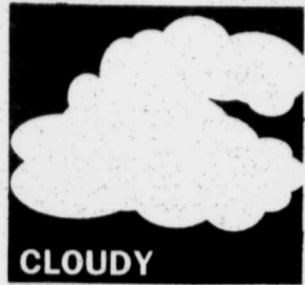


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## 'Passion' draws praise from city leaders, clergy

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

After a free preview on Tuesday night, many city, county and spiritual leaders called Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ" an overwhelming, powerful experience.

"It's breathtaking," said 118th District Judge Robert Moore III. "It's powerful. There were long periods of time where I wondered whether or not I'd been breathing. I just keep thinking of the words 'one for all.'"

Thanks to the efforts of theater partners Kevin Ritz and James Best, many city leaders had the opportunity to view the film, which has been surrounded by controversy for what some say are anti-Semitic views.

"I knew they would be getting a lot of questions about the movie, and I thought it would be better for them to see it firsthand

*"It's powerful. There were long periods of time where I wondered whether or not I'd been breathing."*



Robert H. Moore III, District Judge



Local community leaders and clergy attended a special showing of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" Tuesday evening at the Ritz Theater. The consensus was that the film is a moving, emotional portrayal of the final hours of Christ's life.

Photo by Philippe Antonello

so they can give accurate answers," said Ritz.

The film officially opens today to sold-out theaters across the nation and depicts the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ as he experiences brutal, cruel treatment before his death on the cross.

"To me it was an overpowering experience," said Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker. "I've read, of course, this in

the Bible and thought about it, but this is a visual scene that's brought to you and the acting is so unusual."

Powerful and accurate was how Forsan Baptist Church pastor Jeff Janca described his experience.

"I think it was very accurate," Janca said. "In a lot of ways, it showed the intensity of

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Crossroads residents woke up to a blanket of white this morning as snow fell across the area Tuesday night. Pictured is a snow-covered hill behind the VA Medical Center.

## WATER FOR SALE

### Rio Nuevo's proposal sparks CRMWD concern

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Anyone who has spent a hot, grueling summer anywhere in West Texas will immediately understand why there is such a regional concern over water rights, and those concerns have sparked a storm of controversy for one investment group.

Roger Abel, president of the Rio Nuevo group of investors, spoke to the Big Spring Rotary Club Tuesday afternoon about his group's request to lease state land from the Texas General Land Office, and the effect it



ABEL

could have on West Texas if approved.

"The idea is to develop state resources for purposes of use in municipalities in the state, by state people," Abel said. "It's a state resource, and it's a resource in West Texas for people who live in West Texas. It's not something you can afford to export halfway across the state. You just can't do that. There are resources

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## Amphitheater project past the talking stage

### Local attorney takes charge

By BILL MCCLELLAN

Herald News Editor

Renovation of the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater has often been tossed around as one of those "one of these days" projects — until now.

Local attorney Drew Mouton, who has been quietly spearheading an effort to improve the structure, says it's time to move forward.

"We want to keep the historical aspect of the



MOUTON

amphitheater, but at the same time upgrade it to make it more accessible for performers, more user friendly," Mouton told the Big Spring City Council on Tuesday.

The vision doesn't stop there. Mouton hopes that the large outdoor structure will one day be the scene of an annual production such as "Texas Legacies" (formerly

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## Revisiting petition drive brings no CCC comment

By BILL MCCLELLAN

Herald News Editor

The only comment on a failed petition effort by the Concerned Citizens Council made during Tuesday night's Big Spring City Council meeting was from council members themselves.

"We appreciate your right to circulate petitions and to your efforts to voice your opinion about city government," said Mayor Pro-Tem Jo Ann Staulcup to the small group of citizens gath-

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

State Senate District 31 candidates Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, right, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, got the chance to compare political platforms Tuesday evening, as they participated in a candidate forum held by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and KBST Radio.

## Senate opponents discuss same-sex marriage, education

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

State Senate District 31 candidates Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, got the opportunity to get their views out to the public Tuesday evening, as local radio station KBST broadcast live from a political forum held at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Those in attendance, along with radio listeners, were able to hear the candi-

date's responses to a number of questions from a panel of local reporters, as the candidates prepare for the Republican primary on March 9.

Here are several of the questions and answers from the forum:

*While party affiliation is an important aspect of these primaries, a great deal of concern has been voiced by voters over officials voting in line with their party*

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what Jesus went through — the beatings. It was vicious. I think a lot of people really need to see this because I think it will open their eyes to what Jesus went through for all of us."

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker calls the graphic, brutal scenes of Jesus being beaten and tortured eye-opening.

"I think this is not a movie you go to be entertained. This is a movie you go to to be educated," Walker said. "This definitely brings it into a real life picture to where you can see how much Jesus suffered for us and how very little we realize that."

Pastor Sammy Segundo Jr. of Family Faith Victory Center called the movie a "life-changing" experience.

"I think this is not only a movie and film, but I think it is a move of God upon our nation of America," Segundo said. "I think it is a very impacting, life-changing movie and I liked the words of Jesus in the movie where he said his heart is ready for what's coming and I just pray everyone else's heart is ready to go."

Ritz said even before the controversy emerged about the movie, he was a little hesitant at first to go to the expense of bringing it to town.

"Initially, before I knew anything about the movie, I was concerned about the R rating and the fact that it is not in English," he said. "With those things, I didn't see



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Theater partners James Best, left, and Kevin Ritz visit following a free screening of "The Passion of the Christ" Tuesday for county, city and spiritual leaders. The film opens today to sold-out theaters across the nation.

it being a commercial product. As time progressed and I learned more about the picture and learned that Mel Gibson was behind it, I knew there was no reason not to play it."

"The Passion of the Christ" has already proven to have found a market in Big Spring with ticket sales

"Ticket sales are better

than anything else in the past, including 'Star Wars Episode I' and 'Matrix,'" he said. "We are sold out for Wednesday night and we're going to sell out for Thursday."

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**Bush urges gay marriage ban**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants quick election-year enactment of a constitutional amendment prohibiting gays from marrying each other, but Republicans in Congress are not rushing to heed his call.

After Bush's announcement Tuesday, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said it would take time to gauge the level of support in Congress for a constitutional amendment. He suggested the difficulty of passing one may cause lawmakers to take a different approach to preserving marriage as a solely man-woman union.

"We don't want to do this in haste," DeLay said.

The front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and his leading rival, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, struggled to make their opposition to Bush's stance clear as they carefully tiptoed around politically sensitive turf.

Kerry said he supports civil unions, "and I think that that is permissible within state law and it ought to be."

"If he really wants to help married couples, what he should be doing is helping them resolve their economic problems, their health care problems," Edwards said while campaigning in Georgia.

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closer that just doesn't make it a good idea."

