the elite programs in the nation could go for naught if they don't take care of business this weekend. After three months, 27 wins and countless miles wandering the great expanse known as West Texas, the entire season comes down to this — three games in Dallas.

"Everything we've done through the year has been to prepare us for this conference tournament," said Jans, now in his second year at the helm of the Howard College men's program. "Obviously, we feel good about where we're

at right now but we can't take anything for granted. We have to go out every night and play our best game.

"We've got to do whatever it takes to win and reach the national tournament in Hutchinson," he added.

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*I like the make-up and work ethic of this team. You have to deserve to win and be here. I think these guys have done that. They have earned the right to be at this tournament and to play for a chance to go to Hutchinson.*  
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Chris Jans  
Hawks head coach

The Hawks' game with Temple could give

The Hawks will try and take their first step toward Kansas tomorrow at the 3 p.m. when they open the Region V Tournament against the Temple Junior College Leopards. The Hawks, 27-3, enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed out of the Western Junior College Athletic Association. Temple JC, 24-6, is the No. 3 seed from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Association.

The Region V Tournament is scheduled to run through Sunday. Should Howard College win its first two games they would play in the championship bout at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.



Sophomore Jared Fears will help the HC defense try and slow down the nation's top scoring team in Temple. The Leopards averaged 107 points a game this season.

ARLINGTON (AP) — Even at the end of his Hall of Fame 27-year career, Nolan Ryan provided most of the few memorable moments in Texas Rangers history.

So it was no surprise that Ryan, who played the final five seasons of his career in Arlington, led the cast of 13 finalists for the inaugural class of the Rangers' Hall of Fame. The team released the list of nominees last week.

Fan balloting will take place in April and May at all home games to select up to three members for the Rangers Hall of Fame class of 2003. Induction ceremonies will be Aug. 2 prior to the Rangers game against Cleveland.

"Today is a great day for the Texas Rangers," Rangers president Michael Cramer said. "We haven't made it to the World Series yet, but we will. That doesn't mean we don't have a proud history of players and tradition."

Ryan's tenure with the Rangers remains one of the sparse bright spots for a franchise that's made only three postseason appearances — winning only one game against the New York Yankees — in its 41-year history.

The native of Alvin, about 25 miles southeast of Houston, brought a dose of celebrity and skill that the Rangers had been sorely missing when he was signed away from the Houston Astros on Dec. 7, 1988.

During his time with the Rangers, Ryan

#### BS baseball tourney starts

The Big Spring Steers opened the 2003 BSHS baseball tournament this morning against the Hereford. In all, seven teams are competing for the championship rights.

The Steers tipped off today's slate of games at 8:30 a.m. at Steer Park.

Big Spring will face either Brownwood or Odessa in the second round. A win sends the Steers into an 11 a.m. bout at Jack Barber Field. A loss drops the Steers into a 4 p.m. consolation game at Steer Park.

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The Howard College Hawks cheerleaders will join a large contingent of Big Spring fans traveling to the Metroplex this weekend to watch the Hawks participate in the Region V Tournament. Members of the HC cheerleading squad are Amber Ybarra, Julie Sims, Nicole Payne, Andy Nunez, Whitney Millican, Logan Long, Jade Hughes, Dana Gonzales, Candace Gamble, Kristina Dominguez, Kortne Covey, Brad Armendariz, Kacie Aciri and Charles Abalos.

# Shroff, Juan roll to 1-2 finish at junior high meet

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Roshan Shroff and Bryan Juan didn't wear a cape or funny blue tights, but they probably looked a lot like Superman clones Saturday afternoon during the Big Spring Junior High School tennis tournament.

Shroff and Juan powered their way past a talented field of 145 junior high netters gathered at the Figure Seven Tennis Complex and rolled to a 1-2 finish in the eight grade singles competition. Shroff, the younger brother of Big Spring High School tennis greats Jay and Vishal Shroff, nailed down the eight grade title with a solid performance.

He edged out Bryan in the final standings. Snyder's Wesley Price finished third, overall.

In girls' singles action, Westbrook's Lindsey Chavez was the toast of the tournament. She won the girls' crown by edging out former Coahoma teammate Callie Page.

The Andrews Lady Mustangs dominated the doubles events. They posted a 1-2 finish in the girls' doubles event and claimed first in the boys division.

