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January 24-25 2004

WEATHER

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IN BRIEF

It's coming!

Look for changes in the *Herald's* classified section beginning with Wednesday's edition.

Pre-Super Bowl BBQ

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn, will hold a pre-Super Bowl barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31.

The meal includes brisket, potato salad, beans, bread, dessert and a drink.

Plates are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under.

INSIDE



Cover Story: Come Super Bowl Sunday, people in Ada, Ohio, (pop. 5,582) will be watching the game with pride, knowing that every football kicked, passed, or punted was cut, stitched, and tested at a factory in their town.

Ada is home to a Wilson Sporting Goods plant, which manufactures about 800,000 footballs a year, including 24,000 for the National Football League — 72 for the Super Bowl game.

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Solitaire Homes looks to reopen by end of March

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

More than 22 months after a fire gutted part of its production line, Solitaire Homes is on target to be back in operation by the end of March.

Solitaire General Manager Garland Gandy said this week materials have been ordered to restock the manufactured home facility, with construction expected to begin by the end of the quarter.

"We've ordered a great deal of the materials, and we expect to begin hiring again in the next couple of weeks," said Gandy. "It feels fantastic to finally have a date to

"With the additional space, we'll be able to keep around 175 people working, with an annual payroll of about \$4 million."



Garland Gandy, Big Spring Solitaire Homes

reopen. Big Spring has always supported Solitaire, and we have always intended to keep our end of the bargain and reopen."

Gandy said a federally ordered mediation between Solitaire and its insurance provider, which refused to cover the \$1.5 million cost of repairs caused by the May 2002 fire, hadn't met expectations, but it reached a point to allow not only reopening of the facility, but expansion.

"We'll be adding on to the operation," he explained. "We're adding 22,500 square feet to the east of the facility, which will mean we can keep an additional two houses in production compared to what we were doing before the fire."

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Two people were transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room Friday afternoon, following a traffic collision between this teal Chevrolet and a Dodge pickup. According to police officials on the scene, the truck was making a right turn onto Gregg Street out of the Big Spring Banking Center parking lot, when it struck the automobile. The driver of the pickup was unharmed.

BUSTED!

Six people jailed on drug-related charges Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement agencies, working in conjunction with the West Texas Narcotics Task Force, put a dent in Big Spring's drug problem Saturday morning as they took down a suspected crack cocaine operation located near Goliad Middle School.

The home, at 1710 S. Benton Street, is less than two blocks from the school, putting it within the "drug free" zone established by state law.

According to a Big Spring Police Department press release, approximately 11 grams of crack cocaine, a stolen firearm and an undisclosed amount of cash were seized during the

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LIVING IN FEAR

Stalking often ends in violence

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Victims of stalking live in fear while their security is whittled away, and many times this crime goes unchecked until a tragic occurrence brings it to light.

"Stalking is prevalent, but it usually comes to light when some other type of crime occurs," said Denise Hester of Victim Services. "I don't think people necessarily think of stalking as a crime itself. It usually goes on for a long time until it escalates into some type of violence."

Many states, including Texas, are passing tougher laws on stalking, and to help create more awareness of the issue the U.S. Congress designated January as National



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Election endings and beginnings crowd commissioners court agenda for Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Election details and plans for the upcoming runoff will take center stage Monday morning, as the Howard County commissioners prepare to meet.

Commissioners are scheduled to canvas the Jan. 20 Texas Senate District 31 special election during the meeting, something County Judge Ben Lockhart said is simply standard operating procedure.

"It's all pretty simple," said Lockhart. "We just have to go over the numbers from the elec-

10 a.m. Monday
Commissioners Courtroom

tion and make sure the votes from each precinct match those in the final tally. It shouldn't take long at all."

Commissioners are also expected to set the polling places for the runoff election, which is scheduled for Feb. 17.

"I'm pretty sure they are going to be the same as the polling places that we used for the Jan. 20 election," said Lockhart. "We consolidated a

number of precincts in preparation for that election and it saves the county money."

Commissioners will also hear a request from County Clerk Donna Wright for extra employees to help during the runoff's early voting and on election day.

Also on Monday's agenda: County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices, purchase requests and office supply bids. County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will present a person-

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Rotarians award first Harrison scholarship

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Even after his death, Dr. Preston Harrison continues to have an influence on the community by providing a means to help educate the youth of Howard County.

Big Spring Rotary officials Tuesday presented the first Dr.

Preston Harrison scholarship to a Howard College student during the organization's weekly meeting.

According to Rotary member Jan Foresyth, two years ago the Big Spring Rotary Club received a \$150,000 endowment from Harrison's estate.

Harrison was the Big Spring State Hospital superintendent from 1958 to 1975.

"The will stated that we were to use that money to educate students and we invested that money," Foresyth said. "This is the first scholarship presentation from the very first money earned off of

that investment."

As the first recipient, Matthew Reyna, a Forsan High School graduate who plans to become a radiologist, received a \$600 scholarship and expressed his gratitude for the gift.

"Thanks for inviting

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College trustees expect to view enrollment shortfall

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

After performing the president's annual evaluation, Howard College trustees will tackle a lengthy agenda Monday for their first meeting of the year.

Friday marked the last day for Howard College students to enroll, drop or add a course, and as numbers roll in, preliminary enrollment figures are anticipated to fall short of last semester.

"It appears at this point we'll be down a few

students this semester compared to the fall semester," said college President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

College administrators will present a preliminary report to trustees during the meeting, which will be held in the college's board room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Among the list of agenda items, the board will have a chance to visit its past as trustees consider a resolution on the famous 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court ruling, which overturned legal segregation.

"This comes from the American Association of Community College, which is encouraging all community colleges in the nation to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision," Sparks said.

"We are in a unique position, having a board that was very progressive at that time and made the decision, prior to the Supreme Court decision, to open the door to all people," Sparks continued.

According to Sparks, in a 1951 resolution,

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Obituaries

David Don Crockett

Services for David Don Crockett, 52, of Lubbock, will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim O'Connor officiating. Rosary will be held Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. at Guajardo Funeral Chapels. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Guajardo Funeral Chapels.

Mr. Crockett died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at the University Medical Center. He was born Oct. 8, 1951, in Lubbock. He married Delia Pena on Sept. 19, 1973.

He was the food service director at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring. Mr. Crockett initiated the Meals on Wheels program through the hospital food service department.

Mr. Crockett was named Employee of the Year for the Community Health Systems and was a member of Who's Who in Food Service Directors.

His survivors include his wife, Delia Crockett of Lubbock; two daughters, Tiffany and Kourtney Crockett of Lubbock; his mother, Ruth Crockett of Lubbock; three brothers, Walter of Lubbock, Robert of Houston and Ronnie of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Stella Courtney of Albany, N.Y., and Dora Fuicher of Detroit, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Southwest Cancer Center, 602 Indiana, Lubbock 79415.

The family will receive friends Saturday and Sunday evening at Guajardo Funeral Chapels.

Samuel Aguilar

Samuel Aguilar, 46, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2004, at Home Hospice House in Odessa. Vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at the Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Nicholas Portocarrero officiating.

He was born Sept. 22, 1957, in Laredo. He lived most of his life in Big Spring. He was a Catholic. He was self-employed as a carpet contractor.

He is survived by one son, Sammy Aguilar of Big Spring; two daughters, Rachel Esparza of Merced, Calif., and Lisa Vera of Big Spring; two brothers, Faustino G. Aguilar of San Angelo and Abram Aguilar of Big Spring; two sisters, Martha Alcantar and Juanita Garcia, both of Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

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

Alma Perryman

Alma Perryman, 82, died at 3:45 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joe Torres, Home Hospice chaplain, officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alma Ruth Rogers Perryman was born on Nov. 30, 1921. She was married to Jessie H. Perryman for 36 years before he passed away on Dec. 26, 1981. They came to Big Spring in 1955 from Snyder. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandy McCutchan of Colorado City; a son, Elliott M. Perryman of Sand Springs; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

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

Ysabel J. Luna

Ysabel J. Luna Jr., 65, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

□ **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, you are needed.

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

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

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Police blotter

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

• **AUGUSTIN FIERRO JR.**, 37, of 106 E. 24th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JEFFERY WAYNE SPENCER**, 45, of 707 E. 16th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **EDUARDO GARCIA**, 30, of Dallas, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft.

• **JOHN ANTHONY RODRIQUEZ JR.**, 22, of 1000 Goliad, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct-language.

• **FREDRICK DASHEAN DOTSON**, 32, of 1710 Benton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 24, of 1201 Benton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **CODY JAMES NALL**, 20, of 1605 Bluebird, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.

• **COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE**, 19, of 903 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **BRITNEY VAUGHN**, 24, of 908 N.E. Ninth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **MORICA JANELL GARDEN**, 30, of 1710 Benton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **MICHAEL JOHNSON**, age unknown, of 1710 Benton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Sheriff's report

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Moss Lake Road. Accident report was taken.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the near Paul's Place. Report was taken.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 195 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Arrest was made by DPS.

Support groups

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no longer meet weekly.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.



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Monday

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit chair aerobics. People age 50 and older are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

The public is invited to the Evening Lions Club meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

Tuesday

Intermediate Line Dance classes meet at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Wednesday

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

The Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Friday

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information. Bring a lunch.

Saturday

Dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lottery

The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday* 10-18-33-46-51 Mega Ball = 13

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 04-11-12-13-37

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The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 01-11-15-22. Bonus ball 32.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-1

Weather

Sunday...Breezy. Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds 20 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Cooler with highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night and Wednesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

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

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Thursday night and Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the mid 40s.

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Stalking Awareness Month.

Stalkers are often depicted as an overzealous fan of a celebrity, but much more often they have had some type of previous relationship with their victim.

According to the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC), approximately 1 million women and 370,000 men are stalked annually in the United States. Of those, 77 percent of the females and 64 percent of the males know their stalkers.

Almost 60 percent of females and 30 percent of male victims are stalked by an intimate partner.

"The victim loses their sense of security because this person is always waiting for them. The stalker makes the victim live in fear," Hester said. "Many times the stalker is successful in manipulating the victim to return to them."

Stalkers are obsessed with their victims, the NCVC notes, and they attempt to control them by any means. Methods can include phone harassment, leaving notes, driving by their victim's house or work and showing up at the victim's work, Hester said.

Advancements in technology have also given stalkers more tools to manipulate their victims.

A 1999 report by the U.S. Department of Justice on cyber stalking said the problem is increasing.

With more ability to obtain personal information through the Internet and the ability to stay anonymous, a potential offender may be more tempted to commit the crime.

"Put another way, whereas a potential stalker may be unwilling or unable to confront a victim in person or on the telephone, he or she may have little hesitation sending harassing or threatening electronic communications to a victim," the report said.

Numerous Web sites will provide personal information, including unlisted telephone numbers and detailed directions to a home or office. For a fee, other Web sites promise to provide Social Security numbers, financial data and other personal information.

In one example listed in the report, a 50-year-old former security guard in California used the Internet to terrorize his 28-year-old victim who had rejected his romantic advances.

"The defendant terrorized his 28-year-old victim by impersonating her in various Internet chat rooms and online bulletin boards, where he posted,

along with her telephone number and address, messages that she fantasized of being raped," the report said. "On at least six occasions, sometimes in the middle of the night, men knocked on the woman's door saying they wanted to rape her."

If unchecked, both types of stalking may lead to more serious behavior.

Either being stalked in cyberspace or off-line, victims should carefully keep any evidence left from their stalker such as e-mails, phone messages, letters, notes and document times, dates and places where they have been stalked.

They should also let friends, co-workers and family know about the problem and enlist their help.

CyberAngels, a program of the Guardian Angels, suggests the following tips for people who feel they are being stalked through the Internet:

- Tell the person harassing you in straight forward terms to leave you alone. If you are in ICQ, instant messaging, or on IRC, Internet relay chat, logoff immediately and stay off-line for at least 24 hours.

- Do not reply to anything else the harasser says.

- If the problem only exists on ICQ or IRC, then go off-line and completely change your online identity. This means changing your nickname and all the information you have listed in your IRC setup. If the harassment is coming on ICQ then you need to open a new member account and change everything in your profile.

- In the case of e-mail harassment, you need to contact the harasser's ISP (Internet Service Provider) and make a complaint.

- Stay out of problem chat rooms.

- Don't give out your ICQ number except to trusted friends and tell them not to give it out to anyone else.

- Be certain all of your online profiles do not contain any personal information about you, such as age, sex, address, phone number, school attended and teams you play on or where you work.

- In your ICQ and IRC clients, be sure logging is enabled.

- Keep all ICQ and IRC log files that pertain to the stalker for evidence.

If you feel like you are being stalked or if your stalker has made threats, contact the police immediately.

For more information, contact Victims Services at 263-3312, the NCVC hotline at 1-800-FYI-CALL or visit the NCVC Web site at www.ncvc.org



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring Rotary President Greg Brooks presents the club's first Preston Harrison Scholarship to Howard College student Matthew Reyna Tuesday during the club's weekly meeting. Harrison's estate left \$150,000 to the club for the purpose of helping with the educational cost of Howard County students.

ROTARY

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me today," Reyna said. "This scholarship really means a lot to me for helping further my education and I'm very grateful."

According to Foresyth, Harrison's will left very little restriction on how the club should choose the scholarship candidates.

"The stipulation in the

will was that the student must first attend Howard College," Foresyth said.

The next round of applications will be taken in the spring through the Howard College enrollment management office. Rotary hopes to give out multiple scholarships next year.

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

DRUGS

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raid, which took place in the early morning hours.

Arrested were Michael Johnson, age unknown, of 1710 Benton; Fredrick Dashean Dotson, 32, of 1710 Benton; Lonnie Ray Gray Jr., 24, of 1201 Benton; Courtney Felicia Ausbie, 19, of 903 Sgt. Paredez; Britney Vaughn, 24, of 908 N.E. Ninth Street; and Morica Janell Garden, 30, of 1710 Benton.

All six have been charged with possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone with intent to distribute and possession of a stolen firearm. The investigation had been in operation for approximately four months, according to police officials, and included the BSPD, Howard County Sheriff's Office and the West Texas

Narcotics Task Force. Police officials could not be reached for comment at press time.

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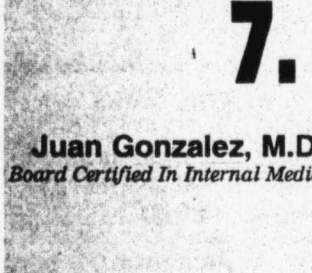


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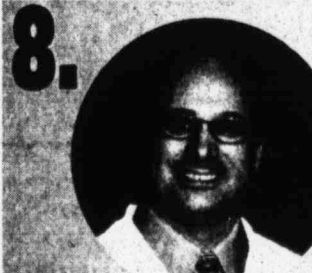


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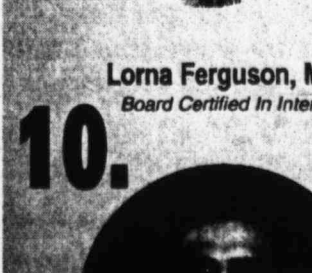
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OUR VIEWS

Not to be a nag
but remember:
Pay your taxes

Nobody likes a nag, but at the risk of sounding like one, we feel compelled to remind you that the deadline to pay your property taxes is Monday, Feb. 2. Actually, you're getting a small reprieve. Normally the last day would be Jan. 31, but since that falls on a weekend this year, there's a bit more time.

