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BRIEFLY

Health Fest 2004

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host Health Fest 2004 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20.

Displays, booths and activities will take place on the hospital grounds, the main floor and Malone and Hogan Clinic. Admission is free.

Fish fry slated

American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry Saturday, March 20, from noon until 1 p.m.

Delivery begins at 11 a.m. Plates are \$7 and carry-outs are available.

For more information or to make an order, call 263-2084.

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'Wall' plans moving forward

Replica to go on display March 27

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
Herald News Editor

Only two weeks remain before Big Spring is once again host to "The Moving Wall," the half-size replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The previous time the Wall was erected in Big Spring — September 1987 — it not only captivated leagues of visitors, but was the inspiration for the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. And as the Wall did here almost 17 years ago, it is expected to enduce the emotions of thousands of people.

"Last time it was here, there were people out there 24 hours a day," recalled Jerry Groves, spokesman for Big Spring

Vietnam Memorial Committee. "It's a big deal, a really, really big deal. It means so much to so many people."

Big Spring is actually the first stop this year for "The Moving Wall" — a portable reproduction first envisioned by John Devitt. An out-of-work Vietnam veteran, Devitt had to borrow money from family and friends to visit the

Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington in 1982. He was so moved by the experience that he vowed to share it with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

Two years later, in October of 1984, his dream was realized when the first Moving Wall

"This is something everyone should experience at least once."



Jerry Groves,
VMC spokesman

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Sixteen-year-old Ian Boyles braves wet, cold weather Saturday to help the Vietnam Memorial Committee lay dedication bricks at the memorial in preparation for the "Moving Wall." A half-size replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the "Moving Wall," which will be in Big Spring from March 27 through April 2, will only make two appearances in Texas this year.

Volunteers needed to read, help find names

HERALD Staff Report

Volunteers are still needed to help with "The Moving Wall," which will be in Big Spring on March 27 through April 2.

People are needed to read names of MIAs, POWs and KIAs from Texas. Other volunteers are needed to help visitors to the Wall locate names on the panels.

Call 267-7628 to volunteer

Those who want to help locate names are required to attend a training class. Those classes will be held on Thursday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 20, at 11 a.m. All of the classes will be at the Sparenburg Building on the east side of the courthouse square.

"Volunteers only need to attend one class, not all three," noted Jerry

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Community urged to come together in prayer Tuesday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Herald Features Editor

Bringing the Big Spring and Howard County communities together in faith prompted local ministers and civic leaders to organize a Community-Wide Prayer Meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Municipal Auditorium.

"We want to bring unity of faith to our community, to encourage on-going prayer and to be a network of community resources," said Everett Bender, one of the organizers of the event.

Bender said the prayer meeting will feature various singing groups and

7 p.m., Municipal Auditorium, no admission fee

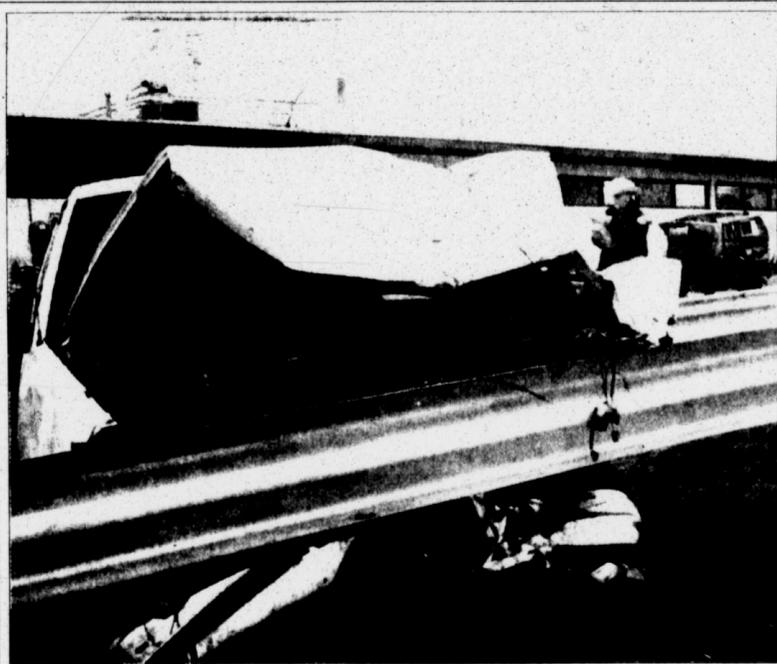
prayers led by different community leaders and ministers. Also, a 15-minute video that explains how shared faith and prayer may change a community will also be shown.

"We are hoping to instill a commitment from our community to unite in prayer. This has changed other communities, and it can change ours as well," he said.

In addition to this prayer meeting, a new Web site has been created that allows access to prayer directives, as well as community resources.

The Web address,

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Pat Carter checks on a two-vehicle accident on the north Interstate 20 service road near ALON USA Friday. The accident sent three people to Scenic Mountain Medical Center who were treated and released that day. According to Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Johnny Bull, 45-year-old Danny Sprull was driving to work in his 1997 white Chevrolet when he began to experience diabetic problems that took him on a wild ride around the Sand Springs area before colliding with the other vehicle. See story, Page 5A.

Filing deadline nears in city, education elections

No one seems in a big rush to file for education district board seats

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Only four of the eight area public education districts will have contested races to fill trustee positions unless there is a last-minute rush to file Monday.

Howard College and Big Spring, Grady and Sands school districts all have at least one contested trustee race for the May 15 elections.

Here's a recap: Howard College four-term trustee Adrian Randle faces former BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy for the Place 2 position on the board. Fellow trustee Michael Flores faces no challenger for the Place 1 position.

Candidate filing is being held

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City posts drawing little attention; only one seat in area is contested

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Anybody want a job as a city council person?

If candidate turnout for area city races are any indication, not too many people seem to want to hold a public office these days.

Of 12 area city public office positions up for election, only the city of Big Spring has a contested race. The final day to file

for the May 15 election is Monday, although people still have until March 22 to file as a write-in candidate.

Long-time resident and Big Spring Refinery retiree Hebrew "Hippy" Jones filed for the District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council Thursday and will face two-term Councilwoman Joann Knox. Incumbent Russ

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Obituaries

Carl Schwab



Carl Schwab, 85, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Bill Ballard, pastor of Airport Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on March 1, 1919, in Severance, Colo., and married Martha Christian on Feb. 12, 1985, in Big Spring. Carl farmed in Colorado; owned City Liquor Store in Springfield, Colo.; graduated from Mason City, Iowa Auction School; and was a Realtor in Brighton, Colo.

He came to Big Spring in 1961 and worked for McKinney Plumbing for 10 years. He then owned and operated Schwab Plumbing until becoming ill in December of 2003. Carl had been a master plumber for more than 30 years. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Brighton, Colo.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Schwab of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Jerry Throckmorton of Longmont, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Delbert and Dianne Schwab of Kiowa, Colo.; four step sons, Kenneth and Pearl Jones of Ridgecrest, Calif., Melvin Jones of Lubbock, Jerry Jones of Big Spring and Nathan Cahoon of Lubbock; three step daughters, Debbie and Joe Thompson and Denise and Quert Huitt, all of Big Spring, and Sarah and Tommy Tyrell of San Angelo; four sisters, Elizabeth White of Brighton, Colo., Marie Bernhardt of Hurlson, Colo., Ruth and Herb Wanke of Florence, Mo., and Irene and Con Golder of Victor, Mo.; three brothers, Sam and Brenda Schwab of Wheat Ridge, Colo., Bill and Helen Schwab of Brighton, Colo., and Herman Schwab of Westminister, Colo.; five grandchildren; 11 step grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and thirteen step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Ben Schwab, who was killed while in service in the Philippines.

He was loved by all his family and will be greatly missed.

The family wishes to express its appreciation to the staff at Odyssey Hospice for the special care given to Carl.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Arthur Dee "A.D." Nanny



Arthur Dee "A.D." Nanny, 75, of Big Spring, went to be with his Lord and Savior at 8:57 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2004, at his home following a long illness. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with Pastor Pat Ray of Prairie View Baptist Church officiating.

A.D. was born July 29, 1929, in Ennis to Arthur Dee and Martha Exora "Esie" Robertson Nanny. He married Ruth Joy Beekman on June 12, 1952, in Big Spring.

He was a member of Prairie View Baptist Church. A.D. was a merchant marine at the end of World War II. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War where he obtained the rank of Master Sergeant.

He was an operator for Cosden for 31 years. He also worked as a cowboy on several ranches and assisted veterinarian Dr. Joe Neff. He loved the outdoors and animals; he liked to buy, sell and trade. He loved children and was a great story teller. A.D. was a good friend and a great family man.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ruth Nanny; three daughters, Martha Carol Leggett and her husband Fred of Cedar Park, Linda Ruth Nanny of Big Spring and Arna Beatrice Dennis and her husband Joe of Flower Mound; one son, Arthur Dee Nanny Jr. of Big Spring; one sister, Beatrice Morgan of Nederland, Texas; one brother, Lloyd Nanny of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son: Paul Edward "Ed" Nanny; and two sisters, Evelyn "Jenny" Buchanan and Pat Young.

Pallbearers will be Trey Leggett, Shawn Madden, Carlos Martinez, Mark Young and Rodney Buchanan. Honorary pallbearers will be Manuel Reyes, Frank Delk, Robert Hicks and Lester Adams.

The family will be gathered at 1800 Centerpoint Rd. and suggests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Home Hospice, American Cancer Society and Prairie View Baptist Church.

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

Paid obituary

O'Bera Miers



O'Bera Miers, 84, of Big Spring, died at 8:35 p.m. Friday evening, March 12, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 17, 1919, at Cleburne and moved to Big Spring in 1937 from Cleburne. She married Winfred Miers on July 15, 1942 in Big Spring. Mrs. Miers was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Winfred "Windy" Miers of Big Spring; one son, Freddy Miers and his wife Marilynn of Big Spring; one daughter, Zonell Sneed and her husband Leonard of Big Spring; one sister, Patsy Smith and her husband George of Big Spring; three granddaughters, Cindy Miers of Big Spring, Debbie Rawls and her husband Brian of Austin, and Jennifer Escobar and her husband James of Big Spring; several nieces and nephews; and one sister-in-law, Thelma Teague of Mineola.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John M. Teague and Lilly Overlin Teague; one sister, Nellie Owenbey and one brother, Jack Teague.

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

Paid obituary

Charles V. Spurgin

Charles V. Spurgin, 71, of Big Lake died at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 12, 2004. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-17-31-32. Bonus Ball: 20. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Number matching four of four: 10. Prize: \$1,705. Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 51. Prize: \$41.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-17-23-29-31. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$46,249. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-7

The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday night: 4-29-32-35-36 Mega Ball = 11

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

- DENNIS JAMES JONES, 22, of Lofollette, Tenn., was arrested Friday on a charge of soliciting without a permit and disorderly conduct—language.
- MARCOS JOE ANDERSON, 23, of 1710 Benton was arrested Friday on a traffic citation.
- AMADOR RIOS JR., 22, of 700 Douglas was arrested Friday on traffic warrants.
- BRANDON KEITH HACKFIELD, 24, of Snyder was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MANUEL RODRIGUEZ JR., 42, of 1001 N. Goliad was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of protective order.
- JESSE ROGER OLGUIN, 20, was arrested Saturday on a charge of parole violation.
- JOHNNY VALVERDE RANGEL, 37, of 1501 Lincoln was arrested Saturday on traffic warrants.
- MELISSA MARIA SALAZAR, 19, of New Mexico was arrested Saturday on a traffic citations.
- RANDY RAY KLAUS, 48, of 527 Scott was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault Class C, family violence.
- THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 900 block of Willa and the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- TERRORIST THREAT was reported in the 1300 block of Mount Vernon.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of Andree.
- ASSAULT CLASS C FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of Scott.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Mount Vernon and the 1300 block of Runnels.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 100 block of Goliad.

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association will meet March 15 in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Pounds Off Sensible (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets Monday night at 5:30 p.m. in the Eleventh and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library with special guest Jim Campbell, who will demonstrate acrylic techniques. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main basement, 500 Main St.

• Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at First and Goliad streets. All masons are welcome to attend.

• Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. 267-1628.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thundersforms. Highs around 60. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Light winds.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night and Tuesday...Clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.

Tuesday night and Wednesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

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

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It is impossible to find the words to express how deeply the people of Big Spring and the surrounding areas have touched our lives. In our darkest hour, you ran to our side to give us comfort and support. You expressed your love through the many phone calls, cards, flowers, food and the Memorial sent in memory of John. We have been strengthened through your visits, hugs and most of all your prayers.

We know that our loss is also your loss. Our lives will never be the same again, but when we see our dear friends and neighbors, we will always remember the love that you have poured out upon us. Thank you for being the "Body of Christ" to us in our time of need.

May God bless you as He has blessed us!

In His Love,
Joe, Rhonda, Sarah and Clay Harding

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Community-wide Prayer Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, City Auditorium

7 p.m. — Welcome, Opening prayer and Vision led by Mayor Russ McEwen
"Star-Spangled Banner" and "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb" performed by Suzanne Cranford and Kathy Highley
Pledge of Allegiance, led by Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith
First Prayer — Repentance, led by the Rev. Tim Dunn of Trinity Baptist Church
Jackie Henry will perform "Amazing Grace"
Second Prayer — Military and Emergency Services, led by County Commissioner Bill Crooker
Third Prayer — VA Medical Center, led by Chaplain Carroll Kohl
Fourth Prayer — State Hospital, led by Chaplain Rick Foster
Fifth Prayer — Schools, Families and Children, led by Michael Downes, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent
King's Men from College Baptist Church will perform.
Sixth Prayer — Business and economy, led by John Weeks, chamber of commerce president
Seventh Prayer for Farmers, Rain, led by Rob Haney
Eighth Prayer — Election cycle, led by Judge Tim Green
Closing Prayer led by Rev. Sam Segundo of the Family Faith Victory Center
Jackie Henry will lead "God Bless America" after the closing prayer

PRAYER

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www.hchurches.org, is a local point where everyone may submit their prayer requests, as well as locate prayer needs.

Bender said the movie, "The Passion of Christ," has people talking about faith "as never before." According to church historians, every society-changing spiritual awakening was preceded by a bonding of leaders dedicated to prayer, Bender said.

Thus far, this event's participants include Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes, Chamber of Commerce President John Weeks, Municipal Judge Timothy Green, Veteran's Administration Medical Center Chaplain Carroll

Kohl and the Rev. Sam Segundo.

And Bender said the people organizing the prayer meetings continues to grow.

"As we have met, one growing desire we all have is ongoing prayer. Our plan is to have a prayer meeting within our community every quarter."

In 1999, this community supported the Jesus Video Project, and Bender said the idea for the prayer meetings is similar.

"Anyone and everyone is invited and encouraged to become involved in this, and all it takes is to ask a local minister or come to the prayer meeting Tuesday," he said. The event is free and open to the public.