Coahoma's Stephen Ewing and Cody Scoggins finished second in the final doubles standings. The Bulldogs, anchored by a strong effort from Michael Yeater, also took third.

Big Spring's Crystal Ward was without equal in the seventh grade girls' single bracket. She

cruised through the tournament with relative ease.

Teammate Allison Ward was third in the overall standings.

The Sweetwater Lady Mustangs garnered a 1-3 finish in the girls' doubles final results. Snyder was second.

Coahoma standout Josh Ball turned in a strong effort in the boys' singles bracket. He placed third overall, finishing behind Snyder's Daniel Burk and Sweetwater's Ryan Gonzales, respectively.

Andrews won the boys' doubles event.

The Big Spring Junior High School tennis teams will be returning to action this afternoon in a local meet. The teams are slated to begin action at 3:45 p.m. at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex.

### Big Spring Junior High School Tennis Tournament

(Held at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex)

#### Seventh Grade Final Results

**Girls Singles**  
1. C. Ward Big Spring  
2. Hoffman Andrews  
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**Doubles**  
1. Mearns/Jones Sweetwater  
2. Hodner/Mearns Snyder  
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**Boys Singles**  
1. Daniel Burk Snyder  
2. Ryan Gonzales Sweetwater  
3. Josh Ball Coahoma

**Doubles**  
1. Richeson/Martino Andrews  
2. Burch/Brewster Snyder  
3. Gallego/Austin Andrews

#### Eighth Grade Final Results

**Girls Singles**  
1. Lindsey Chavez Westbrook  
2. Callie Page Coahoma  
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**Doubles**  
1. Hernandez/Allen Andrews  
2. Eisenrich/Carruth Andrews  
3. Espinoza/Spradlin Sweetwater

**Boys Singles**  
1. Roshan Shroff Big Spring  
2. Bryan Juan Big Spring  
3. Wesley Price Snyder

**Doubles**  
1. Bailey/Frazier Andrews  
2. Ewing/Scoggins Coahoma  
3. Yeater/Long Coahoma

# Coahoma powerlifters looking to garner state berths this weekend

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Coahoma High School powerlifting program probably doesn't have the overall numbers to walk away with the Region 1-2A Powerlifting Championships title this weekend but that doesn't mean they aren't capable of making a few waves and earning a few tickets to the state tournament.

Five Coahoma lifters, including four CHS girls — head into this weekend's regional powerlifting meet harboring realistic hopes of advancing to the state meet later this month.

Bulldogette powerlifting standouts Katie Bowlin, Michelle Walker, Callie Price and Valerie Cortez will open the girls' regional tournament tomorrow morning in Plainview. Record-setting junior Sammy Sevey will represent Coahoma at the boys' regional meet,

## Regional Powerlifting Championships

Girls — Friday in Plainview.  
Boys — Saturday in Muncy.

which will be held Saturday in Muncy — a small town between Floydada and Lockney.

"We've got a very competitive group of powerlifters this year," said Coahoma powerlifting coach Coley Dobbs. "I think we've got a pretty good chance at several of them making it to state."

Despite being young, the CHS girls' squad will definitely be a force.

"They're a very strong group of girls," said Dobbs.

Bowlin headlines the list of Bulldogette lifters. She is the lone regional veteran on the roster.

Bowlin, who will compete in the 97-pound division Friday, advanced to the meet last year.

Walker, who is ranked in the state's Top 20 in her weight class, could be a state contender in the 148-pound division. She won the 148-pound classification at the recent Lubbock High School Invitational.

Price, a sophomore making her first trip to the regional level, will compete in the 198-pound class. Cortez, a senior, will also be in the 198-pound class.

Winners at Friday's meet will advance to the state meet, which is scheduled for March 15 in Killeen. Sevey is a heavy favorite to land a spot at the state meet this fall. A two-time regional participant, the Coahoma stand-out has rewritten almost every school record in his first three years in the CHS program. "I feel pretty confident he'll be a state contender," said Dobbs, who took over the CHS program in 1990. "He goes up on his totals every week, besides there aren't too many young men out there who squat 600 pounds." Heading into the regional meet, Sevey is currently ranked second in the heavyweight division. The boys' state powerlifting tournament will be held March 22 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.



SEVEY

## RYAN

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pitched two of his league-record seven no-hitters, became the first player in league history to throw 5,000 strikeouts and won his 300th career game. He is the only player in franchise history to have his uniform retired.

