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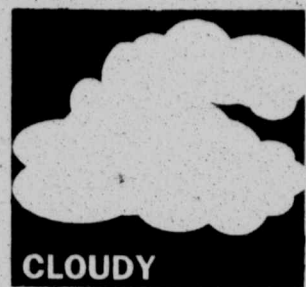
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Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend. Don't forget to set your clock an hour ahead when you go to bed Saturday night.

BRIEFLY

'Join the Party' set Monday at VA

Special to the HERALD

Re-Creation's "Join the Party!" will be on stage Monday at the West Texas VA Health Care System.

The show will begin at 2 p.m. in Room 219 for hospitalized veterans and their guests.

The group represents Re-Creation USA Inc., which provides a national program of live entertainment for the nation's 175 Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.

"Join the Party!" spotlights some of the nation's best-loved songs, performed by America's young ambassadors to hospitalized veterans.

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Relief route receives \$16 million

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

As the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor continues to gain popularity, the Big Spring area got a funding "shot in the arm" Friday for its part in the effort. Congressman Randy Neugebauer announced Friday that \$39 million in federal funding has been secured for several West Texas transportation projects, including \$16 million for a Highway 87 reliever route in Big Spring. The funding

"The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is becoming a reality. It's simply a matter of time and process."



Bill Crooker, Ports-to-Plains board member

comes in the House version of the "TEA-LU" federal highway reauthorization bill, which was approved Friday by a vote of 357-65.

"The reliever route is a priority for Big Spring, so it's a big priority for me," said Neugebauer. "The increased traffic and commerce that the Ports-to-Plains Corridor will bring through Big Spring — especially the increase of truck traffic — will pose several safe-

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CELEBRATE!

Concert, exhibit among list of refinery activities

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Pageantry, food and a community concert featuring Asleep at the Wheel are among the many activities planned for the 75th anniversary of the Big Spring Refinery.

"We want not to just celebrate 75 years of the Big Spring Refinery but also celebrate the community," said Refinery Manager Joe Conciene.

The official push for the May 21-23 weekend celebration jumped into high gear Friday as ALON USA officials begin serious preparations to tout the three-day celebration set for May 21-23.

But recognizing the anniversary has been on the mind of the com-

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Gay Jones, right, explains how the candle wax warmers she sells work to Kim Pelletier and Suzette Gill. Jones, along with her husband Chuck, traveled to Big Spring from Lubbock to sell their homemade candles at the Arts and Crafts Show being held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The show will continue from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission fee.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Need to make a better product leads to Burnt Finger Candles

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Hundreds of pounds of wax and a few burnt fingers along the way, Gay and Chuck Jones are crazy about candles.

It's not hard to realize how much the retired couple from Lubbock enjoy working with the waxes and scents if you strike up a conversation with them. While sniffing the jars of candles they have set up at the Spring City Arts and Crafts Show going on this weekend, the only thing that can top their

The Spring City Arts and Crafts Show will continue from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

creations is the story of how it all began.

"I was sitting at home one day," explained Chuck Jones. "We're retired, so I was doing things around the house, and my wife came in madder than a wet hen. So I let her fume a lit-

tle bit, and then I asked her what was wrong. She told me she was sick and tired of buying candles that won't burn right, don't smell right and lose their fragrance after a short period of time.

"She went on and on about it, and I told her if you can't solve a problem, then you have to better the problem. I asked her why she didn't just make her own."

Jones admits he had no idea how far his suggestion would

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Back to the polls

RR commissioner runoff election looms

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

If the start of early voting Monday has you thinking it's "deja vu all over again," you're not alone.

For the fourth time this year, Howard County voters will be asked to go to the early voting polls beginning Monday, as the Republican nomination for Railroad Commissioner hangs in the balance. The runoff is the second in the area in less than two months.

GOP Incumbent Victor G. Carrillo, who garnered 49.59 percent of the statewide vote during the March

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NEWTON

'Pops' preparations currently under way

JOHN A. MOSELEY Managing Editor

Perhaps nothing in West Texas is quite as traditional as the way in which we celebrate our Fourth of July holidays.

That is especially true in Big Spring, where the "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater have become a mainstay of our community celebration during the past six years.

Crowds have packed the amphitheater each year with between 10,000 and 12,000 attending the concert and fireworks program.

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation spend much

To donate, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or write the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

of the year making plans for the show, which requires about \$30,000 to stage each summer.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possi-

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Goliad Intermediate School Junior Classics Mariah Sparkman, left, and Ginger Simpson take time Friday to get an early jump on the annual Trash Off, which was officially held Saturday, by cleaning an area around the school. The Classic members joined their male counterparts, the Goliad Cavaliers, who cleaned up the area around the old Wal-Mart building.

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Obituaries

Clinton Alvin Swofford

Clinton Alvin Swofford, 68, of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 3, 2004. Services are set for 10 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2004, at the McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater, with Chaplin Michelle Byler officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Comanche at 2 p.m.

Clinton was born to Floyd and Allie Pearl Swofford on Nov. 14, 1935, in Mills County. He was a Methodist and retired farm worker, living in Sweetwater before moving to Big Spring.