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WALL

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went on display in Texas. The Wall — there are actually two of them on tour each year — has been to 400 different communities across the United States.

"I'd like people to know that "The Moving Wall" is only going to be in Texas twice this entire year — the first in Big Spring from March 27 through April 2, and the second in Johnson City on April 5 through April 11," said Groves. "That's it. We're very fortunate to have it here again."

HELP

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Groves, Vietnam Memorial Committee spokesman. "This is not difficult, but the names on the Wall are not in alphabetical order. Basically, volunteers will have a book which has the names in alphabetical order. You look up a name in the book and it tells you where that name is located on the Wall. Then you locate the name

To that end, members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee and volunteers continue to prepare for the Wall's arrival. Sidewalks have been poured at the site — adjacent to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial — and additional memorial bricks are to be added this weekend. The Wall will arrive on Thursday, March 25, and be erected the following day.

Opening ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 27. A number of dignitaries are expected to attend the ceremonies. A complete list has not been confirmed as yet, Groves said.

"On that afternoon, that

Saturday, we will begin reading names. We will first read the names of all of the POWs and MIAs from Texas. Then we will read the KIAs from Texas," said Groves. The names will be read for a few hours at a time, over several days.

"Every evening at 6:30, Taps will be played. That doesn't mean that people should stop coming at that time though. They will have access to the wall 24 hours a day."

"The Moving Wall" will remain in Big Spring through noon on April 2.

"There's absolutely no admission fee. There never has been," said Groves. "We wouldn't

want it any other way. This is something everyone should experience at least once."

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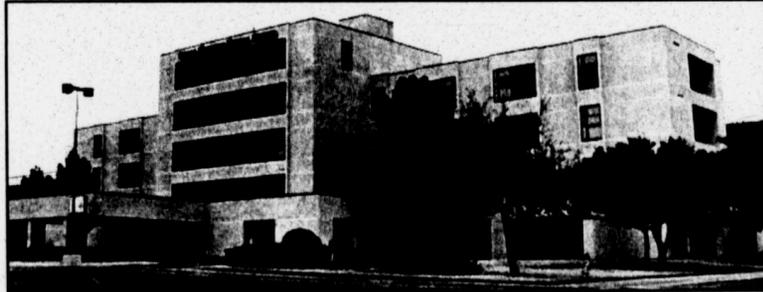
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OUR VIEWS

Expect blessings from community prayer meeting

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Mt. 21:22 (KJV)

As a community, we have received many, many blessings. They occur daily in our lives. A kind word, a helping hand, a smile when we need it most.

Those are blessings. Rainfall, bringing the essence of life to a sometimes parched land.

That's a blessing. Beautiful, wide open skies. Stunning sunrises and sunsets.

Those, too, are blessings.

Tuesday, we have the opportunity to come together — in prayer — and voice our thanks for the many wonderful blessings we have received. We also have the opportunity to lift up to God our concerns — the state of the economy, the future of the VA Medical Center, school finance, our sons and daughters and brothers and sisters in harm's way, serving their country. It's an opportunity to pray for guidance for our school, city and county leaders, our clergy and others who daily impact our individual lives and our community as a whole.

It's also an opportunity to look within ourselves as a community, a family and as individuals.

The Communitywide Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. It is free and everyone is welcome. A number of civic leaders and clergy will be participating in the program, which will also include a 15-minute video on the impact of a community of prayer.

We hope you and your family will attend this very special prayer meeting. Truly, it is another opportunity to be blessed.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

You give us your wonderful wisdom and enlighten our heart, Lord. Thank you.

Amen

Bush ads as good as any others

Our message to all politicians is, "Keep your hands off Ground Zero," David Potorti told reporters last week at a New York press conference where "Sept. 11 family members" criticized Bush campaign ads that depicted the charred World Trade Center and flag-draped remains.

"The families of those who died that day say the Bush campaign ads are offensive," MSNBC duly reported. But that and other reports left out the name of the sponsoring group, September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, and the political group that called the press conference. Deep in a Saturday *New York Times* story, the organizer was named as the Democratic-friendly political group Moveon.org. If the victims' families really had a problem with using Sept. 11 events for political purposes, they shouldn't have handed the press conference over to a group that plans to air millions of dollars' worth of ads against President Bush.

Colleen Kelly of September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows told me that her group had been preparing to respond to Bush campaign ads for several months. "We really were taken off guard; we didn't know it would happen this soon," Kelly said. When Moveon.org called and offered to help the small grassroots group, it allowed the larger, well-funded (if partisan) group to put together a quick press conference. The two groups had "part-

nered" on events before.

Despite news stories that presented the families as apolitical people hurt by political rough-and-tumble, Peaceful Tomorrows isn't so much a group representing the families of the 3,000 Sept. 11 victims as one representing the some 100 anti-war activists among the victims' families.

Kelly, it should be noted, was quick to say, "No one ever said we represent all Sept. 11 families, because that's preposterous." But that's how they bill themselves, as "September 11th Families."

Peaceful Tomorrows member Rita Lasar told *The New York Times* that the Bush TV spots "really surprised me — the flag, the body, the whole collage." But how could she be surprised? Her organization had been talking for months about how it would combat the expected ad blitz with references to Sept. 11.

Lasar and other members of the group, of course, have a right to their opinions, a right to protest and a right to make disingenuous statements to the press. The media, however, have a duty to accurately represent who is criticizing the ads and why. If there are anti-war activists among Peaceful Tomorrows' family members, news stories should not represent them as non-political victims who just want to take the politics out of Sept. 11 remembrances.

The fact is, Peaceful Tomorrows is as political as Bush is. Its members bash Bush for using force to fight al Qaeda. They hit him for sending troops to topple Saddam Hussein. Now, in protesting the ads, they even criticize him for using history to make his political point.

Why not? It works. The Bushies

don't dare protest. And after the activists have drawn blood, Sen. John Kerry can woefully intone that the Bush ads were "inappropriate." (Like there are appropriate campaign ads.)

What about the ads in which the Kerry camp boasted that the senator "sounded the alarm on terrorism before Sept. 11"? Those ads are different because Kerry didn't show (Kerry aides repeat the word frequently used by Peaceful Tomorrows members) "images." There's always some niggling distinction that makes the Democrats righteous and the Republicans craven. This time, it's "images."

The Peaceful Tomorrows families are claiming the "images" as their own. By holding the first press conference — thanks to the partisan Moveon.org — they seek to relegate the large number of voters and victims' families who support Bush in his war on terrorism as afterthoughts.

But as another victim's family member, Debra Burlingame, wrote in *The Wall Street Journal* Monday, the press conference was "an attempt to stifle debate over the future direction of our country by declaring that the images of Sept. 11 should be off-limits in the presidential race, and do so under the rubric of 'The families of Sept. 11.'" The rubric is false. Burlingame has pointed out, as many of the Peaceful Tomorrows families have no problem with or even support the Bush/Cheney spots.

Sept. 11 belongs neither to one political group nor to Bush, but to America. It was a nation-shaping moment and thus belongs to even American politics, all of American politics.

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Boy, that Kerry flip-flops all the time

Living proof that the Democrats haven't gotten any smarter since the last time they ran a candidate for president. Much huffing (and a huffy Democrat is a terrifying sight) over the fact that George W. Bush used images of 9-11 and of the firefighters at Ground Zero to tout his candidacy in his first campaign ad. How crass, said the D's. Exploiting a national tragedy for political purposes — oh, how tacky.

Dammit, the problem is not that the ad is in bad taste, the problem is that Bush screwed the firefighters in a famous case of his favorite bait-and-switch tactic, and now he has thechutzpah to exploit them anyway and that, my friends, is gall. Bait, switch and then claim credit anyway.

For those of you who have forgotten what happened (apparently including the entire Bush campaign) shortly after the 9-11 attacks, President Bush promised a \$3.5 billion aid package to provide equipment and training in dealing with such attacks to local police and fire departments. For over 18 months, no money appeared, and when money finally did appear, it was nowhere near the promised levels (hey, he had to cut those taxes on the richest 1 percent of Americans).

Furthermore, the New York City firefighters who worked Ground Zero were specifically screwed. They were promised \$90 million to monitor the long-term health effects of breathing in all that ash for months while they cleaned up. The money was to have been

included in the overall post 9-11 aid package for New York City, but it got shifted to another bill that Bush rejected the following August. About half the workers screened before the money ran out suffered from respiratory problems.

Republicans in Congress twice voted down first-responder money. New York's congressional delegation, led by Sens. Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton, put up a huge battle before the long-promised \$90 million was finally pried out of a reluctant Congress and White House, but the responder money is still not fully funded to this good day.

Despite disingenuous statements put out by the White House ("There's more assistance going to state and local officials than ever before"), Bush is still behind on his initial commitment. You do not have to be an ace Washington reporter to figure this out. Ask your local fire department.

You can see that this is already shaping up as a campaign where the media observe Kerry under a microscope (has he switched to earth-tones yet?) and neglect to point out the obvious facts about Bush's record. Kerry, say the Republicans solemnly, is given to flip-flopping. Kerry is?

Let's just start counting off the top of our heads: George W. Bush was opposed to a commission to investigate how and why 9-11 occurred, but then he changed his mind and backed it. (Political pressure.) He was certainly opposed to a commission to investigate the intelligence failures on Iraq, but then he changed his mind and backed it. (Political pressure.) He now brags, "I went to the U.N. (before invading Iraq)?" Who recalls why he changed his mind about doing

that? He originally said he not only did not need to consult the United Nations, he said he did not even have to consult the U.S. Congress.

Anyone remember how Bush, the corporate ethicist of Harken Energy, opposed the Sarbanes-Oxley bill? Sarbanes-Oxley was a mildly reformist piece of legislation deemed slightly necessary in the wake of the staggering accounting scandals that caused the collapse of Enron, Tyco and WorldCom. There seemed to be a new record-bankruptcy every week, but our president didn't think we needed any new laws to prevent such things, my no. When did he change his mind and decide to sign it? After it passed the House of Representatives with one vote against it.

Remember when we weren't going to negotiate with North Korea? Then we weren't going to negotiate with North Korea again, but we would "talk" to North Korea, but only in multilateral "talking," until Bush changed his mind yet again and now we're in multilateral negotiations.

Remember when the United Nations was "unnecessary" and "irrelevant," and boy was Bush ever ready to tell them to go jump in the lake? We now think the United Nations is so useful and necessary, we call on it not just for Iraq, but Haiti and other trouble spots, as well.

Remember when we didn't need any civilian or international advice about how to pacify and reconstruct Iraq, our military could do it just fine, thank you?

Remember when "nation-building" was a dirty word?

Boy, that John Kerry, he just flip-flops all the time, doesn't he?

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McEwen is the sole candidate in the mayor's race.

Filing in the city of Coahoma race has been slow. Of three at-large seats up for election, only incumbent Warren Wallace has filed to seek another term. The terms of fellow city council persons Eleanor Garrett and Paulette Lindsey also expire this year.

The two at-large seat races for the Forsan city council have garnered incumbents Buddy Gambrell and Wendell Barber. Forsan Mayor Roger Hudgins has also filed to seek another term.

Incumbent Lester Baker faces no candidate as Stanton seeks to swear in a mayor in May. There are three council seats up for election. In each case, incumbents have been the only ones to file.

Seats up for election are District 1, held by Ronnie Christian; District 2, held by Jim Smith; and District 3, held by James Jenkins.

To file, a prospective candidate must have been a resident of Texas for at least a year and be at least 18 years old and a qualified voter.

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Law enforcement personnel investigate the scene of a two-vehicle accident near the ALON USA Refinery Friday afternoon. A medical condition of the driver of a Chevrolet pickup may have been the cause of the accident.

SCHOOLS

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at the Howard College president's office, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

In the BSISD election, long-time Big Spring educator Liz Lowery jumped into the District 5 race this week and will face off against two-term Incumbent Mike Dawson, board president.

The other two candidates currently face no opposition. They are first-term trustee Phil Furqueron, the board vice president who holds the District 7 seat, and newcomer Steve Jeter, a financial planner who is seeking District 6.

Danny Martin hopes the second time around is the charm to earn a seat on the Coahoma Independent School District board. Martin and incumbent Sissy Wells have both filed to run for two at-large seats up for election. Trustee Branden Luce has not filed his intent to seek another term.

Filing is being held at the Coahoma Administration office, 600 N. Main in Coahoma.

Allen McDowell, Tom Bill Kuykendall and Beckie Wash, all incumbents on the Forsan Independent School District, have filed to seek re-election. Wash was appointed last year to fill the unexpired term of Debbie Burton, who moved out of the school district.

Candidates interested in running for that board should file at the superintendent's office, 411 West Sixth St. in Forsan.

The Stanton Independent School District election has garnered two candidates, incumbent Johnny Gonzales for District 1 and Pablo Tevni for District 5. The District 5 seats is currently represented by Terry Shanks.

Candidates filing continues at the SISD admin-

Monday is the last day of the filing period.

istration building, 200 North College.

Two more candidates jumped into the Sands Consolidated Independent School District election last week. Junior Casas and Randy Fry joined Michelle Zant and incumbent Stan Blagrove. The four are vying for two at-large seats on the board.

Candidates may file at the business office, 101 First St., Ackerly.

With three seats up for grabs this year, the Grady Independent School District currently has just one contested race.

Incumbent Brian Cox and challenger James Mitchell have filed for the District 2 seat. District 7, currently represented by Roy Madison, has produced one candidate, Wayne Pinkerton. District 1, represented by Victor Hewtt Jr, is also up for election.

Filing will continue at the superintendent's office at 3500 FM 1829.

Last week also marked the first candidate to jump into the Garden City Independent School District election. Tibby Niehues filed the necessary paperwork to have her name placed on the May 15 ballot. Mike Hilliger has not filed.

Filing is held at superintendent's office, 308 West Chambers.

Candidates who miss Monday's deadline still have until Monday, March 22, to file as a write-in candidate.

To file, a prospective candidate must have been a resident of Texas for at least a year, a resident of the school district six months, be at least 18 years old and a qualified voter.

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3 injured in service road accident

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Diabetes problems may have been the cause of a 45-year-old man's wild ride in the Sands Springs area Friday before colliding with a second vehicle near ALON USA Refinery.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Johnny Bull, Danny Spruill was driving to work in his 1997 Chevrolet pick up on FM 700 when he apparently began to experience problems with his dia-

betes. Instead of heading straight on FM 700 to Highway 350, Spruill turned right on the south Interstate 20 service road and continued to Sand Springs where his vehicle ran over several mail boxes before turning around under the overpass, Bull said.

Heading back toward Big Spring on the north service road, Spruill apparently ran a vehicle off the road near a tube testing business, Bull said.

Eyewitness at the scene said Spruill's vehicle hit a culvert, went airborne and then landed in the barrow ditch, Bull said.

Fearing the driver was drunk, Bull said the witnesses began to follow Spruill's vehicle, which continued on the road heading toward Big Spring.

Upon arriving at the overpass by ALON USA, Bull said eyewitnesses saw the Spruill's truck disregard the stop sign and collide with a Mitsubishi driven by Jeff

Borman, who was turning into the refinery.