Asked at the news conference if he thought he had to chance to be inducted into the team's Hall of Fame, Ryan and those in attendance broke into laughter.

"If some of those other people were selected before I was, it wouldn't hurt my feelings," Ryan, now 56, said, "but I'd be honored if I was."

Ryan never got the chance to pitch in the Rangers' new hitter and fan-friendly stadium, The Ballpark in Arlington, which was opened the year after he retired. But Ryan vividly remembers the Aug. 22, 1989, night

when he threw his 5,000th strikeout before 42,869 animated fans at Arlington Stadium.

"There was an electricity in the air that was similar to what you'd see in a playoff situation," Ryan said of the second largest crowd in stadium history. "And I sensed that the fans came there with that in mind. The one thing I didn't want to do was disappoint them."

No one who played with the Rangers would know what a playoff situation was like until 1996.

Other players on the team's Hall of Fame ballot included pitchers Ferguson Jenkins (1974-75 and 1978-81) and Gaylord Perry (1975-77 and 1980), who were both elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991, and outfielder Jeff Burroughs (1972-76), who was named the American League MVP in 1974.

The Texas Rangers Baseball Hall of Fame was created in November. It will honor players, managers, coaches, executives and broadcasters.

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fans traveling eastward to the tournament more than their dollar's worth of offense. Both teams enter the tournament with offenses that are ranked among the best in the nation at finding the hoop.

The Leopards, anchored by a four guard offensive attack, head into the tournament as the nation's highest scoring junior college team in the land. Temple Junior College has averaged nearly 107 points a game this fall.

The Hawks, too, are capable of scoring almost at will. Howard College, despite playing in a conference with nationally-ranked South Plains and a surprising Odessa College, have averaged just under 90 points a night. The Hawks have cracked the 100-point plateau no less than six times this season.

"It could be a very high scoring game," said Jans, noting the Leopards' fast-paced game plays right into one of his team's strengths. "They want it to be a track meet ... which okay with us. We feel we're at our best when we can get up and down the court."

The Hawk defense could be the determining factor in the showdown, Jans said. Howard College's fortunes will hinge on its ability to avoid costly turnovers and limit the number of easy baskets.

"We know they can score, but so can we. The thing to remember is that even when we get up and down the court we don't give up a lot of points. Through the year, we've proven we can play good defense."

Temple is led into the contest by a trio of sharp-shooting guards. Sophomore Ray Castillo keys the Leopards' attack. The 6-foot-5 left-handed shooting guard has averaged more than 20 points a game this year.

Point guard Sergio Sanchez runs Temple's offense. Freshman guard Lamar Hunter also plays a key role in their run-and-gun style.

Part of the Leopards' reason for utilizing an up-tempo pace is their lack of size inside. Temple's lineup does not feature a player taller than 6-foot-7.

**Dallas Stars storm past Chicago, 7-4**

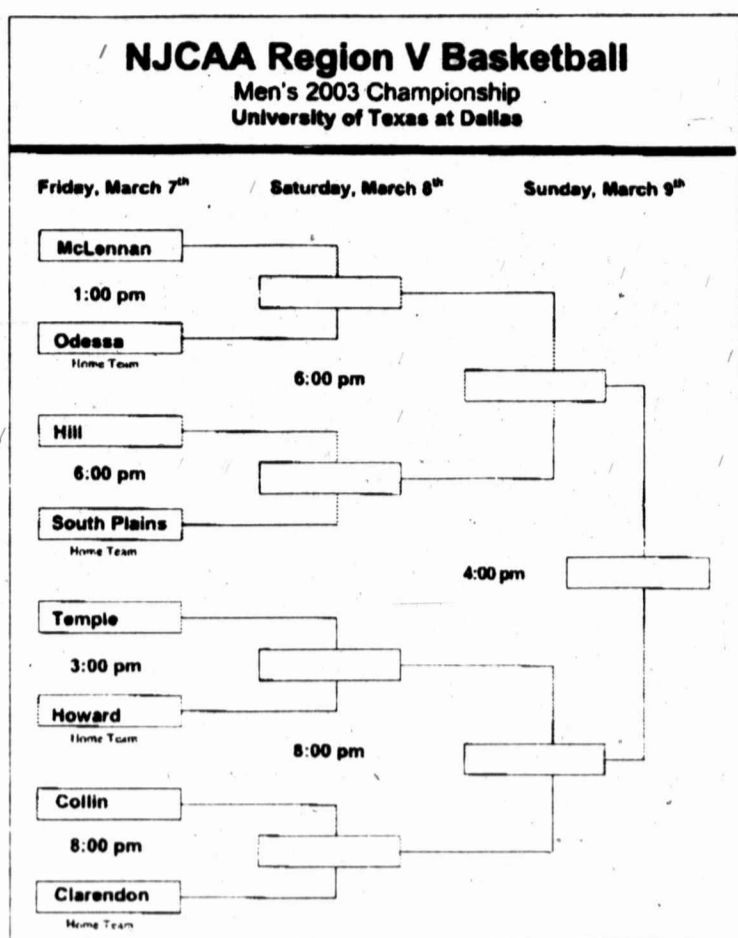
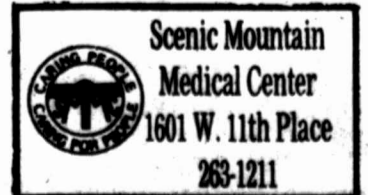
DALLAS (AP) — The NHL's best defense turned in one of its worst games of the season, leaving the Dallas Stars to rely on one of the league's most diverse offenses.