Survivors include three sisters, Vernell Earley and husband Ted, Leona Carter and husband Pat, and Barbara Smith, all of Big Spring; two nieces and two nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Hood William Jones

Hood William Jones, 68, of Snyder, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder following a lengthy illness. Services were held today at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Chapel with Pastor Mike Henson officiating. Burial followed at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Jones was born to A.O. and Lisa Jones on June 8, 1935, in Granbury. He married Mary Ann Leonard on June 17, 1955, in Big Spring. She passed away on Feb. 18, 2002.

Mr. Jones was a crop insurance adjuster. He moved to Snyder in 1956, and then to Kermit in 1958. He returned to Snyder in 1974. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was retired from Baker Service Tools.

Survivors include two daughters, Karon Keller of Snyder, and Cindy and Ed Peet of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Imogene and Harley Grant of Quitman, Miss., and Sue and Don Reed of Chico; a brother, Pete and Shirley Jones of North Richland Hills; and three grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or First Baptist Church of Snyder.

Take note

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

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

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

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

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

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

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

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

□ **THE CLASS OF 1974** is looking for the following classmates. If you know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net: Kim Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Albert Arriols, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Greg Burris, Randy Callison, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Linda Curtis, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Jimmey Dean, Donna DeFlicht, Joyce DeFlicht, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eyssen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Raul Garza, Belinda Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Sue Harris, June Hendrick Rhea, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Virginia Keathley, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth, Robert Lang, Karen Lawler, Russell Leggett, Wayne Lister, Richard Loehman, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Steve Meador, Patsy Medina, Bobbie Meeks, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Kenneth Platte, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Linda Richardson, Earl Richlart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriguez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Irene Saldivar, Patrice Sherrill Fivash, Mike Sieler, Doug Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Linda Stewart, Robert Sullivan, Carolyn Toaz, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Kenneth Williamson.

Police blotter

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

• **RAYMOND MARTINEZ MONTEZ**, 25, of Stanton, was arrested Friday on charges of theft, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and warrants from Midland County and Stanton.

• **MELODY LYNN GAY**, 42, of 1217 Mobile, was arrested Friday and held for the HCSO.

• **JEFFERY WAYNE SPENCER**, 45, of 1202 E. Third Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **CHRISTOPHER LEONARD MARTIN**, 19, of Conyers, Ga., was arrested Friday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and hindering an officer from official duties.

• **DAVID EUGENE HEFFINGTON**, 36, of 1501 E. 11th Place, was arrested Friday on local traffic warrants.

• **KATHY MARIE HARO**, 19, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **JEFFERY TYLER DENTON**, 24, of 3206 Sherrod Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JIMMY RICHARD DUBOSE**, 42, of 1900 Scurry Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 700 block of Abrams.
- in the 1800 block of Settles.
- in the 800 block of Fourth Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of Cottonwood.

• **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- in the 200 block of FM 700.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 900 block of Willia.
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported:

- in the 600 block of McEwen.
- in the 600 block of 15th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ASSAULT** was reported near the Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road. No assault occurred, juvenile was escorted home.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4500 block of Parkway.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 300 block of S. Main Street.

Support groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Rick Cunningham, Pulpit Minister
Scott Prather
Youth/Educational Minister
SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY.....9:00 AM
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP.....10:00 AM
SUNDAY PM WORSHIP.....6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS.....7:00 PM
TUESDAY LADIES CLASS.....10:00 AM

Bulletin board

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

SUNDAY
• Spring City Arts and Crafts Show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Open from noon until 5 p.m. No charge for admittance.
• Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton is open noon until 5 p.m.

MONDAY
• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
• 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 La Posada Restaurant.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in, and the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-32-8677 or locally at 263-0391 or 263-1758.
• 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.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
• Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St.

• 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
• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Rd.

• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
• Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

• Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
• American Red Cross meets at 7 p.m. in Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster.

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Conference Room at 500 Main St.

• Gospel Singing at the Kentwood Activity Center meets at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
• 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.

Lottery

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 11-16-21-26. Bonus ball 11.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 4-25-31-34-37

Mega Millions for Friday: 8-17-25-46-47 Mega Ball = 13

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. A 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. East winds 15 to 20 mph.
Sunday night...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Monday night...Cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.
Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.
Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.
Wednesday and Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Lows in the lower 50s.
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.
Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.
Friday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

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go, however.

"About eight months later she had them perfected the way she wanted them," he said. "In the meantime, we're burning candles all over the house. It looked like a forge was lit in there. I took a spare bedroom and put some shelves in it for her to use as a work room, and after about a year I walked in there and told her we were going to have to get rid of some of these little goobers. We had a whole room full.

"That's when we hooked up with the arts and crafts show. It gives us a chance to get out on the weekends and get away from home. We enjoy meeting people, and this is a really good place to do that."

Gay Jones said the art of candle making isn't necessarily complicated, but takes a lot of trial and error to get just the way she likes it.

"It sounds simple, but it's a lot of trial and error," said Gay Jones. "I prefer a soft wax because you can get a better scent that way. I cook my scent all the way through the wax, so as long as you have wax, you have the scent. The hard wax lasts longer, but they just don't smell as good. In the end you just melt your wax and add your color and scent, and wait on it. You pray a lot."