Abel said Rio Nuevo is currently waiting on a decision from Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, but once that nod comes, he and his group will still be many years from pumping their first gallon of water, expected to travel through a 160-mile pipeline to El Paso.

"It's going to take quite some time," said Abel. "The exploratory phase of this lease has a basic term of five years, plus some extensions. It has some clauses in it to protect anyone doing business should there be any large court fights over it, and at the end of that we have to take the results of our study and come up with development plan and submit it, including doing all of the marketing work and everything else. So it's going to take some time. We're talking about 160 miles of pipeline, so it really doesn't spell immediate relief for anyone."

While Abel described the city of El Paso as his group's main target for service, with the majority of the water to be pumped from the Ryan Flats aquifer, he said negotiations on the matter have not yet begun between El Paso officials and Rio Nuevo. Colorado River Municipal Water District General Manager John Grant, who opposes the Rio Nuevo leases, said that should come as no surprise.

"Officials from El Paso have told me Rio Nuevo hasn't even approached them on the matter," said Grant. "El Paso is a possible market for this type of water. The Big Spring area could also be a possible market as well. What you have to understand is the municipal water district sells its water at cost. Do you think a private group like Rio Nuevo

is going to sell water without making a profit? Of course not.

"We don't support the actions of the Texas General Land Office in looking at Rio Nuevo's proposition. This is an attempt to get the land office to privatize state water. If a private land owner wants to sell water for whatever reason, we don't see anything wrong with that. However, setting up a middle man for the sale of water is simply bad business for the consumer."

Grant agreed with Abel on the idea there would be no immediate impact on the Howard County area if the leases were approved, but said Rio Nuevo and its investors are missing the big picture.

"There would be no immediate impact on local aquifers or water supplies if Rio Nuevo moves forward with its project," said Grant.

"However, anyone who believes it won't eventually have an impact on us is wearing blinders. It sets a very bad precedence that could hurt us all in the long run."

"This type of leasing isn't anything new. The cities of Midland and Andrews, as well as CRMWD, already have leases for state property. We just hope the land office sees the light and denies Rio Nuevo's request."

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Maurine Chrane, 83, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Saturday. Her body will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Thursday and Friday.

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ered. Other council members agreed.

City Secretary Peggy Walker confirmed what her office had already announced days ago — that the CCC's petitions calling for an election to recall the city's half-cent sales tax for economic development didn't have enough valid signatures.

Of 1,450 signatures on the petitions, only 791 were valid. Some 975 were needed in order to call an election.

"I just cannot fathom 659 invalid signatures. How can that be?" Councilman Woody Jumper said.

"The majority of the names were invalid because the people did not live within the city limits," explained Walker. "We had some who signed it twice and others lived in the city but were not registered voters."

Asked about a recourse if the citizen's group contested the secretary's accuracy as to the number of valid signatures, City Attorney Jean Shotts simply said "There is a provision they can take that involves filing a civil suit."

In other business, the

council approved former fire marshal Burr Lea Settles to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals but had no resumes for anyone interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. That was a fact that brought a response from Jumper.

"This is an opportunity for citizens to get involved," the councilman said. "A person stopped me the other day and said there are not enough minorities on our boards. Well, now is the time to step forward."

Council members also called for the May 15 election. Up for election are the mayor's seat, currently held by Russ McEwen, and the District 5 council position, held by Joann Knox. Both have filed for re-election.

In other businesses, the

council approved the following:

- Final reading of an ordinance to revamp the Conventions and Visitors Bureau board to include seven directors.

- Final reading of an ordinance raising the speed limit from 30 mph to 45 mph on the north service road from Gregg Street to FM 700.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a lease purchase agreement for a drafting computer, two defibrillators and a used pneumatic roller.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Barker and Associates Consulting for performance management systems development and training.

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## OUR VIEWS

Mighty are falling;  
stockholders will  
be suffering most

The Enron Corporation's house of cards has been tumbling down for quite a while, but now one of the main players in the fiscal game which cost company shareholders billions has been indicted.

Jeffrey Skilling, former Enron CEO and officially labeled as the "sandy foundation" for the shaky dealings at the company, was arrested and taken in handcuffs to face charges of fraud, insider trading and other crimes stemming from the giant company's collapse. He pled innocent to all charges; bail was set at \$5 million; he posted bond with a cashier's check.

What a mess! What a horrible, horrible mess! The greed that some principals in corporate America have displayed in the past decade of the boom-and-bust economy still boggles the minds of work-a-day citizens who work hard to create a better life for their families. Where average Americans think in terms of tens or hundreds of dollars, the Jeffrey Skillings of the world think in terms of hundreds of millions and billions of dollars.

The main goals for greedy people — in any profession — is couched in two distinct, but connected, areas: Power and money. To those types of people, money means power, while power gives one the ability to make more money.

Skilling, and a host of cohorts, was instrumental in transforming a small pipeline company into a mega-giant energy trading company. The company's stock price zoomed skyward for the figures-on-paper analysis provided by the company in its quarterly reports. The only problem was the information was about as good as butter churned from milk produced by a cow that had gotten into a patch of stinkweed.

While former Enron stockholders are left holding shares in the bankrupt company that are virtually worthless, and while former Enron employees are still licking their wounds from being told that the company's pension plan was a sham, the Jeffrey Skillings of the company are still living in huge mansions and paying hefty with cashier checks.

If you think this entire fiasco just doesn't seem right somehow, then you are correct.

This is not the way the game of business is supposed to be played. Neither is this the way the game of life is supposed to be played. If ordinary citizens ever wanted to see "justice" done, now is the time and this is the case.

This editorial was written by George Smith, an editorial consultant for Horizon Publications, the Herald's parent company.

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## A weekend of kids, out of staters

I knew Friday the 13th would be interesting. I just didn't know how interesting. The Monday before the 13th I learned for the first time that I was expected to speak at the junior high school assembly in Brenham at 9 a.m. on the 13th. I was also expected to be in Corpus to board a river barge departing that evening and perform on the Valentine's Day during the cruise.

TUMBLEWEED  
SMITH

We use our own sound equipment when we do speeches or performances, and because it takes up lots of room, we travel by motor vehicle. The barge was to leave Corpus Friday evening, cruise the Texas coast and arrive in Galveston Sunday afternoon at 2. We would then drive home 10 hours away so I could teach an 8 o'clock class Monday morning. That was the plan. But when you're dealing with Texas weather, you have to follow one rigid rule: stay flexible. The Brenham appearance was fun. The auditorium was packed

with 800 screaming kids (I asked them to see how much noise they could make) from three different schools. I had half a dozen kids come up on stage with me and tell silly jokes (they had been told to get some jokes ready). Then we all did a nose flute medley. The kids in the audience were attentive and well-behaved. I told them they were in the cradle of Texas liberty but we weren't going to do any Texas history during the show. They loved that.