The Chevrolet truck was traveling at an estimated speed of 50 mph at the time of the collision, Bull said. Following the collision, the truck came to rest on the service road guard rail.

Spruill, Borman and Borman's passenger, Samuel Morgan, were all treated and released at to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Friday. Spruill was cited for disregarding a stop sign and failure to control speed.

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Digging up some sounds

A head-spinning hunt for vintage vinyl albums, 45s

By EVELYN MCDONNELL

Knight Ridder Newspapers
MIAMI — Andrew Yeomanson, aka DJ Le Spam, scans the tens of thousands of vinyl LPs and 45s in Blue Note Records' North Miami Beach warehouse with an eager, practiced eye. He squints down the rows of bins and crates that line two floors of this retail annex, a hunter surveying the terrain.

"Here's the jazz, here's the Latin, here's the funk," points out store owner Bob Perry, who has been handling vinyl since he did radio promotion in the 1970s. The new records guy follows the old records with a nod. Then Spam starts digging.

Digging is DJ jargon for the art of finding rare grooves. It's something the legions of dance-music denizens who converged on Miami Beach this week for the Winter Music Conference and M3 (Miami, Music and Media) Summit were squeezing in time for, in between poolside meetings and late-night gigs.

Compact discs replaced LPs in most people's homes a decade ago. But

vinyl is still the primary medium for disc jockeys. You can't scratch with a digital audio tape. You can't slip a needle into a CD's grooves and spin it back and forth, making your sound out of someone else's.

Many hip-hop and dance-music DJs know Blue Note. In a region of the country where body-wax salons outnumber record stores a zillion to

"Guys get on their hands and knees and look for records all the time. I know I do."

1, the 20-year-old independent retail outlet is a destination. (The warehouse annex, 2291 NE 164th St., is just a couple of miles down the street from Perry's 16401 NE 15th Ave. shop). Rap artists A f r i k a Bambaataa, Biz Markie a n d

Timbaland; house music deity Danny Tenaglia; and Plastic Fantastic of Japan have all shopped here.

Actually, stores aren't DJs' favorite digging venues.

Instead, Yeomanson speaks excitedly of the private garage in West Palm Beach, stacked floor to ceiling with 45s, that he used to visit once or twice a month, or the two double-wide mobile homes in Lake Worth. Digging lit-



DJ Le Spam, otherwise known as Andrew Yeomanson, browses at Blue Note Records in North Miami Beach for rare vinyl albums and 45s.

erally involves getting your hands into a lot of junk before you unearth that rare gem.

"A good day of digging would be if I take my car and go from place to place," Yeomanson says. "At the end of the day, I'm going to be dizzy and my hands are going to be black and I'm going to have a big stack of records that I haven't sorted."

He looks for Latin, funk, spoken word and jazz records, the genres he blends for his signature Spam sound. The living room of his North Miami home is filled with what he estimates are 10,000 to

15,000 records. Many he has never listened to. Still, he wants more.

"I've got enough to keep me busy till I'm old," Yeomanson says. "But then I think, somebody else could be out there getting my records."

Collectors like Yeomanson are keepers of America's recording history. But collecting can become a shut-in's obsession. The dysfunctional emotional profile of the geek who lives for his records was well captured by the book and movie High Fidelity. Yeomanson does not want to go there.

"You can drive yourself crazy with trying to get a good price," he says. "If you're obsessive already, collecting can push you over."

The art of digging has been changed dramatically by the Internet.

"eBay (messed) up all the record collectors," Yeomanson says. "It

became the great equalizer in terms of price. Now you have to work twice as hard to find things."

At Blue Note, amid racks and racks of old jazz albums and hip-hop 12-inches, they'll find a treasure trove of some of the hottest commodities among vinyl junkies today: Miami soul.

For Perry, it means that his career has come full circle since he started working in the warehouse of Hialeah's legendary Tone Distributors, stacking records by such greats as Helene Smith and Betty Wright. Now those records can be worth hundreds of dollars.

"That's what everybody wants," he says.

Spam wants it. He's eyeing a 45 by mostly forgotten singer Jeanette Holloway. Perry has pulled the single out of a special stash and seems reluctant to let it go. He

finally agrees to sell, for the bargain price of \$5, to the leader of the Spam Allstars, who gleefully adds it to his six-inch-high stack of finds of the day.

What's bad for diggers is good for dealers. The person willing to pay \$1,000 for a rare B-side may not walk through Blue Note's doors but will search the Internet.

"Without eBay, I wouldn't have this," Perry says, pointing at the Blue Note warehouse. With the recording industry struggling, old vinyl can be a retailer's lifeline. "You can't survive selling CDs in this business. There's no profit in new stuff."

Perry tells story after story about buying a stack of LPs from a guy for \$100, then selling one title online for \$1,000.

"Guys get on their hands and knees and look for records all the time," Perry says. "I know I do."

WEATHER WHYS: SQUALL LINES

Q: You hear the weatherman use the term "squall lines" a lot. What are they?

A: A squall line is a complex of thunderstorms with isolated supercells imbedded within the line or at the end of it, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University.

"These lines form ahead of a cold front," she explains. "The cold front is the lifting mechanism for the formation of the squall line, allowing for cold air to collide with the warm, moist air ahead of the front. Squall lines can have varying sizes. They can be compact and only span across a few counties, or they can affect multiple states at the same time and stretch to hundreds of miles in length."

Q: So do squall lines mean severe weather is coming?

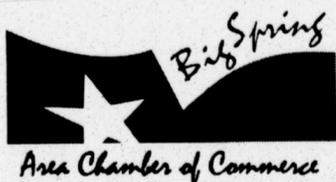
A: Not necessarily, Curtiss says.

"There are some occasions where squall lines will have an isolated supercell, which is a rotating thunderstorm capable of producing large hail, heavy rain, lightning and possible tornadoes," she adds. "These supercells will

often form at the end of the squall line. But the primary threat is severe weather, such as strong winds, hail and heavy rain, developing ahead of the squall line. Again, these often form in the spring and summer when cold fronts collide with warm and moist air. If you see such storms

approaching, it's best to find shelter immediately."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The relationship of the moon, Saturn and Mercury is mixing up our environment with opposing needs. You may feel like explaining in detail how you are feeling but wind up acting like a kid on the playground in the process. What you learn is we are all fallible, and in that frailty is our most loveable quality — we need each other.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Passions heat up, not just for a person you love but for an activity that makes you feel complete. Couples: You are happier when you separate what a partner wants from what you want. Seek companions who give you confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In a quiet way, this day is thrilling. Change inner dialogues to reflect a higher self-esteem. Money spent on large items gives you a rush. A

hot flirtation begins to spice up your life. Rules are bent for you tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Keep on your toes now. Others are evaluating your performance, even if all you're doing is making dinner. The personality you bring to every task you do is part of the experience you offer to others. A Leo appreciates you the most.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Restlessness has its benefits, so don't be discouraged by the need to move. Travel will bring you spiritual, as well as financial, benefits. Contact with a Scorpio or Aquarius opens you to new choices.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A large part of you simply doesn't care what people think about you, which is why you're so attractive. Your nutritional needs have changed. Experiment with different kinds of foods, testing your body's response.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You do your best work when forced by circumstances to be

resourceful. Say "yes" to dates, and ask people out. You'll be free to go at your own pace. Avoid the pitfalls of gossip and complaining.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just when you're happiest with the status quo, it changes. You've got money in the proper perspective, so you're luckier. Respecting the dollar without glorifying it will attract wealth. So will an alliance with a Capricorn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What happens this evening could be the start of an interesting romantic chapter. Do what you've been putting off. Workaholics re-evaluate the need for inner balance as well as worldly gains.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A partner could blame you for what he or she is guilty of. Romance defies conventional logic — do what works for you! Sumptuous entertaining is worth the expense. You will receive multiple social benefits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You get much

satisfaction from a job well done. Strenuous activities could actually relax you. Doing things with your children, especially sports or hobbies, will help bond the relationship. P.S. Grown children still need you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're always the one who marches to your own beat. But you'll be dealing with traditional folks today, and they have much to contribute. Your attention to customs will be appreciated by those who follow them closely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll get a window into how others live. Romantic friction culminates in a situation that you never thought you'd be in. Your world is expanding through personal contacts. Tonight features getting to know an artist.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: There will be tests of will on Sunday, due largely to misunderstandings and the desperate need to be understood. But these gaps in communication

don't have to divide us. Use the information as a clue about what parts of relationships need work. Monday is about who has the power and who wants the power. The Capricorn moon is adept at pointing out that you practically need to be doing the job above you already before anyone will bump you up. Prove that you're ready. Tuesday, the social scene warms up, and by St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, the party is definitely on. Romance seekers, beware: Like minds might be harbored in very dissimilar bodies.

Try to ease up on the physical requirements so you can really enjoy what potential mates have to offer on an intellectual and spiritual level. Thursday, both the sun and moon are in Pisces. Relationships need healing. You may as well make moves to do that now, because anything you can wrap up before the new moon in Aries on Saturday will help pave the way for new seeds to drop into your life. Saturday also brings with

it all the magic of the spring equinox, a time of total renewal.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Billy Crystal had another smashing turn as the host of the Academy Awards this year. It was his eighth time at the helm of the mega-awards show, and it takes a lot more than a snappy outfit to pull off a successful Oscars night. Pisces are highly attuned to all that is going around them, and Crystal cleverly uses this observational intensity to produce engaging and on-point comedy.

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Annie's Mailbox ... Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: "Julia" and I have been married for three years. It's a second marriage for both of us. The problem started when my father-in-law had a severe stroke and came to live with us. We have juggled workloads to handle his care, and we have nurses take over a few hours every week so we have time for ourselves.

Julia has three siblings who live nearby. None of them shares in their father's care, although they love to complain that we either are not doing enough or not doing the right things. This upsets both of us, but Julia somehow manages to ignore them.

I finally told these siblings what I think of them, and since then, Julia has shut me out. She says she has no feelings left for me as I have alienated her siblings. Meanwhile, she won't allow me to discuss our situation with anyone, yet I have overheard her talking about it on the phone with the men she works with.

My father-in-law will be moving to a care center soon, but it hasn't solved our dilemma. Julia is exhausted, and I cannot concentrate on work. She refuses to go for counseling, and we do not belong to a church where I can turn for help. I love Julia, and our marriage is the most important thing in the world to me. What can I do? — Arizona Husband

Dear Husband: Your in-laws are only the tip of the iceberg. If Julia is discussing private family details with other men, you have more serious problems. Julia may be suffering from family overload, and the stress could be damaging her ability to show affection for you. Low-level depression also could be part of the problem. If Julia won't go with you for counseling, go alone. A counselor will help you understand what is happening and work on ways to remind Julia of the love you share. Please make an appointment today.

Dear Annie: What is the proper etiquette when inviting a gay friend to a wedding? I have no problem with my friend's lifestyle and would love to meet her partner, but I doubt she'd



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feel comfortable bringing her. I don't want to make assumptions and not include her partner's name on the invitation. What should I do? — Concerned Bride-To-Be in San Francisco

Dear Bride-to-Be: If they live together, both names go on the invitation. Whether or not the partner attends is THEIR decision, and you don't have to worry about it.

Dear Annie: I am in my late 20s and have been in the Navy for several years. My girlfriend, "Trudi," is a great gal, and we share many of the same interests and have a similar sense of humor.

We write to each other often, and I've noticed in Trudi's e-mails (and to a lesser extent in her

speech) that her grammar is not very good. I didn't expect this to bother me so much, but it does. I know poor grammar tends to make people assume you aren't very intelligent, but Trudi is smarter than she sounds.

Would I be totally out of line in correcting her English? I hate it when people correct me. Is poor English a good reason to have second thoughts about getting serious with someone? — Ain't Sure in the Pacific

Dear Ain't Sure: Is it a good reason? No, but anything that makes you think less of your mate can undermine the respect necessary in a healthy relationship. Trudi deserves to know why you are considering a break-up. Tell her that she's hiding her brains behind her speech and she surely wouldn't want anyone to think she lacks an education. Ask if she would consider taking some elocution lessons. If Trudi is a "great gal" and you enjoy her company, she's worth the investment. Dear Annie: I am a sophomore in high school and am having trouble talking to my parents about what is going on in my life. It was easier when I was younger. I have been told that I

am not allowed to date or get rides from guys until I'm 16, and I cannot go on birth control because it's "bad for me." I have tried to discuss birth control with Mom, but she will not listen.

I have a boyfriend, and my sisters know about him, but my parents pretend he is just a friend. I know that one day I will need to go on birth control to protect myself against an unwanted pregnancy, but my parents refuse to talk about it. I have become depressed, but my mother thinks I'm going through a phase. Please help me. — Distraught and Alone

Dear Distraught: Your parents are trying to protect you, but they must be more willing to tackle unpleasant topics. While you shouldn't feel pressured to have sex now, it would help to talk to someone who can pro-

vide straightforward guidance. Would you feel comfortable discussing your problems with an aunt, your grandmother or an older cousin? How about the school counselor, a favorite teacher, a female neighbor or a friend of the family? Someone should intercede with your parents and explain why you need them now more than ever.

It serves no purpose for your folks to stick their heads in the sand, so keep trying to get through to them. Show them this letter, and tell them you wrote it. Kids need information in order to make wise choices, and smart parents communicate with their children to counsel and guide them through these personal challenges.

Dear Annie: My sister and I have not seen our brother for over 10 years. Our mother passed away

several months ago, and we think he should be informed of the details. Mom was abusive when we were young, so there was a lot of tension in our family, and it explains why my brother lost touch. However, since she is gone, that is all in the past. We want our mother's death to bring a sense of closure and reconciliation, but so far, it hasn't.

I found some addresses on the Internet for a person with my brother's name. I wrote to those places, but I never received a response. Can you help? — Still Looking in Omaha

Dear Omaha: The Salvation Army might be able to let your brother know you are searching for him. Contact: Salvation Army, Missing Persons Bureau, 10 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016 (salvationarmy.org).

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TEXAS NEWS IN BRIEF

Three shot dead, one wounded near Dallas

MCKINNEY (A) — Officers found three people dead and a fourth injured at a home in this Dallas suburb, all with gunshot wounds to the head, police said Saturday.

Police were called after people who knew the victims discovered the bloody scene Friday night. Authorities did not yet have a suspect.

Rosa Barbosa, 46; Mark Barbosa, 25; and Austin York, 18, were pronounced dead at the scene late Friday, Capt. Robert Dean said.

Matthew Self, 17, was taken by medical helicopter to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He was in critical condition, Dean said.

Police said no other information was immediately available Saturday.

"They were just real fine people," said Bill Self, 68, a relative of the wounded victim and the neighbor of Rosa Barbosa. "She's been a good neighbor. There's never been any trouble that we know about."

Bill Self said he was asleep in his recliner when he realized emergency vehicles were outside.

"If something like that happened next door, it could very easily happen here," he said.