These were the taxes we were billed for in the fall and we put off paying in November or December. Now January is almost gone and too many of us still haven't gotten around to doing it. Well, time has just about run out.

Beginning Feb. 3, a 7 percent penalty gets tacked on to the bill. That's seven cents for every dollar or \$7 for every \$100. That means if your bill is \$500 and you don't pay it until February, it'll cost you another \$35.

But that's not all. The penalty keeps climbing each month thereafter. It jumps to 9 percent in March, 11 percent in April, 13 percent in May and 15 percent in June. If you haven't paid it by July 1, the penalty soars to 18 percent and there is an additional 15 percent in attorney's fees. Yikes!

Make your payment at the county tax assessor/collector's office in the courthouse annex on the east side of the square in downtown Big Spring. The office is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

In your world, Lord, no-one is lost.

Amen

Kerry's comeback was predicted

How did John Kerry and John Edwards escape political oblivion to finish one-two in Iowa's caucuses as contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination? They improved their candidacies, but what happened here Monday night was principally rejection of Howard Dean's politics of anger.

The obscure former governor of Vermont only two weeks ago was conceded inside the party as the inescapable nominee mobilizing partisan rage. In the end, he proved too much for a state whose trademark is niceness. Dean finished his campaigning Monday afternoon by denouncing the news media, and reacted to his decisive defeat hours later with a public rant.

The conventional wisdom had been that Dean's peculiarities would be neutralized by this state's caucus system, where organization and passion would guide 120,000 Iowans (out of 2.9 million) who braved bitter cold to caucus Monday night. Instead, the wisdom of Iowa prevailed. The 41 percent of caucus-goers who made up their minds the last week (according to entrance polls) overwhelmingly rejected Dean and turned to Sens. Kerry and Edwards.

Kerry's comeback was predicted to me two weeks ago by Bob Shrum, his veteran campaign consultant. Shrum has seldom made such forecasts to me about his clients in the more than 30 years I have known him, but when he has they have been accurate. He was

so optimistic because Kerry finally straightened out his chaotic campaign organization and defined himself as a war hero able to protect the American people from terrorism.

Edwards rose from also-ran status when he escaped the claustrophobia of multi-candidate debates as the best campaign stump speaker in the field. Last Friday, I saw Edwards entrancing an overflow morning audience at Bettendorf on the Mississippi River as he did North Carolina accident case juries to become a multi-millionaire trial lawyer. He solved his problem of looking too young to be president by a belated television ad making clear he is 50 years old. Refraining from attacks on his opponents, he appealed to Iowa niceness.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, who remained neutral, correctly analyzed what was happening here. He saw Kerry and Edwards on the rise, and forecast that Rep. Richard Gephardt's massive labor union support would not save him from a fourth-place finish here and the end of his candidacy. Yet, Vilsack also bought into the notion that Dean's "ground game," with thousands of anti-war volunteers inundating Iowa, probably would prevail.

Experienced politicians and reporters here were bemused by Deanites, wearing their trademark orange stocking caps, roaming the streets of Des Moines and other Iowa cities. These excited activists were misinterpreted as the vanguard of a political revolution. Buying into the erroneous theory that polls were valueless in this caucus state, the experts underestimated the impact of Dean's accumulated gaffes.

Of all Dean's bizarre comments,

his opponents felt the most damaging was his statement that mass killer Osama bin Laden deserves a fair trial. While the war in Iraq fueled the Dean phenomenon, its limitations as his overriding campaign issue were reflected in Iowa's entrance polls. Caucus-goers disapproved of the war by 3 to 1, and those that considered it the top issue strongly backed Dean. But they comprised only 14 percent of all voters.

Dean's liabilities against George W. Bush were demonstrated Monday, just before and after the caucuses. He railed at the heavy presence of the news media, claiming it threatened his scheduled appearance at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration in Des Moines and then canceling the date. His post-caucus speech to supporters in which he ripped off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves and launched a prolonged rant ("We will not give up!") had experienced Democratic politicians shaking their heads.

Iowa delivered a devastating blow to Howard Dean and may have saved its caucuses. Before Monday's results, both national and state political leaders privately predicted that 2004 would be the last year that this state kicked off the Democratic presidential selection process. That death sentence would have been confirmed if the quirky caucus process had sustained the Dean phenomenon. Instead, Iowa now looks like as good a place as any to begin presidential competition.

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Conventional wisdom with egg on it's face

Love those Iowa results. Nothing better than a huge political scrum where the front-runner stumbles, the guy everyone wrote off for dead six weeks ago comes roaring back, an unknown emerges, an old war-horse drops out — a wonderful scenario. Let's hear it for upset, confusion and the conventional wisdom with egg on its face. A banana cream pie right in the kisser for everyone who pretends they know how a political race will turn out. Happy days. Ain't democracy grand?

Not saying I necessarily agree with the conclusions reached by the Iowa caucus-goers, but I do love it when voters make fools of the pundits, including me. My biggest reservation about the result is John Kerry, who could take the excitement out of a soccer riot.

Democrats, in an unusual fit of unity, are trying to find someone who can beat George W. Bush, period. Our usual inability to support anyone who isn't perfect on every single issue dear to our hearts is subsumed by the profound sense that this country is not just headed in the wrong direction, but literally coming apart. Electability is the primo consideration, and I think Democrats are making the same mistake the pundits did initially.

The pundits all thought Kerry was a lead-pipe cinch when this started (until, of course, the pack turned on him and pronounced him dead meat). He looks presidential, people in Washington know him, he knows how the game is played, he's got the war record and quite a few bright people find him mega-impressive at close range. But he's got no Elvis.

You can't win without Elvis. Kerry got some lucky breaks. A guy whose life Kerry had saved in Vietnam — for which he got the Bronze Star — turned up two days before the Iowa caucuses and, of course, burst into tears after endorsing Kerry. Who could make up stuff that good? All that bio, and Kerry still comes across as a tall Dukakis.

Much of the punditry has apparently decided to fall in love with John Edwards, which is fine by me — he's consistently populist. A year ago, I thought Edwards was too pretty and too light, but by the time he made a terrific speech at Georgetown last summer, I started shifting my opinion. I don't consider being a trial lawyer a disqualifier, despite The Wall Street Journal's editorial tendency to break out in hives at the mere mention. To the extent that Edwards mostly sued doctors, he's in trouble — a no-win p.r. battle. To the extent that he mostly sued insurance companies, he's golden — a no-lose p.r. battle. Further adventures ahead, that's all that's certain.

My man Dean took a licking. Of course, he had the other candidates and the media ganging up on him, but hey, they always do that to the front-runner, and whining about it never helps. The Washington press corps can do the most amazing imitation of a clique of snotty high school kids, and they were determined to find that Dean was not good enough for their clique from the beginning.

I have long cherished a line from Max Frankel, editor of The New York Times, concerning Bill Clinton: "He came from nowhere, and nobody had ever heard of him." Clinton, like Dean, had been a governor for 10 years when he ran, yet Maureen Dowd recently wrote, "(Dean) comes from nowhere and wants to lead the world." The subtext here is: "Well we never heard of him. He's not one of us. We never see him at the

best Washington dinner parties, so who does he think he is?"

In retrospect, it occurs to me that Dean is a perfectly decent, mostly moderate fellow who tried to become Paul Wellstone and it didn't work. The media kept translating passion as anger, and when Dean finally just made a bad speech on caucus night, the clique had a wonderful time announcing he was psychotic.

The trouble with Dean dropping back is that the D's then largely lose Iraq as an issue (unless Kerry is smart enough to use "I was fooled, too" without looking foolish). I think that's a mistake. In the first place, because it was so egregious, if not criminal. We were, in fact, lied into a war we didn't have to fight. And the results are not happy. In case you hadn't noticed, 100,000 Iraqi Shiites were protesting in the streets Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Bush was running the same old plays in his State of the Union Address: fear, threat, danger, terror, war, enemies. He even trotted out the weapons of mass destruction again, just as though they had actually existed. And the media accuse Howard Dean of being negative!

President Bush's speech contained so many outrageous distortions — on No Child Left Behind, Pell Grants, the PATRIOT Act, job training, the deficit, on and on — it takes the public interest groups pages just to correct the most blatant disinformation in the speech.

My favorite line was, "Jobs are on the rise." Not a hey or a howdy to the 9 million unemployed Americans, just a flat lie. Piece of work, isn't he?

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By Charles Lero

Chicago Tribune
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By LYNDEL MO

Staff Writer

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Bob Keeshan, TV's Captain Kangaroo, dies Friday at 76

By Charles Leroux

Chicago Tribune

On Oct. 3, 1955, Bob Keeshan stepped onto a nautical-themed set wearing a captain's cap and a jacket with big, kangaroo-like pockets. He smiled into the camera and became a television icon.

Keeshan would play Captain Kangaroo for 36 years — more than 9,000 performances — to the amusement and betterment of generations of delighted children.

Keeshan died Friday at a hospital in Hartford, Vt., after a long illness. Though no cause of death was announced, he had suffered from cardiac problems since the 1980s. He was 76.

Unmistakable with his bushy mustache and bowl haircut, the Captain passed time with his good friend Mr. Green Jeans (Hugh "Lumpy" Brannum), visited with puppet animals such as Bunny Rabbit, whom he scolded for eating too many carrots, and Mr. Moose, who loved knock-knock jokes (the animal characters were voiced by Cosmo "Gus" Allegretti).

Ahead of his time in recogniz-



Bob Keeshan brought "Captain Kangaroo" and his friends to television in 1955. It became one of the best-loved children's shows of all-time. Keeshan died Friday, January 23, 2004. He was 76.

clown, host of a noontime cartoon show out of New York. In 1990, he was inducted into the Clown Hall of Fame.

But it was Captain Kangaroo whom most will remember, a grandfatherly figure (though Keeshan was just 28 at the beginning) who spoke directly to the camera with no audience, no children in the cast, no intermediaries in the conversation he was having with his at-home viewers.

The show wasn't an instant success, but CBS (it moved to PBS for its last six seasons) believed in it and kept it going. Ultimately, the show found its audience and had substantial viewership, going toe to toe with the mighty "Today" show on NBC. As formidable as "Today" was, children knew that it wasn't going to offer Tom Terrific or Mighty Manfred the Wonder Dog or Dancing Bear or the Magic Drawing Board.

After Fred Rogers, host of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," died last year, Keeshan recalled conversations they had had about programming for children.

"I don't think it's any secret that Fred and I were not very happy with the way children's television had gone," he said.

"Ultimately," said longtime Chicago television personality John Callaway, "he was about decency and dignity in the midst of all the silliness. I hope he'll represent something to future programmers of children's television. Though children have changed, what has not changed is their needs. Sometime, late in an evening, those programmers should pull out a tape."

Keeshan insisted that viewers must always feel special, never just part of a huge audience. He screened advertising to assure that what he considered exploitive commercials would never be shown.

Over the years, his stewardship of "Captain Kangaroo" was abundantly rewarded. The show won six Emmy Awards, three Gabriels for "uplifting" programming from a Catholic media group and three Peabody Awards.

Keeshan was born in Lynbrook on Long Island on June 27, 1927.

ing the importance of early learning, Keeshan's Captain built confidence and intellectual development in children who were having too much fun to notice the lessons.

"Play," he said, "is the work of children."

"It's very serious stuff. And if

it's properly structured in a developmental program, children can blossom."

His first television appearance was in 1948 on "The Howdy Doody Show" as a voiceless, horn-honking clown named Clarabell.

He later played Corny the

Martin County dad pleased his children are involved in 4-H

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

STANTON — Randy Beasley of Stanton was in hog heaven last Saturday.

The father of four stayed busy helping his two daughters, Jennifer and Amber, prepare their hogs for competition at the Martin County Junior

Livestock Show and loving it the whole time.

"I showed pigs when I was in school," said the Stanton High School graduate, adding he was eager to jump back into the 4-H organization, but this time as an adult volunteer.

"It was more like I can't

wait to have kids, so we can do this," he said.

As a parent, Beasley feels compelled to offer a helping hand in his children's project.

"This is the kids' project, but the child can't do it all," he said. "For one thing, the kids can't really afford to purchase these animals."

Beasley helps with the twice-a-day feeding chores while Jennifer and Amber, ages 9 and 13, work to tame the stubborn 200 pound-plus animals they've had since December.

All this work, the girls hope, will pay off when their hogs place well at

major competition and possibly earn a large cash bid at auction.

In the case of the Martin County Show, the higher the two girls' hogs placed, the more money they earn, and this year competition looked fierce.

According to Martin County Extension Agent Lee Howard, the number of entries were down this year, but more students and entries of better quality increased.

"That's what you want," Howard said.

To wrap up the show, organizers opted to hand out cash awards depending on how the animal placed in the contest,

rather than holding the traditional auction.

Students received their awards at the banquet Saturday night.

"Our community gives us total support," Howard said Saturday morning. "Our total contributions are up this year. We'll be giving away more money this year at the banquet than in any year. We had a good cotton crop this year, but even in hard times, the community has always opened up their hearts for the kids."

For Beasley, what is more important than his children receiving the financial reward are the

other lessons learned in 4-H.

"The kids stay busy with 4-H," he said. "With that and sports, they're too busy to roam the streets and get in trouble."

With two other children not yet old enough to begin entering the stock show, Beasley plans see many more livestock shows.

"I have 18 years to go, as long as we can afford it," he said with a grin.

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Nine-year-old Jennifer Beasley prepares her hog for show at the Martin County Junior Livestock Show. This was Beasley's second year as a member of the Martin County 4-H.

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Former governor had power to commute sentences, court rules

By STEVE MILLS

Knight Ridder Newspapers
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A unanimous Illinois Supreme Court on Friday upheld the mass commutations granted by former Gov. George Ryan, settling the last questions about the controversial blanket clemency for Death Row inmates.

Ruling in a lawsuit brought by Illinois Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan and prosecutors from across the state, the court said Ryan had an "essentially unreviewable power" to grant clemency to inmates — even to

prisoners who had not signed commutation petitions.

The state's highest court said the former governor also could grant clemency to prisoners whose death sentences had been reversed by an appeals court and were awaiting a new sentencing hearing.

The state constitution, the court said in its 10-page opinion written by Justice Bob Thomas, "allows the legislature to regulate the application process but does not in any way restrict the governor's power to act."

Altogether, 32 inmates faced a

return to the state's nearly empty Death Row had the court sided with Madigan.

Ryan's decision last January to pardon four Death Row inmates and commute the sentences of 167 others followed some three years of deliberations over the issue that began in January 2000, when Ryan declared a moratorium on executions.