Seven players scored goals as the Stars matched a season-high offensive effort in a 7-4 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Wednesday night. Dallas moved a point ahead of Ottawa in the race for the Presidents Trophy and home-ice advantage in the playoffs.

The Stars did it by scoring three goals in the third period.

"We got two points tonight, but this is not the way you want to win," Turgeon said.

But the Stars have had no other choice recently. Dallas has managed to stay atop the league standings by turning to its offense in the absence of starting goalie Marty Turco, who's nursing an ankle sprain.



Temple's lack of size could haunt them if the Hawks can grab a lead. Howard College, on the other hand, has six players at 6-foot-6 or better — including 6-foot-6, 280-pound forward Gabe Johnson, 6-foot-10, 250-pound forward Jacque Pate and 6-foot-9 freshman forward Jon Sykes — to pound away on the side.

"Defense, and our ability to get rebounds, will be the big key in every game," he said. "They're not about making this a heavyweight fight. They want to go and run with the ball," Jans said.

"We just need to make them play us 5-on-5 and not give them the easy baskets. If we do that, there aren't many teams that can play with this group."

Offensively, Howard College is led by the 1-2 punch of sophomore Jared Fears and freshman

Je'Kel Foster. Finlay Brashears, Vas'shun Newborne, Eddie Starks and Chaun Brooks also add to the Hawks' offensive and defensive capabilities.

Another key for the Hawks throughout the tournament could be their depth.

"We've played so many people that we feel our depth is an advantage for us," said Jans. "It doesn't matter who starts for us, it only matters who finishes."

"I like the make-up and work ethic of this team. You have to deserve to win and be here. I think these guys have done that. They have earned the right to be here and to play for a chance to go to Hutchinson."

Now, all that remains is taking the final three steps to the national tournament.

**KBST will broadcast Howard College's Region V contests**

Howard College Hawks basketball fans will be able to follow the men's basketball team at the Region V Basketball Tournament this weekend via the airwaves.

KBST 1490 will broadcast every Hawks basketball game at the tournament, beginning with Howard College's first-round matchup with

Temple Junior College at 3 p.m. on Friday. The KBST pre-game show, with Sam Stephens, will begin at 2:45 p.m. from the University of Texas at Dallas activity center.

A win over Temple would send the Hawks into a matchup with either Collin County or Clarendon on Saturday.

**Rangers not changing plan at third base yet**

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Teixeira came to spring training intent on winning a spot on the Texas Rangers' 25-man roster, even though he's only played in 86 minor league games and never above Double-A.

The Rangers are still hoping to be a little more deliberate with their 2001 first-round draft pick, despite the uncertain status of incumbent starting third baseman Herbert Perry because of shoulder and knee problems.

General manager John Hart insisted that the Rangers aren't ready to change to their plan at third base with 3 1/2 weeks left until the season opener.

Texas wants to get a good look at Hank Blalock, and hopes Perry is ready to share time when the season begins.

Ideally, the Rangers would like Teixeira to play a full season at Triple-A.