After the appearance at Brenham, we drove to Galveston, left our vehicle in a parking garage and called the Busy Bee Cab Company. We took a cab to Corpus, 219 miles away. Lloyd, the driver, had never been to Corpus and was used to traveling only on major highways. So my wife, Susan, the best navigator in the world, helped him along the route of small roads.

The five-hour cab ride sounds bizarre, but it was the only way we could get to the barge on time. We got there at 7 p.m., just before scheduled departure.

The cruise director told us there had been a change of plans. Because of a storm, the barge would not leave until Saturday

night and would not dock until Monday. He said I could perform that night at 8 or not perform at all and still get paid. I said "let's do the show." We got everything ready in less than an hour and did our show in the barge auditorium for people from all over the U.S. They enjoyed our Texas humor.

The next morning (Saturday, Valentine's Day) we took a cab from the barge to the Corpus airport, rented a car and drove to Galveston (219 miles away) to pick up our vehicle. Susan drove it and I followed her to Hobby airport in Houston to turn in our rental car.

By now it was about 5 p.m. Susan had been such a good sport I wanted to do something special. I told her we would drive to Round Top, get a good meal at Royer's Round Top Cafe and spend the night there in one of the B&Bs. I prayed we could do it.

I was afraid the cafe would be crowded. It was. A dozen people were waiting outside. I asked Bud Royer if he could work us in and he said sure. We then called our favorite B&B in Round Top which had a cozy cottage with a bedroom upstairs. We had a perfect ending to an interesting weekend.



## The court that cried wolf

No person should be executed if there is doubt about his or her guilt and an easily available test will determine guilt or innocence," wrote

the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals when it stayed the execution of Death Row inmate Kevin Cooper for the 1983 slaying of two adults and two children. The court was correct, in principle.

But the court was wrong to stop what Cooper apologists call a "rush" to kill an innocent man before a test is conducted that could establish his innocence.

There were tests conducted after Cooper had asked for DNA testing of the evidence that convicted him. Those tests further implicated Cooper by tying him to the home of the victims — Doug and Peggy Ryen, their daughter Jessica, age 10, and house guest Christopher Hughes, 11 — to their car and to a T-shirt with a victim's blood on it.

So now defense lawyers are asking for other tests. Why not? They have nothing to lose, especially since they've — quite conveniently — asked for tests that cannot further implicate Cooper. The compliant 9th Circuit suggested that crime-scene hair, which clearly isn't his, be tested. (You don't need a forensic scientist to prove that, as the hair is light while Cooper's is black.) Defense lawyers also want to test the incriminating DNA to see if it contains a chemical used in stored blood — which they say would show that investigators tampered with the evidence. It's a safe request, as the chemical could show up because it is found in household detergents and other products.

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Somehow, the 9th Circuit didn't seem to notice that the "easily available test" — tests really — cannot resolve the case.

In a 9-2 ruling that resulted in an 11th-hour reprieve, the 9th Circuit highlighted two pieces of "new evidence." One focuses on a declaration by a former warden at the prison from which Cooper escaped. The warden said that the prison-issue shoes that matched a bloody footprint on one of the Ryens' sheets also were sold to the general public. The 9th Circuit decided that prosecutors' failure to share that information with the defense constituted the withholding of vital information that the defense could not have been expected to discover on its own. That's ludicrous.

In addition, the 9th Circuit deferred to two declarations from witnesses who both said they saw two blond, blood-spattered men in a bar near the Ryen home on the night of the murders. Their testimony is supposed to bolster the defense story that three white men killed the Ryens and Hughes. But, as the two dissenting judges noted, other witnesses from the bar testified at Cooper's trial, and by the way, they didn't testify that the men were blood-spattered.

Why does it matter that this stay was granted under misleading pretenses?

It matters because the judges and lawyers know better — or should have known better.

Team Cooper has tried to frame the argument as a battle between careful officers of the court trying to prevent a wrongful death and death-penalty proponents who are so hungry for a kill that they would execute an innocent man.

Nonsense. If I thought Cooper might be not guilty, if I believed that his defenders simply were seeking to discover information that could settle questions about his guilt, I'd be with them. I don't want to see an innocent man die. I

would not want the real killers to get away with murder.

What's more, as a death-penalty advocate, I realize that if California starts executing innocent men, there won't be a death penalty in California. So in addition to humanitarian considerations, I have an ideological reason to support tests that expose the truth.

In this case, those most interested in the truth are running from the Cooper defense — including people who worked for it.

Paul Ingels was a private investigator for Cooper. In 2000, he backed Cooper's efforts to force DNA testing. A former cop, Ingels risked the wrath of local law enforcement because, he told me, "I think everyone has the right to access new evidence through new technology."

But when the tests delivered even more proof that Cooper was the killer, Ingels wanted no part of Cooper's new I-was-framed defense. "I didn't want to be a party to unprofessional and unethical things," Ingels explained.

Former Cooper defense forensic expert Ed Blake called the Cooper defense and the 9th Circuit's ruling "an outrage. It's an abuse of process. The reason that I'm outraged is, when you abuse the process, you no longer have a legitimate process that's out there to save people who are actually innocent."

Someday, the 9th Circuit may try to stand up for a wrongly convicted individual, but after it peddled a dishonest Cooper defense, who would then trust this court?

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He invented and innovated and practiced politics that modern politicians with countless aids, consultants and advisors could never conceive of, let alone plan to enable. He led great men without intending to, and impressed even the most cynical and brutal men of the 20th century.

This is an illuminating and superb account of how America was transformed from an economic "basket case" in the twenties to the greatest empire in modern history by a single man's incredible vision. Do check out Black's amazing biography of FDR.

Suzanne Vale, first introduced to in "Postcards from the Edge" by Carrie Fisher, has returned long enough to veer off the edge of sanity and welcome us to her breakdown.

Her husband has left her for another man, her fiercely intelligent daughter

is more grown up than she is, and her life keeps sputtering forward while beginning to careen wildly out of control.

"The Best Awful" (F FIS C) is filled with Fisher's wit and dry humor, and really takes flight once her illness fully manifests itself.

Knowing how the character parallels Fisher's own life, I found myself reading the book wondering what was real and what was not. A, strange to say, entertaining read.

Are you ready for some "beach" reads? Crank up the heater, get out your bikini (yeah, right!) and check out these fun reads.

In "The Hot Flash Club" (F THA N) by Nancy Thayer you meet Faye, Shirley, Marilyn and Alice.

Here are four women, with skills and smarts, all who are feeling over the hill and out of the race.

Read how they cope with unfaithful husbands, ungrateful children and

life after menopause.

Haywood Smith has written "The Red Hat Club" (F SMI H), a tale of five women who have been friends since high school. Spanning the 1960s to the present, this is a funny tale that illustrates the power that women have when they support and accept each other.