Former Atty. Gen. Jim Ryan filed a handful of lawsuits that failed to block the commutations before they were announced. Madigan went to

the Supreme Court after the commutations.

The lawsuits raised issues about the separation of powers, what "conviction" and "sentenced" mean and the powers of a sitting governor.

The former governor is now under federal indictment for a wide range of corruption allegedly committed while secretary of state and later as governor.

Ryan said in an interview Friday that he was not surprised by the ruling.

"I was more than confident

that, when I did what I did, I had the constitutional authority to do it," Ryan said.

Madigan said in a statement that she filed the lawsuit because the commutations raised "significant constitutional questions" and she sought to "provide an orderly and expeditious resolution."

She said she was pleased the court had answered those questions.

The court ruled the governor has broad powers to grant clemency, including to inmates who did not seek it.

Prosecutors refuse rehab deal for Limbaugh, insist on guilty plea

By PETER FRANCESCHINA

South Florida Sun-Sentinel
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Palm Beach County prosecutors rejected an overtone last month from Rush Limbaugh's attorneys that would have allowed the conservative commentator to enter drug rehabilitation rather than face criminal charges for prescription drug abuse.

Prosecutors say they think they have evidence that Limbaugh committed at least 10 felonies by illegally obtaining overlapping drug prescriptions, according to documents released to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

They offered to end the investigation if Limbaugh pleaded guilty to a single felony for "doctor shopping" and agreed to a three-year term of probation, a deal that Limbaugh's Miami attorney Roy Black called "preposterous" on Thursday.

Limbaugh, 53, admitted in October to a prescription drug addiction as the result of chronic back pain and entered a month-long treatment program.

He has not been charged with any crimes.

Black wrote to Palm Beach County State Attorney Barry Krischer on Dec. 11, asking whether his office's investigation could be resolved by having Limbaugh

It was unclear Thursday whether the prosecution offer is still on the table.

enter an intervention program that allows drug offenders to seek treatment and not face criminal convictions.

James Martz, the prosecutor heading the investigation into Limbaugh's prescription drug use, responded to Black with a Dec. 15 letter saying such an intervention program was not appropriate. The program is typically offered to minor, first-time drug offenders.

Martz noted that prosecutors reviewed records from a pharmacy near

Limbaugh's \$24 million Palm Beach mansion coupled with records associated with four search warrants served on Limbaugh's doctors for his medical records. Martz said those records "indicate evidence that would support in excess of 10 felony counts for violations" of doctor shopping, which makes it illegal to obtain prescriptions secretly from more than one doctor.

Martz offered to end the investigation through a plea agreement. "We believe this case can be settled without a trial," he wrote in the Dec. 15 letter.

Prosecutors said Limbaugh would have to admit to doctor shopping, a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison. Limbaugh would be placed on three years of probation, required to undergo a treatment program approved by a judge and subjected to random drug tests during that time.

"Mr. Limbaugh would provide community service during his probationary period in a manner approved by the court,"

Martz wrote. "We would suggest that those efforts be utilized to raise public awareness of the dangers of prescription drug addiction."

And since Limbaugh does not have a criminal record, the prosecutors' offer would have allowed the judge to withhold a formal finding of guilt, meaning Limbaugh would not be a convicted felon if he successfully completed all terms of his probation.

It was unclear Thursday whether the prosecution offer is still on the table.

"This proposed resolution is offered as an alternative to unsealing your client's medical records and in an effort to bring this case to a swift and just resolution," Martz wrote.

Prosecutors declined to comment on the letters, which were released to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel in response to a request under the state's public-records laws. Prosecutors consulted with the Florida Attorney General's Office and the Florida Bar before determining the letters are not

confidential and had to be released as public records.

"My request of Mr. Krischer was for the same treatment anyone else in

this situation would receive. The state's response was preposterous, and I declined to respond to it," Black said in a statement Thursday.

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nel consideration. County Tax Attorney Drew

Mouton will present resolutions accepting transfer of tax deed in lieu of foreclosure. County Construction Administrator Phil Furqueron will discuss

courthouse and library renovations. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the Howard County

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Howard College trustees allowed African Americans to apply to the college.

In other business, trustees will consider several financial items, including the purchase of a new computer operating system with an

estimated cost of less than \$500,000 and the acceptance of a resolution from the Dora Roberts Foundation for scholarship monies.

Trustees will also hear an update from Big Spring Architect Phil Furqueron about the status of several construction projects and will consider extending the president's contract.

After opening the meeting at 11:15 a.m., trustees are expected to

immediately adjourn into to closed session for the president's annual evaluation and to meet with the college's attorney over contemplated litigation. Trustees are expected to resume the meeting in open session at 12:30 p.m.

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Welch (Moore Development assistant director) have been wonderful to work with on this, and I just can't say enough about the support they've given us."

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SOLITAIRE

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"The additional space will help us increase our production and meet the growing need for our product. Since the Big Spring facility was closed, we've lost a great deal of money because we simply can't keep up with the demand."

Gandy said hiring will be at a slow pace for the company, but once the new addition is completed, it will employ 10 to 15 more people.

"It's going to be a slow process," he said. "Because of the time frame we've been closed we'll have to take all new applications. We will give priority to the people that were laid off and have the skills we need. They'll get preferential treatment."

"When we were open before, we employed

around 160 people. With the additional space, we'll be able to keep around 175 people working, with an annual payroll of about \$4 million. So this is looking really good for us."

Moore Development for Big Spring Executive Director Kent Sharp said as long as the facility reopens on its current time table, it won't default on the note the economic development agency issued.

"As long as they can get it open by the end of the quarter, they won't be in

default," said Sharp. "They had amassed enough payroll credits in the time that they were open to avoid defaulting, which will allow them to pick up where they left off."

Gandy said he's excited to get back to work and live up to the expectations of not only Moore Development, but to Big Spring.

"It feels fantastic to finally have a solid idea of when we're going to reopen," said Gandy. "Kent Sharp and Pam

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: A friend of mine recently fell down some stairs and fractured her arms. At first, "Carol" admitted she was drunk. Now she tells people she "slipped."

This woman has a history of getting drunk and then blaming others for her mishaps. She once accused a friend of stealing her wallet, when it was actually in her closet. After she drove over a curb and blew out her tire, she said someone slit it. Another time, she wrapped her car around a fire hydrant and insisted she was hit by another driver. All these things happened while she was under the influence of alcohol.

Friends, including me, have tried to tell Carol to quit drinking or slow down, but she refuses. Right now, she looks ridiculous with casts on both arms, and she's too embarrassed to return to work or talk to any of her friends.

Carol denies she has a problem with alcohol. I would like to save her before she does some serious damage to herself or someone else. Any suggestions? — A Concerned Friend

Dear Friend: You cannot save Carol if she is unwilling to admit she has a problem with booze. You can, however, contact Al-Anon for some help and suggestions, and we hope you will do it soon. Carol is headed for serious trouble.

Dear Annie: Now that outside temperatures have dropped in many parts of the country, fire and burns are a signifi-



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cant health concern.

As a major burn center, Loyola University Medical Center sees an increased number of burn patients, especially children, who are hurt in house fires as a result of accidents with kerosene or gas space heaters, or other electrical appliances. There are more than 1 million burn injuries in the United States each year. Space heaters alone are associated with 25,000 residential fires each year nationwide.

Space heaters should be used only in areas where they are protected from being tipped over, and located where a child or family pet cannot brush up against them. An adult should be present at all times when a space heater is being used, and manufacturers' instructions should be followed carefully.

Parents and guardians need to be especially careful with small children to prevent scalds, by checking whether bath water is too hot or ensuring pot and pan handles

on the stove top are turned inward, so children cannot reach up and spill boiling water or hot cooking oil on themselves.

Please encourage your readers to use heaters, electrical appliances, candles and other sources of open flame safely to prevent house fires. Winter is an enjoyable time of year, and we want everyone to stay healthy and safe. Your readers can learn more about fire prevention tips during the winter months by visiting: www.luhs.org/burnprevention. — Richard L. Gamelli, M.D., Director, Burn and Shock Trauma Institute, Loyola University Health System, and Robert J. Freemark, M.D., President-elect, American Burn Association

Dear Dr. Gamelli and Dr. Freemark: Thank you for the timely warning. Readers, please make it a family project to check out the fire-prevention tips.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Trophy Wife," whose husband wanted to display his hunting trophies in the main room of the house. I've been married for 33 years to a hunter. When we built our new home, we made an agreement: I decorate the main floor; he can decorate the basement. He built a beautiful rec room, and not one person has had a problem going downstairs to see his trophies. In fact, I added one of my own last year — a nice, big wall-eye fish. — Hunter's Wife
Dear Wife: Compromise

is usually the best solution. Thanks for your input.

Dear Annie: I am only 20 years old, and my boyfriend of three years recently asked me to marry him. I love him dearly, but he isn't an American citizen, and I am not sure if he wants to marry me because he truly loves me or because he wants his green card so he can stay in the United States.

I think I am blinded by love and not seeing things clearly. I know I should move on, but no matter how hard I try, I just can't. He's leaving soon to go back to his country and has asked me to come with him. My co-workers tell me that traveling to his country will be the experience of a lifetime and I should go.

Please point me in the right direction. I don't want to hurt him, but I don't want to make a huge mistake, either. — Sad Blue Eyes in Connecticut

Dear Sad: The fact that you are questioning his motives after three years indicates you are looking for a way out. You are young to be making a lifetime commitment, and it is unfair to travel with him under false pretenses. It would be wiser to use the time apart to re-evaluate the relationship. Marriage is serious business, and you ought to feel more certain. You both deserve that much.

Dear Annie: What is the proper relationship with an ex-son-in-law? Our daughter, "Jenny," and her ex-husband have

joint custody of our grandchildren. Jenny was the one who wanted the divorce. Her ex is a good father, but the two of them have ongoing arguments.

Jenny insists that we limit ourselves to being civil at the doorway when the ex drops off the children. We feel it is OK to have our ex-son-in-law visit with us, and even join us for dinner occasionally in our home or at a restaurant with the grandchildren. Do you agree? What should we do if our ex-son-in-law calls simply to chat, or asks to have lunch with one of us without the grandchildren?

This has been going on for several years and is causing tremendous conflict. Sometimes Jenny holds the grandchildren hostage as a bargaining chip to get her way. What

should we do? — Extended Family in Massachusetts

Dear Family: Jenny should not be dictating who you can and cannot spend time with. However, being overly chummy with the ex makes your daughter uncomfortable, and it might help to be more sensitive. It is perfectly OK to talk to him on the phone or invite him inside for a visit when he drops off the children, but dinners together are more than Jenny can handle. Remain friendly, but explain to your ex-son-in-law that you must respect Jenny's feelings on the subject.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net.

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Four Steers named to academic all-state squad

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School head coach Dwight Butler may not have collected as many wins as he would have like this past season on the football field, but he received a lot more in the classroom.

Butler, the Steers' all-time winningest coach, announced earlier this week four members of Big Spring's 2003 football team had been named to the

Texas High School Coaches Association academic all-state squads. Defensive ends Jeremy Cerda and Erin Partee and defensive backs Jordan Cobb and Anthony Fuentes were among more than 100 athletes statewide recognized by state's coaches for their abilities in the classroom.

"That recognition says a lot about those young men," said Butler. "With everything else going on in their lives, they found the time to study and do



CERDA



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what they needed to do. You have to admire them for taking care of business."

Overall, Big Spring received almost half of the all-state honors given to District 4-4A

schools. Levelland had five players, chosen while Lake View had two.

Cerda, a two-year starter, was a key figure in the Steers' defensive attack this season. A senior, he started almost every game in 2003.

Cobb, one of the team's top defensive backs, and Partee were also key contributors on defense. Cobb had more than 40 tackles and two interceptions this fall from his safety position.

Steers put up the good fight

Andrews survives big scare, 61-47

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Despite being bruised and short-handed, the Big Spring Steers went a long way toward getting rid of all of the stigmas that could be placed on them this fall with a gutsy effort Friday against the Andrews Mustangs.

The Steers, behind a strong performance from Michael Ornales-Doport and Jordan Cobb, pushed Andrews to the brink before a late run enabled the Mustangs to sneak away with a deceiving 61-47 victory.

Big Spring jumped on Andrews early in the District 4-4A matchup. Ornales-Doport opened the game with a short jumper from the left baseline to give the Steers a 2-0 advantage. Cobb added a three-pointer less than a minute later to give the Steers a 7-4 cushion.

The Mustangs, now 18-4 and 2-1 in loop play, battled back midway through the frame to grab its first lead, at 8-7, on a Blas Hernandez bucket at the 5:56 mark.

Wesley Smith erased the Mustangs' happiness just 20 seconds later. The senior forward nailed a running one-hand jumper that put the Steers back on top. Cobb followed with a layup that upped the BSHS lead to 11-8 with 2:37 to play in the opening eight minutes.

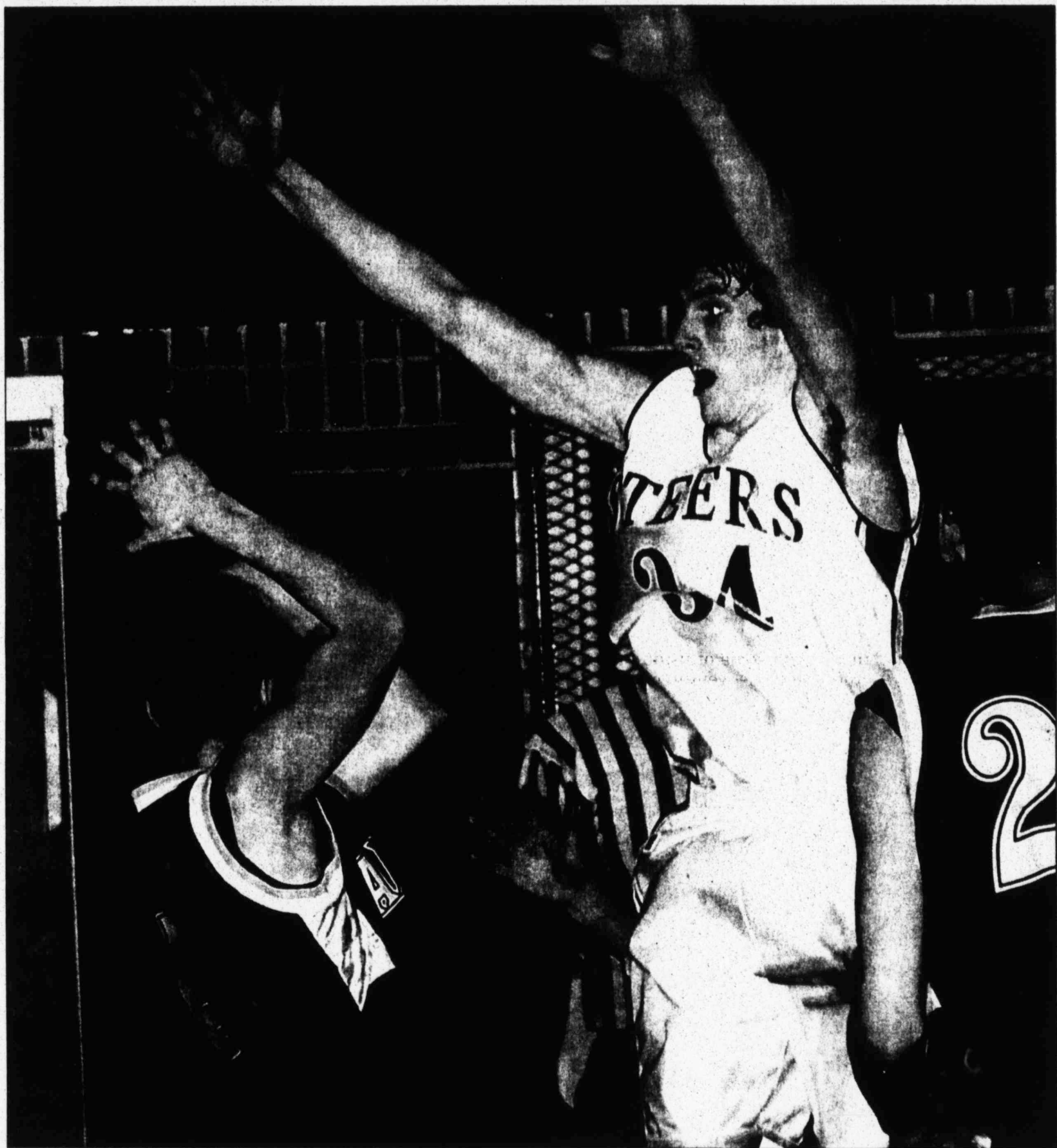
Andrews managed to rally back in the final two minutes, however. The Mustangs scored a 5-0 run in the last 2:07 to take a 13-11 advantage into the second.