The Jones' company carries a rather self-describing name, dubbed Burnt Fingers Candles, something both agree came about thanks to many singed fingers.

"She was making candles one day, and I was sitting at the table drinking coffee," he said. "I'm just the gopher. She lets me clean the jars and sometimes I get to put the wicks in them, but she won't let me pour them because she wants them just right. She hand pours all of them.

"She was pouring some candles, and she had burnt her finger pretty good. I told her we needed to come up with a name for this thing if we're going to start going to these arts and crafts shows, and she jokingly told me she ought to call it burnt finger candles. I told her that was it. She got it."

"It's true, it's true. I use hot glue to put the wicks in, and of course the wax is hot. When I first started, we had wax everywhere," she laughed. "I enjoy making them. It's a lot of fun. He (Chuck Jones) finally had to tell me I either had to start selling some of my candles or quit making them. I had made so many. We've got a lot of candles.

"Honeysuckle is a really popular scent. The pomegranate scent is also really popular at these types of shows. My personal favorite is black cherry, but some people don't care for it as much as I do because it's a pretty strong scent."

Chuck and Gay Jones will be selling their candles at the Spring City Arts and Crafts Show, which will continue Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, noon until 5 p.m.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

ALON

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munity for some time.

In January, Big Spring students delved into a two-week course on ALON USA and the petroleum industry which was written by a team of Big Spring Independent School District educators with the help of refinery employees.



CONCIENNE

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Howard College also jumped in the act, giving special recognition to the refinery at its respective events, and on April 15, ALON will be honored at the Big Spring Symphony concert.

The bulk of the celebration will be saved until the May weekend which begins at 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, with the official opening of the permanent display at the Heritage Museum.

"Then we'll take the whole crowd over to the refinery for our kickoff luncheon," Concienne said. "We'll have an update on the refinery and political dignitaries will probably want to say a few words."

Bus tours of the refinery will follow until 3 p.m. and then the action picks up again at 6:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center, formerly the Cosden Country Club, for a welcome reception, dinner and dance for current and former employees and guests.

Several activities for invitees only are scheduled for Saturday morning, including a golf tournament and antique shopping in Big Spring, but at 6 p.m. the doors swing open at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the culmination of the celebration, a community concert.

Multiple Grammy winner Asleep at the Wheel

Refinery celebration schedule

- Friday, May 21
 - 11 a.m., Heritage Museum, Special preview of the Big Spring 75th anniversary exhibit.
 - 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m., ALON USA Refinery Luncheon and tours of the refinery.
 - 6:30 p.m. Dora Roberts Community Center, welcome reception, dinner and dance, invitation only.
- Saturday, May 22
 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Golf tournament and awards luncheon, invitation only.
 - Tour of antique stores, invitation only
 - 7 p.m. Community concert featuring Asleep At the Wheel, Cory Morrow and Jimmy and David Lee Kaiser
- Sunday, May 23
 - 9 a.m., Refinery tours.

concert will be a standing-room only affair. "Come early and stay late," Concienne said. "We want 7,000 people to fill the coliseum. We want the only cost to ticket holders for the concert to be the trip to the coliseum."

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center

would like to take a moment to **Thank** volunteers, vendors and the Big Spring Community for their participation in **Healthfest 2004**.

We feel that through your participation and efforts our

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OUR VIEWS

July the Fourth Celebration needs your help again

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation are already hard at work making plans for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

While it might seem too early for most of us to be thinking about July the Fourth, we all need to remember that such programs aren't put together in a couple of weeks.

Especially not when they carry a price tag in the neighborhood of \$30,000 — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals.

Heading into its seventh year, Pops in the Park has become nothing short of a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do those living in other cities.

Foundation members have begun the process of contacting previous donors, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources.

Those donations make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted Tim Blackshear, who will again serve as the foundation's chairman for the event. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."

The *Big Spring Herald* will again be among the presenters for the show, along with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, ALON USA, the city of Big Spring and KBST, which broadcasts the concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheatre.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

May this day be a starting point in our life, Lord of trusting in you.

Amen

Readers and thinkers used to be champions

The new "We are the champions" ads belie the pretense that Viagra is for men whose poor health results in sexual problems. Say goodbye to Bob Dole's awkward confession that prostate cancer surgery left him with erectile dysfunction and, ergo, Viagra.

Make way for the Viagra era, brought to you in an unapologetically phallic Viagra race car piloted by NASCAR driver Mark Martin. (And, shucks, the Viagra mobile was the first car to break down in the Daytona 500.) These days, while Queen's stirring anthem provides the soundtrack, a postman, businessmen on their way to work and a guy who had been washing his car dance for joy over the trademark little blue pill.

Yes, there is the token man in a wheelchair and an old guy in the "champions" ad. Still, it's clear, as everyone on the block is flush with the promise of the drug, that Viagra manufacturer Pfizer is targeting the product at healthy, middle-aged men. They take a pill, and in their own minds at least, they're champs. There must be legions of such men, as there are legions of erectile-dysfunction ads.

As the President's Council on Bioethics concluded in a 2003 report, "Viagra, a remedy devised for male impotence, is increasingly used by the non-impotent to enhance sexual performance."