Mystery books that have arrived include Steven Bochco's "Death by Hollywood," Carol Higgins Clark's "Popped" (a Reagan Reilly novel); "Highlights to Heaven" by Nay J. Cohen; "The Kills" by Linda Fairstein; and "Death's Jest-Book" by Reginald Hill.

Hill's character is Peter Pascoe, a Yorkshire detective.

A mystery with a gardening theme is Ann Ripley's "Death at the Spring Plant Sale." These are fun, light-hearted mysteries and I recommend Ripley's other books.

William G. Tapply writes a lawyerly tale in "Shadow of Death." When Brady Coyne is asked to investigate a local politician's alleged unfaithfulness, he is plunged into a murder investigation that he must do himself. Tapply is another author whose books usually keep me guessing.

Now for Non-Fiction selections which include masterful reading. Say what you will, Laura Schlessinger speaks her mind. In "The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands," Dr. Laura gets back into the battle of the sexes in this new offering.

There is nothing wrong with Schlessinger's point: be nicer and more nurturing to your spouse, and he will be nicer to you. But she does beat her message to death (in my opinion). Not surprisingly, Schlessinger promises no similar title for the care and feeding of wives (no fun in that).

Another book on those four days in November from the New York Times: "Four Days in November" (973.922 NEW Y) is the original coverage from the New York

### Daylong babysitting class to be held

A babysitting training course will be conducted by The American Red Cross during the Odesa ISD spring break.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 youngsters ages 11 through 15 years can learn about child development stages, home safety, child and infant CPR and first aid. Also youth will be shown how to get babysitting jobs and present oneself as a babysitter professional. Bring a bag lunch. Pre-registration is required. For costs and more details, call 570-6161 or 332-5641.

Times.

Also in is "Zone Meals in Seconds" (613.25 SEA B) by Barry and Lynn Sears, and the horrific life of a police officer on the streets of LA, "Homicide Special" (363.259 COR M) by Miles Corwin.

Are you a Louis L'Amour fan? The Library has "The Collected Short Stories of Louis L'Amour: The Frontier Stories" (W LAM L).

Drawn together into one volume are thirty-five classic tales that will bring you face to face with heroism in unexpected places, such as a single mother facing down an Apache war party or perhaps a whiskey soaked drunk, who will be the only one

to save his town from a band of marauders. Simple and honest, L'Amour's stories are timeless.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The internet/video room closes 1/2 hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St., phone 264-2260. The Website is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us); the catalog is online and the e-mail address is [hmc-cright@hotmail.com](mailto:hmc-cright@hotmail.com).

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## Lab seminar to be held at SMMC

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host a seminar entitled "Understanding Lab Values" Friday.

The seminar, featuring guest speaker Tonya Ellis, will discuss how to determine when lab results need to be brought to the immediate attention of a doctor.

SMMC is offering one morning and one afternoon session of the three-hour class in the first-floor training classroom, 1601 W. 11th Place.

The early class will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

Nurses who attend either session will be eligible for three hours of continuing education.

A \$5 charge per person will be taken at the door for the seminar, which is

funded through the University of Texas at Arlington Rural Health Outreach Program (RHOP).

First established in 1975, RHOP was designed to fulfill a need for readily available continuing education for nurses in rural Texas.

According to the University of Texas at Arlington Web site, the Sid Richardson

Foundation provided the initial funding for the program. Today, the state legislature provides the program's major funding.

To register for the either session, call SMMC staff development director Doris Berguson at 432-268-4820.

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

## Are you weather wise with weather whys?

Q: What place in the United States has the worst weather?

A: A lot of people might have different answers, but one hard to argue against is Mount Washington in New Hampshire, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University. In fact, Mount Washington State Park, located in the White Mountains, brags that it is home "to the worst weather in the U.S." and that might be true.

"Some people even consider it the worst weather in the world," says Curtiss.

"Mount Washington is 6,288 feet above sea level, the highest mountain in New England, and it is known for its high winds.

A large sign there reads 'The highest wind ever observed by man was recorded here' on April 12, 1934. That day, the winds registered an incredible 231 miles per hour.

But high winds are routine — on average, winds exceeding hurricane force (75 miles per hour or more) occur every three days."

Q: Why are the winds so high there?

A: In addition to its high altitude, Mount

Washington stretches across major air masses that often affect the Northeast.

"The mountain's topography and the way it is situated creates a sort of whiplash affect on the winds in the area," Curtiss adds.

"Add to that the frequent snows and the results can be killers. The mountain gets about 250 inches of snow every year, so the wind chill affects can be lethal.

"In fact, more than 100 people have died on the mountain, some from falls but most from being improperly dressed and developing hypothermia. That's why the park rangers tell hikers and visitors that proper clothing is a must — not wearing the right clothing can kill in minutes on the mountain, even in summer. The park is home to Mount Washington Observatory, a non-profit corporation that conducts weather research."

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Past and current topics can be viewed on the <http://rev.tamu.edu/weath/erwhys/>.

### Who's who



Chelsea Schwartz

### Named as Miss San Angelo

Chelsea Schwartz, 19, was named as Miss San Angelo 2004 on Jan. 3.

She is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence and the granddaughter of Emma Doe of Big Spring and Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City.

The San Angelo pageant is a preliminary to the Miss Texas pageant which will be televised on July 10, 2004, from the Will Rogers Auditorium in Ft. Worth. Schwartz was named as the swimsuit winner, talent winner and evening gown winner as well as having the top score in interview from a field of 12 contestants.

Her required platform issue is volunteerism: make a difference one day at a time, which she will focus on for the year of her reign. She is a 2003 graduate of Garden City High School and is attending West Texas A & M University majoring in business management.

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# Workshops on voter empowerment stresses responsibility

## Special to the HERALD

West Texas Centers for MHMR and the Texas Mental Health Consumers organization will present interactive workshops on voter empowerment and advocacy Thursday and Friday in Pecos and Monahans.

Jolee Smith of the Texas Mental Health Consumers in Austin will speak on "The Basics of Advocacy" on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Quality Inn Banquet Room at I-20 and U.S. Highway 285 in Pecos.

Her second presentation will be Friday from 1 p.m.

to 5 p.m. in the Monahans Convention Center's Parlor Room, 400 E. Fourth St.

Workshops are free and open to West Texas Centers consumers and the public.

Pre-registration is not required, but should anyone need special accommodations contact Brian West, West Texas Centers program manager for Ward, Reeves, Winkler, Upton, Crane, Terrell and Loving counties at 432-943-2875 or e-mail address, brianwest@wtcmhmr.org.

Topics covered will include voting rights and

responsibilities, such as gathering information on candidates and issues, becoming involved in the process and why it is important to have a voice in government through your vote.

Smith also will provide the mental health community with the most current resources to promote policy changes at the state and local levels.