Tyla Haygood stretched the Mustangs' lead to five just seconds into the ensuing frame by hitting a three-point attempt from the left wing.

Haygood's shot capped an 8-0 run by Andrews.

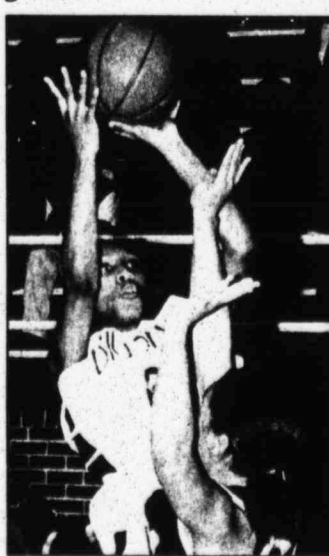
Ornales-Doport and Cobb came up big for the Steers from there. Both knocked down clutch shots following Haygood's three-pointer to quickly cut Andrews' lead to 16-15 with 7:17 left in the half.

Ornales-Doport finished the game as See STEERS, Page 10A



Big Spring senior Wes Smith tries to screen Andrews' Richard Hooper from a play during the first quarter of the Steers' District 4-4A showdown Friday in the BSHS gym. Smith scored eight points and collected seven rebounds in Big Spring's gutsy effort against Andrews.

HERALD Photo/
Bruce Schooler
Big Spring's
Imari Brown
goes up for a
shot during the
Lady Steers' 4-
4A matchup
with rival
Andrews
Friday in the
Steer Gym.
The Lady
Mustangs
claimed a 71-
46 win.



Andrews sinks 10 treys in win over Lady Steers

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Andrews Lady Mustangs would have made AT&T proud Friday night — especially with their long distance connections. The Big Spring Lady Steers, however, would have probably preferred a prank call.

The Lady Mustangs, led by Diandra Marquez, buried 10 three-point shots and raced to a 74-46 victory over the Big Spring in front of a small crowd in the Steer Gym.

With the victory, Andrews moved

into a tie for second-place in the District 4-4A race with Lubbock Estacado with a 3-2 mark. Big Spring slipped to 0-5.

Marquez helped Andrews break out the big guns early in the contest. She sank two of her five three-point shots in the first eight minutes and helped the Lady Mustangs sprint to a 17-6 advantage.

Overall, Marquez pumped in nine of her game-high 22 points in the first quarter.

Raegan Ritchey carried the brunt of

the Lady Steers' offensive load in the opening period by scoring four points. Leina Braxton added the other.

Big Spring managed to get its offense untracked in the second. Braxton scored seven of her nine points in the stanza and sparked an 18-point outburst.

After Andrews had extended its lead to 29-9, Shannon Higgins ignited a 7-0 run by the BSHS girls with a free throw. Braxton, Carmen Lewis and Alex Watkins all scored and helped the See TREYS, Page 10A

Bulldogettes upend Crane

Sterling Gee scored 14 points and Mendy Morgan added 10 more Friday and led the Coahoma Bulldogettes to a 45-43 win over the Crane Lady Birds.

With the victory, Coahoma improved to 11-14 for the year and to 3-2 in District 3-2A play. Crane is now 0-5 in loop action.

Vicki Cortez added six points to the CHS effort.



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Bruce Schooler
The Big Spring
Rebels enjoyed
a busy schedule
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The Rebels
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Wildcats improve to 22-1 with 79-32 romp

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

KLONDIKE — The Grady Wildcats reached half way to what they want: The District 7-A championship.

Grady completed their first half of its district schedule with a perfect 5-0 mark Friday night by pouncing out a 79-32 rout of the Klondike Cougars.

With the win, the fifth-ranked Wildcats improved to 22-1 for the

season. The Wildcats did most of their damage in the first eight minutes of the contest by grinding out a 24-4 run.

Jason Pribyla paced the Wildcats in the frame by sinking several key baskets down the stretch.

The Wildcats, whose only loss this fall came in a non-district matchup with Midland Classical, expanded its advantage to 31, at 47-16, in the second quarter by hammering

out a 23-12 run.

Grady, which attempted just one free throw in the game, closed out the affair with a 32-16 run over the final 16 minutes.

Pribyla led all GHS scorers with 24 points. Brent Madison added 18, while Andrew Villa and Trent May tallies 12 and 11, respectively. Nick Winford contributed 10.

The Wildcats will begin the second half of district play Tuesday when they travel to Ira.

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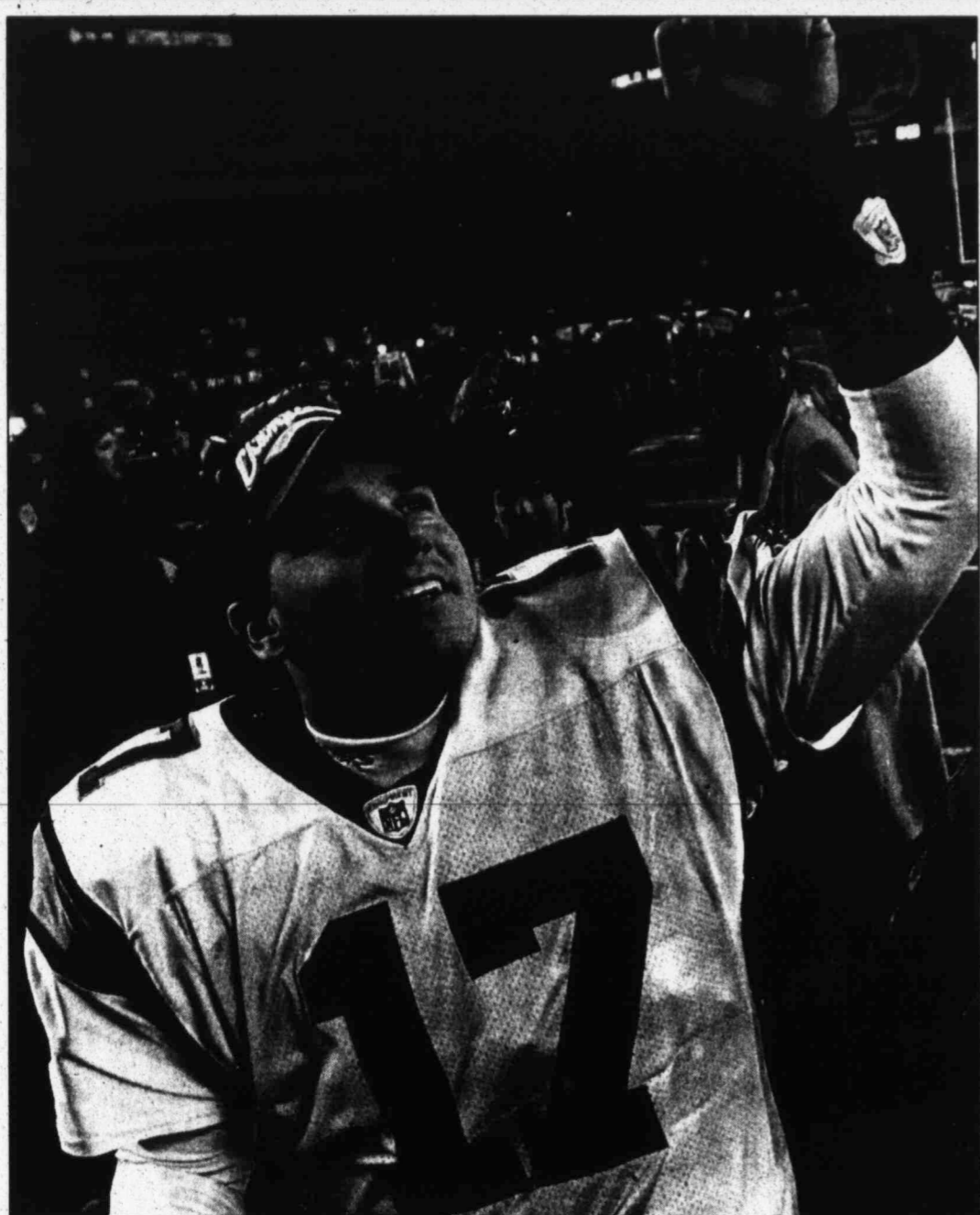
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Growing up



Carolina Panthers' quarterback Jake Delhomme says his hometown of Breaux Bridges, Louisiana, helps keep his head about himself as he prepares for the Super Bowl.

'Crawfish Capital' hometown keeps Delhomme grounded

BREAUX BRIDGE, La. — To understand the man who will start at quarterback for the Carolina Panthers in the Super Bowl, you have to study Jake Delhomme's roots.

You have to come here, to this town of 7,200 in the heart of Cajun country that advertises itself as the "Crawfish Capital of the World."

You have to see the massive oak tree where Delhomme's father hung the tire so Jake could practice throwing footballs. You have to spot the street signs in Breaux Bridge that are written in both French and English. You have to go to nearby Lafayette to visit the small Catholic high school where Jake starred and hear about that football game in which he did everything but sing the national anthem.

Most of all, you have to realize how close Jake Delhomme is to his family — literally and figuratively.

Delhomme lives in Breaux Bridge in the offseason with his wife, Keri, and 13-month-old daughter Lauren in what used to be his grandfather's house. The tidy ranch home is so unassuming most Super Bowl quarterbacks probably have a TV room boasting more square footage.

Delhomme's house used to be a quarter-mile away from Jake's parents'. But that wasn't close enough. So a moving company picked up the house and placed it 50 yards from the house of Jake's parents, Jerry and Marcia Delhomme.

People don't leave Breaux Bridge much. For his entire life, this town has been Jake Delhomme's sanctuary. "We don't veer far away from our roots here," says Jerry Delhomme, Jake's father. "There were five kids in my family, and none of us ever left."

Growing up in a fami-

ly that acted like it was always celebrating Thanksgiving rubbed off on the Panthers' quarterback. He has made sure his life includes constant reminders of his family, and of Breaux Bridge.

Delhomme calls his parents more in a week than some of us do in a year. He went to college 10 minutes from his childhood home to play for the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns. He married a hometown girl who was his seventh-grade girlfriend.

And he chose to wear No. 17 with the Panthers because his daughter was born Dec. 17, 2002, after his wife went through 17 hours of labor.

Jerry and Marcia

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We're not just all about those mud bugs. Don't believe everything you saw in that movie 'The Waterboy.'

Jack Delhomme
Breaux Bridges Mayor

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Delhomme have two sons, Jeff, their oldest, came five years before Jake. Jeff was the original star athlete in the family, a speedster who got a full scholarship to McNeese State and attracted some NFL interest. But Jeff blew out his knee in college. He now lives a half-mile down the road with his wife and three kids.

During the offseason, the brothers frequently play catch with a football in the back yard so Jake can keep his arm in shape.

"Jake was always a part of things with me — a nagging part of things, usually," Jeff says laughing. "But once he got into high school, we developed a close bond."

Like Jake, Jeff is tough. When Jake told family members last week not to go anywhere

near Philadelphia for the NFC Championship Game, fearing for their safety, Jake's wife and parents obeyed.

Jeff didn't. He went to the game with a friend, saw several fights in the stands, ate a cheesesteak, cheered Carolina's win and loved it all.

In 1859, Breaux Bridge was founded, mostly by Cajuns. Cajuns are descendants of the French Canadians whom the British drove from the captured French colony of Acadia and down into the fertile bayou of Louisiana. Breaux Bridge is 127 miles west of New Orleans and 223 miles east of Houston, where on Feb. 1 Delhomme will lead Carolina against New England in the Super Bowl.

Delhommes have been in town from the beginning — the name means "The Man" in French. Delhommes have served the town as postmasters, farmers, laborers and now as mayor. Jack Dale Delhomme, a cousin of Jerry Delhomme, is in his sixth year as mayor and is so popular he ran unopposed in the last election.

There's a historical marker outside Breaux Bridge's City Hall. It notes that the town has been "long recognized for its culinary artistry in the preparation of crawfish."

Mayor Jack Dale wants to make sure people know there is more to Breaux Bridge than crawfish, however. Along with Delhomme, the town has turned out a recent Miss USA, along with several football players on LSU's national championship team.

"We do produce good doctors, lawyers, soldiers and athletes down here," the mayor says. "We're not just all about those mud bugs. Don't believe everything you saw in that movie 'The Waterboy.'"

Henson scores 15 in Lady Kats' 36-23 romp over Iraan

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

IRAAN — Amanda Henson saved her best game for the Garden City Lady Kats' biggest game.

The Garden City senior scored 15 points and helped carry the Lady Kats to a dominating 36-23 win over the Iraan Bravettes Friday in a District 8-A showdown.

With the win, the Lady Kats improved to 20-3 for the year and moved into sole possession of first place in the 8-A 160p standings with a 4-0 record. Iraan falls to 3-1.

Garden City didn't waste any time in putting Iraan in a hole. The Lady Kats stormed to an 11-4 advantage in the first eight minutes and never looked back.

Garden City expanded its lead a bit more in the second. Anchored by

points from Henson and Jessica Hoch, the Lady Kats reeled off a 17-10 run in the frame and took a 28-18 lead into the half.

Hoch finished the game with eight points — six of which came via two three-point shots.

Neither team managed to solve the other's defensive talents in the third. Both teams scored just three points in the events.