It's no accident that the "champions" ads appear as Pfizer's market share has shrunk. Viagra had a monopoly on erectile dysfunction until rivals Levitra and Cialis aired ads during the testosterone-rich Super Bowl. Viagra now can boast only a 66 percent share of the erectile-dysfunction medication market.

Enter a new company with Avlimil, a competing product that promises to enhance sexual desire in women. Who knows if the non-prescription pill works? The Pfizer folks had tried to develop a Viagra for women but last month gave up, *The New York Times* reported.

What's important is that women now can claim at least the illusion of sex-pill parity. And illusion it is, says bio-ethicist Art Caplan of the University of Pennsylvania. "If you think you are going to have sex more frequently, (Viagra) won't help you," explained Caplan, who once advised Pfizer on Viagra. Caplan said Viagra works for men with a "medicalized" problem, but other than its placebo effect, it is not an "aphrodisiac."

Caplan was careful to explain that he has no problem with a sex pill, were one to appear on the market. "You can take short cuts. You can take a sex pill, if you want to enhance your performance — I'm OK with that," he said.

I half-agree with Caplan, except it's difficult to feel really OK about a sex pill when TV already is busting with ads for little pills that promise to alleviate life's problems — anxiety, shyness. The message behind these messages is

that we shouldn't experience anxiety, negative emotions or the effects of aging.

Which means that people are less likely to deal with what lies at the root of what they are (or aren't) feeling. Too much stress? Too little enjoyment? On TV, Avlimil women confess that the pressures of life have sapped their libido. So, should they pop a pill or try to balance their lives in a way that makes them more sensual? They don't listen to their bodies. Their husbands don't bring them flowers and take them on a romantic getaway. They have no medical problem, yet they take a pill.

Who cannot but think of some, the drug that dulled minds in Aldous Huxley's seminal novel, "Brave New World"? San Francisco Chronicle researcher Johnny Miller found me this quote from the 1932 book about the soma life: "Work, play — at 60 our powers and tastes are what they were at 17. Old men in the bad old days used to renounce, retire, take to religion, spend their time reading, thinking — thinking!"

Readers and thinkers — they used to be life's champions. That was before the little blue pill.

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Numerous political odds and ends

Former counterterrorism aide Richard Clarke called himself a registered Republican in criticizing President Bush, but his only listed political contributions during the two most recent election cycles have gone to former colleagues running as Democrats for Congress.

In 2002, Clarke contributed \$2,000 to Steven Andreasen, who headed arms control policy in the Clinton administration's National Security Council (NSC) and was running for Congress in Minnesota.

Andreasen was defeated by Republican Rep. Gil Gutknecht. This year, Clarke has given \$1,000 to Jamie Metz, another Clinton-era NSC staffer. Metz is running for the House seat from Missouri left vacant by the retirement of Democratic Rep. Karen McCarthy and so far has raised far more money than any other candidate.

Prior to his testimony Wednesday before the independent 9/11 commission, Richard Clarke conferred privately with one of its Democratic members, according to commission sources.

These sources say Clarke huddled with Tim Roemer, a former Democratic congressman from Indiana. Roemer's subsequent questioning of Clarke contained a few barbs but consisted largely of open-ended questions giving the witness a chance to criticize President Bush. Roemer confirmed he had met "a couple of times with" Clarke, as he said he had

with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and CIA Director George Tenet. "Nobody coaches Dick Clarke," Roemer added.

One reason why House Speaker Dennis Hastert unsuccessfully tried to curtail the commission's activities on schedule was the presence of Roemer, his former congressional colleague. Hastert regards Roemer as a partisan who attempts to project a bipartisan image.

Sen. John Kerry's campaign Web site has wiped out past information about his record, including a 2002 speech opposing the income tax on dividends. He changed his position after President Bush in January 2003 proposed repeal of the dividends tax.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the City Club of Cleveland on Dec. 3, 2002, Kerry said: "We should attempt to end the double taxation of dividends." That position by the prospective Democratic presidential nominee goes back to 1990 during his first Senate re-election campaign in Massachusetts, when he claimed pro-business credentials by saying: "I supported ending double taxation of dividends."

However, Kerry never has actually voted to end double taxation of dividends. Last May 23, he voted against partial repeal of the dividends tax pushed by Bush.

Called on for advice by a group of conservative Republican House members, former Speaker Newt Gingrich suggested a coming political disaster on Medicare unless the GOP launches "an entirely new dialogue."

Gingrich's one-page summary to his former colleagues warned that the increased estimates of

Medicare costs caused by President Bush's recently enacted legislation "are going to cause an explosion among fiscal conservatives and give the Kerry campaign new ammunition."

To counter this threat, Gingrich called for a "transformation" of health care that would cut by \$500 billion the estimated \$5 trillion to be spent by the federal government over the next decade. He advocated "preventive care, early detection and best outcomes-based practices."

Big money fund-raisers for the Bush-Cheney campaign have been invited to a luxury resort in Georgia owned by George W. Bush's national finance chairman, to golf and to dine with the president and vice president on successive evenings, April 1 and 2.

It will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation, in Greensboro, Ga., an hour and a quarter driving time east of the Atlanta airport. Co-owner of the property is Mercer Reynolds, the former Bush business partner who resigned as ambassador to Switzerland to head the Bush-Cheney campaign's fund raising.

