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## Early balloting under way at Crossroads courthouses

### **HERALD Staff Report**

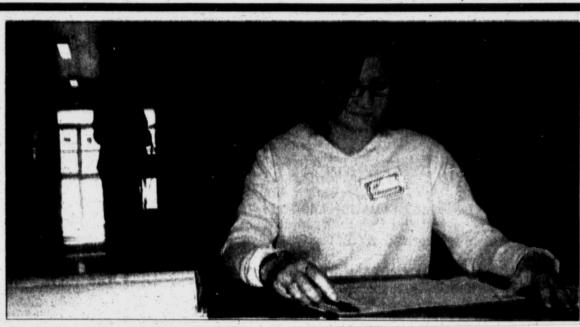
Early voting in the Texas Senate District 31 runoff election is under way at the Howard, Martin and Glasscock failed to garner 50 percent County courthouses. Early balloting in the runoff. Seliger collected Feb. 17 election continues

through Friday. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, are facing off for the right to fill the unexpired term of former Sen.

nated by President Bush as an bassador to Sweden, left office in January.

In a seven-candidate race in January, both Seliger and Edwards of the vote and avoid a 35.72 percent of the vote; Edwards pulled in 20.56 percent.

At courthouses throughout the Crossroads area early voters can cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 5 Teel Bivins. Bivins, nomi- p.m.



**HERALD** photo/Lyndel Moody Howard County Election Clerk Terri Blackshear looks over the list of registered Howard County voters. Early voting in the Texas Senate District 31 run-off is under way.



## COUNTY Commissioners approve pact to house inmates By LYNDEL MOODY

### Staff Writer

The Upton County Jail will now service the spillover of Howard County Jail inmates following Howard County commissioners' approval during their meeting Monday.

According to Howard. County Sheriff Dale Walker, the change will bring a modest amount of savings for the county.

"Upton County is about an hour-and-a-half drive," Walker said. "Dickens County, (which formerly

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### SMMC candy grams

TONIGHT TOMORROW

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Mountain Scenic Medical Center's relay for life team is selling "Hugs & Kisses" candy grams for Valentine's Day as a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.

Prices are: for candy only, \$5; for candy and one balloon, \$7.50; for candy and two balloons, \$10. Alternative fruit packages are available at the same prices.

The candy-grams will be ready Friday. Delivery will be limited. to the hospital, Family Medical Center and Malone and Hogan Clinic.

Orders must be received by Thursday and can be made by calling Amber Rich at 268-4960 or the main hospital switchboard at 263-1211.

### **Daredevils** cakes

The Yellow Dog Daredevils team is selling personalized miniature cakes for Valentines Day as a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

Each cake is \$3 and orders will be taken through Wednesday. The cakes will be ready for pick up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the **Big Spring Mall.** 

To make an order, call the Big Spring Independent School District bus barn at 263-4108 and ask for Angel Sosa or, if after 5 p.m., call Georgia Torres at 267-1312 or Sosa at 267-7588. Payment in advance for the orders is appreciated.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Boy Scout Johnny Richardson of Big Spring Troop 7 officially retires a U.S. flag during the Buffalo Trail Council's annual flag retirement ceremony Sunday. The event was held in conjunction with the celebration of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America which is traditionally the second Sunday in February.

housed spillover inmates from Howard County) is in

the Panhandle and is about a two-hour drive. Upton will house our inmates for 50 cents less a day and provide the same services as Dickens, so there will be a little bit of savings.'

Any savings will most likely be welcome to a cash-strapped county, which faces the very real possibility of having to build a new jail in the future.

Addressing that issue, Walker informed commissioners the county had been approved to participate in the U.S. Department of Justice Planning of New Institutions Program, which will be held on Monday, April 5, in Longmont, Colo.

"They train very few law enforcement agencies in the nation," Walker said. "They work with about 30 agencies, so we had to apply to get into the program."

According to Walker, the county had to prove the community was in support of and in need of building a new jail facility.

"They pay for all the expenses," he said. "They fly two county commissioners and two sheriff's office representatives up there for a week to learn about the process of building a new institution.

Walker said the training details the process from the construction methods to location site down to the type of bedding needed for a jail environment.

In other sheriff's department business, Walker introduced the new head

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## Police are investigating cases of injury to a child

### By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer **Big Spring police are currently** investigation two separate cases of injury to a child reported last week.

"We still haven't determined how these injuries occurred and charges are pending until a further investigation is conducted," said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer.

One case involves a six-monthold boy who was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Friday night because of swelling and tenderness to the right arm.

"After some checking, the medical staff discovered a broken right arm," Sweatt said. "The family advised they weren't sure how this happened to the child." Because of the injury, the child

was scheduled for surgery last Sunday at the hospital to repair the damage, Sweatt said.

The case is under investigation by Big Spring Police Det. Phil Whitten and Child Protective Services.

In an unrelated incident, Det.

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## Set for c-o-m-p-e-t-i-t-i-o-n: **Spelling bee is Wednesday**

### By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer Eight young spellers will bid district crown for the Wednesday in the first Big Spring Independent School District Spelling Bee.

"We invite the public to come out and support these fine students who've already shown they are winners," said Robin Ritchey, bee coordinator.

The competition begins at 4 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria, 624 E. Sixth St.

Representatives from eight

4 p.m. Wednesday, Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria, 624 E. Sixth St.

Big Spring schools will vie to be crowned the district's spelling bee champion. In order to qualify for the competition, the students had to win their individual school contests.

Participating in the contest are seventh grader Hollie

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## **Obituaries**

### **Travis** Oliver



Travis Oliver, 57, died at 11:08 a.m. Memorial Hospital in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with the Rev. Don Snipes of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment with Military Honors will be held at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Oliver was born Nov. 23, 1946, at Colorado City. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1957 coming from Colorado City. He was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy from 1964 until 1967. He graduated from Howard College with a degree in business administration. He served as a boiler operator in the Navy and at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. He retired from the V.A. Medical Center in 1993. He then worked for the Big Spring Independent School District from 1993 through 2003. He was a Baptist and a Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Leta Oliver of Big Spring; two sons, Gary Oliver and his wife Melissa of Sand Springs, and Chris Oliver and his wife Jennifer of Midland: four grandchildren, Cody Oliver and Ariel Oliver, both of Sand Springs, and Travis Oliver and Sean Oliver, both of Midland; one brother, Bill Oliver and his wife Lucy of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Shirley Scott of Houston, and Valreye Nichols and her husband Jon of Marshall; a number of nieces and nephews, and special friends Clarence and Dee Henkell of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Ella Oliver and two brothers, Joe and Noble Oliver.

Pallbearers will be Clarence Henkell, Kevin Henkell, Kenny Birmelin, Randy Welch, Wylie Oliver and Barry Oliver.

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

Paid obituary

### **Trudy Cleo Merworth**

Trudy Cleo Merworth, 89, of Comanche died Sunday, Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Midland Feb. 8, 2004, at Western Bills Nursing Home in Comanche.

Mrs. Merworth was born on March 31, 1914, in Eastland County to Truman Townsend and Deffie Mamie (Williams) Townsend. She was a homemaker and a member of Pearl Street Church of Christ in Comanche.

She married Lewie Henry Merworth on Sept. 15, 1932, in Haskell. He preceded her in death on March 10, 2000.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Carolyn Merworth of Comanche; daughter and son-in-law, Deffie and Daniel Fairchild of Comanche; sister, Johnnie Holland of Eagle Lake; a sister and brother-in-law, Bobbie and Wesley Rogers of Texarkana; a sister and brother-in-law, Fannie Trumble and George Berry of McCarney; sister, Marie Townsend of Rule; a brother and sister-in-law, Ira Buck and Myrtle Townsend of Rochester and brother and sister and law and 0.G. and Hazel Townsend of Joshua. He was preceded in death by one grandchild, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at Comanche Funeral Home Chapel, with Minister Gerald Stockstill officiating. Interment will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends at Comanche Funeral Home on Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Lunch will be served at Pearl Street Church of Christ following funeral services.

Comanche Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Sydney W. Johnson

Sydney W. Johnson, 77, died at 5:35 p.m. Monday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported while intoxicated third or more offense. the following activity:

KENNETH ALAN POTTER, 35, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault, family violence.

• LARRY GUTIERREZ, 30, was arrested Friday on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

 CHRISTOPHER LEE PARTRIDGE 19, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, criminal trespass.

Friday on warrants for bailsman off bond, criminal harboring a runaway. trespass and for bailsman off bond, possession of drug paraphernalia. · DAVID CHRISTOPHER PETREE, 19, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

 JARON KENDERO COBY, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of harboring a runaway child.

 ADOLFO HUANTE LOPEZ JR., 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a bench warrant.

· CHRISTOPHER RAY BUSTAMANTE, 17, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theftmore than \$50 less than \$500.