The Lady Kats rebounded in the final period. Garden City, which received stellar defensive play from senior Anna Flores, closed out the victory with a 7-4 spree in the closing eight minutes.

Leslie Jansa finished the contest as the Lady Kats' third-leading scorer. She pitched in five points. Junior forward Megan Niehues added four while Krystal Sullivan and Lauren Plagens con-



File photo
Garden City's Amanda Henson scored 15 points in the Lady Kats' win over Iraan.

tributed three and one points, respectively.

A-Rod picked for Miami's board of trustees

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — American League MVP Alex Rodriguez has made another commitment to the University of Miami, the school he nearly attended after high school.

Fifteen months after donating \$3.9 million to the school's baseball program, Rodriguez has been appointed to its board of trustees.

Former Miami standout

and NFL quarterback Bernie Kosar also is on the board, which approves coaching hires and played a role in Miami's move from the Big East Conference to the Atlantic Coast Conference last summer.

Rodriguez grew up near campus, signed with Miami out of nearby Westminster Christian High and came close to playing for the

Hurricanes — about 50 feet to be exact.

He was on campus, walking to his first class in fall 1993, when a Seattle Mariners scout stopped him just before he got to the door. The Mariners had drafted Rodriguez with the No. 1 overall pick in the amateur draft and offered him a \$1 million contract. But A-Rod's mother turned down the deal.

Capitals trade Jaromir Jagr to NY Rangers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jaromir Jagr already has at least one thing in common with his New York Rangers teammates. He knows how it feels to get paid a lot and still lose.

After 2 1/2 years of little return from one of the game's marquee players, the Washington Capitals on Friday dealt Jagr and his \$11 million-per-year contract to the Rangers, who are in danger of missing the postseason for a seventh straight year despite the highest payroll in the NHL.

"If you're going to do something, now is the time before it's too late," said New York coach and general manager Glen Sather, whose team is in 10th place in the Eastern Conference. "If you look at his track record, he's been one of the most successful players in the NHL. We think we need a shot in the arm right now, and he was available."

The Capitals simply couldn't afford Jagr, who didn't win a playoff series in Washington and didn't fill the arena. The Capitals have lost some \$20 million per year since

Ted Leonsis bought the team in 1999. Leonsis acquired Jagr from Pittsburgh in 2001 and gave him a seven-year, \$77 million contract, but the investment never came close to paying off. "It was a nice try by us," Washington general manager George McPhee said. "But it didn't work."

The teams needed six months of off-and-on

negotiations to make the trade happen. The Capitals got forward Anson Carter in return, but the crux of the deal centered on how much of Jagr's contract the Capitals would continue to pay as the cost-conscious league heads toward a possible lockout next season.

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Girls

Team	Overall		District	
	W	L	W	L
Team	W	L	W	L
Frenship	20	6	4	1
Levelland	14	11	4	1
Estacado	14	11	3	2
Andrews	13	11	3	2
Lake View	11	14	1	5
Big Spring	5	17	0	5

Team Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
Estacado	5	352	70.4
Frenship	5	338	67.6
Andrews	5	290	58.0
Levelland	5	254	50.8
Big Spring	5	238	47.7
Lake View	5	211	42.2

Team Defense

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
Levelland	5	221	44.2
Estacado	5	256	51.2
Frenship	5	247	49.4
Lake View	5	305	61.0
Andrews	5	274	54.8
Big Spring	5	347	69.4

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
L. Henderson, Estacado	5	114	22.8
Ashleigh Brady, Frenship	5	86	17.2
Allison Hill, Lake View	5	75	15.0
Leina Braxton, Big Spring	5	74	14.8
K. Gerstenberger, Levelland	5	74	14.8
C. Blackshear, Levelland	5	68	13.6
Jennifer Pena, Frenship	5	67	13.4
Nitra Woods, Andrews	5	65	13.0
S. Henderson, Estacado	5	62	12.4
Tia Grant, Andrews	5	58	11.6
Diandra Marquez, Andrews	5	58	11.6
T. Martin, Estacado	5	51	10.2
Erika Fowler, Lake View	5	48	9.6
Sarah Manthei, Andrews	5	43	8.6
Heather Fuller, Andrews	5	37	7.4
Carmen Lewis, Big Spring	5	35	7.0
Tia Smitherman, Estacado	5	31	6.2
Haley Hill, Lake View	5	31	6.2
Alex Watkins, Big Spring	5	29	5.8
Erica Knight, Frenship	5	28	5.6
S. Higgins, Big Spring	5	23	4.6
Roberson, Estacado	5	24	4.4
Garcia, Estacado	5	12	2.4

3-point Shots

Player, Team	G	Made
Jennifer Pena, Frenship	5	13
Leina Braxton, Big Spring	5	9
Chelsea Blackshear, Levelland	5	9
Diandra Marquez, Andrews	5	9
Susan Brashear, Levelland	5	8
Kandis Alderman, Frenship	5	7
Amanda Davidson, Frenship	5	6
Mackenzie Willis, Andrews	5	5
Shanequa Henderson, Estacado	5	4
Katie Joplin, Frenship	5	4
Amy Hanes, Big Spring	5	3
Tia Smitherman, Estacado	5	3
Garcia, Estacado	5	3
Imari Brown, Big Spring	5	2
Codye Burt, Big Spring	5	2
L. Henderson, Estacado	5	2
Roberson, Estacado	5	2
Tomisha Martin, Estacado	5	2

Boys

Team	Overall		District	
	W	L	W	L
Estacado	21	4	3	0
Andrews	18	4	2	1
Frenship	9	13	2	1
Levelland	7	16	1	2
Lake View	10	14	1	2
Big Spring	4	19	0	3

Team Offense

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
Estacado	3	219	73.0
Frenship	3	168	56.0
Andrews	3	178	59.3
Levelland	3	135	45.0
Big Spring	3	124	41.3
Lake View	3	118	38.3

Team Defense

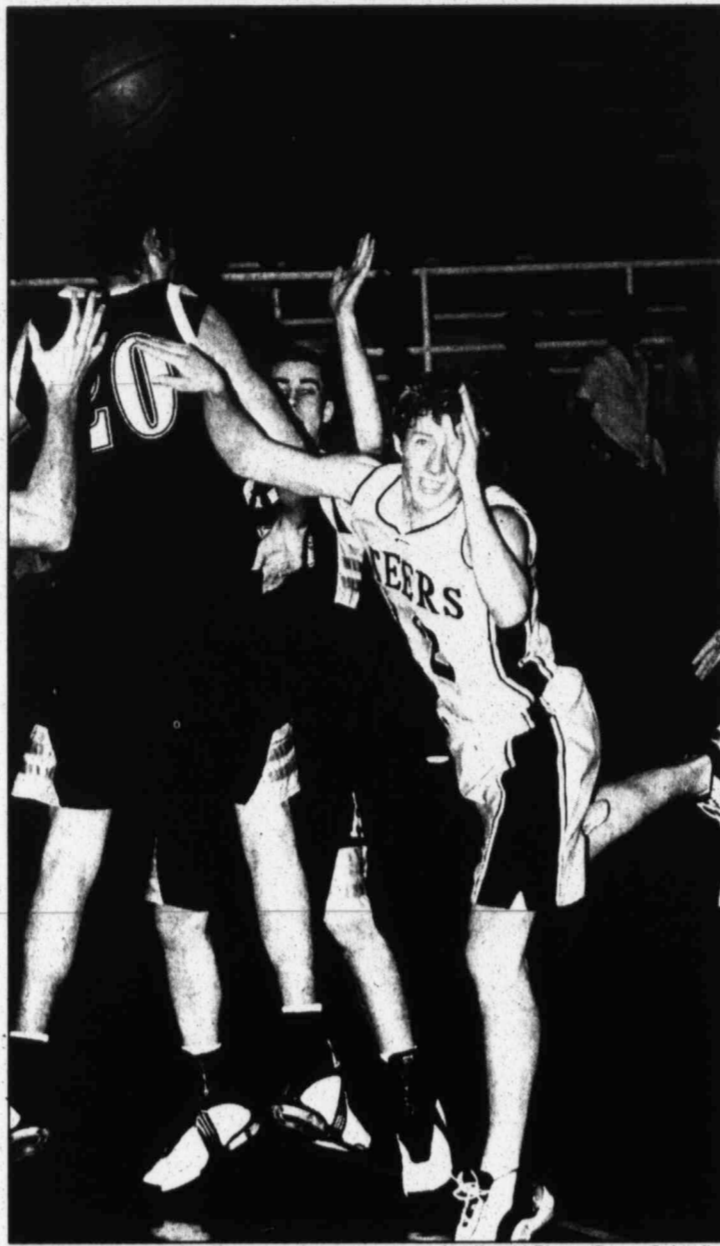
Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
Estacado	3	77	25.6
Levelland	3	155	51.6
Andrews	3	151	50.3
Lake View	3	160	53.3
Frenship	3	150	50.0
Big Spring	3	220	73.3

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
Kelvin Roberts, Andrews	3	41	13.6
Nick Evans, Frenship	3	52	17.3
Jordan Cobb, Big Spring	3	51	17.0
Stefferon McNeal, Estacado	3	50	16.6
Whitfield, Estacado	3	45	15.0
Blake Sutton, Frenship	3	44	14.3
Luna, Levelland	3	43	14.3
Michael Ornales, Big Spring	3	39	13.0
Haygood, Andrews	3	44	14.3
Rodgers, Estacado	3	34	11.3
A.J. Ross, Lake View	3	25	8.3
Villanueva, Frenship	3	24	8.0
Ramirez, Andrews	3	12	6.0
Rhodes, Andrews	3	20	6.6
McCloud, Estacado	3	17	5.6
Calvin Anderson, Lake View	3	23	7.6
Melvin Irving, Estacado	3	19	6.3
Johnson, Estacado	3	14	4.6
Cimino, Frenship	3	20	6.6
Whitfield, Frenship	3	12	4.0
Hooper, Andrews	3	24	8.0
Grappe, Levelland	3	14	4.6
Alex Gaitner, Lake View	3	15	5.0
Anthony Smith, Lake View	3	28	9.3
Winn, Frenship	3	16	5.3
Whit Harding, Lake View	3	14	4.6
Wes Smith, Big Spring	3	16	5.3
R. Irving, Estacado	3	7	2.2
C.J. Lowery, Big Spring	3	8	2.6
Christian-Perryman, Lake View	3	6	2.0

3-point Shots

Player, Team	G	Made
Stefferon McNeal, Estacado	3	10
Rodgers, Estacado	3	5
Roberts, Andrews	3	3
Anderson, Lake View	3	5
Michael Ornales, Big Spring	3	2
Whitfield, Frenship	3	2



Big Spring senior C.J. Lowery puts up an off-balanced shot during the second quarter of the Steers' game with Andrews Friday.

STEERS

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the Steers' top scorer, pushing in 16 points. Cobb added 14.

Smith, who dominated the game inside, spurred the Steers back with a pair of stellar plays.

Smith began Big Spring's comeback on the defensive end. He picked off an errant pass and went cost-to-coast for a layup. Less than a minute later, Smith worked his way in from the low post and turned a pass from Ornales-Doporto into a layup.

Smith's basket handed the Steers a 19-18 lead with 5:45 remaining.

Smith finished the game with eight points and seven rebounds.

The Steers received an emotional boost with 4:27 remaining when senior Alvin Russell made his first appearance in a game since last season. Russell, an all-district performer last year, tore his anterior cruciate ligament in July.

Andrews managed to gain a little breathing room late in the second quarter. The Mustangs reeled off an 11-2 run over the final 2:39 and went

into the intermission holding a 35-27 lead.

The Steers, now 4-18 for the year and winless in 4-4A play, didn't give Andrews' long to enjoy their nine-point advantage. Big Spring picked up back-to-back-to-back baskets from Ornales-Doporto, C.J. Lowery and Brandon Hughes to open the second half and pulled to within 35-32.

The Mustangs managed to answer back, though. Andrews reeled off a 6-0 spree midway through the third and expanded its lead to 41-32 before Brandon Gross stopped the run with a layup.

Andrews carried a 44-36 lead into the final eight minutes of the contest.

The Mustangs managed to put a little distance between themselves in the fourth courtesy of the free throw line. Andrews sank seven of their nine attempts from the charity stripe in the stanza and scored a 17-11 run.

Hagood finished the game as the Mustangs' top scorer, netting 20 points. Richard Hooper added 10, while Kelvin Roberts chipped in nine.

Big Spring will return to action Tuesday when they host Lake View in the BSHS gym.

TREYS

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Lady Steers pull to within 29-16 with 3:10 left in the half.

The Lady Mustangs, despite four third-quarter points from Watkins, regained the momentum in the second half.

Andrews knocked down three three-point shots in the third period and cruised to a 21-7 spree.

Andrews carried a 56-31 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Big Spring found its stride again in the closing minutes. Amy Hanes knocked down a three-point shot and Carmen

Lewis pushed home a pair of shots from the field to key a 15-point effort.

Lewis finished the game as the Lady Steers' top scorer by collecting 12 points. Watkins and Higgins tallied eight and seven, respectively.

Andrews' Nitra Woods was the Lady Mustangs' second-leading scorer, finishing with 15.

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Big Spring will begin the second half of the District 4-4A slate Tuesday by hosting the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in the Steer Gym. Lake View snapped a 41-game district losing streak by taking a slim win in their first

matchup.

TCU conference decision could come next week

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Texas Christian University is expected to accept an invitation next week to join the Mountain West Conference beginning in the 2005-06 school year,

according to a published report.

TCU could receive a formal invitation as early as Monday, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its Friday editions, citing unnamed sources.

The school's athletic committee, which has studied a possible move for months, is expected to recommend to trustees at the board's meeting Jan. 30 that the school leave Conference USA, the


newspaper said. The board can veto the move but is expected to approve it, the newspaper reported.

TCU athletic director Eric Hyman declined to comment.