West Texas Centers for MHMR serves more than 2,200 people with mental retardation and mental illness each month in 23 counties in rural West Texas. Texas Mental Health Consumers is a non-profit organization, which organizes, encourages, and educates mental health consumers to become productive, functional, valued citizens.

# Slash phone bills with new internet directory

More than 40 million look-ups using directory assistance to find people and places, occur in the U.S. in a year. What may come as a shock to some is how much directory assistance rates have increased since 1995, more than 200 percent.

To slash phone bill charges and get more information than just dialing 411 can provide, many savvy consumers turn to the Internet. An estimated 46 percent use free online white pages sites for convenience without the cost.

Online phone directory service is a simple, fast and reliable way to identify personal and business contact information while saving money. It offers a number of features one not found through traditional directory assistance, such as

reverse searches by phone number or address; and ability to create lists for events such as weddings, reunions and holidays. A leading online provider is the WhitePages.com Network at www.whitepages.com for more information.

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The stars align to focus on life's more luxurious side — what you've got and what you're missing. You're probably thinking big about what you'll be able to do, but that's just the kind of thinking that will lead you to do more than is practically possible. Keep going.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your place is a hub of activity, though you didn't plan it this way. It's like everyone thinks you can help their situation, and maybe you can, but there's just not time to be there for everyone at once. You'll have to practice saying "no."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The end of a drama is featured at work. Now

that this situation is resolved, everyone can get busy and make some real progress. Phone calls are returned quickly, so call everyone on your list. Old-fashioned advice still holds true.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The fun part of a project is the beginning, but you're in the long stretch of middle, and perhaps the wind has gone out of your sails. If you've got the money, hiring someone to help you will get some new energy going.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your good taste is reflected not only in how you live, what you do with your time and what you purchase, but it's reflected in your relationships, too. New people are impressed when they meet your kindhearted friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Get out of negative patterns by forcing yourself into new challenging situations. You work best in a

fast-paced atmosphere. The boss really likes you, ask for more responsibility. Partnerships renew your trust in mankind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Remind others of obligations they may conveniently forget. And while you're at it, there's something you've forgotten about, too! What's left undone will nag at your conscience, so you may as well buckle down and finish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). For incredible luck, call or write to those with whom you share artistic goals or deep ties. Putting yourself in the minds and hearts of those you love brings opportunity that could not have happened otherwise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have an amazing capacity for kindness but don't often use it on yourself. Be your own best friend. A loved one may be acting in an irrational way. It's just a phase,

nothing permanent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Liberal attitudes prevail on the job, and you can gather supporters for ideas off the beaten path. If you don't have any wild ideas, you need to do a brainstorming session by yourself and get the juices flowing again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sum up what you've learned in the last few weeks. Why take the

long road just because it's the way things have always been done? Your financial standing improves when you think of new ways to organize your money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you say "yes" to more projects, more gets done. Your friendliness makes people want to bend the rules to help you. Changes in wardrobe renew your

energy. Don't assume you know everything about a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People around you are confused, but don't let them cloud your vision. Your sharp deductive reasoning could save the day. Regarding the family feud, listen to both sides of the story, and stall your decision until next week.

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By TOMMY V Sports Editor

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## Grady rolls over Rule

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

POST — Brent Madison scored 19 points and Trent May added 18 more Tuesday night and led the No. 3-ranked Grady Wildcats to a 65-41 win over the Rule Bobcats in the opening round of the Class A, Division II playoffs.

With the win, the Wildcats improved to 30-1 for the year and, more importantly, advances to face Ropes in the area round later this week. Ropes finishes its season at 16-12.

Grady, which had four players score into double figures, put Rule on the defensive in the first eight minutes. The Wildcats reeled off a staggering 22-6 clip in the first quarter and never looked back.

The Wildcats, who drew just seven fouls in the game, withstood a strong second-quarter run by the Bobcats in the second quarter. Rule managed to pull to within 15, at 40-25, by outscoring Grady 19-18 in the frame.

The Wildcats regrouped in the third. Grady posted an 11-8 run in the initial eight minutes of the frame and stretched its advantage to 18, at 51-33, heading into the fourth period.

Overall, Grady sealed the win by outpointing Rule by a 25-16 win in the final two quarters.

Jason Pribyla and Nick Winford also scored into double digits for the Wildcats, netting 12 and 10, respectively. Andrew Villa tallied six.

Grady, the District 8-A champion, is scheduled to meet Ropes Friday at 7 p.m. at Seminole High School.

## Ryan rejoins Astros as special advisor

HOUSTON (AP) — It took Nolan Ryan a while to fulfill one of his baseball dreams.

Ryan, who pitched for the Houston Astros from 1980 through 1988, returned Tuesday, signing a five-year personal services contract and joining two other hometown heroes, Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte, who also signed with the team in the off-season.

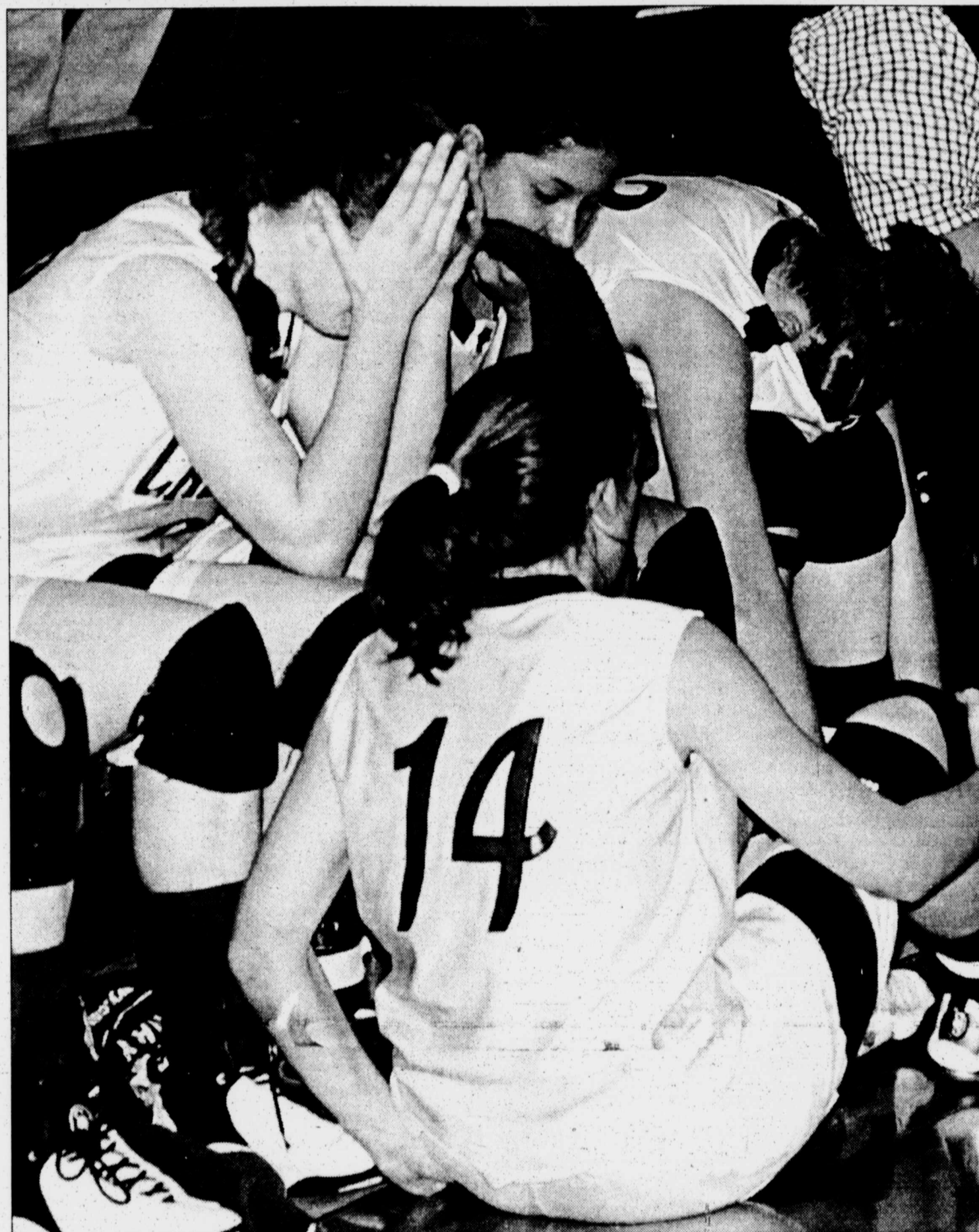
Ryan pitched the fifth of his seven no-hitter with the Astros and helped them to win two divisional titles. In 1986, the Astros got within six outs of the World Series. But then owner John McMullen, who made Ryan the first \$1 million player in 1979, declined to make a serious offer after the 1988 season.