Invited, along with their spouses, are Rangers (who have collected at least \$200,000 for the campaign), Pioneers (\$100,000) and Mavericks (\$50,000 raised by people under age 40). That amounts to about 500 people dining with Vice President Dick Cheney April 1 and with President Bush April 2.

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Primary, will face challenger Robert Butler.

Howard County Deputy Clerk Marcia Newton said turnouts in elections similar to these have been low in the past, and this one doesn't seem to be any different.

"We only have one race, which is the runoff race for the Republican Party's nomination for the Railroad Commissioners race," said Newton. "It

will more than likely be a low turnout when compared to the primaries. A couple of years ago, when there were several runoff elections in statewide races, a total of 171 people voted in both early voting and on election day. So judging by that, this will probably go about the same way."

Newton said the polling places for the runoff have been consolidated into one, with election day set for April 13.

"There will only be one polling place for the

runoff, and it will be in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum lobby," she said. "On election day, that will be the only place to vote in Howard County."

"Early voting, which starts Monday and will continue through Thursday, will be held here at the Howard County Clerk's Office."

As always, voters are encouraged to bring their voter registration card with them to the polls, but if that's not possible, any other form of ID is

acceptable.

"We would like for people to bring their voter registration cards with them," she said. "If that's not available, they need to bring their driver's license or some other type of identification. State law changed this year, and you can't have someone at the polls vouch for your identification any more, so bringing ID is even more important now."

"We have a list at the polls of who voted in the Democratic Primary and

who voted in the Republican Primary. That way we will know if someone comes in and they have voted Democrat in March, we'll have to refuse them."

If you're not sure if you're eligible to vote in the runoff election, Newton said the criteria is simple.

"The only people who are eligible to vote in this runoff election are those that did not vote in the Democratic Primary," said Newton. "Even if they didn't vote in the pri-

maries at all, they can vote in this Republican runoff — just as long as they didn't vote in the Democratic races."

The winner of the runoff will face Democratic nominee Bob Scarborough.

For more information on early voting or the runoff election, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2213.

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ty hazards, and the reliever route will significantly reduce those hazards. Improving transportation means improving job growth for Big Spring with short-term construction jobs and long-term economic development."

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor stretches from Mexico, through West Texas and the Panhandle, to Denver, Colo..

Local Ports-to-Plains organizer Bill Crocker said the funding for the route comes as a welcome harbinger of growth and

improvement for the Big Spring area, and despite concern over the effects of the reliever route on the local economy, sees it as an opportunity.

"The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is becoming a reality. It's simply a matter of time and process," said Crocker. "I think the reliever route is a vital part of the corridor, and thanks to NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) we're going to see truck traffic increase on Highway 87 as time goes by."

"Will the reliever route impact some of the businesses on Gregg Street? I think that's a given, but to what extent, no one really knows. It's not the

purpose or intent of the reliever route to hurt local businesses, but as the truck traffic increases, we have to prepare for the future. We have to keep moving forward."

Ports-to-Plains Coalition President Michael Reeves echoed Crocker's sentiments, saying the funding for the route will help keep the Big Spring portion of the corridor ahead of schedule.

"The Big Spring reliever route is a major component of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor that will significantly increase in safety and efficiency in the movement of people and goods," said Reeves. "Thanks to Congressman Neugebauer, this impor-

tant piece of the puzzle will be in place several years earlier than we would otherwise expect."

Mayor Russ McEwen said Big Spring leaders are already planning to make the corridor and

relief route pay off for the community.

"This funding will allow us to move ahead with our plans to make the McMahan-Wrinkle Air Park more accessible to international and inter-

state trade," he said.

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Razzmatazz extends deadline

HERALD Staff Report

The entry deadline for the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, a children's pageant hosted by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul," has been extended to April 9.

Money raised during the April 17 pageant will go towards the American

April 9

Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raising drive.

The age groups are 0-12 months, 13-23 months, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years of age. Entry forms are due Friday, with an entry fee of \$10 per child. Forms

are available from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third Street.

According to project coordinators, Children who participate in the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz will also have time to attend and participate in the Health Fair.

For more information, call (432) 268-7399 or (432) 268-7833.

The Brazos Boys Quartet



The Brazos Boys Quartet, an all male quartet based in Abilene, Texas, formed in 1999 by original founding member and baritone singer for the group, Chuck Sims, has been delighting audiences all across west and central Texas since the group's inception. Chuck states the group got its name from the popular west/central Texas River known as the Clear Fork of The Brazos River. As the group was forming and coming up with name ideas, the original members began to suggest names that might be familiar to residents of Abilene and the surrounding communities they regularly sang in. It was only after they chose to name the group after the popular Texas River that Chuck realized the name contained an almost ironic and God given meaning.