• ROBERT EARL HAGAN III, 21, was transferred · LYNDELL BURL KNOX II, 20, was arrested to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of

· HARASSMENT was reported in the 2800 block of

## **Bulletin board**

BIG SPRING HERALD

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

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

TODAY

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

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

### 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.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West 3rd.

### THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

The Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 West Highway 80.

Friends of the LIbrary meet at noon in the Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at the Railroad Museum, Second and Main.

Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets every second Thursday. New members are welcome. For more information call 263-2005.

### **BIG SPRING HE** Tuesday, Feb

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 TAMMY DENIECE BEDWELL, 41, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault, family violence.

 CRAIG ANTHONY PARTRIDGE, 20, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

· GAILL LEE DAMGAARD, 40, was arrested Friday on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, third offense or more.

• MICHAEL ERIC SOLIS, 30, was arrested Friday on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, unlawful retrain less than 17 years old.

· JENNIFER ROBLEDO, 23, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

• DORIE LYNN HILLGER, 22, was taken to the county jail after Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a San Angelo DPS warrant for theft of service, more than \$20 but less than \$500.

• FERNANDO K. ARRIAGA, 27, was arrested on warrants for issuance of bad checks.

• RICKY LIN WALLACE, 38, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for theft, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

ELLIS OVERTON SMITH, 34, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

 ROBERT RAMIREZ GONZALES, 38, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

· JENNIFER DENETTE BONILLA, 21, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• AMY AMANDA MURRAY, 18, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

· JOSHUA JAMES GIBSON, 19, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police on charges of purchases or furnishing alcohol to a minor and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

· CAROLS NELSON VINOLES, 54, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

· CHRISTOPHER WAYNE MASON, 20, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• KEITH ANDREW HILARIO, 19, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

 CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL FULBRIGHT, 19, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

· JOE RODRIGUEZ, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSIO on a charge of bailsman off of bond for driving

South Anderson.

 SUBJECT FALLEN OFF A LADDER was reported in the 8200 block of North Service Road.

 RECKLESS DRIVER was reported at east bound on Interstate 20 at mile marker 168.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 300 block of East Sixth and on Elder Road.

· ANIMAL THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of Hilltop Road.

## Police blotter

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

· ANTHONY A. VASQUEZ, 29, of 1601 Avion, was arrested Monday on a warrant for a parole violation. · JOHNNY SLAY ANCHONDO JR., 20, of 1202 S.

Austin, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant for criminal mischief.

· CORNDUS JACKSON JR., 45, of 2536 Langley, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury/family violence.

· CARMELITA JOHNSON, 40, of 2536 Langley, was arrested Monday on a charge interfering with an emergency phone call.

 ANTONIO GARZA, 27, of Lynn Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault/family violence.

 FAILURE TO IDENTIFY GIVING FALSE FICTI-**TIOUS INFORMATION** was reported in the 100 block of Jones.

· EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 100 block of Jones.

- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 2200 block of Lynn.
- in the 2500 block of Langley.

 INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL was reported in the 2500 block of Langley

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

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Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. at Howard County Library at 500 South Main.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-11-22-27-29. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$22,892. Winning tickets sold in: Rowlett and Dallas. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-8

## Weather

Today...Cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight...Cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph early in the evening becoming light.

Wednesday...Cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s. Light winds becoming northeast around 10 mph late in the afternoon.

Wednesday night...Cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

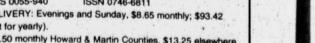
Thursday night...Cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday...Cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday through Presidents Day...Mostly clear.



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### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Tuesday, February 10, 2004

# The 'rebirth' of VOIP News briefs

t has been said that top-secret military activity can be predicted by the number of pizza trucks coming and going from the Pentagon in the middle of the night, delivering food to the staff as they forge late-night battle plans. To extend this analogy, I suspect that one could determine that something very unpleasant is happening to traditional

phone companies by examining the trends of antacid purchases at pharmacies in the areas surrounding their headquarters. The recent rise of VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) as a mature technology I think is the root of this discomfort, and matters will get much worse in the near future for traditional telephony companies as new protocols,

devices, and routing methods arise out of the ashes of the telephony bandwidth glut.

Over the past 18 months, there have been a growing number of VOIP companies that are starting to gain momentum in offering services and products that compliment or replace traditional office and residential telephony. With the development of commercial VOIP applications there has also been a parallel development of open source systems, based mostly on software and inexpensive hardware. Most of this work has been in the Linux and the BSD families of UNIXlike operating systems due to their flexibility and robust server architectures. The drive of telephony systems towards a software model away from a hardware model has been made possible by Moore's law. This increased power in available systems, coupled with a large number of young developers who have been raised in an open source environment, is leading towards some truly stunning systems being available at little or no cost to a semi-sophisticated user who wishes to implement VOIP protocols for their office or home.

Traditional telephone companies will soon be faced with competition from "free" phone systems that operate on the existing Internet backbone. Voice traffic will move between two people just like email, but without the burdens of the old and expensive switching network. The price burden will (almost invisibly) shift to the companies that transport the bandwidth to your house, such as DSL providers or cable companies. The cost of long distance, already plummeting, will drop to unheard of low prices in nations with Internet capacity. It will be truly a free market brawl, and the telephone companies should be very nervous about the outcome. In its new incarnation, VOIP is not free, as it was back in the 1990s, but even so, its charms are undeniable: Unlimited local and long-distance calling, and voice mail and caller ID for as little as \$20 to \$40 a month, depending on the provider. Analysts expect that even those low fees will generate some \$4 billion in revenues for providers by 2007. The move to VOIP will benefit equipment vendors as well. Boardwatch, which keeps an eye on the communications network business, reports that the market for all VOIP equipment, about \$1 billion in 2002, is likely to reach almost \$4.3 billion in 2006. But despite all the signs that VOIP is back for good, it is also evident that VOIP will not soon replace the traditional telephone. Analysts point out, for example, that three years down the road there are likely to be some four million VOIP subscribers. That is an impressive increase over the 378,000 who are expected to sign up for VOIP

in 2004, but those four million pioneers will still represent a tiny fraction of the 113 million households where the traditional phone call will still hold sway.

The death and "rebirth" of VOIP VOIP succumbed to an undignified death in the late 1990s because the vast majority of computers were connected to the Internet over convention al phone lines by 56K modems.

Making a phone call on the Internet was free, but because the primitive technology was incapable of providing the steady, uninterrupted channel required by voice communications, callers got exactly the kind of service they paid for. The advent of cable and DSL modems, which offer the sort of bandwidth that makes for smooth and clear transmission of voice calls, has been one of the key drivers behind the renewed effort to make VOIP a player in telephone communications. Yet even today only about 20 percent of U.S households have broadband connections, which is another limitation on how fast the consumer market for VOIP can grow. Nor are matters likely

to get dramatically better quickly. By 2007 fewer than 40 percent of the American households are expected to have broadband connections

Wrangling over regulatory issues may also put a drag on the speed at which VOIP spreads. Internet and VOIP advocates are adamant that federal and state bureaucrats keep their hands off VOIP, just as they kept their hands off the Internet. "The Internet has succeeded in large part precisely because government regulators have agreed to hold off on regulation," VOIP expert Jeff Pulver, president and CEO of Pulver.com, which calls itself the "Voice of IP communications," recently wrote. "The FCC owes it to consumers to continue that policy when it comes to something with as much unfulfilled potential as Internet voice communications."

But there is no doubt that federal as well as state officials see VOIP as a service they may well have to take in hand. Law enforcement officials want to make sure that they will be able to use wiretaps on VOIP calls as readily as they use them on conventional phone conversations. On a broader scale, state and federal officials concerned with utilities worry that if VOIP gets too popular, conventional

### China bans **U.S.** poultry

BEIJING (AP) — China announced Tuesday that it was banning all poultry and poultry products from the United States, citing bird flu fears.

The emergency notice from the Ministry of Agriculture said U.S. poultry products that have already arrived at Chinese ports would be returned or destroyed. The notice, carried by

the government's Xinhua News Agency, said China was suspending new import permits for U.S. poultry and canceling any permits already issued.

China's action follows similar bans on U.S. poultry by Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea, after officials in the U.S. state of Delaware reported avian flu in a flock there.

China itself is a large chicken-farming country, and bird flu is confirmed or suspected in 14 of the nation's 31 regions.

China has slaughtered millions of fowl to try to contain the disease's spread and inoculated millions more.

### **Stewart secretary** breaks down

NEW YORK (AP) - In an abrupt collision of Martha Stewart's cooking expertise and her criminal stock-fraud trial, a secretary burst into tears on the witness stand while describing a gift of plum pudding from her boss.

Ann Armstrong, Stewart's secretary for six years, broke down while describing a phone conversation with Stewart on Dec. 27, 2001, the day she made her well-timed sale of ImClone Systems stock. Stewart was calling from Texas during a refueling stop on her way to a vacation in Mexico. Armstrong said the two

the trial 15 minutes early for the day.