## Young switching to short for Texas

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Michael Young wanted to get the issue settled. He's ready to be the Texas Rangers shortstop.

Young told manager Buck Showalter on Tuesday, the day before the first full squad workout, that he would move.

## Prep Basketball Playoffs The Dream Comes to an End



Garden City seniors Jessica Hoch (left), Anna Flores (center), Leslie Jansa (front) and Amanda Henson show their emotions in the closing seconds of the Lady Kats' stunning 46-28 loss to Smyer Tuesday. Garden City finished the year at 25-5.

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LAMESA — With the snow falling outside, an iceberg named Smyer did the unthinkable and sank the unsinkable.

The Smyer Lady Cats took advantage of a frigid-shooting performance by the Garden City Lady Kats Tuesday night and claimed a stunning 46-28 upset win in the Class A, Division I regional semifinals at Lamesa High School's O.W. Follis gymnasium.

With the win, Smyer improved to 26-7 for the season and advances to face Sudan for a berth in the state basketball tournament net week. Garden City ends an impressive season at 25-5.

Smyer jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter as the Lady Kats struggled to find its offense. Garden City shot just 16 percent from the field in the first eight minutes and trailed by a 12-4 clip.

Smyer stretched its lead to 23-8 in the second before Megan Niehues helped ignite a 7-0 run over the final 3:26 that cut the Lady Kats lead to 23-15 at the half.

Garden City failed to hold the momentum in the third, however. Smyer pounded out an 11-4 run in the frame and took a 34-19 cushion into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Kats threatened to fight their way back in the closing minutes. Jessica Hoch and Niehues knocked down back-to-back three-pointers early in the final stanza to pull GCHS to within 11, at 36-25.

Smyer squelched the comeback, however. The Lady Cats reeled off an 8-3 run in the final three minutes to seal the win.

## Green scores 21, leads Roosevelt to 66-59 win over scrappy Coahoma

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — The Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles rode the strengths of a hot-shooting first half to a 66-59 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs Tuesday night in the bi-district round of the Class 2A boys' state basketball playoffs.

Roosevelt's win marked the second straight year the Eagles have ousted Coahoma in the first round. It also sends Roosevelt into an area playoff matchup with the Fort Hancock Mustangs.

Despite the setback, Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols said he was pleased with his team's effort — especially since Coahoma managed to whittle a huge double-digit deficit to six at one point in the fourth.

"We played okay once we settled down," said Nichols, who is approaching the 350 win mark in his career. "I'm proud of every one of the guys. We had every chance to shut it down in the third but we didn't. They came back and put up a pretty good fight."

The Eagles, now 25-8 for the year, found its offensive game early in the first half. Roosevelt pounded out 18 points in each of the first two periods of play and took a 36-23 cushion into the half.

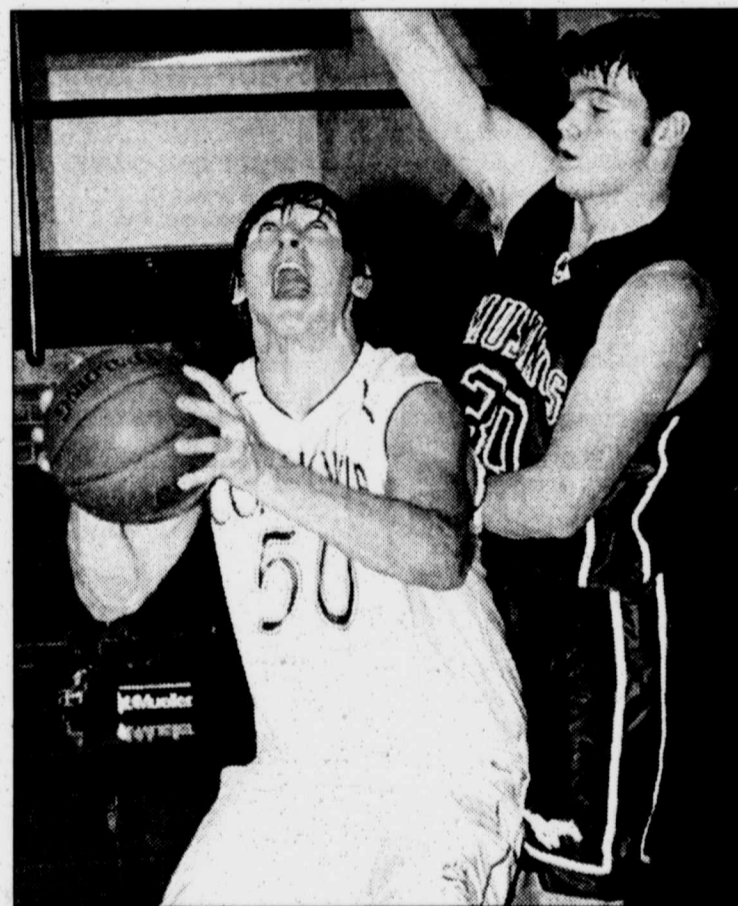
The Eagles continue to add to their lead, building their cushion to 16 before Sam Tindol, Kelby Kemper and Lance Roberts helped spur the Bulldogs back. The three sank several clutch shots down the stretch to spearhead an 18-point third-quarter effort.