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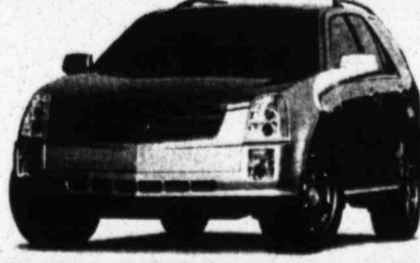


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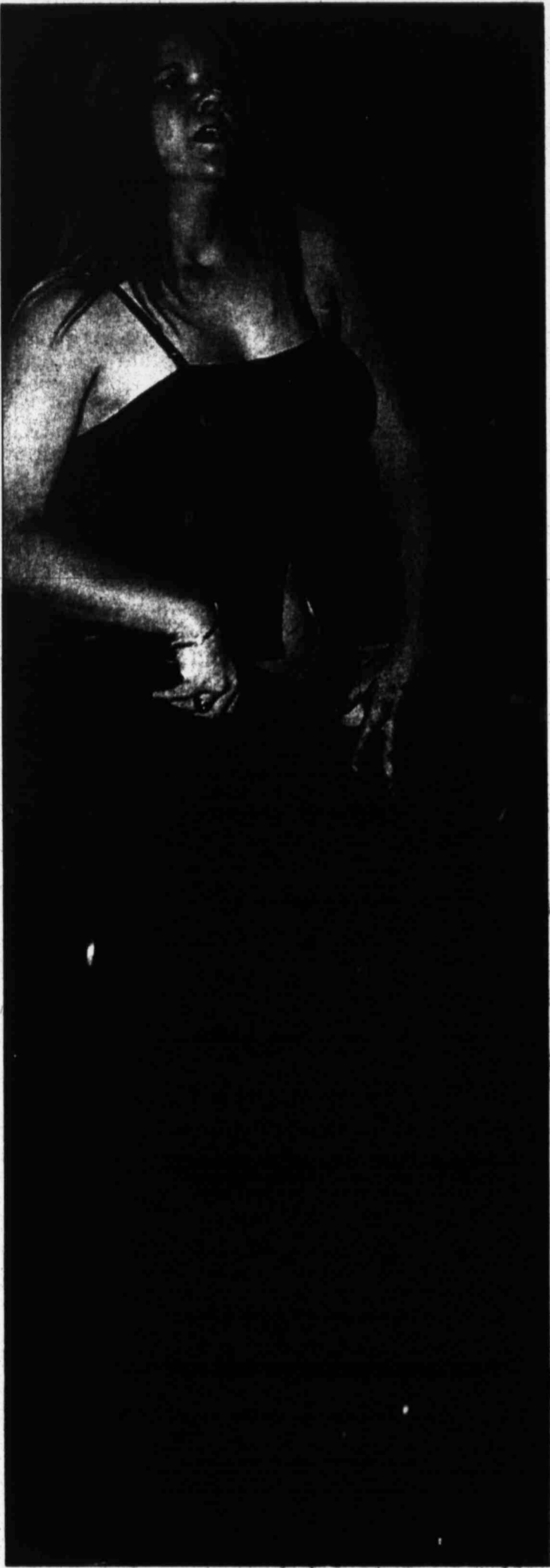
Dancers kick it up... Texas style

Stevi Bingham and the Dance Gallery Dancers got their 'kicks in recently.

The Big Spring dance group turned more than a few heads last weekend while performing at the half of the Howard College Hawks' Western Junior College Athletic Conference matchup with the Clarendon Bulldogs. The DCD squad, which has more than 100 members ranging in ages from preschool to the high school level, performs at the half of select Hawks' games each year as well as at several events throughout the year.

"It's always fun and exciting to do that," said Bingham, the team's instructor. "It's a great experience for the girls to perform in front of a large crowd and gives them an opportunity to show their talent to their families and friends."

The Dance Gallery Dancers are also instructed by Dance Gallery and Fitness Center owner Laurie Churchwell.



Heather Parnell

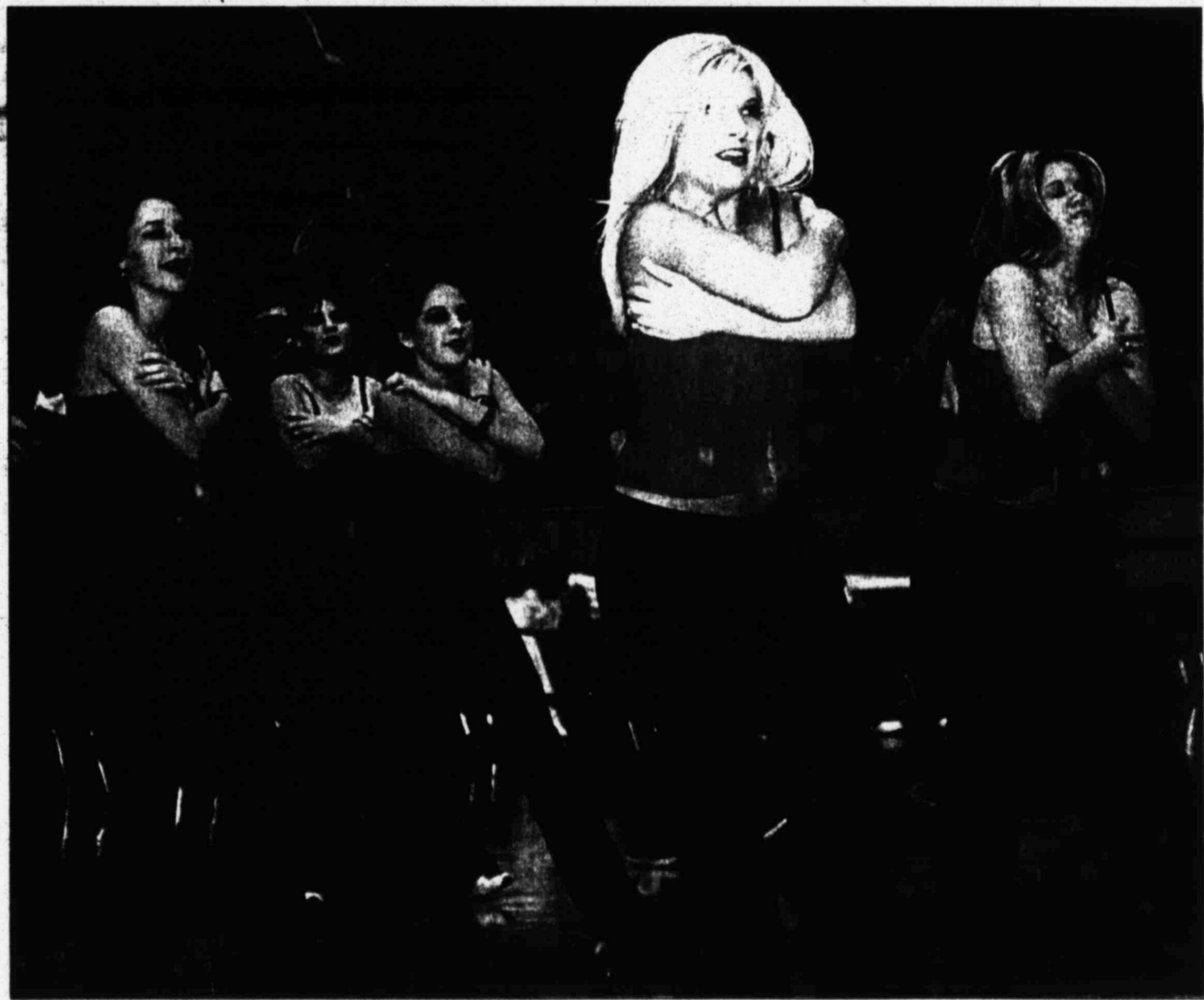


Far left, Stevi Bingham
Left, Porscha Knowlton

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Left to right, Porscha Knowlton, Shelbi Montgomery, Stevi Bingham, Heather Parnell



Left, foreground, Stevi Bingham and Heather Parnell

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Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. James Pedigo

Celebrating a golden wedding anniversary

James and Janelle (Riggins) Pedigo of Big Spring will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Feb. 12.

They will be honored at a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren from 2 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 14, at Gale's Sweet Shoppe in Big Spring. All family members and friends are invited to attend.

Mr. Pedigo was born in Monahans and moved to Big Spring at 10 years of age. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953.

Mrs. Pedigo was born in Baylor County and also moved to Howard County at 10 years of age. She attended school in Knott.

The couple met in the Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring after Pedigo returned from military service during the Korean Conflict. They were married in the church parsonage Feb. 12, 1954, by the Rev. Sidney Knox.

They have two children, Sandra Hunt and her husband Jim of Anchorage, Alaska, and Jim Pedigo and his wife Kayla of Big Spring.

They have four grand-



On their wedding day

children, Charity Wheeler and her husband Matt of Moore, Okla.; Jim Loftis and his wife Krystal of Anchorage; Grady Pedigo of Dallas, and Joshua Pedigo of Big Spring. They have four great-grandchildren Stefany, Brookelyn, Kiara and Blue.

Pedigo retired from Fina Oil and Chemical Co. after 37 years of service. Mrs. Pedigo is a homemaker. The couple enjoy spending time with their family, various hobbies and attending church. Putting God first in everything has been the secret to their success.

Births



Eduardo Austin Ray Saucedo Jr.

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Eduardo Austin Ray Saucedo Jr. was welcomed by his parents Sabrina Rivera and Eduardo Saucedo and sister, Amber Rivera, 12, of Big Spring at 8:08 a.m. Dec. 19, 2003, weighing seven pounds, two ounces, and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Merlon and Barbara Thigpen of Big Spring, and great-grandparents, Eugene and Alice Stevens of Big Spring.

Juan Antonio Rodriguez

Juan Antonio Rodriguez was born to Andy Rodriguez and Roberta Garza at 8:06 a.m., Jan. 2, 2004, weighing six pounds, nine ounces and measuring 20 inches long. His grandparents include Juan and Maira Rodriguez and Adam and Olga Edmondson of Big Spring and Roberto Garza Sinton.

Jason Anthony Castanuela

Jason Anthony Castanuela was born to Lisa Castanuela of Big Spring and Manuel Castanuela of Odessa Jan. 10, 2004, weighing six pounds, 4 1/2 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents include Robert and Della Riffe of Andrews and Manuel and Ollie Castanuela of Big Spring.

Felicity Garcia

Felicity Garcia was born to Felix and Jeanette Garcia at 2:45 a.m. Jan. 7, 2004, weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 22 inches long. Her grand-

parents include Gloria Baldomino of Big Spring, Maria and Tony Garcia of Big Spring and Alex Baldomino of Lubbock.

Announcements from Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



Bryson Joe McMurtrey

Bryson Joe McMurtrey

Joe and Aimee McMurtrey of Big Spring welcomed their son Bryson Joe McMurtrey at 7:39 a.m. Oct. 26, 2003. Bryson weighed six pounds, 20 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. His grandparents include Tommy and Brenda McMurtrey of Big Spring, Diane Crawford of Fort Worth and Mark and Kim Crawford of Crowley.

John Christopher Martinez Jr.

John and Lita Martinez, and sisters Cassidy and Amber of Big Spring welcomed their son, and brother, John Christopher Martinez Jr. at 1 p.m. Dec. 23, 2003, at Odessa Regional Hospital.

He weighed seven pounds, six ounces and measured 18 inches long. Grandparents include Rudy and Olivia Hernandez and Johnny and Mary Martinez, all of Big Spring.

Joseph Lee Chavera

Joseph Lee Chavera was born at 8:16 a.m., Jan. 16, 2004, weighing seven pounds, six ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. His parents are Jessica and Marcos Chavera of Big Spring. His grandparents are Angelica Cazares and Carmen and Marcos Chavera Sr., all of Big Spring.

Softball and Dad

Having Dad for a dad was sometimes grueling work, for he was such a taskmaster. He would sometimes set what seemed to be impossible goals for his two offsprings.

Baseball was a favorite pastime and spectator sport for our household. He took us to watch the former Memphis Chicks play many a Saturday afternoon.

Twice we traveled on family vacations to see the St. Louis Cardinals when Stan "The Man" Musial and Red Schendienst were playing. Even on those excursions he was always teaching about something related to our surroundings: the game; the players, even tales of the history about St. Louis. Our family loved St. Louis.

When his female offspring decided to get serious about junior high school softball, Dad was right in there, preaching and teaching. Sometimes he would show up at school during softball practice to see how his preteen child was faring. He loved the game of baseball no matter at what level it was played. He later helped on several occasions to coach his son's little league baseball team, even though the practice hours interfered with the rest he needed for the night work schedule he kept. He was a railroad engineer.

Our backyard was the practice place. He helped his female daughter practice catching skills, for catcher was the slot played on the junior high team. His pitching arm was strong, and often his throws left a scald mark on his daughter's hand, but he was

relentless in his desire to see excellence with the responsibility of the catcher position she played.

When during one practice session at school, a short pop fly above home plate was made by the opposing team's slugger hitter, Dad's youngster made the effort to catch it. Just as the catcher's mask was jerked off to better see the ball about to be caught, the ball slammed into his daughter's nose, at the bridge. Instantly the bridge bone was cracked and the nose started bleeding.

School officials notified parents, and the female catcher was sent home. 'Yep, the nose was broken,' said the doctor. But it would mend rather easily with a small nose cast of some sort. It is not remembered what kind it was.

Feeling sorry for herself and nursing her baseball wound with more lamenting than necessary, Dad was told that continuing to play baseball was no longer a desire. 'Nonsense,' he tenderly scolded. 'Now's the time to keep going,' was his advice. 'When you're knocked down, you get back up and with God's help, victoriously enter the fray again. Don't quit now,' he continued, 'for if you do, you'll never forgive yourself and you'll never know about yourself that you can do it.' Then his strong, but tender arms, encircled his wounded pre-teenager and offered some consolation and sympathy.

The next week, softball practice resumed as usual. The nose splint was ugly for a while, but the result of giving up would have been uglier. Dad's healing wisdom lasted much longer than the physical injury and wounded pride his daughter temporarily suffered.

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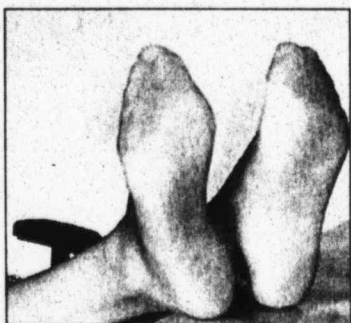
Healthy feet are part of good health

Medicine and health awareness have taken such a dramatic step forward that the life expectancy of the average American has increased by 30 years since 1900.

To live useful, satisfying lives, the three million people currently aged 65 must be able to move about. Foot ailments can make this difficult, if not impossible.

The human foot has been called the mirror of health.

Foot doctors or doctors of podiatric medicine (DPMs) are often the first doctors to see signs of



The human foot has been called the mirror of health.

such systemic conditions as diabetes, arthritis and circulatory disease in the foot.

Among these signs are dry skin, brittle nails, burning and tingling sen-

sations, feeling of cold, numbness and discoloration. Always seek professional care when these symptoms appear.

Many people mistakenly believe that it is normal for feet to hurt and endure foot problems that can be treated.

There are more than 300 different foot ailments. Some can be traced to heredity, but most stem from years of neglect or abuse.

Even among people in their retirement years, many foot problems can be treated successfully, and the pain relieved.

Normal wear and tear over the years causes changes in the feet. As people age, their feet tend to spread and lose the fatty pads that cushion the bottoms of feet. Additional weight can affect the bone and ligament structure.

Older people, consequently, should have their feet measured for shoe sizes more frequently and not assume they are still the same size.