But it was another message prosecutors were more concerned about. That same day Armstrong told Stewart that she had gotten a call from her "Peter stockbroker: Bacanovic thinks ImClone is going to start trading downward."

The government claims Bacanovic was trying to get word to Stewart that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was dumping his shares. Stewart and Bacanovic say they had a pre-existing deal to sell ImClone when it fell to \$60 per share.

### **Bush attacks** Demos over taxes

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) - His voice rising to a shout, President Bush lashed out at Democratic rivals who want to roll back his tax cuts as he defended his economic priorities Monday in a presidential primary state where his record has been harshly criticized.

"There are some in Washington that are going to say, 'Let's not make the tax cuts permanent.' That means he's going to raise your taxes," Bush said at a factory. "When you hear people say, 'We're not going to make this permanent,' that means tax increase."

The Democrats running says it alone picked the for president say they company despite allegawould repeal all or portions that it overcharged tions of Bush's tax cuts, U.S. taxpayers. "The one person that and Bush seemed to step more forcefully into his made the selection was re-election campaign as the source selection authority" - an official he defended his tax poliin the Corps of Engineers cies. Some of the cuts are to expire next year, - the Army unit told The including those for mar- Associated Press. The AP had sought furried couples, and Bush is asking that Congress ther information about make them permanent. assertions, on the Corps It was Bush's 15th trip Internet site, that a conto Missouri and another tract evaluation team was case of the president assembled and included experts from five other appearing in a state federal entities. recently visited by Democratic presidential While the team existed, hopefuls. the Corps now acknowledges what the public site never mentioned: The Court stays other agencies had no death sentence choosing role in Halliburton for oil SAN FRANCISCO (AP) restoration work worth - Only hours before the up to \$1.2 billion. Rather, the experts provided technical advice on the congenerated celebrity suptract process.

court stayed the death sentence until evidence in the case can be tested for DNA.

The decision Monday by an 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals came less than eight hours before Kevin Cooper was to be executed. The U.S. Supreme Court later unanimously declined to overrule the court's stay.

Cooper, who has maintained his innocence through 18 years of appeals, was convicted in the hacking deaths of four people in 1983. He claims a trio of murderers committed the attacks and says DNA tests on hair and a bloody shirt found at the murder scene will exonerate him.

Cooper won support from celebrities such as Denzel Washington, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and actor and anti-death penalty activist Mike Farrell.

The government expressed optimism that Cooper will be executed soon.

### Corps says it picked company

WASHINGTON (AP) After stating that a multiagency team of government experts evaluated Halliburton Co.'s new Iraq contract, the Army Corps of Engineers now



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phone line networks will atrophy phone companies will no longer offer universal access and services such as 911 will suffer.

The move to universal VOIP service. especially within the home, is likely to be slow, one that will have to make its way past some important roadblocks. As anxious as they are to take customers away from the phone companies, the cable providers committed to providing VOIP service are themselves not completely convinced that the technology is ready, according to **CNET News.com.** "Cable companies are worried that current VOIP equipment has not been proven on the kind of large scale that would be typical in any nationwide service," the online news service concluded after interviewing cable operators and analyzing white papers the providers had drawn up on the topic.

In addition, VOIP in the immediate future is likely to remain a computerbased application — rather than a service that can be accessed directly with special phones — which means that the base of potential VOIP customers will be somewhat restricted, considering PCs have still only made their way into about 70 percent of the homes in the U.S.

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event will be Joy Burnsed, Big Spring High School librarian; Eve Nieto, Aflac representative; and Tony Kennedy, a BSISD trustee. Former BSISD teacher Loyce Phillips will serve as the caller.

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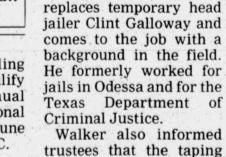
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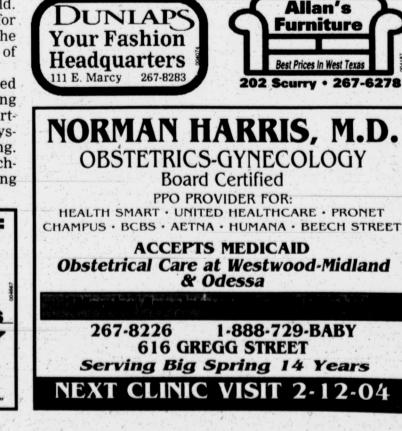


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## OUR VIEWS

# **Celebrations in 2004** milestones in the **Crossroads area**

where's no question about it, 2004 is a significant year in Howard County as several of our community's "institutions" celebrate milestone anniversaries.

Big Spring Refinery employees are already well into their year-long schedule of events celebrating the refinery's 75th anniversary here in Big Spring.

And later this year another 75th anniversary will be observed when the Harley-Davidson Shop of Big Spring — the oldest Harley-Davidson dealership in Texas — commemorates its opening back in 1929.

Just a little older, of course, is the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, which will celebrate it's 85th anniversary during tonight's annual chamber banquet at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

We here at the Herald want to take this opportunity to congratulate all three of these institutions and salute them for the roles they've played in making Big Spring the distinctive community it is.

But we hope they'll forgive us for taking a little pride as we begin to celebrate our own anniversary one that we're convinced makes the others pale in comparison.

That's because later this year the Big Spring Herald

K, now for two fabulous books about ... water!

I promise, no matter what your politics, your stand on the environment or even your lack of interest in the subject (that's for all you folks devoting your lives to avant-garde French film), these books are fascinating. You may think reading about water is as interesting as drink-

ing it, but you also know that nothing on earth tastes better than a glass of water when you are really thirsty. And that's what these books are

with a stake in water - beach lovers, farmers, ranchers, fishermen, coastal dwellers, Weather Channel

watchers, hurricane followers, anyone in government, journalists, taxpayers and humanity in general - these books are must-reads. Come to think of it, I've always disliked the phrase "must-read" let's say, "books you are dying to read even if you don't know it yet.'

"Against the Tide: the Battle for America's Beaches" by Cornelia Dean is a jewel. A whole book about beaches? Yo - for anyone who has ever walked along a beach in that Zen-like state that only beach walks provide, do not miss this book. Especially if you're a taxpayer.

I think one reason this is such a fun book to read is that it's one of those deals we all secretly relish: All the experts are wrong, the government is once again doing really dumb things and any of us could have told them it wouldn't work.

Ever since the Bible was written. we have known not to build our houses on sand. You'd think we'd have got it by now. Dean investigates the myriad ways that we have tried to circumvent this selfevident proposition: sea walls. groins, dredging, stilts, jetties,

cuts, dams, etc. My favorite is the daffy concept of "beach replenishment," which leads to such grave questions as, "Who owns this sand?'

Every now and then, the discussion becomes a little too esoteric she lost me during a section on the effects of "edge waves" - but mostly, this is surprisingly fascinating stuff.

Dean's discussion of "The Big One" – the monster hurricane that could crash into Florida, wipe out the Gulf Coast and drown New Orleans - is one of those "Holy gamoley!" deals. It's also sobering to reflect that it's not a "Oh-it'llnever-happen" so much as an "Amazing-it-hasn't-happened-yet." Whenever I write a column about the folly of the federal flood insurance program, I get lots of mail from angry readers. From

now on, I'm going to insist that they read this book before I enter a dialogue about the merits and demerits of the program.

Dean is not a prescriptive journalist; she's not advocating anything - she's just describing what happens. Nevertheless, there's no missing the implication of her evidence: "The glaring flaw in the insurance program (is that) it is betting the federal treasury against a sure thing: coastal flooding."

I honestly think this could be one of those rare books that changes government policy - at local, state and federal levels. I defy you to read it and not conclude that there must be a better way.

Sandra Postel's "Pillar of Sand: Can the Irrigation Miracle Last?" has a global focus that makes it in one way less immediate – we always care more about what's closer to home. But it also gives her a perspective that is almost breathtaking.

All you Julian L. Simon fans will want to read at least her first chapter, "New Light on an Old Debate," in which she does not so much demolish Simon as demonstrate what the problem is. "Today, the difference between

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cornucopian optimists comes down to little more than an assumption about grain land productivity over the next several decades - specifically, whether yields will grow at closer to the 1 percent rate of the 1990s or the 2 percent rate of the previous four decades. This difference may seem small, but it gets magnified over time. At an annual growth rate of 2 percent, food production would double in 35 years. Growing at 1 percent, however, it would take twice as long - 70 years - to dou-

> ble." Postel is firmly in the optimists' camp, but one must admit that her fairly brief recap of the history of civilization as the story of water is not encouraging. The ruined statue of Ozymandias, Shelley's king of kings, is her central metaphor: "Round the decay, of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare, The lone and level sands stretch far away." It's a case of "First, you got to get the mule's attention.