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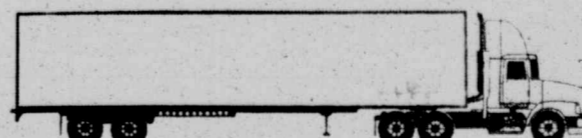
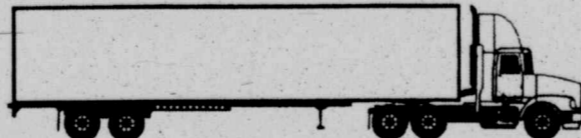


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15 BSISD students walk away with regional science honors

HERALD Staff Report

Fifteen Big Spring Independent School District students walked away with honors from the Regional Science Fair held on the University of Texas of the Permian Basin campus, Saturday, March 27.

"Big Spring ISD took 56 excited students to the science fair to compete with students from 36 other school districts in the Region 18 area," said BSISD Curriculum

Director Richard Light. "There were several winners from BSISD who received scholarships and awards."

A notable Big Spring High School winner was Ryan Beall, who took first in the senior division engineering category with his project, "Micro Aircraft Engineering."

Beall also won special awards from the ASM International Foundation that supports scientific and engineering research, first place in the United States Army awards and

an award from the National Association of Petroleum Engineers, Trans-Pecos.

Fellow high school students Manuel Gonzales, Eric Barton and Coy Keaton were third-place team winners in the senior division of gerontology for their project, "Sled into Town with a Hover." Bruce Taylor garnered second in the physics division.

In the Intermediate Division first place winner in biochemistry was Big Spring Junior High

student Emily Slape with her project "Good, Better, Best: Which Soap Beats the Rest?"

Additionally, the team of Harry Han and Malle Carrasco, junior high students, earned second in the group category of gerontology with their project "The Whole Can of Coke."

The Junior Division, Goliad Intermediate School sixth graders Hannah Weber placed third in chemistry for "The Wonders of Salt;" Tim Ortega, third in

earth/space science for "The Bean Plant;" and Aristotle Moran, third in mathematics/physics.

Goliad fifth grader Adrianna Robertson won first place in the behavioral/social science category for her project "Dog in Training."

Kimberly Artounian, a Goliad fifth grader, won first place in life science and the special award from the American Water Works/Association/Water Environment Association of Texas and Texas Water Utilities Association.

Also, notable awards earned by Big Spring students were Anjelica Doperto, who received an award from the National Association of Corrosion Engineering International Award and Paul Garza received the U.S. Air Force Award.

Students who are in the sixth to 12 grades and place first through third qualified for the state Science Fair, which was being held on the Texas Tech University campus this weekend.

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ble for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted former Big Spring mayor Tim Blackshear, who is again serving as the Fourth of July Foundation's chairman. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."

While Blackshear noted that committee members are just now beginning the process of formalizing this year's show, scheduled for July 3, he said he expects the 2004 event to follow very much the same program the celebration took a year ago.

"You really don't want to do much tampering with something that's been a success," Blackshear noted. "And there's no question in our minds that everyone in the community sees this as a worthwhile event."

"We had an overflow crowd at the amphitheater last year and have had the past few years," he added. "But that's part of the beauty of an event like this. Even for those who've decided to spread blankets on the grounds outside the amphitheater, the show was just as thrilling as for those sitting inside."

The 2003 celebration, which featured a performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale and the traditional patriotic fireworks display, began with a performance

by an Air National Guard military band.

This year, however, the committee has opted for a talent show featuring local talent, rather than trying to book "outside" entertainers.

Committee members noted during a Thursday meeting last week, that more spectators showed up for a local "talent show" format several years ago, than those who braved West Texas' summer heat to hear country music star Janie Fricke or the military band.

Presenters this year include the *Big Spring Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, ALON USA, the city of Big Spring and KBST.

Gates to the amphitheater usually open a few hours prior to the start of the symphony's performance and numerous vendors' booths are opened a few minutes later. Those vendors always offer a wide range of foods and novelty items.

Food booths offer hamburgers and hot dogs, turkey legs, sausage on a stick, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, burritos, roasted corn on the cob, corn dogs, cheese fries, fajitas, french fries, nachos, Frito pie, pizza, ice cream, cookies, candy, soft drinks and bottled water.

Other booths have often offered face painting, temporary tattoos, balloons, bumper stickers, colored sand toys, sunglasses, sun hats, bandannas, bubbles and "Old Glory" top hats. In addition, one group has planned to operate a dunking booth.

The symphony and chorale's patriotic music

program has not yet been finalized for this year's concert, but can be expected to include selections like those chosen in the past — pieces like "Fanfare to the Common Man," "Washington Post March," "To the Colors," "The Pledge of Allegiance," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Armed Forces Salute," "The Liberty Bell March," "American Salute," "Salute to the Big Bands," "Hoe-Down from Rodeo," "Cohan Medley" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Selections for the fireworks display have included "This Land Is Your Land," "This Is My Country," "America," "Texas Our Texas," "The Yellow Rose of Texas," "Deep in the Heart of Texas," "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Committee members did note that this year's fireworks show will be different than in years past, since the pyrotechnicians will synchronize their fireworks to the symphony's music.

"We've always tried to have the fireworks show follow the music," noted committee member John Weeks. "But this year we're going to contract for a show that includes having someone read the music and set cues for the technicians. We feel like that will make the show even more enjoyable for the public."