The Bulldogs, who finished the year at 15-15, entered the third quarter trailing by a 56-41 clip.

Coahoma was far from through. The Bulldogs dominated the final eight minutes of the contest by outscoring Roosevelt by an 18-10 clip.

Tindol finished the contest as the Bulldogs' top scorer by pumping in 21 points. Kemper and Roberts also hit double figures, scoring 14 and 10, respectively. Tyler Fowler contributed seven, while Darrick Shiflett and Trevor Bibb added five and two.

Terrell Green led Roosevelt with 21.



Kelby Kemper and Sam Tindol capped their prep basketball careers with solid efforts in the Bulldogs' 66-59 loss to Roosevelt Tuesday. Tindol scored 21 points, while Kemper added 14.

## Rodriguez, Gee led BSHS golf teams to solid outings

By BRANDON HOLFORD

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steers boys' golf team took to the links this past weekend in Fort Stockton and turned in a solid effort in their 2004 season opener.

The Steers, after shooting an opening-round of 315 in the first round, struggled with a hard wind and tallied a mark of 351 over the final 18 holes and placed a

respectable seventh among the 23 teams that participated.

Ryan Rodriguez led the Steers' stampede. The BSHS standout carded rounds of 75 and 81 for a total of 156 — a mark that just missing the medalist position by finishing fourth.

The sophomore combination of Tommy Billalba and Chance Cain both had solid tournaments by recording final scores of

166. Billalba was among the leaders after one trip around the course, firing a 75 the first day. He struggles on the backside, however, shooting a 90 on the final afternoon.

Cain registered rounds of 80 and 86.

Jace Williams and Jacob Castle also turned in solid results, ending with a totals of 178 and 182, respectively.

The Steers' next outing will be this weekend in

Midland as they participate in the Tall City Invitational being held at the Ranchland Hills and Hogan Park courses.

The boys weren't the only one teeing off. The Lady Steers participated in the Snyder Invitational and placed sixth in the overall team standings with a mark of 756.

Sparking the Lady Steers' performance was junior Rachel Gee, who reeled off rounds of 83 and

84 and finished fifth with a score of 167.

Angela Payne carded a total of 195, while Kim Paradez ended with a 197.

Brennan Bailey concluded the weekend with a score of 198. Joy Seay rounded out Big Springs' weekend by rattling off a mark of 229.

The Lady Steers make the long trek to Fort Stockton Friday to play in the Fort Stockton Invitational.

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NOTICE**

West Texas Centers for MHMR is the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation ("TDMHMR") designated mental health and mental retardation Local Authority (LA) established to plan, coordinate, develop policy, develop and allocate resources, supervise, and ensure the provision of community based mental health and mental retardation services for the residents of Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum Counties, Texas. The LA is publishing this Request for information (RFI) Notice to request responses from potential providers or other interested parties interested in the community services described in the RFI Document. This RFI Process is only to determine interest and does not address any intent to contract or procure services. From information provided by the responders to the RFI Document, a determination will be made regarding actual contracting through a procurement process. Copies of the RFI Document may be obtained by written request to WTCMHMR Attn: Cindy Smith, Director of Network Management, 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or via internet at www.wtcmhmr.org INTERESTED PARTIES MUST RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY 3:00 O'CLOCK P.M. CST, April 30, 2004, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 2.1 OF THE RFI DOCUMENT.

Questions regarding the RFI Process should be directed to Cindy Smith at 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or cindy\_smith@wtcmhmr.org. NOTE: Similar RFI Notices are being published for many local service areas in Texas. Those interested in responding for a county other than the one(s) identified above, should contact that county's Local Mental Health and/or Mental Retardation Authority for further information or the RFI Document. #4116 February 25, 26, 27, 29, 2004

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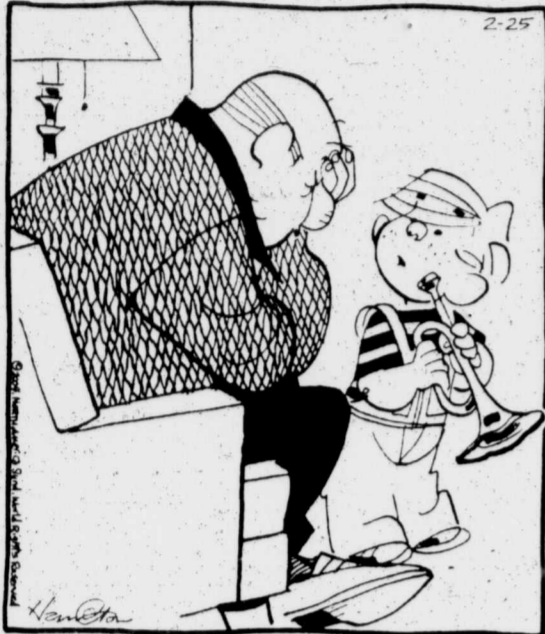
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8:PM	The Bachelorette (CC)	The Bachelorette (CC)	Bajo la Misma Piel	The OC (CC)	King Raymond	El Alma Henda	The West Wing (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Light of the Southwest	American Masters	JFK: Death in Dealey Plaza		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Music Special How I'm Living				Law & Order: Special Victims	35 Movie: Awakenings (CC)
9:PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ. Presenta	70s Show Raymond	48 Hours Investigates	Noticias Futbol: Cruz	News The Tonight	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Who Killed Jesus? (CC)	9:55 Movie: Wing and a Prayer (CC)		Nightly News How I'm Living	Kim Possible Proud Family	NHL 2Night Figure Skating	Cavaliers at Rockets	Law & Order: Special Victims	35 Movie: Hollywood Pains (CC)	
10:PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC) The Late Late Show (CC)	Street Smarts	Corre-Familia	Fraser (CC)	Update Israel Joe McGee	JFK: Death in Dealey Plaza	11:55 Movie: Midway		The X-Files (CC)	Comicview	Boy World Recess (CC)	Gamernight Ent. Basketball	SportsCenter	Nash Bridges (CC)	12:15 Movie: Heavy Traffic

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By The Associated Press

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2004. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

On this date:

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. troops reoccupied the Kasserine Pass.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1964, Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1973, the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater.