The mule - mankind in this case really does require the proverbial two-by-four upside the head. And it seems to me we're getting it, with summers getting hotter, hurricanes getting worse and the effects of melting polar ice caps becoming more clear.

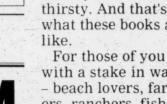
Count me with the optimists, but before you can solve a problem, first you have to think about it. And to that end, neither smug denial nor ideological rigidity is going to help. One of the silliest statements imaginable is, "I don't believe in global warming." You may not believe in it, but that's not going to change it. Get a grip, and help by starting

to think. And you can't find two better books to help you get started than these.

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Yes, we'll be celebrating 100 years - an entire century — of chronicling the goings, comings and doings around Big Spring and Howard County.

In so doing, we'll not only be recognizing our accomplishments and progress over the past 100 years, but the people, businesses and institutions who've made our century of service to this community memorable.

So today we officially begin offering our thanks to all those who have allowed the Herald family to prosper since 1904, while we make plans to provide another century of news coverage.

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I whole healthily agree! As much as I would like to be surprised, I am not when the turnout results are shown. Our turnout is a poor showing. Why, I know more people who complain than those that turnout to vote. It is really an embarrassing state.

The number of people who proudly tout that, I don't vote, is equally frustrating.

Finally, I wonder why it is that in third world countries people are literally dying for the privilege to vote.

What is wrong with this picture? Could it be like most things that don't work in America, we think that if we don't focus on it, it isn't happening to us?

That is precisely why we should all vote - so that we can vote for people who reflect our needs.

I have registered hundreds of people to vote. Unfortunately those numbers are not reflected in the turnout. I think that this should be looked at as a community problem and realize that registering people is the easy part.

Maybe what we need to consider is that when it is time to vote these first time voters don't know what their rights are, who will help them and how much help they are entitled to once they enter the polling place. It could be scary to some:

Maybe we should consider workshops to familiarize those potential voters on how it is done. I don't think we will ever realize our political muscle in Big Spring and Howard County until we attempt to educate our potential voters. I, personally would like to know that I tried everything in my power to get people to the polls.

While showing one's patriotism by displaying a flag is a wonderful way to show how proud one is to be an American is awesome; the surest way to show the world how much of an American one is, is to get out and vote.

A special message to all of my Hispanic hermanas y hermanos: Right now the battlegrounds have been set in four of the high stakes states in the Southwest and South. Those states are Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Florida. These states comprise 47 of the 270 electoral votes required to elect a president. Those states are heavily populated by Hispanics.

The nation and the world are watching us. If, in fact, we want to be recognized, the only way that will happen is when we are counted at the polls.

Right now is not the time to take the attitude that the only way you will vote is if that candidate comes to you personally. That is not how other candidates handle their elections. There will never be enough time for a candidate to meet everyone personally.

Follow their agenda which should include more than, "I'm running for this office because I want to be the sheriff, the judge, etc." Make sure your candidate will be good for you.

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promise anything for your vote. So don't bad mouth a candidate because they can't give you something you want.

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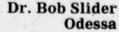
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### To the Editor:

I have known Kirk Edwards for several years and served with him on the city council for two years. I have found him to be very intelligent, conservative and truly interested in what is best for our community. I really believe he is well qualified to represent us in the Texas Senate.

The Permian Basin was fortunate to have three good candidates run in the special election to represent us in the senate. Now there is one. The time is now, for all voters of the area to come together to support Kirk Edwards with their votes.

I have lived in this area for about 35 years. Never have we been this close to having a state senator from the Permian Basin. We must all act now. Please talk with your friends, family and coworkers. The voters of this area must get out and vote. Absentee voting is Feb. 9-13. The people of Odessa and this area fumbled this ball several months ago. I hope history does not repeat itself so soon.







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## NATION

### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Tuesday, February 10, 2004

# Legislative leaders hear about budget, sales tax base

AUSTIN (AP) - The Legislative relief to property owners. Property own- impact on Texas in competing with Budget Board, meeting Monday to move dollars around in the state budget, heard an economist's view on how to generate large amounts of money to address an anticipated public school finance overhaul - expand the sales tax base or increase the sales tax rate.

"I don't think we have a choice. If we want to generate substantially more revenue at the state level, and it's not going to be ... with personal income tax, it has to be from broadening the base of the sales tax or increasing the rate," said Bernard Weinstein, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of North Texas.

Weinstein was one of the economic experts on a panel addressing the board about economic trends. Board member Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson, asked Weinstein about implications for the state's economy if the sales tax base is broadened.

Some legislators have been exploring the possibility of expanding the sales tax base to include services to gain revenue for schools while providing tax

ers pay a big chunk of the public school bill under the existing share-the-wealth education finance system.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who co-chairs the budget board with Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, has said he has been meeting with senators to improve upon a Senate school finance plan approved last year that broadened the sales tax base while reducing property taxes.

That Senate plan fizzled in the House in spring 2003. Many House members wanted to repeal the so-called "Robin Hood" finance system but offered no alternative funding system. Dewhurst and Craddick exchanged terse words at the time over their respective proposals. Republican Gov. Rick Perry has said he may call a special legislative session on education funding this spring if a consensus emerges on how to deal with it.

Weinstein said he was not making a recommendation to legislators about what to do with sales taxes.

Expanding the sales tax base to services likely would not have a negative board meeting.

other states for industries because Texas already has a such a narrow base, Weinstein said.

In the area of personal services, the impact would be minimal because residents are not likely to go to another state for services, he said, adding that the impact of expanding the sales tax among business services is more complex to evaluate.

James LeBas, chief revenue estimator for the Texas comptroller's office, told the budget board that sales tax collections are up about 5 percent the first five months of this fiscal year compared with 2003.

Dewhurst repeated that statistic, and noted that the state's sales tax doesn't cover all that it could. The service sector is a growing portion of the state's economy, Dewhurst said.

"Our revenue is not reflective of where our economy is going," Dewhurst said.

But neither Dewhurst nor Craddick directly brought up specifics about public school finance during the budget

A main purpose of the budget board meeting was to approve shifting nearly \$20 million in the state's current twoyear, \$117 billion budget. The governor has a month to decide whether to approve the actions.

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To move the money, the board by law had to deem that there is an "emergency," but Dewhurst noted that there is no financial crisis. Those budget amounts are:

- \$9 million for the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for operating the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen and Edinburg.

\$2 million for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for a new medical school in El Paso.

\$3 million to the Texas Cooperative Extension for each of the two fiscal years to address the risks of wildlifeborne diseases and wildlife damage.

- Up to \$2.5 million over the two fiscal years to cover increased election costs and ensure access to polling places.

## Cell phone use, road rage causing problems on Texas highways

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cellular phone usage contributed to automobile crashes that killed 15 people on Texas roadways in 2000-2001, the Department of Public Safety said Monday.

Road rage, the DPS said, was a factor in one fatality in each of those years.

"It is difficult to draw conclusions at this point, but the data probably understates the problem," DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. said. "There is no doubt that cell phone misuse and road rage create major problems on Texas roadways."

Statewide, 1,032 cell phonerelated traffic crashes were reported in 2001, the first fullyear statistics released since Texas started tracking such data.

In the same year, 219 wrecks were attributed to road rage, according to reports compiled by Texas law enforcement offi-

cers.

Texas accident reporting forms were changed in April 2000 to add cell phones and road rage among contributing factors officers can choose. However, some law enforcement personnel did not receive the forms until later in the year. In 2000, 716 cell phonerelated crashes were cited statewide, as were 90 road-rage related wrecks, the DPS said.

Four bills restricting driving and cell phone use were introduced during the 78th Texas Legislature last year, but none passed. Three of the bills advocated the use of handsfree devices while driving.

"I have seen studies that show that the reaction times are as slow as someone who is intoxicated when someone is holding the cell phone to their ear,' said state Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, who introduced one of the unsuccessful bills.

Menendez said Monday he intends to try again during the sto deal with the issue, agreed. next legislative session, includ-

"You can call for assistance. You can report a crime. The problem is, like a lot of things in life, if you overuse it."

ing proposing a compromise bill that would ban the use of hand-held cell phones by young, inexperienced drivers.

"Obviously, I'm showing my cards by talking to you about it," he said. "But I think we've got to do something. It's ridiculous for us to keep our heads in the sand on this.

State Sen. Paul Moreno, who also has pushed for legislation

put some punishment, some sort of deterrent," he said. "That's the only way we're going to stop it. We have to make it a traffic offense."

Moreno, D-El Paso, was driving when reached and would not talk on the phone until he pulled over.

"Let me get off the highway, OK?" he said.

Moreno is one of the state's leading opponents of DWC driving while cell-phoning. He joked that he didn't want to violate his own principles.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said requiring handsfree cell phones would be "a little better, but we question whether or not you're giving due attention to the task at hand, which is driving.'