Critics say state college loan program unfair

EL PASO (AP) — Adrian Garcia could certainly use some help paying for college.

Garcia and his wife have a 21-month-old son, a house payment and two cars. He must work full time while pursuing a double major in political science and communications at the University of Texas at El Paso.

"It's tough," said Garcia, 24, who already has about \$10,000 in student loan debt. "It takes a lot of faith in God to be able to manage our time and be able to go to school. It takes a lot of discipline."

Though he could use assistance, he won't qualify for the full benefits of a new state program that offers

zero-interest loans — or forgiveness of debt altogether — to full-time students who get good grades and graduate on time.

The fact that needy students such as Garcia typically can't take full class loads is a major shortcoming of the "B-On-Time" program, critics say.

"I do feel that our students, many of whom are commuter students and work as single parents, won't be able to meet the criteria for the loan forgiveness," said Linda Fossen, associate vice president for enrollment planning at the University of Texas-Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, which have a combined enrollment of 10,600.

The program, which started this year, provides no-interest loans that are forgiven for full-time students who graduate in the normal time with at least a 'B' average. What's considered a normal amount of time depends on the degree; it's typically four or five years.

Texas Tech offers freshmen a four-year deal

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech University has a deal for students willing to finish their degrees on time.

The school will pay for all required courses beyond four years if students are kept from graduating on time because classes weren't available. The same deal's available for five-year academic programs.

In return, students must select a major by the end of their freshman year and take 15 credit hours a semester, allowing them to get the 120 hours required for most degrees. For degrees that require more hours, students must take summer classes or more hours in the fall or spring semesters. There is no penalty if a student fails to comply with the terms.

"In a time when the cost of attending the university is going up, it makes sense for students to get out of school as soon as possible and into the job market," Tech President Jon Whitmore said.

The four-year voluntary graduation contracts are available for the first time for incoming freshmen this fall. The initiative takes effect as students begin paying \$400 more per semester as part of a tuition increase approved Feb. 27.

Garden City student set for BPA national contest

HERALD Staff Report

Garden City High School student Leslie Jansa will take her accounting skills to Cincinnati, Ohio April 28-May 2 for the national Business Professionals of America competition.

The youth earned her shot at nationals when she competed at the state competition held March 3-5 in San Antonio.

Jansa earned second in advance accounting and led the GCHS team to one of the eight top placings in the state.

The teamwork of

Brecklyn Hughes, Stacy Gully, Jansa and Tyler Bednar was rewarded with a sixth place finish in the administrative support team division.

Amanda Hirt finished strong in the computerized accounting division, at seventh, while Noemi Guerrero secured eighth place in the basic office systems and procedures.

Allison Jansa and Hughes finished seventh and eighth respectively in the advanced office systems and procedures contest.

The GCHS team was coached by high school teacher Reta Bell.

Chorus rehearsal Monday

The Big Spring Symphony Chorus will have another practice Monday at the First United Methodist Church choral room, 400 Scurry St.

Selections to be rehearsed are Aaron Copland's "The Tender Land," "Stop Your Foot" and "The Promise of Living," and George

Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess."

Rehearsal will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Monday through April 24.

For more information about the chorus, call Keith Graumann, artistic director and conductor, at 263-5943, 267-1626 or 213-0645.

Stanton ISD board to meet

HERALD Staff Report

Consideration of district classroom teachers and personnel contracts are slated for the Stanton Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting Monday.

Trustees will meet at 7

p.m. at the administration building, 200 N. College St., on the first day back from spring break holidays.

Before officially making any decision on contracts, trustees may opt to head into closed session to discuss district personnel.

DA releases media documents

AUSTIN (AP) — A criminal investigation into election spending by a Republican political action committee is likely to continue into a new Travis County grand jury session, District Attorney Ronnie Earle predicted Friday.

Earle, releasing a thick packet of documents requested by the Texas Republican Party chairman about his office's contacts with news reporters, said the open records request took days of his staff's time and delayed the investigation.

"We'd hoped that this grand jury could make more progress," he said. The current grand jury's term ends in late March. Then another grand jury will be seated.

Prosecutors are examining, in part, whether \$152,000 in payments to Texas House candidates in 2002 from a political action committee created by Texas Republican U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay violated state law. Dozens of subpoenas have been issued in the investigation. Some seek the records of Texas

House Speaker Tom Craddick, a Republican, and of other politicians of both parties who sought the speaker's post.

No indictments have resulted from the investigation.

State GOP chairwoman Tina Benkiser filed an open-records request Feb. 26 with Earle's office asking for budget documents and correspondence between his office and members of the news media. Benkiser said at the time that "taxpayers deserve to know how much of their money Mr. Earle is wasting on this frivolous investigation and whether he is unfairly leaking information to the media."

Earle, a Democrat, has long been accused by Republicans of using his office for political purposes.

On Friday, Earle said he's only doing his job — investigating and prosecuting felonies. He also brushed off the notion that Travis County grand juries tend to be filled with Democrats. He said the grand juries are

diverse and include Democrats and Republicans.

"But this investigation is not about Democrats and Republicans. It's about cops and robbers. You don't ask a burglar whether they're a Democrat or a Republican," he said.

Copies of phone messages and e-mails Earle released Friday show seemingly friendly exchanges between the prosecutor and some news reporters. In some cases, reporters asked Earle or his staff members to look at the wording of their articles before publication.

"I wish all the media would be so careful as to ask whether they'd screwed something up," Earle said in response.

Ted Royer, spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas, said it is "extremely disturbing" that Earle and his staff have apparently been asked by a journalist to approve wording before

publication. That revelation "reinforces the belief that the primary purpose of his investigation is to unfairly hang Republicans in the media," Royer said.

Earle said he has a professional, respectful relationship with the news media. He denied leaking grand jury investigation information to reporters.



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WORLD, NATIONAL NEWS

Rumsfeld, others removed 9/11 debris

WASHINGTON (AP) — The removal of souvenir debris from the scenes of the Sept. 11 attacks reached the highest levels of government, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and FBI Director Robert Mueller's chief of anti-terrorism, a Justice Department investigation has found.

The practice was so widespread inside the FBI that it even forced prosecutors in Minnesota to drop plans to prosecute a company that had taken a fire truck door from the World Trade Center, according to a still-confidential report obtained by The Associated Press.

The report said the Justice Department inspector general confirmed that Rumsfeld "has a piece of the airplane that flew into the Pentagon" inside his Defense Department office.

Chief Pentagon spokesman Lawrence Di Rita said Friday night that Rumsfeld has a shard of metal from the jetliner that struck the Pentagon on a table in his office and shows it to people as a reminder of the tragedy Pentagon workers shared on Sept. 11, 2001.

"He doesn't consider it his own," Di Rita said. "We are mindful of the fact that if somebody has an evidentiary requirement to have this shard of metal, we will provide it to them."

U.S. begins new sweep of Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military on Saturday announced a sweeping new operation across troubled southern and eastern Afghanistan, with the aim of destroying al-Qaida and the Taliban and ultimately reeling in Osama bin Laden.

The offensive comes as Americans step up their hunt for the al-Qaida leader and his top deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, who are believed to be hiding out in the border area between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"We believe this will help bring the heads of the terrorist organizations to justice, by continuing placing pressure on them," said Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty, a U.S. military spokesman.

The operation, however, was "about more than one person," he said. Hilferty said American forces were confident they will eventually catch the al-Qaida leadership as well as Taliban chief Mullah Mohammed Omar, but not necessarily during the new operation.

Hilferty also said U.S. forces are involved in what he described as a "small scale air assault" in southern Afghanistan, but would not give details about the location or the target.

The overall operation, dubbed "Mountain Storm," officially began Sunday and was open-ended, Hilferty said. He said the entire 13,500-strong U.S.-led coalition was involved.

New Haiti PM promises to reunite country

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's new prime minister Gerard Latortue promised to unite his rebel-

lion-scarred country, even as he criticized Jamaica's decision to host a visit to the region by ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

U.S. Marines, engaged in nightly gunbattles with looters and dissidents, guarded the National Palace on Friday as Latortue took the oath of office in front of 200 dignitaries and members of Haiti's former opposition.

"I'm a man of dialogue," he said. "I give you the assurance that I will work and listen to you all as much as possible."

Latortue said he would begin visiting cities across Haiti, starting with his hometown of Gonaives, where the rebellion that helped push Aristide from office began on Feb. 5.

The rebellion ended on Feb. 29, when Aristide fled to exile in Africa under pressure from the United States and France.

Latortue, 69, warned that Aristide's plan to return to nearby Jamaica early next week was ratcheting up tensions in the Haitian capital, and he told the Jamaican leader that hosting Aristide would be seen as "an unfriendly act."

Woman charged for refusing C-section

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman charged with murder for allegedly refusing a Caesarean section that could have saved her unborn twin said she never imagined having a stillborn child would result in prosecution or national news coverage.

"I feel like I'm getting a lot of attention that (should be) my private business," Melissa Ann Rowland told The Associated Press during a jail interview Friday.

Prosecutors this week charged Rowland with exhibiting "depraved indifference to human life" in avoiding the C-section. One nurse told police Rowland said she would rather "lose one of the babies than be cut like that."

Rowland denied claims she avoided surgery because she feared scarring.

"It was all medical concern. None of it was vanity," Rowland said.

Her other two young children, ages 7 and 9, both were delivered by C-section, she said.

Her attorney, meanwhile, said she had a long history of mental illness. Rowland said she had attempted suicide twice and spent time in a psychiatric hospital.

Prosecutors allege that Rowland told a nurse during a January visit to a hospital that doctors wanted to cut her "from breast bone to pubic bone" and she would rather "lose one of the babies than be cut like that."

Rowland denied making the statements, but remembers that hospital visit as "very stressful. Doctors there had me very upset." She was concerned about her recovery time and the nature of the surgery, she said.

Teen holding officers at bay; one dead

LENOIR CITY, Tenn. (AP) — A domestic dispute turned deadly when a heavily armed teen shot and killed a sheriff's deputy and hunkered down inside his

family's home, holding about 150 officers at bay, authorities said.

Officers responding to a call Friday morning were turned back by heavy gunfire when they tried to approach the lakeside home. The 16-year-old had semi-automatic weapons with multiple 30-round magazines, said Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchison.

"The only thing we've got out of the house is gunfire," said Knox County Chief Deputy Dwight VanDeVate. "We are still hopeful we get some positive outcome, but we have had absolutely no success whatsoever in establishing contact with the suspect."

Police identified the teen as Michael Harvey. Officials said they did not plan on moving in on the house until Saturday morning at the earliest.

"At this point, the only response we see out of him is when he starts shooting at officers he sees," Hutchison said. "We hope he will come to some realization that he needs to come out and he needs to surrender."

Takoma Park reels under arrest

TAKOMA PARK, Md. (AP) — The affluent, liberal city of Takoma Park is home to activists and war opponents, but charges that a resident was an agent for the Iraqi government have drawn surprise and skepticism in the Washington, D.C., suburb.

"People in Takoma Park are very committed to social justice, peace and nonviolence," said Linda Schade, member of a local anti-war group. "That is more like the type of person who lives in Takoma Park rather than a spy."

Federal charges brought Thursday against Susan Lindauer, a former journalist and congressional staffer, allege she accepted \$10,000 from the Iraqi government and plotted to aid resistance groups loyal to Saddam Hussein.

Acquaintance Kate Brown described Lindauer as a gentle, "earthy" peace activist who reminded her of a kindergarten teacher.

Nine people found dead in Fresno home

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Police officers responding to a child custody dispute said they arrived at a home to find nine bodies stacked and intertwined in a pile of clothes, 10 coffins and a 57-year-old man they believe is responsible for the slaughter.

The victims were seven children ranging in age from 1 to 8, a 20-year-old woman and a 17-year-old girl. All were thought to be the children of Marcus Wesson, who surrendered to police Friday after walking out of the house covered in what appeared to be blood.

The grim scene caused even veteran officers to weep. Police Chief Jerry Dyer wiped tears from his eyes as officers carried the bodies from the home, cradling the youngest ones in their arms.

"I've been with the Fresno Police Department for 25 years, and I've never experienced anything of this nature," he said.

Dyer said the victims probably were Wesson's children. "There may have been some type of ritual involved," he said.

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Normangee muscles its way to Texas Cup victory

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — When the going got tough Saturday morning, the Normangee Panthers handed the ball to Joseph Jones. In return, he handed his teammates a 50-37 come-from-behind Texas Cup victory over the Grady Wildcats at the Frank Erwin Center on the campus of the University of Texas.

Jones, a 6-foot-9 Texas A&M signee, pumped in

18 points and helped the Class A Division I state champions fight off a spirited challenge for Grady, the Class A Division II champs.

Normangee, which defeated Morton for the large-school title Thursday, closed out its season with a 27-2 record. Grady finished the year at 35-2.

The Panthers were doing anything but celebrating early in the contest. The Wildcats, behind

solid play from Jason Pribyla and Trent May, matched Normangee shot-for-shot in the opening frame.

Pribyla, who finished with 18 points, staked the Wildcats to a 15-12 lead with just over a minute to play by driving inside for a layup.

The Panthers rallied back, however. Normangee's Jacob King scored in the waning seconds of the frame and led the Panthers into the sec-

ond with a slim 15-14 cushion.

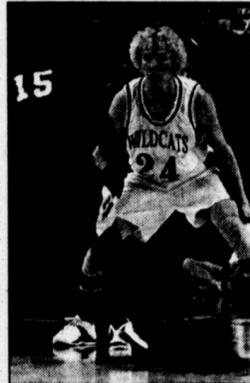
The Wildcats made a run at Normangee's lead midway through the second. Andrew Villa pushed home a shot with 3:36 to cut the Panthers' lead to one, at 18-17, before Normangee hit stride.

The Panthers scored a 5-3 advantage over the final three minutes and took a 23-20 lead into the half.

Normangee padded its lead a bit more in the third. The Panthers,

despite a three-point shot from Pribyla that pulled Grady to within 27-26 with less than three minutes, ended the frame with a 7-0 spree and went into the final eight minutes holding a 34-26 cushion.

The Panthers salted away the win early in the fourth. After a basket by Villa had opened the period, Normangee reeled off eight unanswered points and stretched its lead to 15, at 42-28, with 3:31 left.



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells
The Grady Wildcats played in the Texas Cup Saturday



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells
Australian Antonio Seremet is hoping to land a roster spot with the Odessa Roughnecks of the new Intense Football League next month. One of more than 100 athletes to try out for the expansion squad, the world class long jumper/rugby star is one of just 40 players the team plans to invite to mini-camp in April.

Wildcats continue to shine on the court

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

WESTBROOK — The Westbrook Junior High School tennis team took another huge step toward another district title this past weekend.

En route to improving to 15-0 for the year, Chavez was outstanding at the Big Spring Junior High Invitational. She rolled through the meet and claimed her third straight singles titles in tournament action this season. Chavez, who had previously won the Colorado City and Westbrook tournaments, is well on her way to surpassing her 28-0 mark.