"We're hoping Herbert is ready to play opening day. That's what our hope is. We don't think we've lost him," Hart said. "We don't need him every day. If he's ready to play 2-3 days a week, that's good enough for us."

An MRI performed Monday on Perry's right shoulder showed just normal wear and tear, and he is wearing a brace on his left knee to relieve the pressure on a bone bruise. The Rangers don't know when he will be able to play.

"In 10 weeks, we may have to look at our situation a little differently," Hart said. That could mean Teixeira, but it might involve somebody else, too, Hart said.

For now, Teixeira will continue to get his chance at playing for the Rangers during spring training games. He hit .429 (6-for-14) with two doubles and three RBIs in his first five appearances.

His mood hasn't changed because of the injury to Perry.

"Coming into the spring, I wanted to make the team," Teixeira said Tuesday. "I was out there trying to make the team from the beginning. If I didn't, I'd be cheating myself."

Manager Buck Showalter has several options behind Blalock without Perry, and said he's not counting out any of them. Mike Lamb has played 223 games at third base, and utility infielders Jermaine Clark, Marshall McDougall and Donnie Sadler could also fill in.

**Rockets end slide with win over Raptors**

TORONTO (AP) — Yao Ming left the Toronto Raptors in awe.

"He's the biggest thing I've ever seen," Toronto's Antonio Davis said.

The 7-foot-6 rookie center scored 13 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter as the Houston Rockets ended a four-game losing skid with a 97-95 victory over the Raptors on Wednesday night.

"We need to go over to China and see if we can find somebody like this," Toronto's Jason Williams said.

After missing five of his first six shots, Yao finished 9-of-17 and grabbed nine rebounds before the crowd filled with fans from Toronto's Chinese community. He attracted

about 50 media outlets when the city's sports radio station broadcast his game.

"I've never seen a player like Yao in my life," said Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich.

Yao finished with 21 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. He also had a pair of steals and a block. Yao's performance was a surprise to many fans and media members.

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huge victory for us," Francis said. "We needed a win any way we could get it."

Yao appeared to block Antonio Davis' dunk attempt with 35 seconds left, but the officials ruled it a foul. Davis made two free throws to tie it at 92.

After Yao missed a layup, he grabbed the rebound and was fouled. He made both free throws with 25.7 seconds left.

Vince Carter, who scored 21 points for Toronto, missed a driving layup with 10 seconds left. Carter felt he was fouled by Yao on the play.

"Anytime somebody sticks their leg out and knocks you down it's a foul," Carter said.

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The moon in rambunctious Aries has a nosy quality today, and we'll be investigating everything that strikes us as curious. However, just because it's interesting doesn't mean it's worth doing. Use the intuitive powers and wisdom of the Pisces sun to finish what you've started. If you're headed down a good path, stick it out a little longer.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Putting first things first, you may have to disconnect the phone, ignore the ringing doorbell and get down to business. Bills don't pay themselves, and administrative work won't get

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done by magic.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Friends can tire you out with personal dramas, bad jokes and, perhaps worst of all, annoying Internet forwards. But, hey, no one's perfect. Indulge those who have indulged you. We all go through our awkward phases, don't we?

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Seeing living rooms and offices that are minimal, beautiful and uncluttered will produce the dull ache of envy in

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you. Ask a friend with fabulous taste (a Libra!) to help you get organized.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Though you are totally in the right and beyond all reproach, it might take some effort to convince the rest of the world. Work on skills of diplomacy. For instance, next time, you might consider leading with the good news.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Sales require more enthusiasm than you might have when you wake up this morning, which is why you'll have to fake it. Luckily, acting is kind of your thing. And you're so good at it that even those who know you will be fooled.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 6). This year tests the limits of your heart and the wisdom of your spirit. Skills are carefully honed in the next three weeks to catch the spotlight in April. Give your imagination plenty of attention in May, when your best ideas can lead to money. New prospects in love (Scorpio or Cancer?) give you an opportunity to play the field now through July. Your lucky numbers are: 25, 30, 12, 8 and 11.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sudden opportunities must be grasped not because they won't come again but because later you'll be proud to claim the rewards of the real risk takers of the world. Romantic luck is better when you go out in a group of friends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Big shifts require only small adjustments, oddly enough. Besides, you've got lots of people on your side. Just ask for what you want. Many capable folks are anxious to please you. Perseverance is your sexiest quality.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stay objective, no matter how emotional other people get, and you'll make money. On the romantic front, you'll have options galore if you replace negative messages with affirmations of your talent and sex appeal.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The barter system could work in your favor. Someone wants what you don't; wheel and deal for what you need most. Networking opportunities will benefit either your career or your love life, but not both.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you must discuss something delicate, do it in person - especially if it's your unpleasant duty to reject someone. You can actually do this in a way that doesn't feel so bad to the poor soul you're letting go.