Critics of legislation argue that talking on a cell phone while driving is no more a distraction than switching the radio station or eating a breakfast sandwich. Erin McGee, spokeswoman in life, if you overuse it."

for the Cellular **Telecommunications & Internet** Association, a Washingtonbased advocacy group for the wireless industry, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment Monday. Vinger acknowledged that cell phone- and road rage-related crashes represented a tiny fraction of the state's nearly 324,000 total collisions in 2001.

"That would not even register as a percentage point," he noted.

But Vinger said the figures "drastically underrepresent" the problem because they depend on someone admitting a cell phone or road rage caused a crash, or an officer witnessing it.

"Cell phones are almost a must-have for any traveler because they have many positive benefits," Vinger said. "You can call for assistance. You can report a crime. The problem is, like a lot of things

"The people in this world will not cease anything unless we



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As they grew older, the acorn had grown into a mighty oak tree with branches reaching as far as you could see and way up into the sky.

Rain started to fall, and as the seeds got wet, they began to grow. Then the sun came out and got them warm and they grew even faster. The acorn was growing faster than the pine.

Deep in the forest, a long time ago, two seeds fell to the ground. One was an acorn and one was a pine.

The little pine didn't grow very much because he was in the shadow of the oak. The rain and the sunlight didn't get to him as easily because the mighty oak grabbed it all.

All of the animals in the woods came to see the mighty oak and play on its mighty branches and sit under its cool shade.

The poor little pine never had anyone play on his small branches. He felt so alone.

Then one day the little pine saw all the animals scurrying about as if they were frightened. "What is the matter?" the little pine asked one scared little squirrel. "Haven't you heard?" said the squirrel. "There is a bad storm coming and I am finding a place to hide!"

"Oh, no!" thought the little pine, "I am so small the wind will blow me away. I wish I could hide, too!"

"Ha! Ha! Look at me," the mighty oak said. "Look at my branches. I am big and strong, and I am not afraid of the wind!"

And then the wind came, and it blew very hard. It blew so hard that the big mighty oak blew over and away. But the little pine held on. It didn't know it, but all of the time the mighty oak was growing its mighty branches, it was not spending enough time putting down roots that would have held him to the ground during that great windstorm!

The little pine was not growing branches but was growing a great big root so the windstorm could not pull him from the ground.

And as the wind and the rain went away, the little pine realized he was getting taller and taller!

The shade of the mighty oak was not there anymore, and the sun was shining proudly on the little pine.

The little pine grew and grew until one day it was taller than any other tree in the forest. All of the animals from the forest came to play on its mighty branches and sit under its cool shade.

> And the mighty pine let them as long as they promised not to step on or shade out the little tree trying to grow way down below.

> > The End

## NATION

### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Tuesday, February 10, 2004

# Experts fear Ohio sniper has widened zone

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) months and left one per-

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A recent burst of. son dead. sniper shootings along an Ohio highway has been linked to earlier shootings 25 miles to the north. leaving experts fearful that the gunman has widened his comfort zone and is looking for more, associated with the John prev.

"This particular individual is definitely getting more brazen," said Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin after authorities linked two shootings on Sunday to the string of attacks that have terror-times of the day and ized the community for night.

The growing target area could be part of a strategy to throw off the police and "freak out an additional portion of the population," N.G. Berrill, a

forensic psychologist Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said Monday,

The serial shootings -23 in all – began in May, though most have occurred since mid-October. The shootings have happened at various

## **Report: Billions in tax** refunds still unclaimed

WASHINGTON (AP) -Nearly 2 million students, retirees and other taxpayers stand to lose \$2.5 billion in refunds if they don't act quickly to claim the money.

The Internal Revenue. Service said Monday that anyone who should have gotten a refund for taxes paid in 2000 but didn't file a return must file and claim the money by April 15.

"Don't wait until it's too late,' said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "We want all taxpayers to get the refund they're due."

Half of those taxpayers could claim refunds of \$529 or more, the IRS estimated. That calculation does not include the earned income tax, which could make the refund even larger for some lowwage workers.

"That's not chump change," said Fred Grant, a senior tax analyst at Intuit Inc., who urged in 2000 will be held at the

the year are among those most likely to be owed money. Those individuals typically did not have enough income to be required to file a return. but they may have overlooked the taxes withheld from their paychecks or payments for self-employment taxes. Since they didn't file a return, they never got the refund due them.

In 2000, the IRS did not require individuals with income less than \$7,200 and married couples with income less than \$12,950 to file a tax return. Those age 65 or older could receive a little more before they had to file a return.

Dependents, a category that includes many students, were not required to file a return that if they earned \$4,400 or less or received \$700 or less in interest, dividends and capital gains.

A refund for taxes paid taxpayers to file the IRS if the taxpayer did not file a return for 2001 and 2002, in case the taxpayer owes taxes for those years. There is no penalty for filing a late return to claim a refund. The IRS compares the reported wage information with the Social Security Administration, which gives taxpayers the Students, retirees and opportunity to correct any errors and protect

Investigators Monday linked the most Cleveland and carries an recent gunfire to the bulk average of 34,000 vehicles of the highway shootings, a day in the area, accordbut would say only that the connection wasn't based on ballistics tests. Bullets have shattered windshields, flattened tires and pierced the aluminum frame of cars, vans, delivery trucks and tractor-trailers. Shots have dented school buses and broken a school window. Homes also have been hit, with one bullet found in a bathtub. The only person hit so far has

been killed. Until last month, the gunfire was scattered along or near Interstate last four cases, including two shootings on Sunday. skipped outside that area, moving progressively farsouthwest ther Interstate 71.

The freeway bisects the

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on state from Cincinnati to authorities." ing to the Department of Transportation.

"The logical thing is to go down the road a bit.' where people would be less concerned, Berrill said. Police also might not be as prepared as they would be in the original crime zone.

Serial criminals often start in the area where they live or work, said Clint Van Zandt, a former FBI agent who examined patterns of criminal behavior. As they continue to be successful, they 270, a busy highway that will move out of their encircles Columbus. The comfort zone and become more emboldened, he and other experts say.

"He likes the challenge," Van Zandt said. on "He likes the possibility of being caught.

On Sunday, a minivan and a Mercedes were hit on I-71 about 40 miles Ohio southwest of Columbus and -25 miles outside the sniper's original target area.

area has increased." Martin said.

The latest shootings also gave investigators their best description yet: a white man of medium build in his 30s or 40s and a black sports car. One victim said he saw the man fire from an overpass.

Pointing to the initial false descriptions in the Washington, D.C., sniper case, experts say eyewitness information often is unreliable. However, the description in the highway shootings does make sense, they say.

prank," said Jack Levin, is a target of opportuni-"He likes beating the a criminologist and direc- ty."

tor of the Brudnick Center on Violence at Northeastern University. "This is an adult who is organized and quite crafty in the way he carries out the crime.'

Serial criminals often "It's obvious our target - are middle-aged men who may have suffered a financial disaster or other calamity, he said. "Some decide not to get even with a spouse or boss, but with the whole community," Levin said.

> But Van Zandt warned that authorities need to make clear that people should not exclude possible suspects because of the description. "My fear for you always is a copycat." he said. Martin said the shoot-

ings are a new phenomenon for investigators. "We're all over the page on this," he said. "We "This is not a childish think it is random. This

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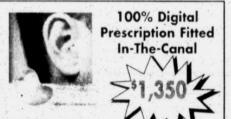
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## Judge strikes down Iowa sex-offender law

(AP) — A federal judge on Monday struck down an Iowa law that prohibited convicted sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of schools and daycare centers.

The Iowa Civil Liberties Union had challenged the constitutionality of the law, claiming it effectivebanished offenders lv from most cities and towns.

Judge Robert Pratt ruled that the 2002 law "unconstitutionally infringes" upon the rights of sex offenders. He issued an order prohibiting the state from enforcing the law, making permanent a temporary restraining order issued last summer.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller said he was considering an appeal.

In arguments to the judge, plaintiffs' attorney Philip Mears wrote: "There is no evidence that sex offenders reoffend by living within any magic number of feet from a school.

Assistant Attorney. General Gordon Allen argued that the law was sound public policy and designed to protect the state's most vulnerable of an offender within a citizens - children.

"While some may find mentary school.

DES MOINES, Iowa the means chosen excessive ... there is nevertheless a rational basis for the legislative choice," Allen said.

> Lawmakers reacted to the ruling by saying they are determined to keep sex offenders away from children.

> "They committed a crime. We're trying to keep them away from our kids if possible," said Sen. Jerry Behn. "I'd like to have something on the books."

Attorneys for the sex offenders had argued that such residency restrictions do little to keep children safe.

"The lawmakers failed us," said Ben Stone, ICLU executive director. "Evidence is out there that extensively shows that the greatest threat to kids is from people that they know."

The Iowa law was based on an Alabama statute that also requires sex offenders to live at least 2,000 feet from schools and day care centers.