Burleson, who had won his first two meets, struggled in the final. He suffered his first setback of the year by falling to a San Angelo netter.

With the loss, Burleson's season record fell to 14-1.

Paced by Chavez and Burleson, the young 'Cats squad placed second in the final team standings behind Sweetwater. The defeated larger teams from Andrews, Big Spring and San Angelo.

Drake Thurman defeated teammate Josh Fernandez in the consolation finals of the tourney.

At the Colorado City tournament, the Wildcats competed against teams from Rotan, Snyder, Miles, Hawley, Winters, Jim Ned, Coahoma, Grape Creek, Reagan County and Colorado City.

Other WJHS players scoring points and preparing for another run at the district title were Michael Morton, who reached the semifinals along with Thurman. Earlier this season, Morton reached the finals of the Westbrook Classic before falling to Burleson.

Others contributing to the second place-team finish were Keisha Krapf, Brittany Clowers, who lost in the consolation finals, Cassie Bass and Laermi King, who also in the consolation finals to a San Angelo opponent.

MAN ON A MISSION

Howard College freshman hoping to score professional dream with new football league

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Antonio Seremet has accomplished a lot of things in his career. World-class long jumper. Done that. Professional rugby star. Ditto. Basketball player. Yep, accomplished that.

He's done them all — while all along just wanting to do one thing — play football in the United States.

Ranked among the best long jumpers in his country, Seremet may get his chance later this month with the new Intense Football League's Odessa Roughnecks. The Howard College freshman will be among the team's final 40 prospects when the team heads into preseason drills next month.

"I'm just looking for a chance to play somewhere," said Seremet, who just



The Odessa Roughnecks, along with the rest of the fledgling IFL teams, will begin their inaugural season in May.

missed qualifying for the Australian Olympic team as a long jumper on 2000. "I just want to play American football. I'm going to go in and try my best to show them I can play. I know I don't have the experience some of the others have, but there won't be anyone there who wants to play as much as me."

His desire — and speed — hasn't gone unnoticed by football coaches around the country. Earlier this fall,

he landed tryouts with the Las Vegas Gladiators and expansion Philadelphia Soul of the Arena Football League. Both invited him back for a second camp, but ultimately passed him over because of a lack of experience.

After being forced to bypass several college teams, including Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan., and Ranger College, because of financial concerns, he heard about the start of the Intense Football League, a small professional arena-style league based in Texas, and decided to give the league a look.

A walk-on with the Howard College basketball team this past summer, he became even more interested in the league when it was announced the league would field teams in San Angelo and Odessa during its inaugural sea-

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Saying 'see ya later' isn't always an easy thing to do

Sometimes the hardest part about starting a new chapter is finishing the previous one. Such is the situation for me. Turning the next page is kind of a tough chore to do.

Especially since the last one is like 'Lonesome Dove' — not that anyone lost a leg, died or drove any cattle from one end of

the country to another. No, it's just been good.

But that's the situation I find myself facing these days. How do you tell the people how much they have meant while packing boxes that will ultimately put them in your rear view mirror?

Where is Shakespeare

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Courtesy photo
Kristi Bridges will get the chance to showcase her basketball skills in two all-star games this postseason. The senior guard was selected to play in the Zebra Roundup in Grandview on March 20 and the All Americas Classic this July in Garden City.



Stanton's Bridges invited to play in two all-star matchups

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

West Texas has long known Kristi Bridges as one of the best basketball players in the state. Now the two-time District 3-2A defensive player of the year will get the chance to show everyone else.

The Stanton High School senior has been invited to

participate in two postseason all-star games, including the Zebra Roundup All-Star Basketball Game in Grandview and the All Americas Basketball Classic in Garden City this July.

Bridges was a driving force in the Lady Buffaloes'

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Courtesy photo
Member of the state-bound Forsan High School tennis team include (back row, left to right) Coach Tonya Vess, Josh Paradez, James Branham, Brandon Burleson, Jonathan Wright, Josh Helmstetter, Ben Breyman, Matt Posey, Coach Connie Eggleston, (front row) Heather Hise, Cynthia Becerra, Erin Posey, Staci Borel, Felicia Osburn, Dani Borel, Cayley Eggleston, Haylea Belew, Lacy Eggleston and Abby Janca.

Buffaloes earn fourth consecutive berth in the Class 2A state tennis tournament

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Move over Ming, there's a new dynasty on the planet. And it's certainly leaving its mark on history.

The Forsan Buffalo tennis team nailed down its fourth straight appearance in the Class 2A state tennis tournament last week by turning in a solid performance at the Region I-2A Tennis Tournament. The Buffaloes finished second in the final team standings to Reagan County.

Forsan opened the tournament by pounding out wins over

Seagraves and Crane and advanced to the regional finals against Reagan County. In the finals, they suffered a loss, but managed to clinch second in the final team standings when Crane upset Garden City in a nip-and-tuck battle in the third round.

The Buffaloes enter the state tournament with an experience roster. Forsan has 10 players returning that have played at the state level in the past three years — including eight seniors.

"They wouldn't be satisfied until the team was state bound," said FHS coach Connie Eggleston. By virtue of finishing second at

the regional tournament, the Buffaloes advance to the state meet, which was scheduled to have began Friday in Round Rock.

Members of the Forsan tennis team include Josh Paradez, James Branham, Brandon Burleson, Jonathan Wright, Josh Helmstetter, Ben Breyman, Matt Posey, Heather Hise, Cynthia Becerra, Erin Posey, Staci Borel, Felicia Osburn, Dani Borel, Cayley Eggleston, Haylea Belew, Lacy Eggleston and Abby Janca. The team is coached by Tonya Vess and Connie Eggleston.

Older Young knows he has to be versatile

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Eric Young changes shoes and switches gloves before joining a different group of Texas Rangers for another set of fielding drills.

At a stage when he should be settled at one position, especially for a team committed to young players, the 36-year-old Young is moving around in hopes of extending his career.

"I'm floating around and trying to find a spot to play," Young said.

"This is going to prolong my career, being able to not only show Texas, but show a lot of other teams that this guy can play a position that's not second base."

Young has been primarily a second baseman through his 11 seasons, and was an All-Star for Colorado in 1996. He has also played 135 career games in the outfield, but only four since 1995.

Still, the Rangers didn't sign him to be a second baseman.

Texas instead envisioned Young as a utility player. Not just an infielder, but as an outfielder that could possibly start against left-handed pitchers in center field ahead of Laynce Nix, a promising prospect who has played just 53 games.

Through the first week of spring training games, Young played second base, left field and third base. But he hadn't played center, even when Nix missed several days because of illness.

Young told manager Buck Showalter that he doesn't care where he plays, and just wants to make it difficult for the coach to leave him out of the lineup.

Rarely will that be at second base since the Rangers already have two-time All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano, who came from the New York Yankees in the trade for American League MVP Alex Rodriguez.

When the Rangers got Soriano, Michael Young moved to shortstop, even though he had established himself as one of the league's best overall second basemen.

"They're here, I better move around a little bit so I can get in the lineup," Eric Young said.

It wasn't really his defense that drew the Rangers to Young. They liked the offensive numbers and his potential as a leadoff hitter.

Young is a .285 career hitter with a .360 on-base percentage. He has 585 career walks, with just 405 strikeouts, and 436 stolen bases.

"There were a lot of things that we liked about him," general manager John Hart said.

CUGSA registration nears start

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will begin registering players for the upcoming season on Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Bank of West Texas. Registration will also be held from 6-8 p.m. on

Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Late registration will be held March 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A \$5 late fee will be assessed each player.

For more information please call Patric Robinson at 393-5622.

Cotton Bowl eyeing BCS, if Dallas gets a domed stadium

DALLAS (AP) — With the Bowl Championship Series ready to expand and the Dallas Cowboys pushing for a new stadium, Cotton Bowl organizers are hoping the timing is right for their game to again become among the top showcases in college football.

The Cotton Bowl game was left out of the original BCS structure because of its old, outdoor stadium, also called the Cotton Bowl. Now that the series is planning to add a fifth game, organizers want a proposed domed stadium in Dallas to be part of their bid.

Talks for such a facility

already are under way between city leaders and the Cowboys. They're even focusing on the Fair Park area, where the Cotton Bowl is located.

So at a news conference Friday, John Scovell — son of game patriarch Field Scovell — urged local officials to come up with a plan for voters to consider in November, in time for the bid application that's due in January. The BCS is expected to make its pick in early 2005.

"If we don't have a vote and a commitment to build a new stadium, then we will not be able to submit our proposal to the

BCS," said Scovell, chairman of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association's stadium committee.

"So the timing is the most strategic to us. That is critical to us. If it gets resolved in January or February or May, then we are out of the running. We need a new stadium for all this to work."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has envisioned a complex that would include a stadium, hotel, retail stores and restaurants, plus an interactive museum. Price tags have ranged from \$600 million to \$1 billion. The public's share must be detailed before anything can go on the ballot.

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drive to prominence over the past two seasons. During her Stanton career, she was named to 12 all-tournament teams. This past season, she averaged more than 10 points a game.

An all-district performer in track and cross country, Bridges will be one of 24 high school athletes selected from the state to play in the Zebra Roundup game in

Grandview — a small community located on I-35 West approximately 35 miles south of Ft. Worth and 15 miles north of Hillsboro — on March 20. The events, selects the state's top Class 1A, 2A and 3A schools.

In the All Americas game, Bridges will be among a select group of players from throughout the United States and Canada to play. Last season, the game drew players from New Mexico, Nebraska, Texas and Saskatchewan, Canada.

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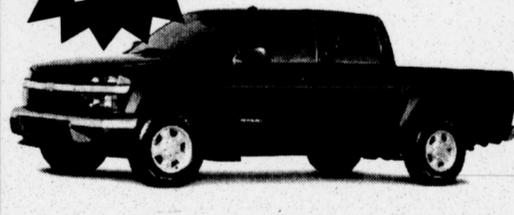


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DREAM

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son which begins in May. "I thought this might be my chance," he said. "This is what I came to the United States to do. More than anything I've ever done, I want to play football. I think I was made for this game, mentally and physically."

The Roughnecks would seem to agree — even if they realize he is lacking in the experience area.

"There's no doubt he's an athlete," said Odessa head coach Chris Williams, a former Arena league coach who marshaled more than 100 prospects through a try-out session last month. "We had some four-year college and former professional players in camp and as far as overall ability goes he's was equal to them. The one thing he's missing is experience playing the game. I think he's certainly got the skill to play in this league if he's willing to put in the work it's going to take."

Among the former college standouts at the camp was Patrick Wilbert, a Big Spring regular who battled for a job with the San Diego Chargers last year. Wilbert was among four players the Roughnecks tentatively offered deals to.

During the try-out, the 6-foot-1, 205-pound Seremet lined up as a defensive back, covering the team's top receivers — two former Arena2 players. He picked off two passes and batted down three others.

He followed the Roughnecks' tryout with a solid performance at the San Angelo Stampede

camp, where he picked off several more passes.

A sore hamstring slowed him at a camp at Lubbock a few days later. "I think I did pretty well," he said. "I know I can play at that level. All I need is for someone to give me a chance. I think the one thing about me not having a lot of experience is that I will have a huge upside. I'm going to be getting better every day I play."

Williams agreed. "I think he has the ability to play in this league," said Williams, who is expected to keep just 23 of the 40 players invited to the team's final minicamp. "We're not guaranteeing him a spot or anything like that, but if he's willing to work, we'll give him the chance to try and make this team."

For Seremet, the IFL experience highlights a football career that began just seven years ago when he decided to give the sport "a go" — as a six-man football player in the fledgling New South Wales six-man league. One season later, he landed a spot on the World team at the All Americas Bowl, an international six-man all-star game held in Texas each summer.

He made an immediate impact in the game. Recording a record five sacks in the first half and led the World to a 42-34 victory over a team of Texas all-stars.

"I haven't played as long as some of the other players so I'm constantly trying to learn the game," he said. "When I came over to play in the All Americas game, I didn't really know any plays or have much technique. I just used my speed off the ball."

have made the Crossroads a wonderful place:

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- Rattlesnake Roundup
- Memorial Stadium
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- Jessica Hoch
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- Shamar Myles
- J.R. Rodriguez
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- Jaron Gonzalez
- Coahoma 8th grade girls basketball
- Jerry and Nathan Doport
- Roger Cline
- Stephen Islas
- Thomas and Davyon Young
- The heat in the summer
- Ace Nieto
- Westbrook football
- Jeremy Renteria and Heath Webb
- And did I mention the heat in the summer?
- Thanks for the memories, y'all.

WELLS

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when you need him?

In case you haven't heard, I'm moving up in the world — literally. Up, ... as in up to North Dakota. You know, that place next door to Canada. That place people named "North" Dakota so you would know if you've already driven past the Black Hills.

First of all, let me erase any doubts. Taking a new job in North Dakota is not about money or unhappiness. In fact, the opposite was true. Covering the teams and people of the Crossroads has been one of the highlights of my life. Big Spring, the Herald, and its wonderfully funny employees are people I will treasure forever. This has, without a doubt, been the best job of my life.

The move is simply a desire for me to get closer to Stage 2 and Stage 3 of a my life — coaching high school football and running the Iditarod.

Devils Lake — appropriate, huh? — is just a few hours from Central Butte, Saskatchewan. At CB I can return to be an assistant coach. Because the temperatures get a little cold (around -30 in the winter) and they receive snow, I hope to get into the sled dog racing scene. Hopefully, within three years I can run (compete in ... not win) the Iditarod. For an Alaska boy, the Iditarod is the ultimate fantasy.

Notice I haven't said "goodbye." I intend to remain connected with the area. The All Americas basketball and football games will remain here — for many years, I hope. We hope to make them a Crossroads calling card.

Heading north wouldn't seem right, however, if I didn't take a few lines to thank the people who



Pride and Hustle ...

Member of the undefeated 12 & Under girls basketball championship team include (left to right) Bethany Roach, Stormi Smith, Brooklyn Riddle, Amanda Longorio, Shelby Jones, Emily Hicks, Kelsey Jones, Halley Sandridge and Lindsay Roach. The team, which finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record, was coached by Alex Watkins and Robert Smith.

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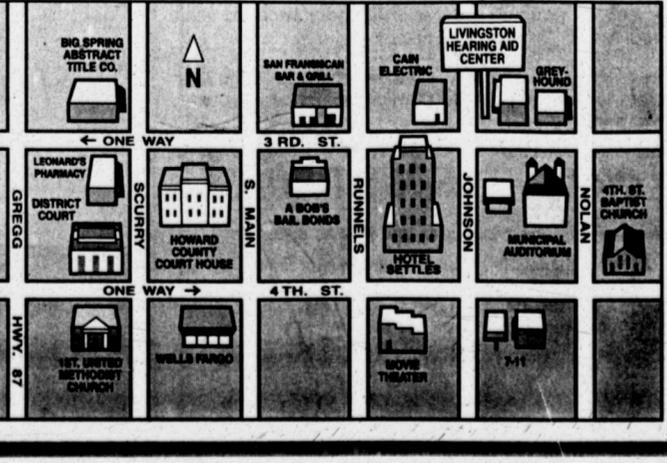
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A church of hope

Big Spring couple praising God for blessing of church

Once sat a church yearning to hear the voices of dutiful Christian believers. Once sat a church longing to hear Bible scriptures taught with simple truth.

The Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Green said they were blessed by God through Samuel and Pam Norris, and received the church that once sat yearning and longing to be filled with genuine Christians teaching Bible scripture with simple truth.

"Now this church has become a special gift, to us and to all those who choose to worship with us," said Pastor Green.

House of Hope Community Church, located in Colorado City at 200 W. Seventeenth, began with a blessing and continues to receive blessings in the form of works within the community, Green said.

"I began my pastoral duties at this church Jan. 18, and the blessings just keep coming," Green said.

Thus far several programs have already begun within the church home, he said. Sunday school for all ages is held at 9:45 a.m. Regular Sunday worship services begin at 11 a.m. A family outreach is held every second and fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. This program helps families overcome problems and offers prayer for any, or all, family members.

A missionary society has been organized and started visiting local nursing homes. The missionary society meets each first and third Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer meetings are held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. And a men's outreach program has been organized and meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

"And we're working on getting a food pantry started," Mrs. Green said.

Rev. Green is available for one-on-one meetings as well. He offers pastoral counseling services for every need, including marital, spiritual and family.

The Norris couple serve as teachers, and work in a minister outreach program.

Green said taking care of the building is a joyful task, one he and the congregation perform as an act of love.

"Each day is such a joy, and we continue each day to furnish the church. So far we've had a piano donated, but we need tables and chairs for our dining area, appliances for the kitchen, building materials and a sound



Pastor and Mrs. Floyd Green discuss the furnishing needs of the fellowship hall in the House of Hope Community Church in Colorado City.

system," Green said.

"And I'm sure the Lord will provide pulp furnishings."

Green said the untiring work of those assisting in the rebirth of the church is an ongoing blessing.

The Norris' gift of the church to the Greens was an unexpected, generous blessing, and he intends to dedicate everything to the glory of God.

"We are opening the doors and our lives to those who will come worship with us on Sunday," he said.

Also, the Wednesday night service is an old-fashioned prayer service, he said. The service brings together prayers, songs and testimony with a spirit of free worship.

Meanwhile, work continues within the church as Green prepares for services.

Saturday is the regular work day, and Green invites anyone to join the workers at 10 a.m.

"Any donations, whether it be donated items or donated time and labor, will be put to use to glorify the Lord at the House of Hope Community Church. I have learned new depths of God's meaning in love and hope to continue to share these blessings with others," he said.

Anyone wishing to contact Green may call 432-263-3830.

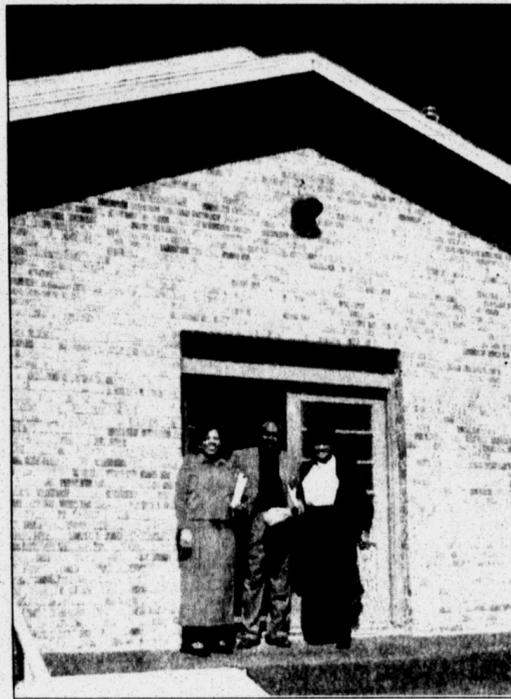
So now the church at 200 W. Seventeenth in Colorado City has hallways filled with singing worshippers and revelers, workers and laborers, students of the Word and teachers of the Word.

And, most of all, the little

church is fulfilling its destiny, that of sheltering those with hope as they seek to worship in spirit and in truth.

by Marsha Sturdivant
Features Editor

Marsha Allen, former lifestyle editor, contributed to this article.



The Greens and church member Mary Watson leave the church after a recent Sunday service.



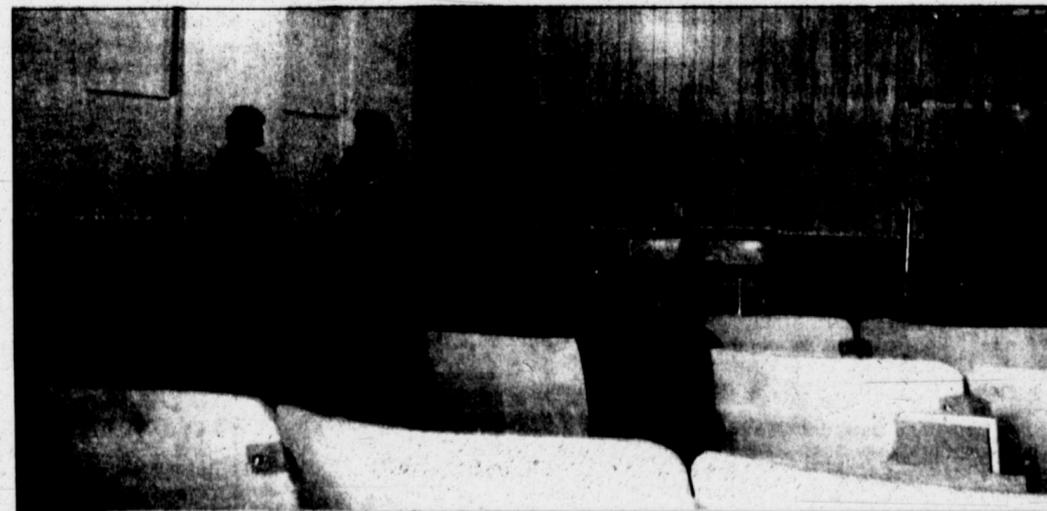
...Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you... is a favorite scripture of Pastor Floyd Green of House of Hope Community Church, located at 200 W. Seventeenth St. in Colorado City.



Left, Sandra Green, Pastor Green's wife, sits at the church's piano.

Right, below, Mrs. Green chats with Wanda Norris after a recent Sunday service. Wanda and her husband, Samuel, donated the church.

Right, Pastor Floyd and Sandra Green and Wanda and Samuel Norris.



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Engagements



Rachel Ray and Jared Huseman

Ray and Huseman

Rachel Ray, of Big Spring and Jared Andrew Huseman, of Amarillo will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. on July 17 in College Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Pat and Gwen Ray and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Sullivan Sr. and Clema Ray and the late T.P. Ray Sr. She is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School and graduated in 2003 from Wayland Baptist

University with a bachelor of arts degree.

The prospective groom is the son of Allen Freeman and the late Lori Huseman and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huseman and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Freeman. He is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School and is earning a business degree from West Texas A&M. He is employed by Corporate Systems of Amarillo.



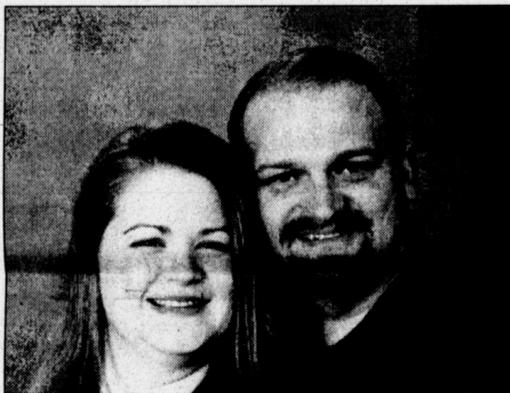
Tammi Walling and Kyle Ellison

Walling and Ellison

Tammi Walling and Kyle Ellison will be married June 12 in Canyon.

She is the daughter of Lynn and Barbara Walling of Coahoma. He is the son of Butch Ellison and the late Nina Ellison of Stratford.

Howard College in San Angelo and is employed by Baptist St. Anthony Health System — in Amarillo. Kyle is a student at Amarillo College and is employed by Lanier Worldwide in Amarillo.



Rebecca Dohleman and Jeffery Skelton

Dohleman and Skelton

Rebecca Ralene Dohleman of Mesquite and Jeffery Skelton of College Station plan to marry at 4 p.m. on March 20 at Cross and Crown Christian Church in Crane with the Rev. James Hester officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Dohleman of Crane. She is a graduate of Crane High School and Stephen F. Austin State University in

Nacogdoches. She is a music teacher/specialist for Mesquite Independent School District.

The groom to be is the son of Lanny and Susan Skelton of Big Spring. He is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Texas State Technical College in Waco. He is a micro computer specialist for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University in College Station.



Carrie Clem and Matthew Reinert

Clem and Reinert

Carrie Clem and Matthew Reinert will be married at 7 p.m. on May 29 at Tankersley Gardens in Mount Pleasant.

She is the daughter of Kendal and Debbe Clem of Ore City, and the granddaughter of Calvin and Betty Clem of Onalaska and Randy and Laura Bryant of Ore City.

He is the son of Janet Reinert and the late Ralph Reinert of Big Spring, and the grandson of Evelyn Malcolm and the late H.A. Malcom and Floyd and Evelyn Reinert all of Cherokee, Iowa.

City High School, the prospective bride received a master's of accounting degree from A&M University in 2003. She is a staff accountant at Ernst and Young of Fort Worth.

The groom to be is a 1993 Big Spring High School graduate. He received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Texas Tech University, and a master's of business administration in finance from A&M University in 2002. He works as a financial analyst for Americredit Corp.



Tara Tschirhart and Craig Hoelscher

Tschirhart and Hoelscher

Tara Elizabeth Tschirhart and Craig Marcus Hoelscher will exchange wedding vows April 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredricksburg.

The bride elect is the daughter of Bonnie Crenwelge of San Antonio and DeWane Tschirhart of Castroville. Tara is a 1997 graduate of John Marshall High School in San Antonio. She received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural science in 2001

and a master of science degree in meat science in 2003 from Texas A&M University.

The groom to be is the son of Tommy and Karla Hoelscher of Garden City. Craig is a 1998 graduate of Garden City High School and received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural systems management with a minor in agronomy in 2002 from Texas A&M University. He is employed by Eco-Drip Irrigation in Abernathy.

BSSH Valentine fund-raiser heralded as great success

The 13th annual Valentine's Day fundraiser ended on a profitable note. Nearly \$3,800 was added to the Volunteer Services



BILLIE CHRISTIE

with the casual western-style flair mingling at Big Spring Country Club on April 2. Community acquaintances and friends use the evening to catch up, visit and sample food from the buffet table. The donor's reception will be the prelude to two-steppers leading everyone onto the dance floor to the sounds of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Denim and Diamond's Chairperson Carol Scott is going all out to ensure a fun-filled evening. Greg Brooks and Blum's Jewelry will be sponsoring a "Diggin for Diamonds" activity and who knows what else Carol will dig up for this year's Denim and Diamonds goes Hawaiian. Don't miss an opportunity to go out for an 'evening on the town' and at the same time benefit the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

Council's treasury to help fund patient activities and needs. A great deal of love drove participants in the Big Spring State Hospital Valentine's Day fund-raiser in the form of careful planning, hard work and even some fun thrown in as volunteers proclaimed success as they packed away Valentine 'fixins' and completed this year's bookkeeping. Many folks assisted in so many ways. Special recognition and thanks must be expressed to the *Big Spring Herald*, KBST-FM, KBYG-AM, Cox Communications, and KWES-TV for publicizing the event. Special thanks to Shirley Bodin and Judy Jarmes for co-chairing this year's event and keeping everything rolling.

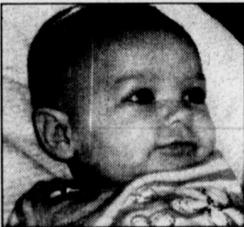
Don't forget The Chalet Resale Shop also is the perfect place to leave your donations when you have furniture or household items that you no longer need. Clothing and children's items are appreciated as well.

By now you should have received your invitation for the 18th annual Denim & Diamonds Gala. If not, please give us a call at (432) 268-7535 and your invitation will be on its way. There will be plenty of fun at this year's gala featuring a taste of West Texas with a Hawaiian flair. There will be palm trees, pink flamingoes and Hawaiian attire competing with 10-gallon hats, boots, denim and diamonds, mixed in

On the heels of the Denim & Diamonds Gala, 15 volunteers and hospital employees will travel to Austin April 16-18 to attend the 46th annual State Volunteer Services Conference. This is an educational and fun time for the volunteers to learn more about the organization and the state facilities and their missions.

It is rewarding to continue to have new people walk into the Community Relations Office saying I read your article and I am interested in becoming a volunteer, or a volunteer told me about volunteering at the state hospital and I want to help. I owe a big thank you to the *Big Spring Herald* for their support and to volunteers who are advocates for the volunteer program at BSSH. Some of these new volunteers are Lucy Griffith, Dorothy Stovall, Wanda Driver, and Cindy

Births



Madison Rochelle Rodgers

Madison Rochelle Rodgers

Mandi and Brandon Rodgers welcomed their daughter, Madison Rochelle Rodgers, on Nov. 18, 2003, at 7:08 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 4 1/2

ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Brandon and Mandi Rodgers of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Lonnie and Vernet Hill and Jimmie and Carolyn Rodgers, all of Big Spring, and Paul and Vicki Lance Jr. of Odessa.

Her great grandparents are the late R.X. and Lillie Ruth McNew and Johnnie and Mary Rodgers of Big Spring, Edmond Clifford and the late Mary Edith Stewart and Paul Edward Sr. and the late Jessie Myrtle Lance of Jal, N.M.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Haynie
Light-Haynie**

Marlena Nicole Light and Timothy Shane Haynie exchanged wedding vows at 2 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2004 in East Fourth Street Baptist Church with Chaplain Dean Thomas presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Linda Light of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Jack Ritter, Gladys and the late Winford Light and Marvin and Lout Ritter Stovall, all of Abilene.

The groom is the son of Kay Ivie and the grandson of Wanda Coker and Eula May Haynie, all of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Richard Light, and wore a beautiful gown of organza from the Golden Gate Collection. The halter design bodice has unique beaded appliques. The full flowing skirt has matching beaded appliques. The sweep train added elegance to this gorgeous bride. The veil was detached from the romantic crown with layers of tulle. She carried a bouquet of white mountain lilies, white stock with accents of genistra, red roses, and

fire and ice roses.

The vocalists and instrumentalists Mickey and Mary Light on guitar and piano are the bride's aunt and uncle. They performed "Keeper of the Stars" as the candles were lighted, sang "Grow Old Along With Me" as the grandmothers and mothers were escorted into the church and performed "The Wedding Singer" as the Unity Candle was lighted.