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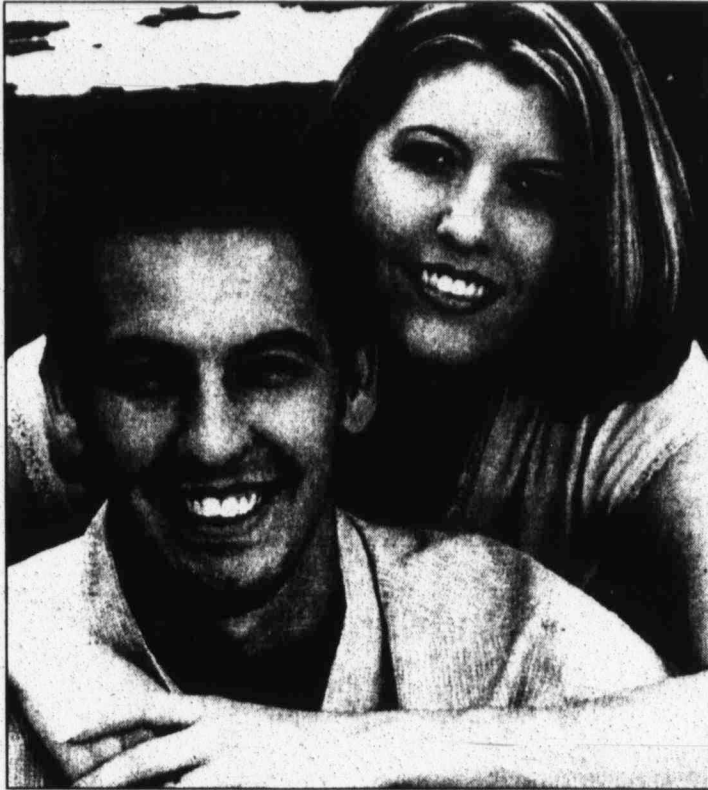
Sara Ann Keith and Bradly Vance Neel

Keith and Neel

Sara Ann Keith and Bradly Vance Neel of San Antonio will be married at 4 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Chapel on the Riverwalk in San Antonio.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Joe Keith of El Paso and Mrs. Ann McClaugherty of San Antonio. She earned her degree as interpreter for the deaf and has a Texas certification, working as an interpreter in San Antonio.

The prospective groom is the son of Ben and Bonnie Sue Neel of Big Spring. He earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and sport fitness from Southwest Texas State University. He is employed with Kellogg Brown and Root under the Hospice of the Department of Defense in Baghdad, Iraq.



Katie Murphy and Aaron Bellinghausen

Murphy and Bellinghausen

Katie LeAnn Murphy of Katy and Aaron Moyses Bellinghausen of Vancouver, B.C., Canada will be married at 5 p.m. March 6 at First Christian Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Murphy of Katy and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rosey of Fillmore, Calif., and the late Mr. and Mrs. John D. Murphy of Piru, Calif. She is a graduate of Pleasanton High School and attended Southwest Texas State University as a certified interpreter for the deaf. She is employed with Katy ISD as an interpreter for the deaf.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCormick of Big Spring and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Moyses Arellano of Glendive, Mt. and Mr. and Mrs. Orland McCormick of San Angelo. He is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School and Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is employed as an accountant in the field of exploration with BHP/Billiton.



Jessica Ann Rios and Brodie Lee Dunn

Rios and Dunn

Jessica Ann Rios and Brodie Lee Dunn will be married at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the La Vadera Club in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Amador Rios Sr. or Big Spring, Elena Cantu of Big Spring and Angelita and Enrique Cantu of Stanton. She is the granddaughter of Augushina Rios of Big Spring and the late Alejandro Rios. She is a 1996 graduate of Stanton High School.

The prospective groom is the son of Albert and Cynthia Gonzales of Midland and Dwight and Rose Dunn Turner of Austin. He is the grandson of Dora Dunn and Leon Sparkman of Big Spring, Sarah Caffey of Big Spring and the late Albert Gonzales Sr. He is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed with Western Container.

Wedding

Balderach and Falk

Linnea Laine Balderach and Anthony David Falk of Austin exchanged marriage vows at 7 p.m. Nov. 29, 2003, in The Little Church of La Villita in San Antonio. The Rev. David Gross officiated the marriage ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of James and Sharon Johnston and Tom and Mary Balderach of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Genevieve Fisher of San Antonio and Dalton and Lois Johnston of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Chet and Tootsie Chafin of Mindin, Nev., and Andrew and Patty Falk of Ridgecrest, Calif.

Her matron of honor was Bree Howard of Boulder, Colo., and maid of honor, Tracy Blomgren of Austin. Her bridesmaid was Lauren Hillman of Dallas.

The groom's best man was Danny Baisley of Austin.

Serving as the couple's flower girl was M'Kenna Hopper of Big Spring. The ringbearer was Baxter Howard of Boulder.

Attired in a lovely ivory satin, halter style A-line gown, with a sweeping, graceful train, the bride was given in marriage by her father, Tom Balderach.

She carried a stunning autumnal cornucopia of flowers that included beautiful leonitis, rustic and Estelle roses. The bouquet was accentuated with mango calla lilies, hypericum berries and fresh wheat.

Serving as groomsmen were Stefan Balderach and Chris "Rocky" Tubb of Austin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Anthony David Falk

Austin, Markus Balderach of Dallas and Bill Fitzpatrick of Austin served as ushers.

The couple's reception was held across the street from the church at the Cos House in historic La Villita. Candles and tiny white lights adorned the house and patio. Adjacent areas of La Villita and the Riverwalk complemented the outdoor atmosphere of trees sparkling with decorative

nons of Christmas lights.

The bride's cake was created with alternating tiers of vanilla cake with strawberry filling and chocolate cake with fudge filling. The ivory Swiss dot frosting was trimmed with leonitis, rustic and Estelle roses. The groom's cake was chocolate fudge topped with chocolate covered strawberries and chocolate curls.

Guests enjoyed a

Mexican dinner with music by Mach IV. At the close of the reception the bride and groom departed in a horse drawn carriage.

The couple resides in Austin.

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THURSDAY—Barbecue sandwiches, potato salad, beans, milk, cornbread, pie.
FRIDAY—Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

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MONDAY—Eggs.

sausage, burritos, juice, milk.
TUESDAY—Waffles, sausage, syrup, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Oatmeal, sausage, juice, milk.
THURSDAY—Pancakes, sausage on a stick, juice, syrup, milk.
FRIDAY—Donuts,

sausage, fruit, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY—Spaghetti (BARBECUE beef on bun, pickle), corn, fruit, bread, milk.
TUESDAY—Quesadillas (burritos), salad, pinto beans, cookies.
WEDNESDAY—Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles,

bananas, milk.
THURSDAY—Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, English peas, rainbow freeze, roll.
FRIDAY—Hamburger, salad, French fries, pork and beans, cookie.

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MONDAY—Cereal, nutragrain bar, juice, milk.
TUESDAY—Eggs, biscuits, juice, milk.
Wednesday—Cinnamon toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY—Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY—Donuts, juice, milk.

New Hope Christian School
MONDAY—Burritos, nachos, salad, fruit punch.
TUESDAY—Mini pizza, salad, pineapple, lemonade.
WEDNESDAY—Chicken & rice, green beans, applesauce, fruit punch.
THURSDAY—Chili mac, salad, bread & butter, lemonade.
FRIDAY—Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, applesauce, fruit punch.

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MONDAY—IN SERVICE
TUESDAY—Oven fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, pineapple jello, roll.
WEDNESDAY—Taco, salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple.

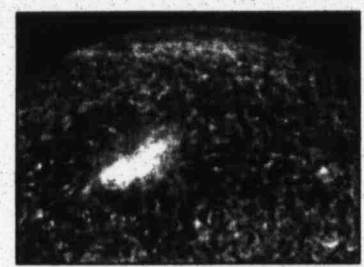
FRIDAY—Lasagna (chicken patty on bun), salad, finger rolls, mixed fruit, milk.
MONDAY—Cereal, nutragrain bar, juice, milk.
TUESDAY—Eggs, biscuits, juice, milk.
Wednesday—Cinnamon toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY—Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY—Donuts, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY—Corn dogs, spinach, baked beans, pears, milk.
TUESDAY—Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, salad, peaches, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Rib sandwich, chips, carrot sticks, mixed fruit, milk.
THURSDAY—Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, strawberries and cream, milk.
FRIDAY—Beef tips with gravy, rice, green beans, pears, rolls, milk.

Do sunspots effect the weather?

Q: Do sunspots affect the Earth's weather?

A: This is a question that has been nagging at scientists for decades, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University, and no one seems to really know.

There has been research done on subject of sunspots and our weather for at least 100 years, Odins reports, and the bottom line is that we still aren't sure. We know that the primary energy source that controls our weather is sunlight. And we know that sunspots, which release giant solar flares of energy, can often disrupt satellites and radio transmissions here on Earth. A



Sunspots release giant solar flares of energy.

link between sunspots and the weather is still not certain. Galileo observed them 400 years ago. We know sunspots seem to occur in a, roughly, 11-year cycle during which there can be a few dozen or several thousand.

Q: Are there any direct results from sunspots

affecting weather?

A: We know for sure sunspots and solar flares make the aurora borealis, or the Northern Lights, much brighter and more widespread, Odins adds. "These are streams of energy particles from sunspots, but do they affect the weather? Many scientists tend to think they do not because the particles are so small compared to the energy from sunlight itself, which some have estimate to be only 100 million mes less. From the 1600 to the 1700s, there was a very low period of sunspot activity and this coincided with a number

of long winters in Europe, called the Little Ice Age. Some scientists think the two were linked, others do not.

Many scientists believe that if sunspots have any affect on our weather at all, it's as a triggering device to something much bigger. We just don't know. Sunspots and their affect on weather is something that needs a lot more study."

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. The Web site is <http://rev.tamu.edu/weat/herwhys/>.



Planning the perfect wedding shower

A wedding shower should be fun for everyone involved: the bride, the guests, and even the hostess. A little advance planning ensures that happens.

First, a bit of etiquette: the shower is usually hosted by the maid or matron of honor, or a close family friend. The guest list should include only people who have been invited to the wedding, unless the shower is hosted by co-workers. Showers are traditionally held a month or two before the wedding; this can be a very stressful and busy time for the bride, so make sure the date fits into her schedule before making all the arrangements.

Showers are supposed to help the bride and groom equip their new home, so they're often planned around a specific theme: recipe showers, camping showers, linen showers, etc. In choosing a theme, consider things that are important to the bride. Does she love to cook? Consider a recipe party. Does she like to entertain? How about a "stock the bar" shower? Once you decide on a theme, you can use it to tie in decorations, gifts, even the food and games.

Invitations
The theme starts here. For a cooking shower, send invitations written on recipe cards, or cut out leaf shapes for a garden shower. Make it clear if guests are expected to bring certain types of gift.
Decorations
Your local party supply store is a good place to start, and the Internet is also a great resource. Look for paper goods that carry out your theme — a floral design for a garden shower, for example.

Food
Showers usually involve a light lunch or appetizers. Tastefully Simple sells gourmet food products that make it easy to put together an impres-



sive menu. Most of the company's products require only one or two ingredients to prepare, or can be enjoyed right out of the package. For example, the Creamy Wild Rice Soup mix can be used to make a delicious wild rice casserole that can be the main course of your menu. Or spread softened cream cheese on flour tortillas, top with sweet jalapeno jam, roll tortillas, chill and slice into spirals for hors d'oeuvres.

A consultant can organize a home taste-testing party, offering samples, easy meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestions.

Games
People tend to be split into two camps where shower games are concerned — either they think no shower would be complete without them, or they'd rather visit the dentist than play them. Take your lead from the bride on this one; after all, it's her party. Check your local bookstore, library, or the Internet for party game ideas. Chances are you'll be able to find a game that ties in with your theme. For example, if you're having a recipe shower, you could play the apron game: attach a variety of kitchen utensils

to an apron and have the bride put it on and model it for a couple of minutes, then leave the room. Have guests write down as many items as they can remember; the person with the longest list wins.

Party favors
While party favors are not essential, they are a nice touch. Choose wisely, and your party favors can double as part of your decorative theme. For example, for a garden party, use small potted plants with guests' names painted on the pots as a place card on the table. When the party is over, guests can take the plant home as a memento. You can also use personalized photo frames, champagne flutes or candles in the same way.

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Here's an easy main course, for a shower.
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Rice Casserole
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Creamy Wild Rice Soup
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1 tablespoon butter
8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 to 2 cups instant rice
1/3 cup sour cream

Prepare soup according to package directions, omitting 1 cup water. While soup is simmering, sauté onions, mushrooms and ground beef in butter until onions are tender and beef is no longer pink. When soup is done simmering, add beef mixture, soy sauce and rice. Cover and simmer until rice is done; stir in sour cream. Pour mixture into greased casserole. Bake at 325 F for about 1 hour until casserole reaches desired consistency.

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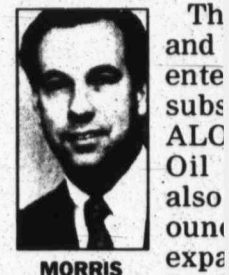
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LOCAL NEWS

ALON USA announces plans to finance growth, working capital

Special to the HERALD

ALON USA announced this week \$242 million in financing which will be used for payment of existing indebtedness and growth.



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The refining and marketing enterprise, a subsidiary of ALON Israel Oil Co. Ltd., also announced an expansion of the Big Spring Refinery and a planned low sulfur diesel facility.

A \$100 million term loan was arranged by Credit Suisse First Boston and a \$142 million revolving credit facility was provided by Israel Discount Bank of New York and Bank Leumi USA. These facilities notably improve ALON USA's liquidity and provide additional capital growth opportunities.

"We sincerely appreciate the support of our lenders," said Jeff Morris, ALON USA president and CEO.

"This capital significantly strengthens our company and provides us the resources to take advantage of future

opportunities."

ALON USA recently completed the construction and startup of innovative low sulfur gasoline facilities at the Big Spring Refinery and is now producing the new products which are consistent with EPA's most recent guidelines.

In addition, ALON USA will expand the refinery's capacity by about 10 percent in the first quarter of 2005 and will complete construction of a new low sulfur diesel facility in 2006 to allow the refinery to produce 15 ppm sulfur diesel. These projects will be funded from cash from operations with the new capital to be used for additional growth opportunity.

ALON USA, headquartered in Dallas, controls the marketing rights to FINA gasoline in the Southwest region. The company operates more than 170 convenience stores in West Texas and new Mexico under the 7-Eleven and FINA brands.

In addition, ALON USA is the second largest asphalt producer in Texas and recently completed work on a state-of-the-art ground tire rubber facility.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch celebrates landmark Golden Rule anniversary

Special to the HERALD

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring is celebrating a landmark year as a member of the International Order of the Golden Rule (OGR), a professional association of independently owned and operated funeral homes.

The funeral home was accepted into the prestigious organization in January 1959.

As independently owned firms, Golden Rule funeral homes must meet and maintain a strict code of conduct and high ethical standards.

"We are pleased to have the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home as a long-time member, said Anita Bauer, OGR director of member services. "The people at Nalley-Pickle & Welch have proven for 45 years that they are caring, compassionate professionals. As a member of the Order of the Golden Rule, the funeral home

owners and staff have dedicated themselves to continuing this tradition of caring in their community."

"It has been our privilege to maintain ties to OGR for so many years," said Tommy L. Welch of Nalley-Pickle & Welch.