Laws in Kentucky and Indiana make homes and apartments within 1,000 feet off limits to sex offenders, while California bars placement quarter-mile of an ele-







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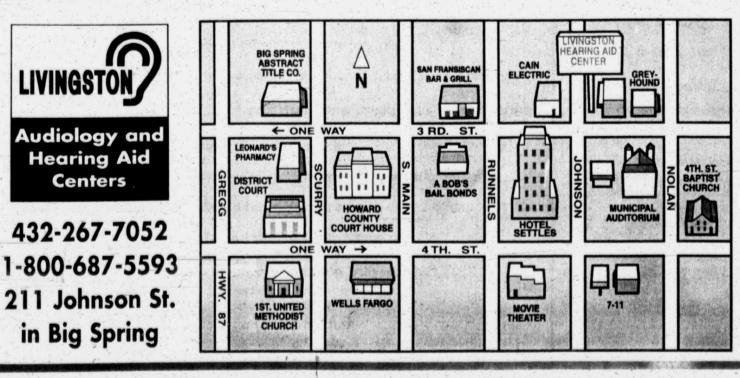
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## IN BRIEF

Lady Steers, Steers set to play Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers and Steers will return to action Tuesday.

The Lady Steers, 5-19 and 1-8, will continue District 4-4A play by traveling to Andrews. The girls will begin play at 6 p.m.

The BSHS boys, coming off a tough loss to Lubbock Estacado, will face Andrews at 8 p.m. The Steers enter the game at 4-22 and 0-7.

### Ten Star seeking all-star applications

Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible. For more information call (704) 373-0873.

### YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

### **BSCGA** to hold membership drive

### Jones' last-second FTs lift Hawks to fourth **By TOMMY WELLS** Jones' two attempts from the was made even more important

### Sports Editor

CLARENDON - Howard College head coach Jim Lewis has always stressed how important it was for a team to convert free throw opportunities if it wanted a chance to win.

The Hawks found out just how right Lewis was Monday night as Johnny Jones sank two free throws with three seconds left to help Howard College rally to claim a wild 84-83 win over the Clarendon College Bulldogs.

charity stripe gave the Hawks an when the Hawks learned 84-80 lead and negated Adrian Midland College had downed Lewis' three-pointer at the Odessa College, 83-71, and left buzzer from half-court.

(Jones) drain those two free Junior College Athletic final three minutes to end a we'll take it any way we can."

Howard in sole possession of "I was sure glad to see Juice fourth place in the Western Conference playoff race with a 5-4 record. Only the top four teams advance to the Region V Basketball Tournament in March.

> "Hopefully this will help us along toward the playoffs," Lewis

badly.'

Clarendon, now 10-12 and 2-7, looked like anything but a lastplace team in the first 30 minutes of the contest. The Bulldogs, behind the shooting of sophomore Alex Robles and Stanley Titsworth matched the Hawks shot-for-shot in the first half and raced to a 65-64 with just over 12 minutes to play in the game.

Jones, who finished the game with 16 points, managed to help the Hawks kick-start their

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# Mavs' owner against Dream Team

ATLANTA (AP) Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban already was against his players participating in international play. Watching forward Eduardo Najera get into a fight during an Olympic qualifying tournament over the summer only added to Cuban's resolve.

"The refs can't control the game," Cuban said Monday after a small symposium business before the Mavericks played the Atlanta Hawks. "If you're playing on the USA team, you have a little bit of leeway. because you've got all these stars.

## Clarendon fends off Howard women

### By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Stephanie Russell did what she has done all season long Monday and the Howard College Lady Hawks paid the price for it.

Russell, the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's top female scorer, pushed in 20 points and powered the **Clarendon Lady Bulldogs** to an 82-55 victory.

With the win, the Lady Bulldögs did two things. They all but clinched the conference's fourth-place playoff berth and severely damaged the Lady Hawks postseason aspirations. Clarendon, 13-12 overall, is now 4-4 in WJCAC Play and holds a two-game lead over South Plains, Frank Phillips and Howard with just four games left in the regular season.



throws," said Lewis, who saw his team trailing for much of the second half before rallying in the three-game losing streak. "It wasn't a work or art or pretty but The victory over Clarendon said. "We needed this win

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will be holding its annual membership drive on Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

For more information contact Billy Pineda after 8 p.m. at 264-7116.

### BSCC to hold 4-man scramble on Feb. 28

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a 4-Person Scramble on Feb. 28-29 beginning with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days. Entry fee is \$75 per player plus golf cart. For more information call (432) 267-5354.

Lady Hawks to make home debut Friday

The Howard College Lady Hawks will make their home debut Friday afternoon when they face Ranger College at Foundation Field.

The first game of the doubleheader will begin at 1 p.m.

College Howard enters the game with a 2-0 season record.

### Lady Steers to face Coronado in warm-up

The Big Spring Lady Steers will see their first live action of the 2004 softball season Friday afternoon when they travel to Lubbock to face Coronado.

The scrimmage will begin at approximately 1 p.m.

## ON THE AIR

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The Lady Hawks slipped to 10-15 and to 2-5 in conference action.

Offensively, Howard College picked up a solid performance from sophomore Kristen Valentine. She poured in a teamhigh 17 points in the setback. The Lady Hawks also

garnered strong outings from sophomore Desire' Bostice and freshmen Ciara Tidwell and Alison Lopez.

The Lady Hawks are scheduled to return to action Thursday when they host the New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

### Rebels to host **Chaps Friday**

The Big Spring Rebels will get their third shot at San the Angelo Chaparrals Friday when they host the defending Texas Professional Basketball League champions in the Steer Gym.

The Rebels are scheduled to begin play against San Angelo at 8 p.m.

The Rebels, led by Van Jamison, opened their inaugural season with a stunning 119-114 win over San Angelo last month. Since that win, Big Spring has managed to play .500 ball en route to building a 3-3 record.

Shannon Higgins and Brenn Swinney sandwich an Estacado player during the first half of the Lady Steers' 90-48 loss Friday. Big Spring ends its 2003-2004 basketball season today in Andrews.

## Lady Steers to close "04 season against Andrews

### By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers have endured a long, trying season on the basketball court. Long losing stretches, tough losses and injuries have all played a part in the Lady Steers' 6-19 record.

All the negatives could be put to rest this evening with a win over their biggest rival, the Andrews Lady Mustangs, in the 2003-2004 season finale. The two teams will square off at 6 p.m. in the Andrews gymnasium.

"We're going to go in there and give it our best shot," said Big Spring head coach Gary Miller.

Winning in Andrews won't be easy, however. The Lady Mustangs, behind senior guard Nitra Woods, desperately need a win over Big Spring — and a win by Levelland over Lubbock Estacado — to keep their playoff hopes alive. Andrews and Estacado are currently tied for the district's third-place playoff berth with 5-4 records.

Frenship and Levelland have already secured the top two seeds. The

Lady Tigers can clinch the 4-4A championship this evening with a win over San Angelo Lake View.

Led by senior Leina Braxton, Big Spring heads into the game sporting one of the youngest lineups in the district. The Lady Steers could start up to four sophomores against Andrews.

Braxton heads into the game averaging more than 14 points a night.

The Lady Steers head into the showdown sporting a 1-8 record in District 4-4A play. For the year, the Lady Mustangs own a 15-13 record.

The Big Spring Steers, powered by the efforts of seniors Michael Ornales-Doporto, Jordan Cobb, Wesley Smith and Erin Partee, will try and snap their 17-game district slide tonight against an Andrews squad they pushed to the brink last month in their first meeting. The Mustangs used a strong third-quarter push on Jan. 24 to claim a 61-47 victory in the Steer Gym.

Andrews, 21-5 and 5-2, is currently second in the 4-4A playoff race behind Estacado. Big Spring is 4-23 and 0-7 in loop play.

By TOMMY WELLS

SAN ANGELO

Angelo Golf Classic.

Sports Editor

"Eduardo Najera got into a fight at center court with a guy from another team because he was the focal point."

Najera exchanged elbows with Canadian Peter Guarasci under the basket late in the second quarter of the first-round finale for both teams. As teams the headed upcourt, Guarasci shoulder-checked Najera to the floor in front of the Mexico bench.

Najera charged Guarasci and tackled him near midcourt. A brief scrum ensued until coaches from both teams broke it up. Both players were suspended for one game of the tournament.

"If you're carrying Team Canada, you're really the only NBA player," Cuban said. "You're going to be the target of the opposing teams.'

Detroit Pistons and U.S. Olympic basketball coach Larry Brown doesn't share that view, to put it mildly. The two of them traded barbs on the issue through *The Dallas Morning News* over the weekend, and neither back down Monday.

"That's why we've got Asians and South Americans and African kids and European kids playing in our league," he said after practice. "Most of the owners that have

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Gee, Payne guide Lady Steers

## **Rodriguez scorches field** at Monahans Invitational

### By TOMMY WELLS

### Sports Editor

Ryan Rodriguez found the perfect way to begin the Big Spring Steers' golf season Saturday afternoon: He won.