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What's hip and cool works for you. Explore options regarding new apartments and houses. Trying out a different neighborhood would do you good! If you are prepared to make sacrifices for what you want, you are sure to get it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Calm and relaxed is your most powerful mode. Take 15 minutes to center yourself before meetings. A rarely used ability comes to the fore. That and a few fresh ideas will help you out of any bind you could get into.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** I was born in Bombay, India, on Sept. 4, 1950. My wife was born on Feb. 8, 1957. Unfortunately, she is an abusive bully who has made my life miserable. Because of my cultural background and commitment to my family, and also because she is not an income-earning person, I cannot leave her. We have two children, ages 20 and 16. Is there any hope for happiness and peace in my life?

Your chart shows that you're a good husband and a real lover not a fighter type. Aspects involving Venus and Mars indicate that you bottle up your passionate emotions and then let them out in one big outburst. Your wife is actually afraid that just one of these times you'll just up and leave her. Part of her rotten attitude comes from feeling helpless to control her circumstances. Now that your children are essentially grown, her feelings of uselessness are even worse. Encourage her to work, not just for the money, but because she needs to create her own life outside of your marriage. This might mean special training for her in an area of her interest. There are books, tests, and classes about finding out what you're truly good at. Sign up now!

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6 PM	News Wheel-	King of the Hill	Lets Start a Band	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Wheel-	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Gata Salvaje	Blind Date	Blind Date	Movie: Far	Medical Detect	Fantasy: The Spirits Within	Update With John Hagee	American Just.	Science of Magic	Listen-Barkley	Sister, Sister Lizzie
7 PM	Profiles From the Front	Fox's Funniest	Blenko Handcrafts:	Movie: The Cowboy and the Movie Star	Survivor: The Amazon	CSI: Crime Scene	Are You Hot? Sexiest	Will & Grace Good	Entre el Amor	Movie: Friday the 13th, Part VI: Jason Lives	Survivors (CC)	Movie: Soul	Mysteries of the Sphinx	Movie: A Knight's Tale (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Stars on Ice 2003 (CC)	Critical Rescue	NBA Basketball:	Sister, Sister Lizzie
8 PM	Are You Hot? Sexiest	Pulse (CC)	American Heart of (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Without a Trace (CC)	Primetime Thursday	Will & Grace (CC)	:15 Movie: Bats (CC)	Aqui y Ahora	VI: Jason Lives	Movie: Outside	Penn & Teller Mummies	Pyramids, Mummies	Real Sex: Let It All Hang	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Critical Rescue	76ers at Trail Blazers	Even Stevens Boy World
9 PM	Primetime Thursday	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Sinatra: The Classic Duets (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show (CC)	Caroline Rhea (CC)	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Late Night (CC)	Embrace of the Vampire (CC)	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	Movie: Enemy	Mysteries of the Sphinx	Real Sex: Let It All Hang	N. McBride Jesse Lee	Biography: Scott	Critical Rescue	Inside the	Sister, Sister Lizzie
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond Sudden-Susan	Me: Gospel: Elvia Presley	Paid Program	Street Smarts	Oprah	Fraser (CC)	V.I.P. (CC)	Movie: Sinful Temptations	Deadly Outbreak	Pyramids, Mummies	Leguizamo's Sexaholic	Update With Joseph Good	2003 (CC)	Critical Rescue	Movie:	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	