"Being a Golden Rule firm has helped us to better serve our families in the Big Spring area, to offer them peace of mind and integrity they can count on. That is absolutely key to maintaining good relations with our clients in this sensitive business."

OGR, headquartered in St. Louis, is one of the world's largest professional associations of independent funeral homes.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home is located at 906 Gregg.

Two Higginbotham-Bartlett employees receive first-level Stihl service training

HERALD Staff report

Sarena James and Joe Haden of Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. have completed the Bronze level of the Stihl Service Advantage Training.

The three-tier school provides technical service and safety training for the service personnel of retailers selling Stihl outdoor power equipment.

The course is a hands-on workshop targeted toward technicians who wish to increase their technical abilities and expertise with the two-cycle engine, Stihl's chain saws, hedge trimmers and other equipment.

"Can you imagine asking a clerk at a so-called 'big-box' store to change

the fuel filter on your chain saw?" said Stan Woodfin, technical sales manager for CDC-BME, the distributor that provides Stihl power equipment and training to more than 1,400 retailers.

"It's the commitment to after-the-sale services that sets a Stihl dealer apart from most outdoor power equipment retailers. Consumers who buy a Stihl product do so with the certainty that qualified personnel are there to stand behind the product, providing service, maintenance and safety instruction," Woodfin said.

The training course was held at CDC-BME's training facility in McKinney. The Bronze training is the first tier of courses. Silver and Gold levels follow.



Goliad Intermediate School sixth-grader Steven Isias adjusts his group's model of the Big Spring Refinery Thursday during the Big Spring Independent School District open house. Students showed their exhibits following two weeks of curriculum put together by ALON USA and the Big Spring ISD.

Pipeline Group sets awareness program

HERALD Staff Report

Safe excavations, including working with utility companies, will be stressed when The Pipeline Group will hold its annual contractor awareness program at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Howard County Fair Barns.

The program is sponsored by a group of pipeline companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered by KD's Bar-B-Q for all individuals involved in excavation-related activities in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the

vicinity of underground facilities. Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed.

Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other

What: Contractor Awareness Program.

Where: Howard County Fair Barns.

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5

items. According to The Pipeline Group, many people are killed or injured and millions of dollars incurred due to someone digging into a pipeline.

Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed.

These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party.

The safety program is an attempt to help those who conduct excavation work to avoid such situations.

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Lotto Texas still in the big numbers game

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Lotto Texas, the game some feared would wither under the shadow of potentially gigantic Mega Millions jackpots, continues to attract players and has an estimated \$60 million jackpot for Saturday night's drawing.

That's a bigger pot of dreams than Friday night's estimated \$51 million Mega Millions jackpot.

"Lotto Texas continues to outperform Mega Millions," said Reagan Greer, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "It's the in-state game that people know a Texan is going to win."

When Texas joined Mega Millions, the multistate game that draws players from New York City to Seattle, state officials worried the game would "cannibalize" players and money out of Lotto Texas.

Texas joined Mega Millions with an advertising blitz to introduce the game and the lure of huge jackpots was supposed to reel in more

players. Early figures after the first sales in December showed Lotto Texas tickets sales dropped about 19 percent, almost as high as expected.

But Lotto Texas sales continue to outpace Mega Millions in the Lone Star state.

Sales for Lotto Texas between the Jan. 17 and Jan. 21 drawings were \$5.8 million. Texas' Mega Millions sales between the Jan. 16 and Jan. 20 drawings were \$2.26 million, Greer said.

"We knew it was going to take time," Greer said. "People still are not used to the Tuesday-Friday drawings," of Mega Millions. Lotto Texas jackpot drawings at Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Lotto Texas hasn't had a jackpot winner since Nov. 8 when the prize was \$29 million. The jackpot has rolled over 21 times, the longest stretch since seven winner-less weeks from June 10-July 30 when the prize amount reached \$47 million.

Mega Millions hasn't had a jackpot winner since a woman in

Euclid, Ohio, won an estimated \$162 million jackpot Dec. 20.

Dawn Nettles, publisher of Lottoreport.com, a tipsheet for lotto players, has been a frequent critic of the lottery commission's efforts to boost sales and jackpots by making the state game harder to win.

She said tickets sales for Lotto Texas would be higher if not for the changes and Mega Millions taking away sales. She said the sales for Mega Millions show Texans aren't eager to play.

The odds of winning the Lotto Texas jackpot are about one in 48 million. The odds for the Mega Millions jackpot are about one in 135 million.

"The Mega Millions sales are a disgrace to the state," Nettles said. "People are not buying the tickets."

Greer prefers to say "both games are performing well."

"We'll have two big jackpot games," he said. "People will have to make some choices or take a shot at both of them."

Toyota becomes No. 2 automaker behind GM

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. outsold Ford Motor Co. last year to become the world's No. 2 automaker behind General Motors Corp., preliminary sales data released by the Japanese company showed Friday.

A Toyota spokesman said estimated unit sales for 2003 reached 6.78 mil-

lion vehicles, up 9.9 percent from 6.17 million the previous year.

On Thursday, Ford reported its 2003 sales slipped to 6.72 million vehicles, down 3.6 percent from 6.97 million.

Toyota spokesman Shin-ya Matsumoto characterized his company's sales as an "indicator" of rising

customer satisfaction but played down the comparison with Ford.

Sales figures do not include vehicles sold by affiliates in which an automaker holds a stake of less than 50 percent, Matsumoto said.

Adding sales by Mazda Motor Corp. — which is 33 percent owned by Ford

— to the total of the Dearborn, Mich.-based automaker would make it larger than Toyota, he said. Mazda sold 1.02 million vehicles in its most recent fiscal year.

Toyota's sales results include, those for truck and bus maker Hino

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District Court Filings
Joe Thomas Rodriguez Sr. vs. Joann Rodriguez, divorce.
Pamela Grant Kennedy vs. Enoch Gerald Kennedy, divorce.
Irma Vincent vs. Bryan Vincent, divorce.
Marie Michelle Garcia vs. Carlos Rene Garcia, divorce.
Sylvia Sanchez vs. Eugene Rodriguez, divorce.
Margaret J. Wilson vs. Laurence Audrey Wilson Jr., divorce.
Bank of West Texas vs. William R. Calley, accounts, notes and contracts.
Big Spring Hospital Corp. dba Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Joe J. Vidal, accounts, notes and contracts.
Ricky Dyer vs. Matt Benton dba Matt Benton Trucking, accounts, notes and contracts.

Angela Davila vs. Miguel Hinojosa, family protective order.
Elvira Brito vs. George Gander, family protective order.
The Estate of Roman O'Balle Sr., deceased, vs Hatchett Bckhoe Inc., injury/damages other.
Frances Bailey vs. Erin Lohafar, injury/damages with a motor vehicle.

County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Sharon D. Hardeman, theft-more than \$500, less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 18 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Gumaro Fabela Hernandez, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Traci Castillo, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Donald Creager, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Francisco Bentancur Jr., driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Steven V. Gamboa, driving while license suspended, \$400 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Corey Hoffpaur, evading arrest, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Luciano Ruben Rodriguez Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, six month suspension of driver's license, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Sentence: Juan Delossantos, driving while intoxicated-open container, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Sentence: Jose Ponce, driving while license suspended, \$400 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Gary Mathews, reckless driving, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs.
Probated Judgment: Richard Beaty, assault/family violence, \$100 fine, \$286 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

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Grantor: Kathy Johnson
Grantee: Clyde McMahon Jr. and Beverly McMahon
Property: Lot 9, Block 13, Kentwood Addition Unit 1
Date filed: Jan. 15, 2004

Grantor: A&M Investments LLC
Grantee: Swartz and Brough

Inc.
Property: Lot 5, Block 2, Highland Park Addition
Date filed: Jan. 16, 2004

Grantor: Ricky J. Smith and Janet L. Smith
Grantee: GMAC Global Relocation Services Inc.
Property: Lot 19, Block 1, Replats of Lots 18 through 30, Block 1, and Lots 13 and 14, Block 8, Highland South Addition.
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Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien:
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Grantee: Doug Vickers
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Grantor: Geneva A. Cox
Grantee: Carol Scott
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Grantor: Donald E. Spence and Nellie F. Spence
Grantee: Robert L. Hankins and Kelly D. Hankins
Property: Lot 19, Block 8, Douglas Addition
Date filed: Jan. 16, 2004

Halliburton fires accused employees

By MATT KELLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Halliburton employees have been accused of taking up to \$6 million in kickbacks from a Kuwaiti subcontractor that was supplying U.S. soldiers in Iraq, new trouble for Vice President Dick Cheney's former company.

A Halliburton spokeswoman said the company fired the employees involved and reported the problem to the Pentagon.

"We found it quickly, and we immediately reported it," spokeswoman Wendy Hall said. "We do not tolerate this kind of behavior by anyone at any level in any Halliburton company."

The Pentagon already has in progress a criminal inquiry into possible overcharging involving another Halliburton contract: the company's deal to supply gasoline to Iraqi civilians. Democrats have criticized the contracts and demanded further investigations; the company has denied wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, Halliburton has begun an advertising campaign to improve its image. A television spot running on CNN says Halliburton supplies hot meals, laundry and telephone links for soldiers in Iraq. The ad shows a man in desert camouflage holding a phone, his lip trembling, and shouting, "It's a girl!"

"Halliburton. Proud to serve our troops," an announcer says.

"Halliburton gets beaten up every day by people who don't have the facts. We can stand the heat, ... but we will tell our story," Hall said. "Our employees are doing great work in Iraq making life better for our troops and for the Iraqi people."

In afternoon trading Friday on the New York Stock Exchange,

Halliburton shares were up 81 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$29.04.

In the latest investigation, Halliburton auditors found a \$6 million overcharge by a Kuwaiti subcontractor in its Army supply contract, Hall said Friday. Part of that money may have been paid as kickbacks to one or two Halliburton workers, she said.

Hall did not identify the workers or the Kuwaiti subcontractor. She also did not say how large the alleged kickbacks were.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Friday it was up to the Pentagon to determine if wrongdoing occurred.

"From my understanding, I think that's all being looked into by the Department of Defense, and we expect the Department of Defense to get to the bottom of it," he said. "If something like this happened, then (President Bush) expects the Department of Defense to look into it fully, to get to the bottom of it, and to make sure that that money is repaid, ... if Halliburton overcharged that money."

Both investigations involve Halliburton subsidiary KBR, which has a contract to supply the Army with food service, mail and other amenities and a separate one to rebuild Iraqi oil facilities.

Pentagon auditors found KBR may have overcharged by \$61 million for deliveries of gasoline from Kuwait to Iraq from May through September. KBR's Kuwaiti supplier, the Altamnia Marketing Co., charged more than twice what suppliers in Turkey did.

Both Halliburton and the Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees the fuel contract, say the higher price was justified by the danger faced

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Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ

by fuel convoys and the need to head off Iraqi anger over gasoline shortages.

The deal to deliver gasoline to Iraqis is part of that second contract, while the alleged kickbacks were for the Army supply contract.

The Pentagon's inspector general's office, which is investigating both allegations, would not comment Friday.

The kickback probe is the first admission by Halliburton that its employees may have been involved in corruption involving contracts in Iraq.

The company disclosed last year that another KBR employee paid more than \$2 million in bribes to a Nigerian official to get favorable tax treatment. A French judge investigating a KBR joint venture in Nigeria with a French firm has reported-

ly warned that Cheney, who headed Halliburton from 1995 until 2000, could be subject to criminal charges in France. Cheney has denied wrongdoing.

Democrats renewed on Friday their criticism of Halliburton and their demands for further investigations into the company's contracts.

"All of Halliburton's contracts with the government need to be terminated," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J. "This is a fatal blow to the company's credibility and the administration's ability to defend these contracts."

Critics have cited Halliburton's contracts as evidence of Bush administration favoritism toward corporate friends. White House and Pentagon officials say the Defense Department's contract decisions are not affected by political concerns.

White House spokesman McClellan dismissed Democratic suggestions that the controversy surrounding Halliburton casts a cloud over the Bush administration's reconstruction of Iraq. "There's obviously a lot of election-year politicking going on," he said.

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Toyota's American arm said its 2003 sales rose 6.3 percent to more than 1.8 million vehicles — the company's best performance in its 46-year history. For the second year in a row and the sixth time in the past seven years, Toyota's Camry was America's best-selling car.

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Kenny Davis
Chief Building Official
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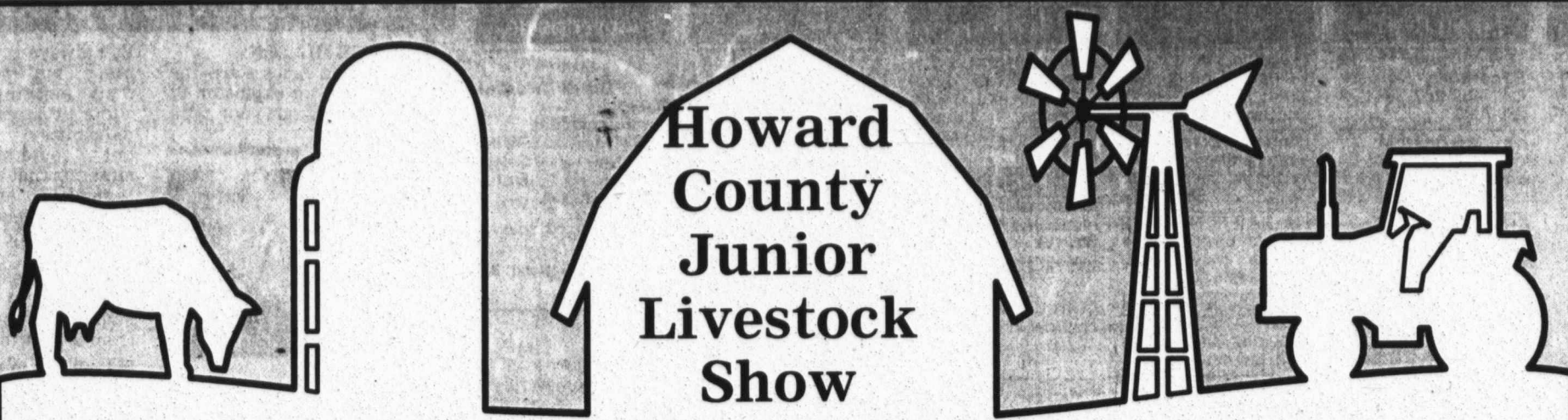
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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The moon in Aries starts the week off with an explosion of energy, and it's not your typical back-to-work feeling on Monday, either. New occurrences have everyone talking and wondering if things will ever be the same. The answer is, of course they won't, and thank goodness. Under the Aquarius sun, inventiveness gets us out of the most delicious pickles. The social Gemini moon rules the weekend. Remain versatile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Languorous love with one as sensitive and imaginative as you are makes the days fly by. Stimulating encounters await those who travel - Monday and Friday are the smoothest logistically. A windfall in the distant future is linked to Saturday's romantic exchange. When your imagination is free, so are you.



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Spring
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