In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 77. Producer-writer Larry Gelbart is 76. Musician Tommy Newsom is 75. Actor Tom Courtenay

is 67. CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 67. Actress Diane Baker is 66. Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 61. Actress Karen Grassle is 60. Movie director Neil Jordan is 54. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm) is 45. Actress Veronica Webb is 39. Actor Alexis Denisof is 38. Actress Tea Leoni is 38. Actress Lesley Boone ("Ed") is 36. Actor Sean Astin is 33. Rhythm and blues singer Justin Jeffre (98 Degrees) is 31. Rock musician Richard Liles is 31. Actor Anson Mount is 31. Actress Rashida Jones is 28. Actor Justin Berfield is 18.

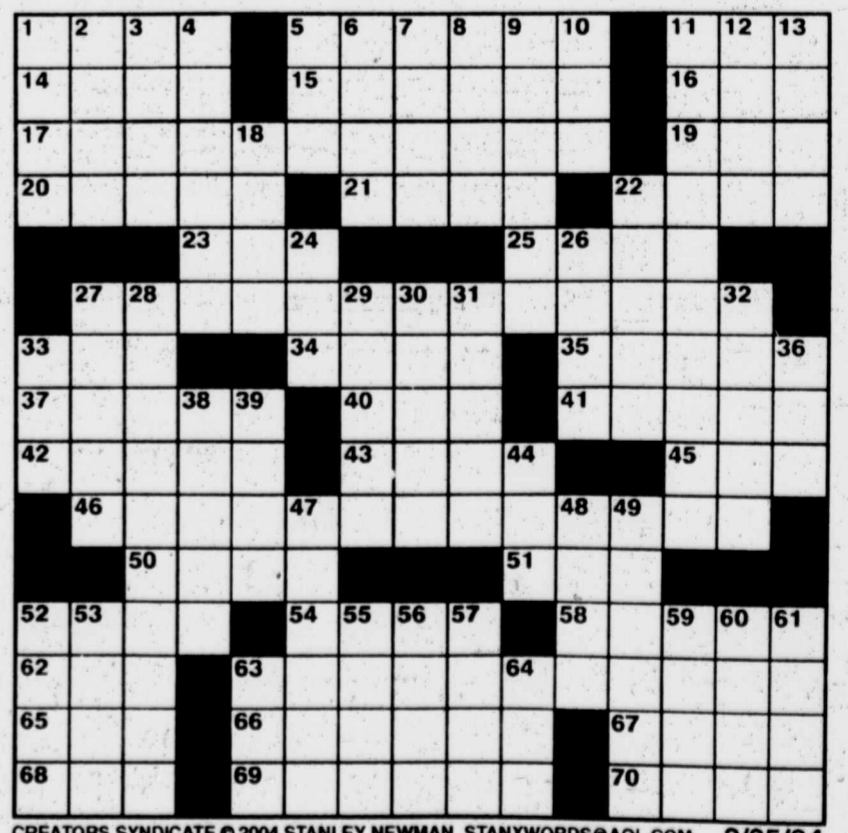
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BANK ON IT by Randall J. Hartman  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 '69 World Series champs
  - 5 Prepares, as a pool cue
  - 11 "I do," for one
  - 14 Singer Brickell
  - 15 Pasteur study
  - 16 Biblical priest
  - 17 Network director
  - 19 Stimpy's pal
  - 20 Rip off
  - 21 College near Windsor Castle
  - 22 Dirty air
  - 23 Koppel of ABC
  - 25 Actor Morales
  - 27 Eydie Gorme's partner
  - 33 \_\_\_ loss for words
  - 34 Tom Cruise ex
  - 35 Special Forces unit
  - 37 Capital of Senegal
  - 40 Not behaving well
  - 41 Ointment
  - 42 Stadium
  - 43 Hwys.
  - 45 "Break a \_\_\_!"
  - 46 Arrowsmith author
  - 50 Kon-
  - 51 Oklahoma Indian
  - 52 Gratis
  - 54 Milk-fed calf
  - 58 Boundary
  - 62 Grassy field
  - 63 Spaghetti western director
  - 65 They pop up on computer screens
- DOWN**
- 66 Where Noah's Ark landed
  - 67 Pesters
  - 68 Trifle (with)
  - 69 Richard of L.A. Law
  - 70 Proofreader's "keep"
  - 9 More astute
  - 10 JFK jet, once
  - 11 Slender pasta
  - 12 Bread spread
  - 13 Prayer companion
  - 18 Hgt.
  - 22 \_\_\_ Rosa, CA
  - 24 Rep. foe
  - 26 Black and White
  - 27 They make up Orion's belt
  - 28 "Chill out!"
  - 29 Zodiac sign
  - 30 Prized violin
  - 31 Greater in girth
  - 32 Chateau overhangs
  - 33 Nabokov novel
  - 36 Jo's sister
  - 38 Owner of Sandy
  - 39 Spice holder
  - 44 \_\_\_-mo
  - 47 Butler's uniform
  - 48 List-ending abbr.
  - 49 \_\_\_ Lib
  - 52 Brit's apartment
  - 53 Make over
  - 55 Cenozoic and Mesozoic
  - 56 Home of the Taj Mahal
  - 57 Pinocchio, at times
  - 59 PT 109, e.g.
  - 60 Picnic playwright
  - 61 Midterm, e.g.
  - 63 Disconsolate
  - 64 New York Giant great



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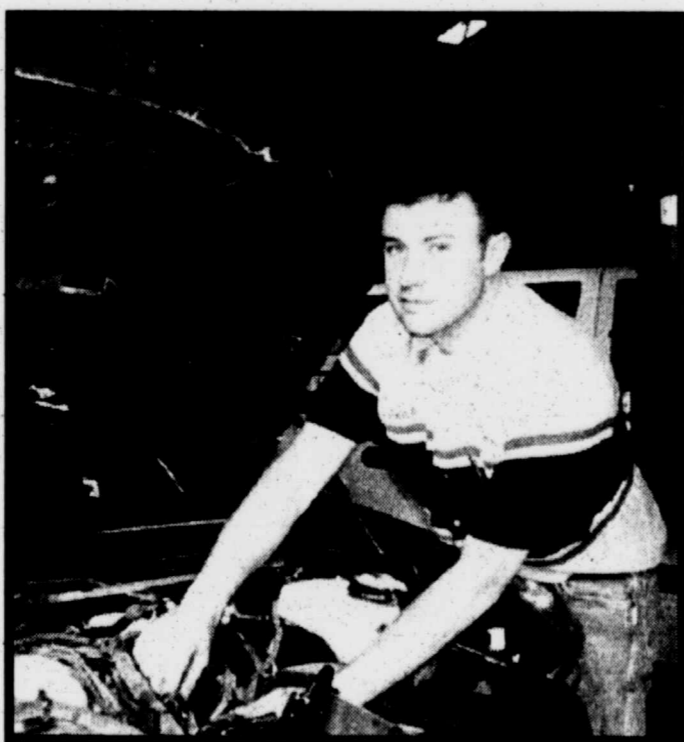
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