Solicitation letters will soon be mailed to businesses and individuals who have supported the concert in the past. However, those interested in making a donation to

the project can do so by contacting Debbye Valverde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or

mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

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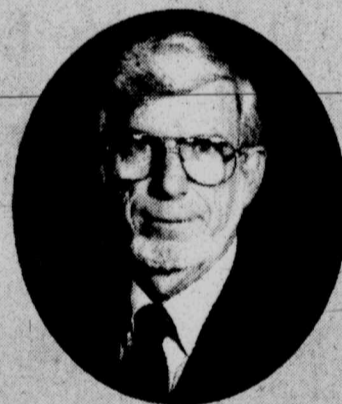
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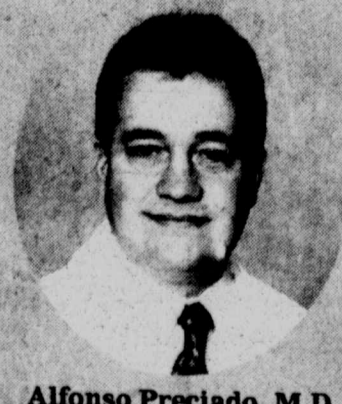
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WASHINGTON
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U.S. transit systems increasing security

WASHINGTON (AP) — A warning that terrorists might strike trains and buses in major U.S. cities using bombs concealed in bags or luggage has the nation's transit systems ratcheting up security measures.

Greg Hull, security chief for the American Public Transportation Association, said Friday the transit systems are at "code yellow-plus" following the bulletin about a possible terror plot from the FBI and the Homeland Security Department.

U.S. officials said they had received uncorroborated intelligence reports about a plot by terrorists to target commercial transportation systems but had no information about specific cities or dates.

A senior federal law enforcement official, speaking Friday on condition of anonymity, said the intelligence, coupled with the deadly March 11 commuter train attacks in Madrid in which bombs went off inside backpacks, has increased the level of wariness about a similar attack in the United States.

"It should not be considered unusual that the FBI should issue this kind of a bulletin in the wake of what occurred in Madrid last month," the Amtrak passenger railroad said in a statement.

Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said information in the bulletin was being shared via the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System to ensure proper security measures are implemented nationwide.

Officials said the message was sent mainly out of an abundance of caution, and the threat — deemed "somewhat credible" by one official — was not causing undue alarm throughout the government.

The nation's terror alert level remains at yellow, or elevated, the midpoint of the five-color scale. It was last raised to orange, or high, on Dec. 21 amid suspicions about terror attacks using commercial aircraft. The level returned to yellow on

Deputies investigate Sands Springs death

HERALD staff report

Howard County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating the death of an unidentified 33-year-old man whose body was found in a relative's home in Sand Springs Saturday morning.

Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman said details are still sketchy at this point in the investigation.

"The cause of death is pending at this time," said Wiseman. "We're waiting on the autopsy results from Lubbock before we can really determine a cause of death. At this point it could be several things, from an accident to a heart attack."

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Jan. 10. Passengers could see changes because of the bulletin. Federal officials are encouraging local transit authorities to conduct random passenger inspections and security sweeps of stations and to increase public announcements encouraging people to report unattended baggage or suspicious behavior.

Intelligence indicates a plot might involve bombs made of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and diesel fuel, similar to the

explosive concealed in a rental truck that blew up the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995. Both items are readily available.

The improvised bombs would be concealed in luggage and carry-on bags, such as backpacks or duffel bags, and detonated either aboard buses or trains or in transportation stations, the government warning says.

Al-Qaida and other terrorist groups have "demonstrated the intent and capability" of attack-

ing public transportation systems using a variety of bombs, the bulletin says. Attacks in Israel, Greece, Turkey, Spain and elsewhere have used suicide bombers or triggered bombs with timers and cell phones. Between 1997 and 2000, more than 195 terror attacks occurred on transit systems worldwide, congressional investigators say.

On Friday, Spanish authorities found and disarmed a bomb connected to a detonator with a 450-foot cable under tracks of a railway.

2-vehicle accident leaves elderly Midland couple with minor injuries

HERALD Staff Report

An elderly Midland couple were sent to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with cuts and bruises Friday after a two-vehicle accident on Interstate 20, according to Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Thomas Moore III.

A 1995 Mercury Cougar driven by Evelyn Parker was entering Interstate 20 on the 175 ramp when it

failed to yield to traffic and collided with the 1999 semi tractor-trailer driven by John Husband of Tye, Moore said.

The tractor-trailer ran over the back end of the Mercury before coming to rest, Moore said.

Emergency personnel used the Jaws of Life to free Evelyn Parker and her husband Robert Parker from their Mercury and took the couple to SMMC, Moore said.

Prosecutors to seek retrial for Tyco execs

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors said they would quickly seek a retrial for two former Tyco executives accused of looting the company of \$600 million, after a judge declared a mistrial.

Judge Michael Obus ended the six-month trial on Friday, citing intense pressure on one juror who apparently received an intimidating letter and phone call for supposedly siding with the defense.

"It is certainly a shame that this has to be done at this time," Obus told the jurors.

Jurors said they were close to reaching a split verdict on the charges against former Tyco International chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski and former chief financial officer Mark Swartz after 11 days of deliberations.