The matron of honor was Laurie Barraza, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Deborah Light, sister of the bride and Nicole Gibson, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids wore sleeveless sheaths of apple red with a chiffon wrap and carried bouquets of mountain lilies, white stock and red roses.

The flower girl was Sydney Hernandez.

The ring bearers were Oscar and Noah Barraza, nephews of the bride.

The candlelighters were Patrick Coan and David Light, cousins of the bride.

The best man was Rodney Tubb.

Groomsmen were Brandon Polyniak and Aaron Bristow. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos.

Stephany Sledge, friend of the bride took photos of the wedding and reception. Barbara Coan, aunt of the bride, was the videographer.

The reception was held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center Lake Room. It was decorated in red and white with accents of gold and silver. Hearts and flowers were the theme of the decorations.

The bride's cake was baked by Billie Grissam. The groom's cake of caramel with chocolate slivers on top, was baked by Joyce Coker, aunt of the groom.

Members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church prayer group and choir served refreshments.

Following a short honeymoon the couple will make their home in Big Spring. They are both 1998 graduates of Big Spring High School. Marlena will graduate from the University of Texas Permian Basin in May of 2004.

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Middleton. Don't hesitate to call 268-7535 or come by the community relations office to see about the many volunteer opportunities. It's amazing what you can contribute in a couple of hours a week or a month.

We welcome youth needing community service or scholarship volunteer hours. Howard College and high school

students have partnered with Big Spring State Hospital, helping with many activities and projects.

Howard College Diplomats are coming out monthly and performing various volunteer projects around the hospital. This outstanding team of youth and their leader, Javier Flores, is instilling the meaning of community service within these community leaders of tomorrow.

The Activity Therapies

Department is in need of a tenor saxophone if anyone has one in the closet collecting dust.

Do you have any magazines you can donate to the community relations department? They are always in demand and are used regularly in active treatment. Please send magazines with appropriate content and less than six months old.

Billie Christie is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY - Smothered steak, potatoes, salad, Brussels sprouts, milk/rolls, fruit.
TUESDAY - Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruited gelatin.
WEDNESDAY - Bar-b-q sandwiches, potato salad, beans, milk, cake.
THURSDAY - Salmon croquets, macaroni & cheese, squash, salad, milk/rolls, pie.
FRIDAY - Catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, fruit.
WESTBROOK ISD
Breakfast
MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
TUESDAY - Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
THURSDAY - Pancake pups, cereal, syrup, fruit juice, milk.
FRIDAY - Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch
MONDAY - Hot dogs, French fries, salad, chocolate pudding, milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce, okra, vegetable salad, applesauce, garlic bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Barbeque on bun, scalloped potatoes, salad, cobbler, milk.
THURSDAY - Hamburgers, French fries, vegetable salad, peanut goodie bar, milk.
FRIDAY - Stew, crackers, sandwiches, cookies,

milk.
COAHOMA ISD
Breakfast
MONDAY - Pancake, sausage on a stick, juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuits, jelly, sausage, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pop tarts, sausage, fruit and milk.
THURSDAY - French toast, sausage, syrup, milk.
FRIDAY - Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch
MONDAY - Pizza, fries, peaches and milk.
TUESDAY - Homemade burritos, spicy fries, pears, milk, corn dogs.
WEDNESDAY - Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, oranges and milk.
THURSDAY - Roast beef, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, vanilla pudding, milk, burritos.
FRIDAY - Nacho Grande, pinto beans, apples and milk.
BIG SPRING ISD
MONDAY - Corn dog, black eyed peas, mandarin oranges, fruit juice.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce, breaded okra, Jell-O with fruit, corn, garlic roll.
WEDNESDAY - Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, green grapes, roll.
THURSDAY - Nacho Grande, border beans, apple, peaches.
FRIDAY - Fishburger, salad, French fries, pork and beans, cake.
FORSAN ISD

Breakfast
MONDAY - Cereal, pop-tarts, juice, milk.
TUESDAY - Donuts, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY - Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.
Lunch
MONDAY - Pizza pockets, corn, mixed milk, burrito.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti, French bread, green beans, pears, milk, cheese stix.
WEDNESDAY - Buffalo burger, French fries, salad/tomato/pickle, peaches, milk, corn dog.
THURSDAY - Grilled chicken salad, crackers, orange smiles, rice krispy treat, milk, baked potato.
FRIDAY - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, rolls, pears, milk.
NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
MONDAY - Hot dogs, tator, tots, green beans, vanilla pudding, lemonade.
TUESDAY - Sloppy joes, chips, corn, apple sauce, fruit punch.
WEDNESDAY - Egg salad, chips, peas, fruit punch.
THURSDAY - Bologna sandwich, pickles, Jell-O and fruit, lemonade.
FRIDAY - Nachos, salad and dressing, carrot sticks, lemonade.



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That idea won't fly

Ticket-pricing pioneer doubts system still works

By ERIC TORBENSON

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — You can thank Max Hopper for the complicated technology that allows airlines to squeeze every last cent from each seat.

In 1975, Hopper was a key figure behind the computer project at American Airlines Inc. that evolved into the Sabre reservations system and a whole new way of buying tickets. Yield management software helps an airline charge \$200 for a seat bought in advance, and \$2,000 for the adjacent seat purchased the day the flight leaves.

"I always felt the airlines made a mistake in treating customers as groups as opposed to individuals."

But the technology, once a powerful tool to maximize profits, isn't working as well these days. Under attack by discount carriers with simplified pricing systems, traditional airlines are collectively losing millions of dollars each quarter.

The systems were never designed for the complex environment of the modern, deregulated airline industry, Hopper said in a recent interview. But he also said he thinks the higher-cost carriers aren't doing enough to develop the next generation of technology to fight back against discounters such as Southwest Airlines Co.

Hopper retired from American parent AMR Corp. in 1995, and has spent much of his time since then consulting with small technology companies, when he's not relaxing by playing golf or fishing in Montana or Idaho. Here are excerpts from the interview in his office at the Infomart in Dallas:

Q: Why doesn't big airline pricing work as well these days?



In 1975 Max Hopper helped create the software system that many airlines still use for pricing seats. He says the system was not made for the complexities faced today with many low-fare carriers battling the big ones.

A: Deregulation came in 1978, and really all the impacts didn't get here until the mid '80s, when pricing was totally deregulated. The size of the airlines grew, the complexity grew and we moved to hub and spoke and increased the number of flights. We created things called fare buckets. You would try to manage yield or revenue by selling or not selling the product. ... (Today) you have two issues that (the airlines) aren't fully capable of dealing with. We're still in a low-demand period.

That's shifting back, and maybe this summer we'll be in a high demand situation. But the other (thing) is that Southwest kind of played the game OK.

Q: But the low-fare carriers have changed the rules.

A: Things like Saturday night stays and discounts — the new airlines are offering them not only to leisure travelers, but to business travelers. Leisure travelers and business travelers have become

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PM Vajpayee defends job movement to India

NEW DELHI (AP) — India's prime minister on Friday defended job outsourcing to India, saying that it would eventually create more employment in the United States, not less.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's mention of what he called the "strange controversies" generated over the issue came days after remarks critical of India by U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick over the outsourcing issue.

On Tuesday, Zoellick told the U.S. Senate Finance Committee that India has no right to oppose U.S. curbs on out-

sourcing because it maintains "one of the most closed economies in the world."

Outsourcing is the relocation of American jobs to lower-paid workers in different parts of the world. India has been one of the biggest winners of the process, which has created an outcry in the United States.

Seeking to cut costs, companies from the United States and other Western countries have hired about 170,000 workers in India over the past few years for jobs such as payroll accounting, tele-

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Greenspan urges education, job training

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Friday it is critical for the country to supply adequate education and job training to all citizens in order to bolster eroding support for global trade.

Speaking to a finance conference sponsored by Boston College, Greenspan delivered his latest plea to the country not to turn its back on the global economy, arguing that it would be a mistake to try to preserve U.S. jobs in threatened industries by erecting protectionist barriers.

"Time and again through our history, we have discovered that attempting merely to pre-

serve the comfortable features of the present, rather than reaching for new levels of prosperity, is a sure path to stagnation," Greenspan said in remarks that were released in Washington.

Greenspan said the current anxiety over losing jobs to foreign competition was entirely understandable given the current weak labor market, where some 2 million unemployed have been unable to find new jobs for more than six months.

Greenspan said that new job creation is "lagging badly," even though the economy has been pulling out of the 2001

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"We have reason to be confident that new jobs will displace the old ones as they always have, but America's job turnover process will never be without pain for those caught on the downside."

Texas beef cattle risk management conferences coming up

Got Risk? Want to learn how to manage those challenges and risks in the beef cattle industry? Well then, plan to join us for one of eight risk management conferences developed specifically for the Texas beef cattle industry.

The closest conference to us is being offered in Abilene at the Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th St. on April 28. The one-day conference will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

In this conference, Texas beef producers will learn about the price outlook and many risk management tools that are now available to aid in managing industry challenges and operational



TOMMY YEATER

risks. These tools and/or strategies help producers deal with price, financial and production risk. The "Got Risk" conference objective is simple — make beef producers aware of the cadre of products and/or strategies that can assist them in developing an effective risk management plan for their operation. The goal of the conference is for producers to leave having identified one or more tools they can employ to manage their risk. Developing a good risk management plan can not only limit risk,

but can also improve current and future profitability.

Scheduled speakers for the conference are professionals from Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Department of Agriculture and the beef cattle industry. These professionals will present an unbiased evaluation of risk management tools, products and strategies available to cattle producers

The registration fee is \$20 per participant. The registration fee is used to offset a small portion of the cost associated with conducting the conference and includes lunch, breaks and conference proceedings. You may register at the door. For more information on

these conferences, contact your local County Extension Office or visit <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu/tbrm>.

The "Got Risk" conferences are the result of an Extension partnership with the Risk Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Tommy Yeater is the Howard County Cooperative Extension Agent for Agriculture. He can be reached at 264-2236. His office is located in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Popularity of bison meat reaches record levels

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The convergence of high-protein diets and the demand for healthier foods is making it a good time to be a bison producer.

The commercial bison slaughter last year was a record 34,444 animals, according to Department of Agriculture figures. Though that remains tiny compared to the cattle slaughter of 35.7 million animals last year, it's up 36 percent.

Buffalo, a red meat alternative, has less fat and fewer calories than beef. Bison are also marketed as being raised naturally, without growth hormones or antibiotics.

"I happen to be a meat lover. We tried vegetarian diets, but I have to have meat," said David

FARM SCENE

Patterson, a Georgia resident who has been buying buffalo meat for three years. He buys a quarter of a bison at a time from a Kansas buffalo farm.

Patterson said he and his wife were searching for healthier foods when they tried bison meat, and have been hooked since finding out that bison meat was high in protein, low in fat and high in heart-healthy Omega-3 fatty acids.

Many consumers are getting their first taste of buffalo thanks to the growth of media pioneer Ted Turner's restaurant chain, Ted's Montana Grill. In the two years since the



chain was launched, 19 restaurants have opened in Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee, Colorado, Kentucky and North Carolina. Another 18 are slated to open this year.

"We recognize we are still trying to get most people to take

their first bite of the product," said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association. "Ted's Montana Grill not only creates a lot of visibility ... but staff are trained on how to prepare the product and how to present it

so people taking their first bite are enjoying it."

Another boost came last year from the Agriculture Department's \$10 million purchase of buffalo meat for school lunch and government nutrition programs.

Also helping bison sales were record high beef prices, which suddenly made bison meat seem not quite so expensive, said Richard Duff, who raises about 450 bison near Scott City.

Linda Hubalek, a bison producer in Lindsborg, Kan., said she was selling bison burger for \$3.99 a pound and her top sales were going for \$19.99 a pound. At the grocery store not far away, beef prices were

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PUBLIC RECORDS

Hot Checks/Warrants issued:
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. If there are any problems with this list, please call 264-2226.
Alvarado, Cecil, 317 West Currie, Garden City.
Arcidez, Rosean, 325 Tanglewood, Midland.
Chellette, Joyce, 1107 Jeffery Road, Big Spring.
Dickerson, Rhon, 601 Culp, Coahoma.
Garza, Rita, 1685 E. Sixth St., Big Spring.
Hansen Timothy, 1310 Park Avenue, Big Spring.
Hernandez, Roda, 1404 Park St. or 1309 Lamar Avenue, Big Spring.
Massey, Shelby, 4301 Raleigh Drive, Midland.
Moreno, Bridgo, 1330 Powell Road, Mesquite.
Olivarez, Ramon, 1002 N. Main No. 46, Big Spring.
Robles, Mercie, 3702 Hamilton, Big Spring.
Smith, Bonnie, 2708 S. Anderson, Big Spring.
Sowell, Brenda, 2912 Cherokee, Big Spring.
Westmoreland, Yron Dewayne, 2615 Chanute, Big Spring.
Wren, Richard Jr., 3303 91st St., Lubbock.
Yates, Anthony, 18078 1/2 Johnson, Big Spring.
District Court Filings
Pangea Corporation, Arthur W. Wiebusch and Lonnie C. Gaston vs. Jimmy Hector and Dave's Tubing Testing and Hot Oil Services Inc., accounts, notes and contracts.
Clay Wayne Durbin vs. Salara Durbin, divorce.
David Canales Sr. vs. Lydia Canales, divorce.
Guilierrez vs. Leslie Gutierrez, divorce.
Larry Texas Energy Services, LLC vs. Baoshan Iron and Steel Company, LTD., et al., injuries, damages and other.
Melinda Ann Cantu vs. Rodney Rayford, family protective order.
County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Norma Valenzuela, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail. (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Norma B. Lopez, possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, \$300 fine, \$311 in court cost, 180 days in jail. (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Cecilia Hyden, theft, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$311 court cost, 180 days in jail. (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: David Fierro, fail to identify/fugitive/intentionally give false information, \$750, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail. (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Order of Arrest: Betty G. Ngwberry.
Probated Judgment: Jermon Simmons, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court cost, 180 days in jail. (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Jeremy Lynn Trevino, assault, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Donald N. Creager Jr., harassment, 20 days in jail, court cost \$311.
Probated Judgment: Nick Hernandez, driving while intoxicated-second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 365 days in jail. (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Larry Thompson Jr., evading arrest, detention, 10 days in jail, \$261 court costs.
Marriage Licenses:
Robert Allen Fleet, 32, and Felicia Guadalupe Mendoza, 24, both of Big Spring.
Bobby Allen King, 31, and Kimberly LeAnn Smith, 24, both of Big Spring.
Gary Lynn Hipp, 47, of Coahoma and Teresa Marie Hart, 42, of Colorado City.
Darrett Downayne Sherman, 36, and Jennifer Lynn Garcia, no age given, both of Big Spring.
Warranty Deed:
Grantor: Glendene Williams, as executrix of the estate of Vernie Dwan Williams, deceased.
Grantee: Shortes Farms Inc.
Property: A tract containing 120 acres, more or less, out of Sec. 6, block 33, T-3-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Borden County.
Date filed: Feb. 24, 2004.
Grantor: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation.
Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
Property: Lot 14, Block 1, East Highland Park addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 25, 2004.
Grantor: Mesquite Real Estate Company.
Grantee: Jimmy Miller and Ellen Miller.
Property: Lot 3, Block 2, Halcrest Terrace addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 26, 2004.