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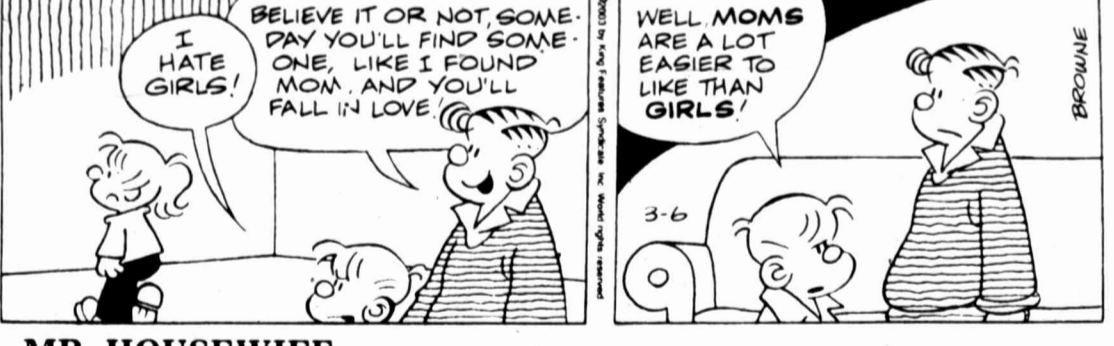
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

Regis Philbin has found a way to feed off "American Idol" and mark time until co-host Kelly Ripa returns from maternity leave. "Live With Regis and Kelly" has launched a talent search for a co-host that will culminate in the winner working as Philbin's partner on the April 16 edition of the talk show. The winner also gets a \$10,000 contract with Buena Vista Television to work on possible TV projects and a one-year contract with talent agency N.S. Bienstock. A panel of judges that includes former "American Idol" co-host Brian Dunkleman will judge the entrants and come up with 10 finalists. Phone-in votes from viewers will determine the eventual winner, just like Fox's hit prime-time show. "Here's the chance to

become the TV star you always knew you could be," Philbin said Monday.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

Even Dr. Ruth blushes. At least that's what the sex therapist told a few hundred people, mostly college students, at the University of Minnesota. She recalled a recent talk where her son introduced her and then seated himself front-row center. During that speech, she stopped mid-sentence and announced that she was blushing and asked her son to move to the side. "I'm actually very old-fashioned and a square," Ruth Westheimer said repeatedly throughout her hourlong talk Sunday night.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Newsday Crossword

IT'S AN ART by Bob Frank  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Perjurer
- 5 Baseball card name
- 10 This, in Cadiz
- 14 One type of -phobia
- 15 Brainy
- 16 The Godfather costar
- 17 Describe roughly
- 20 Made up, as a phrase
- 21 "And thereby a tale"
- 22 Pipe bend
- 25 Cycle starter
- 26 Rhody (state nickname)
- 27 Field flower
- 29 Rime
- 31 Common Market initials
- 32 Arsenal supply
- 33 Total-care practitioner
- 35 Evoke something vividly
- 40 Actor Liam
- 41 Infield marker
- 43 Simile center
- 46 German route
- 47 Auto part
- 49 Big bottle
- 51 Soft shoe, informally
- 52 Hyundai rival
- 53 One of the Barrymores
- 54 Not vain
- 57 Process data, perhaps
- 62 Toward the dawn
- 63 Slowly rising smoke
- 64 Pot payment
- 65 Withdraws, with "out"
- 66 Word on a ticket
- 67 Golden Rule word
- DOWN
- 1 Song syllables
- 2 "That's gross!"
- 3 Exist
- 4 Campus marchers: Abbr.
- 5 Rock-concert souvenir
- 6 Muscat native
- 7 Sheet of stamps
- 8 Give a little nudge
- 9 Arthur Erwin
- 10 Brilliant success
- 11 Sault Marie
- 12 Snarl up
- 13 "Hold on..."
- 18 Dove place
- 19 Need, as for knowledge
- 22 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 23 Like a Dali watch
- 24 Linda, CA
- 26 Not clerical
- 28 Butcher's cut
- 29 Board, in a way
- 30 Ken or Lena
- 33 Leftovers dish
- 34 Ricketty ships
- 36 Cluster of stars
- 37 Mets, Jets or Nets
- 38 Pool triangle
- 39 Morries of NYPD Blue
- 42 MPG rater
- 43 Artist Modigliani
- 44 Petty tyrant
- 45 Horrified
- 47 Stemmed cup
- 48 Rights org.
- 50 Small amphibians
- 51 Start of the 30th century
- 54 Contain
- 55 Word on US coins
- 56 Jacob's twin
- 58 Busy one in Apr.
- 59 Country lodging
- 60 Giant of old
- 61 Prefix meaning "recent"

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