Rodriguez fired a 2-overpar 146 and walked away with a six-stroke victory the Monahans at

Invitational. His effort also helped the Steers roll to third in the final team standings.

Rodriguez blistered the course through the first 18 holes, firing a 72. He came back the following day to post a 74.

The Steers, who are See THIRD, Page 2B



at the San Angelo Classic.

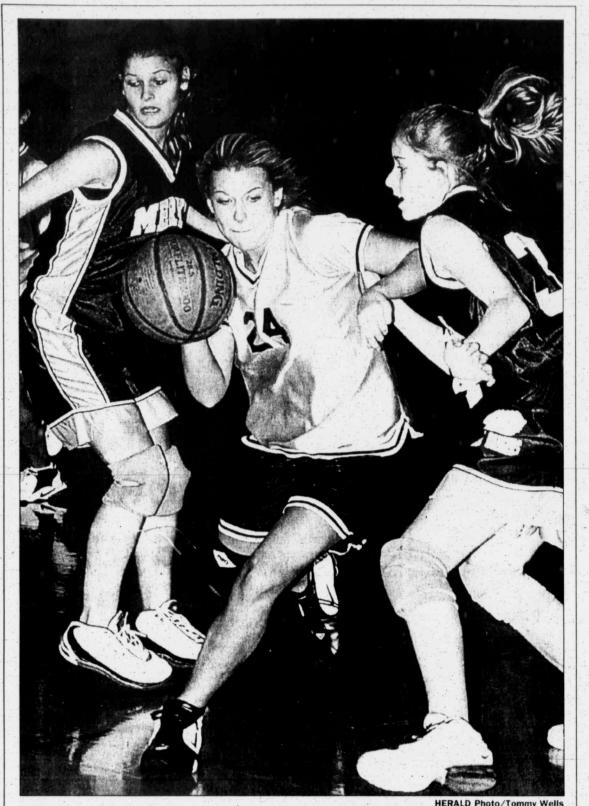
efforts Saturday afternoon and led the Big Spring Lady Steers to a sixth-place finish in the **Courtesy photo Rachel Gee finished ninth** Blue Division at the San

their first meet of the season, recorded a team mark of 778 over the two Rachel Gee and Angela rounds. Payne turned in solid District 4-4A champion Andrews won the event with a score of 680. Gee, after battling cold,

to sixth at San Angelo Classic The Lady Steers, in Defending

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Big Spring Junior High School eighth grader Danielle Jeter drives past a pair of Merkel defenders during the first half of the Lady Steers' regular season finale Monday in the BSJHS gym. The Lady Badgers came away with the win.

## **Cowboys QB Hutchinson among 229 NFL Europe invitees**

IRVING (AP) - Chad Hutchinson is headed to Europe to try proving to Bill Parcells that he can be an NFL quarterback.

camp last summer, was spent two seasons in Super Bowl champion to the Cowboys' starter

going to NFL Europe. The opportunity to gain in Europe years before Cleveland, and Todd playing time overseas has helping Tampa Bay win Husak, also of the been a boon for several the Super Bowl. players, including quar-Hutchinson, who failed terbacks. Super Bowl other 18 Europe-bound years ago. to impress Parcells at starter Jake Delhomme of quarterbacks are third-Dallas Cowboys training the Carolina Panthers stringer Rohan Davey of four years of pro baseball.

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Browns, who won NFL Included among the Europe's World Bowl two

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**BIG SPRING HERALD** Tuesday, February 10, 2004

# Navarro College students keep vigil following fatal van crash

Many Navarro College checked Internet sites for students couldn't sleep early Tuesday. Instead, they gathered to pray and get updates about basketball players and a coach involved in a deadly collision between a team van and a tractor-trailer rig in Northeast Texas.

SPORTS

• Two players died in the crash late Monday night while the team was traveling back to Corsicana from a game at Paris Junior College. Seven other van occupants were injured, one critically.

"They're a good group of guys; that's why it's so shocking something like this would happen," said Sasha Ybarra, an 18-yearold freshman from Bandera. "They were good students, good people, guys from all over -Tennessee, Africa, New Orleans."

Director of Student Activities Roy "Happy" Solis said students started flooding his office when he arrived on campus early Tuesday.

"Some were just sitting there," said Solis, who is also Student Government Association adviser. "Some just wanted to pray to themselves. Some are not really sure what to think."

Outside his office, some students sat solemnly in chairs. One huddled into a tight ball on a couch. In

CORSICANA (AP) - a nearby room, people and come back," she said. details and comforted one another.

Ybarra said the news spread "real quick" across the campus about 60 miles south of Dallas where about 750 students live.

"Everybody knows the basketball team," she said. "Somebody's dating him that we know, or they're just friends in general. When something like that happens, its good to know as soon as possible.'

She said she imagined students were calling the players Monday night to see if the team won and then learned about the accident.

"For athletes, it was just like a regular trip to play

## **CUBAN**

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that, so has the NBA. "All of the sudden now,

when we've got what we want, 'It's not good to send our players over.' It's not fair to the game." Cuban wants his players to choose between their contract with the Mavericks and a spot on their national teams. Five of Dallas' players compete for teams other than the United States, including starters Steve Nash (Canada) and Dirk Nowitzki (Germany).

"I prefer that, if you have a contract, you make a choice," he said. "We all make choices. If it's that important to me to play for my country, I'm not going to sign my contract.

"I want that leeway to play for my country, don't think Larry fully understanding the risks understands. He under-

"This is not what you would expect."

The team was wellrespected on campus, said Joe Hervey, a 19-year-old freshman from Dallas.

"It was a really good team. It was a playoff team — the team to beat," he said.

Solis said he expects a memorial will be planned soon. Students will probably set up a wall for people to write condolences, he said.

Ybarra said she wasn't sure if the tragedy had fully set into the campus. Corsicana is about 120 miles southwest of Paris.

"It will tomorrow and next week, when it starts hitting people. When the guys come back and it's not the same," she said.

don't see players who are not under contract playing for their national teams."

Brown is the only man to play and coach in the Olympics, and he won gold medals in both capacities. He has served on six previous USA Basketball staffs, compiling a 43-3 record.

"This has become a world sport because of the NBA," he said. "The most popular athletes in the Olympic games are the NBA players. I think we have a responsibility to show our sport to help young kids all over the world to want to be in our league, and I think we've done that."

Of course, Cuban disagreed.

"He's entitled to his opinion. It's really easy to spend other people's money," Cuban said of Brown. "And honestly, I **BIG SPRING** Tuesday, Fe

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Clarendon answered right back, however. Robles, after an inside basket from Dewayne Abraham had given the Hawks a slim 67-65 lead, knocked down a threepoint attempt from the left corner and gave Clarendon a 69-67 cushion with 8:48 to play.

The Hawks. who improved to 14-7 for the season, stormed back. Joe Powell capped a 13-9 run over the ensuing five minutes of play by drilling a three from the top of the key. Powell's trey put Howard on top by an 80-78 margin with 1:05 left.

After Titsworth had missed two free throws

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first round, starred on Saturday. She hammered out a 78 and finished ninth in the final individual standings with a final score of 171.

Payne finished with a mark of 191 and took 31st in the field of 68 golfers.

Andrews' Halli Richards won the individual honors. The Division Isignee fired rounds of 80 Country Club.

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To find out about valentines of the past, The Mini Page visited the Archives Center at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History.

The English brought the idea of exchanging valentines to this country more than 200 years ago, in the 1700s. Over the years, valentine cards have changed.

The Mini Page thanks John Fleckner, chief archivist; Faith Davis Ruffins, historian; and Allison Oswald, archivist, at the Archives Center of the Smithsonian National Museu of American History

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### Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Kyle Maynard

Hometown: Suwanee, Georgia Weight: 103 Kyle Maynard is a happy, upbeat senior and successful wrestler at Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, Ga. As of Jan. 4, he had won 22 of 27. matches and ranked fourth in the state in the 103pound weight class.

That's incredible - considering that Kyle has no hands. He was born with congenital amputation. His arms stretch to about elbow length. His legs extend to most people's kneecap. But Maynard always has had a "never quit" attitude. He's smart on the mat and has remarkable physical strength. But it's spiritual strength that makes Kyle go. "I have a very strong faith," he said. "Nothing is impossible with God."