Grantor: Patricia Flowers.
Grantee: Marcellus Weaver.
Property: A parcel of land 18 3/32 feet by 100 feet, physically known as 106 East Third St. and a parcel of land 31.67 feet by 70 feet, physically known as 100 East Third St., which both a part of Lots 11 and 12, Block 20.
Original Town of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 26, 2004.
Grantor: Sally L. Stovall as heir of Albert M. Stovall, deceased.
Grantee: Rebecca Suzanne Smith.
Property: A 2 acre tract of land out of and part of the West part of Sec. 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: Janice Joyce Witcher and Carroll W. Chapman, sole heirs of J.T. Chapman and Minnie Alyne Chapman.
Grantee: KCE Partnership.
Property: Lot 15, Block 2, Striping Addition, an addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: Dwight H. Gregg.
Grantee: Robert Don Miller and Lanette Miller.
Property: East 40 feet of Lot 12 and the west 18 feet of Lot 13, Block 1, La Loma Addition, and addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: John C. Webb.
Grantee: Bobby Doe.
Property: Lot 16; Block 1, amended Piner Heights Addition, and addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 1, 2004.
Grantor: Francisco Vasquez Jr.
Grantee: Teresa Flores Vasquez.
Property: A parcel of land 50 feet northward and southward by 90 feet eastward and westward out of and part of Lot 4, Block 93, in the Original Town of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 2, 2004.
Grantor: Naomi Valdez.
Grantee: Yolanda Ludington.
Property: North 75 feet of Lot 1, Block 73.
Original Town Addition of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 3, 2004.
Grantor: Amelia Martinez and Paul Martinez.
Grantee: Esther Cano.
Property: Lots No. 8, 9, and 10, Block 3.
Original Town of Coahoma.
Date filed: March 4, 2004.

Grantor: Downtown Enterprises Inc.
Grantee: Vital Enterprises Inc.
Property: North 150 feet of the Northwest corner of Block 11, Douglas Addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 4, 2004.
Grantor: Downtown Enterprises Inc.
Grantee: Vital Enterprises Inc.
Property: A tract of land 150 feet by 150 feet in the Northeast Corner of Block No. 10, Douglas Addition, an addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 4, 2004.
Grantor: Charles K. Chrane.
Grantee: Vital Enterprises Inc.
Property: Lot 5, Block 2 of Edgemoor Subdivision in Sec. 4, Block 32, Township 1, South, T&P Ry. Co. Survey.
Date filed: March 4, 2004.
Grantor: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.
Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
Property: Lot 1, Block 4, Ridgelea Terrace Addition, an addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 4, 2004.
Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Cecilia Mae Adams aka Cecilia Mae Adams and William Davis McDonald as attorneys-in-fact for Helen McDonald.
Grantee: Jose Zubiate and Shawn Zubiate.
Property: Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 27, Highland Park Addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 23, 2004.
Grantor: Thomas Alvin Thigpen Jr. as sole heir of Kathryn C. Thigpen, deceased.
Grantee: Wendy E. Wenz.
Property: All of the north 80 of lot 4, block 13, North Park Hill Addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 24, 2004.
Grantor: Jerry Richbourg and Judith Richbourg.
Grantee: Kenneth R. Hollandsworth.
Property: Lot 5, Block 1, Western Hills Addition, a subdivision of a portion of the East half of Tract 9, Kennebec Heights Addition of Howard County.
Date filed: Feb. 25, 2004.
Grantor: Robert E. Barkley.
Grantee: Timothy J. Major.
Property: A 73 acre tract of land out of the east half of Sec. 43, Block 31, Township 1-N, North, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys.
Date filed: Feb. 25, 2004.

Grantor: Bob J. Spears and Geraldine C. Spears.
Grantee: Wesley S. King and Guilda R. King.
Property: Lot 3, Block 30, Monticello Addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 25, 2004.
Grantor: Frank Delbosquez and Mary Delbosquez.
Grantee: Cruz Garza.
Property: Lot 3, Block 2, Bowser mortgage commonly known as 1205 W. Second St.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: Cameron Clinton and Tara Clinton.
Grantee: Curtis Ben Bowlin and Max Ann Bowlin.
Property: Lot 15, Block 5, Replate of Lots 2 to 9, BK Four and Replate of all of BK 5, amended plat of Mur Heights, an addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: Gerald D. McCasland and Alvine McCasland.
Grantee: Todd E. Wombwell.
Property: A 575 acre tract of land out of the SE/4 of Sec. 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: Alice M. Stacy.
Grantee: Nancy Leib.
Property: Lots 3, 4, 5, Block 10, South Haven and addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: Jacoby J. Hopper and wife, Stephanie G. Hopper.
Grantee: John Ybarra and wife, Gracie Ybarra.
Property: Lot 20, Block 16, Kentwood Addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: Jerry Worthy and wife, Louise Worthy.
Grantee: Ronald L. Gross and wife, Marsha A. Gross.
Property: A tract of land in SE fourth Sec. 30, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.
Grantor: Cameo Investments Inc.
Grantee: George Quintero Jr.
Property: Lot 12, Block 11, Monticello, an addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2004.

Grantor: Lanny Hamby, executor of the estate of Roy William Longshore, deceased.
Grantee: Janet L. Jacobs.
Property: Lot 11, Block 5, Western Hills Addition, a subdivision of a portion of the east half of tract 9, Kennebec Heights Addition, Howard County.
Date filed: March 1, 2004.
Grantor: Candant Mobility Government Financial Services Corporation.
Grantee: Robert Don Miller and Lanette Miller.
Property: Lot 4, Block 7, Kentwood (Unit 1) an addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 1, 2004.
Grantor: Margaret H. Cooper.
Grantee: Jimmy Miller and Ellen Miller.
Property: Lot 11, Block 5 in Ridgelea Terrace Addition to city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 2, 2004.
Grantor: Muriel S. Karber (fka Muriel S. Denton).
Grantee: Jimmy Miller and Ellen Miller.
Property: Lots 15 and 16, Washington Place Addition, to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 2, 2004.
Grantor: Jerry A. Phillips.
Grantee: Mary A. Herrera.
Property: All of Lot 12, Block 6, amended Central Park Addition, and addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 2, 2004.
Grantor: Curtis Barnfield, Juanita Currie and Margaret Matthews.
Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum dba CDR Properties.
Property: The West 30 feet of Lot 4, and all of Lot 5, Block 2, West Cliff Addition to the city of Big Spring.
Date filed: March 5, 2004.
Grantor: Ronald Lee Howell and Pat Howell.
Grantee: Candida Arellano and Amanda Kay Salgado.
Property: Lot 12, Block 1, Star Dust Addition, a subdivision of Sec. 2, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey.
Date filed: March 5, 2004.
Grantor: Natvarial Bhakta.
Grantee: Santosh Hospitality LLC.
Property: Two acres of land out of Sec. 45, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.
Date filed: March 5, 2004.

AIRLINES

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almost indistinguishable. Business travelers have gotten smarter in terms of their management techniques in terms of their willingness to buy. The majors ... had high commission rates that they gave to the travel agents. They knowingly winked to the fact that travel agents gave back those commissions to business. So it was a way of discounting the product in an indirect way. Over a period of five to six years, they dropped commissions to travel agents ... but on the other hand, they've done direct deals with a lot of corporations. In terms of providing discounts, usually based on some combination of usage and route-specific volume, those kinds of things, unless they changed it, are not normally included in the yield-management scenarios. They're suffering yield degradation because

of an inability to really know the whole story. You may have thought you were selling a passenger a full fare, but in fact you were selling a discounted one. Q: The computers can't account for the new rules and revenue drops. A: I don't know how much (revenue) leakage they have from JetBlue and America West coming in over long-haul routes and making it extremely difficult for the carriers. All of those things, in concert, have weakened the ability to maximize yield to the degree that we used to. The airlines haven't managed, I think, to come up with algorithms to do it. Q: How can traditional airlines fight back? A: The thing they have going for them is computing power. You have to look at what Orbitz did. If I were there, I'd certainly be trying to focus on using more of the computing power in terms of responding. I'd be looking at coming at it from the passenger side. I always

felt the airlines made a mistake in treating customers as groups as opposed to individuals. The cost of treating their customers as individuals is damn expensive. On the other hand, if you think of computing power available to us and apply it to new problems, I don't know how it would totally bake it into yield management, but I would be sure looking at how to start addressing my customers individually. Another thing you could think of is that American has so many AAdvantage customers. I haven't seen much of how they've done lately, but they were selling AAdvantage miles for everything, and you could almost think about that as a separate distribution

channel. They were getting about 12 cents a mile for them, and that was pretty good. It was a good distribution channel. That may be the best way to go after customers individually. I think you have to look at things differently in the world we're going into where they are. Before they put in the very basics of yield management, nobody had it. Nobody. These things have to evolve. Q: What's the next step in how technology changes how people deal with airlines? A: I think the computing power we have available to us today, the need for customers to have some sort of relationship

with the airline — there's a very high touch aspect to dealing with high profile customers that I think is warranted. But it doesn't get carried down too far. I think that travel is so much of a hassle today that I think you've got to try to do something different for your customers. If you can't identify them through the different channels they're coming through, you have to try to identify them another way and treat them appropriately. I think there are ways to attack it, but it will take some thinking and some money. I'd be trying to look at it from how I could start attacking the consumer more directly. That's one of the things I'm not sure airline man-

agements are looking at. Technology can help them. I'm just not sure how much that is part of the current skill sets and thinking processes of the airline management right now. Q: Do you use a travel agent? A: I don't any more. I used to. Today, I essentially go online and hunt. You can do it now yourself. When we first built Sabre to go into the travel agent marketplace, the reason we won the battle was because our model offered all the information and forced the entire industry to adopt that. I don't think the travel agents are going to go away. Certainly they'll still manage a lot of the travel.

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marketing and customer support services. The figure is expected to reach 1.1 million by 2008, industry groups say. "Outsourcing makes businesses more competitive, increasing their exports and their profits and placing more investment surpluses in their hands which can be deployed to make more jobs," Vajpayee said. "The world has spent the last decade trying to make sensible economics prevail over the temptation for short-term political gains," he said. mad cow disease in a U.S. dairy cow, Carter said. Kathy Jeffries, an Illinois environmental activist, bought 70 pounds of bison meat from Smoky Hill Bison in Kansas after searching the Internet for buffalo raised naturally by family farmers. Jeffries said she wanted a cleaner, grass-fed meat alternative. "You are what you eat," she said.

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recession for the past two years, because companies have stressed improving productivity, the ability to produce more with fewer workers. But as he did in a congressional appearance on Thursday, Greenspan said job growth should soon pick up as businesses reach the limit on boosting output through productivity gains and start rehiring laid off workers. "We have reason to be

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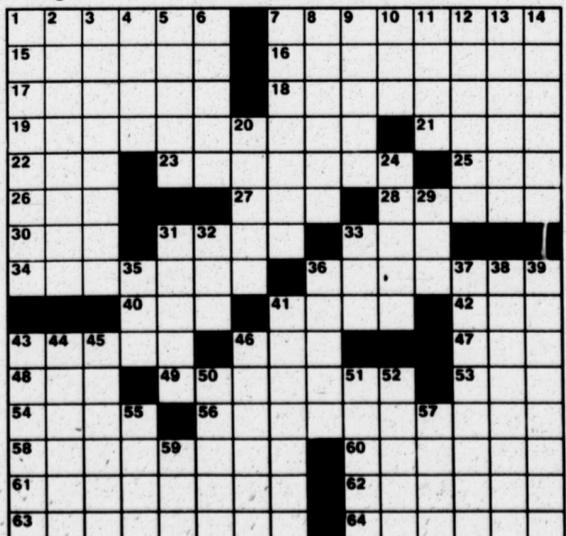
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18 Memorable word from The Graduate
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22 Teen leader of yore
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25 Riviera season
26 Mrs. Morgenstern
27 Like Gen. Franks
28 It's their party
30 Carbon
31 Warehouse unit
33 Pitch in
34 Put up
36 Meeter's word
40 Badge
41 Portrait subject
42 Tact finish
43 Varnish ingredient
46 Tampa Bay pro
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48 Mouths, in zoology
49 Leaves holders
53 Wind up

- 54 Bay
56 Calisbury attraction
58 Car-lot concern
60 Tin Man's first words
61 Sky shade
62 Wipe off
63 Homer's tar
64 Wiped off
DOWN
1 Itch
2 Highwayman
3 Cause abandoner
4 Cozy place
5 Stays in the sun, perhaps
6 Skypad
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Legals

RESIDENTIAL HOMEOWNERS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
1. All residential homeowners who acquired their home in 2003, must file an exemption form with the Appraisal District to be granted the exemption for 2004, even if they purchased a home with a homestead exemption from the previous owner.
2. If neither spouse is receiving an over-65 exemption and either spouse turned 65 years of age during 2003, you can qualify for the over-65 exemption. BUT YOU MUST APPLY with the Appraisal District. A person over 65 years of age may transfer their homestead exemption when moves to another home-stead.
3. If neither spouse is receiving an exemption for FICA disability and either spouse became disabled before midnight January 1, 2004 you can qualify for a disability homestead exemption. BUT YOU MUST APPLY with the Appraisal District.
4. All residential homeowners who received an exemption, homestead, over-65 or disabled exemption for 2003, the District will carry the exemption(s) forward without application. You need only apply if you fall in one of the above 3 categories.
Keith Tommire
Chief Appraiser
Howard County Appraisal District
#4089 January 25 & March 14, 2004

Notice is hereby given that on February 4, 2004, NewCorp Resources Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NCREC) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) under Section 37.154 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act. NCREC has been engaged in the transmission of electricity as the successor of NewCorp Resources, Inc. since December 1996. In its application, NCREC requests that the Commission approve the transfer of CCN No. 30191 concerning certain transmission facilities, which was previously issued to NewCorp Resources, Inc. No new facilities, are being sought in this filing. Persons with questions about this project should contact Ronnie Lyon, General Counsel of NCREC, at (903)813-0377. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility commission at (512)936-7120 or (888)782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512)936-7136. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is April 26, 2004, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date.

NCREC own and operates 305.9 miles of 138kV transmission facilities and related substation facilities in Borden, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Reagan, and Upton Counties. As the sole shareholder of NewCorp Resources, Inc., NCREC became the owner of the transmission facilities and other assets of NewCorp Resources, Inc. when it was dissolve in December 1996. A copy of the map illustrating the facilities is available in NCREC's offices at 500 West Wall Street, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701. Arrangements to view or obtain a map may be made by contacting Ronnie Lyon at (903)813-0377. #4151 March 7 & 14, 2004

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0558-04-017 for REHAB AND WIDEN in HOWARD County will be opened on April 08, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 12474
State Office

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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

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