Kyle also enjoys video games, makes good grades in school, and

Rookie) **Rookie Cookie's Recipe** Valentine Morning Biscuits You'll need:

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- · strawberry or raspberry jelly

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- 3. On a cookie sheet, place the two halves together, one overlapping the other, to form the shape of a heart. 4. Press the halves together in the middle firmly,
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- 5. Bake according to package directions. 6. Remove and serve topped with jelly.
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**Meet Jeremy Sumpter** 

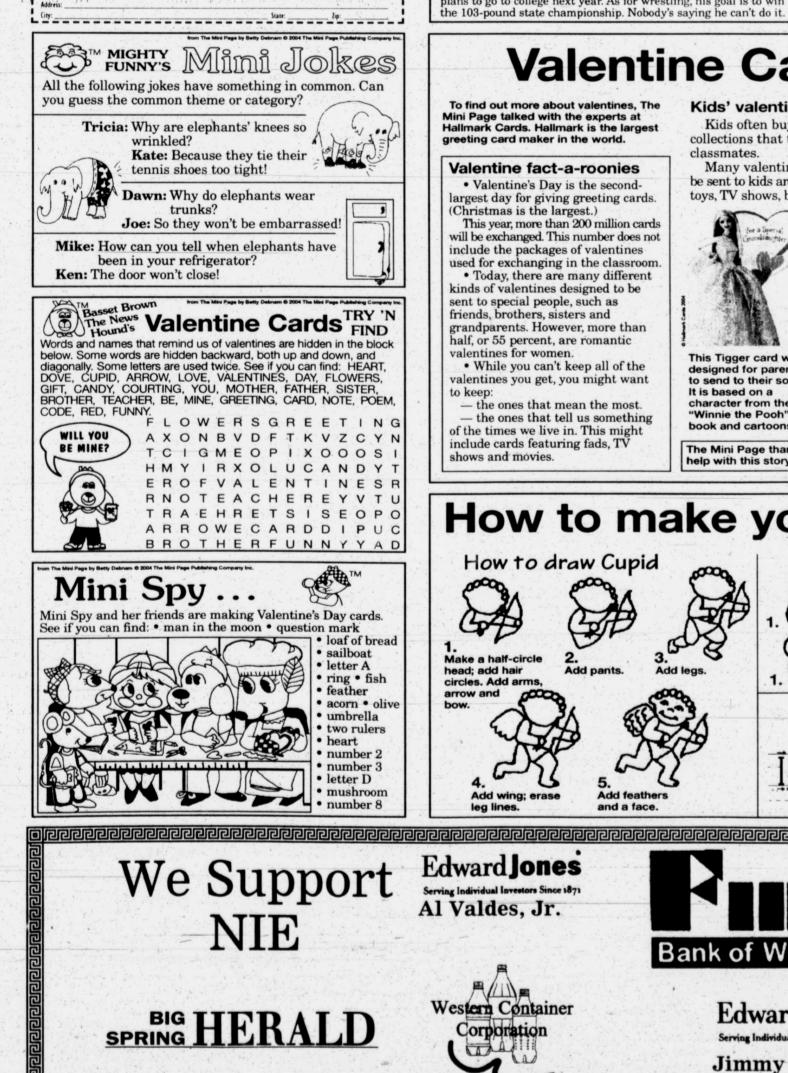


The new star of the popular story "Peter Pan" is Jeremy Sumpter. While the movie is about the boy who would never grow up, Jeremy, 15, is actually the first boy actor to play the role. Jeremy grew several inches taller while making the film. The size of the

window on the set was changed so he wouldn't bump his head when he flew in and out of it! The role is the biggest one for Jeremy so far. He began his acting career when he was 10.

Jeremy was born in Monterey, Calif., but grew up in Kentucky. Jeremy likes to surf. He now lives in Los Angeles with his family and has two sisters, including





## Valentine Cards of Today

a twin.

To find out more about valentines, The Mini Page talked with the experts at Hallmark Cards. Hallmark is the largest greeting card maker in the world.

### Valentine fact-a-roonies

· Valentine's Day is the secondlargest day for giving greeting cards. (Christmas is the largest.)

This year, more than 200 million cards will be exchanged. This number does not include the packages of valentines used for exchanging in the classroom. Today, there are many different

kinds of valentines designed to be sent to special people, such as friends, brothers, sisters and grandparents. However, more than half, or 55 percent, are romantic valentines for women.

 While you can't keep all of the valentines you get, you might want to keep:

- the ones that mean the most. the ones that tell us something of the times we live in. This might include cards featuring fads, TV shows and movies.

### **Kids' valentines**

Kids often buy their valentines in collections that they pass out to their classmates

Many valentines that are meant to be sent to kids are based on well-known toys, TV shows, books and movies.



The Mini Page thanks Hallmark Cards for help with this story.

Writing valentines **Richard Bagley has** 

been writing greeting cards for Hallmark Cards for 19 years. When talking with him, we found out that:

• His job is to help people by putting their emotions into words.

· Mr. Bagley works way ahead of when the cards will go on sale. In January, he was working on St. Patrick's cards that will be available in March of 2005. Greeting cards go through editors and many other steps before they go on sale.

• He always carries a 3-by-5-inch note card in case he gets an idea away from the office.

Sometimes he gets an idea in seconds; other times an idea might

take days. · He writes cards from different viewpoints. For example, he may write a card for a daughter to her mother and another from a mother to her daughter.

## How to make your own valentine

How to draw Cupid How to draw a rose and a dove Make a half-circle Add pants. head; add hair circles. Add arms arrow and How to write Valentines from "I love you" hearts Add feathers Add wing; erase and a face. leg lines Edward Jones



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Libra moon, it's not hard

to find a fantastic counterpart. Libra's air of diplomacy will be noticed at work, too. Shake hands, smile, and be aware that you are, in a sense, interviewing for the job all over again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Judge others fairly. Try not to assign bad motives. Everyone is doing the best he or she possibly can given their own limitations. Higher-ups are seeing you as an equal. You can step up a notch on the corporate ladder.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Allowing yourself to be vulnerable shows that you care more about the other person than about how he or she sees you. It's a way of putting others first, and it makes you irresistible. Who doesn't want to feel this important?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instead of expecting a change to occur, make one happen by acting in a different way. Modeling how you would like your significant one to behave is the only way guaranteed to produce positive changes in his/her actions now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Money comes when you need it. But it's no fun living check to check. The key is to convince yourself that you need it more. Set higher financial goals. A bigger financial safety net will reduce stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your overall mood is a little high-strung. Nerves and a feeling of being generally overwhelmed could make you sick if you long as you justify your

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actions to yourself first. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Learn all you can from someone who has been there, and you'll avoid the potholes. Spending on credit is unnecessary. Besides, what you invent instead of buying is brilliant. Your love life needs a jolt of energy. Be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A lighthearted mood takes hold, and you wish it would last. Keep a Libra or Gemini around, and it will. Research gives you access to new sources of income. Redecorate tonight. You've got a special way with color!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your power at work is growing. Because people want to know you, you make connections without even trying. A Virgo can pick . the investment that will earn vou top dollar. Loved ones are in a playful mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make a real effort to stop worrying about what friends are thinking about you. People who are worth having as friends won't judge you by outward , appearances. In fact, people worth having as friends won't judge you at all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You wake up feeling like a commanding figure, a leader. But that doesn't mean you know what's right for everyone. Think twice before instructing others. Later, someone spills your secret. It makes vou more endearing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Experience over training is emphasized. If you are in business for yourself, raise your rates. An unusual request is your chance to really shine. If a Scorpio is involved, definitely say "yes." More exercise will make you happier.

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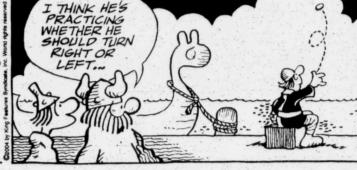
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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2004. There are 325 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect. On this date:

In 1763, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U.S. Navy.

In 1942, RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a gold record for their recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo," which had sold more than a million copies.

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

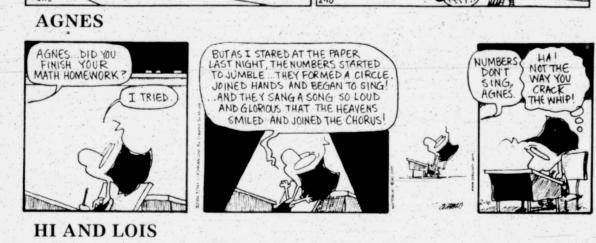
In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1968, Peggy Fleming of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure first black to head a major U.S. political party.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Leontyne Price is 77. Movie composer Jerry Goldsmith is 75. Actor Robert Wagner is 74, Singer Roberta Flack is 65. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 64. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 54. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 44. ABC's "This Week" host George Stephanopoulos is 43. Actress Laura Dern is 37. Country singer Dude Mowrey is 32. Pop singer Rosanna Taverez (Eden's Crush) is 27.

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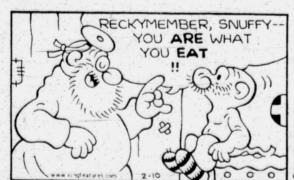




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### **SNUFFY SMITH**











In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. In 1846, members of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Illinois.

In 1942, the former French liner Normandie capsized

### Newsday Crossword

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skating at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

In 1981, eight people were killed, 198 injured, when fire broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1989, Ron Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee, becoming the

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