Bush touts increase in workforce

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sought Saturday to squeeze more political mileage out of news that American employers added the most workers in four years, while Democratic rival John Kerry chose to highlight the still-flat manufacturing sector and blame it on Bush.

The incumbent president running for re-election and the Massachusetts senator who wants to replace him went head-to-head on the jobs issue, each via the traditional weekly radio address for their parties.

Polls consistently show that jobs and the economy are voters' top concerns and that a majority favor Kerry on those issues. With nearly 2 million jobs lost since Bush took office in 2001, Democrats eager for an area where the president is politically vulnerable have hammered him for months for having the worst job-creation record since the Depression.

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FRIDAY — CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

FORSAN ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal, nutri-grain bar, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Eggs, toast, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — INSERVICE

LUNCH
MONDAY — Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY — Chicken quesadillas, pinto beans, peaches, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chili dogs w/cheese, French fries, pineapple slices, milk.
THURSDAY — Chicken salad sandwich, chips, pickle slices, apple wedges, milk.
FRIDAY — INSERVICE

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Pancakes, sausage.



TUESDAY — Oatmeal, toast

WEDNESDAY — Breakfast pizza
THURSDAY — French toast sticks, sausage
FRIDAY — Cereal

LUNCH
MONDAY — Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, cake, milk.
TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, June peas & carrots, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Tacos, salad, pinto beans, chips, cornbread, cheese, pears, milk.
THURSDAY — Hamburger steak, fries, brown gravy, rolls, slice potatoes, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY — Pizza, salad, corn, cookies, milk.

COAHOMA ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Rice, sausage, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — French toast, sausage, syrup.
WEDNESDAY — Poptarts, ham, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Pancake

sausage on stick, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — INSERVICE

LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken patty, gravy, corn, fruit, bread, milk.
TUESDAY — Tacos (burrito), pinto beans, salad, fruit bar, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, peaches, roll, milk.
THURSDAY — Hamburger, ranch beans, mixed fruit, tortilla chips, milk.
FRIDAY — INSERVICE

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY — Corn chip pie, ranch style beans, mixed fruit, fruit juice.
TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, roll.
WEDNESDAY — Tamales, pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple jello.
THURSDAY — Roast beef sandwich, cheese bites, pickle spears, raisins, chips, Easter treats.
FRIDAY — HOLIDAY

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Dry cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Pancake pups, cereal, syrup, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — HOLIDAY

LUNCH
MONDAY — Corndogs, mustard, salad, pork &

beans, chocolate pudding, milk.

TUESDAY — Spaghetti with meat sauce, okra, vegetable salad, applesauce, garlic bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Turkey roast, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit salad, milk.
THURSDAY — Barbeque on bun, chips, vegetable salad, peaches, milk.
FRIDAY — HOLIDAY

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IN BRIEF

Steers suffer loss to Lubbock Estacado

Big Spring's Steers suffered a 7-3 loss at Lubbock Estacado in District 4-4A baseball play Friday evening.

Jerry Deperto led the way offensively for the Steers, collecting two hits and scoring two of Big Spring's runs.

Lee Gillihan, Wes Smith and J.W. Beauchamp collected the Steers' other hits.

The Steers will return to 4-4A action Tuesday when they play host to Andrews Mustangs at 4:30 p.m. in Steer Park.

Coahoma UGSA still offering last chance

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will be holding last chance sign-ups for Division I, II and III players with no late fees starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Softball Complex.

Anyone needing additional information should contact association president Patric Robinson at 393-5622.

Umpires needed for Little League season

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester at 264-7777 or Don Booth at 263-6597.

Ten League slates registration

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding registration through April 16 at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The league is open to all ages 13-16.

For more information, contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

St. Joseph's sweeps AP's hoops awards

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Saint Joseph's swept The Associated Press men's college basketball awards Friday, with senior guard Jameer Nelson a runaway winner as player of the year and Phil Martelli selected as coach of the year.

The two led the tiny school from Philadelphia to an almost-perfect regular season, a No. 1 ranking and a deep run in the NCAA tournament that ended one game shy of the Final Four.

It's the ninth time one school swept the awards and the first since 1980 when Mark Aguirre and Ray Meyer of DePaul won them.

The 5-foot-11 Nelson averaged 20.6 points, 4.7 rebounds, 5.3 assists and 2.9 steals this season, leading the Hawks to a 30-2 record. He shot 47.5 percent from the field, including 39 percent from 3-point range, and shot 79.2 percent from the free throw line. His No. 14 already has been retired. He finished as the school's all-time leader in points (2,094) and assists (713).

"I wouldn't be receiving these awards if my teammates didn't capture the attention of the nation," Nelson said.

To local athletes among HC's latest rodeo signees

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard College Hawks rodeo team has had several seniors sign letters of intent, including a couple of local athletes.

"This has been a good year for recruiting, not as many student-athletes have signed at this point, but all in all we are off to a good start," said Hawk Rodeo Coach Greg Kernick. "We will have some big shoes to fill next season."

Matt Hillman of Big Spring has signed his Letter of Intent to participate in the team roping beginning in the fall of 2004. Hillman has competed in many team roping events across the state. He will be working toward a degree in business.

D.J. Allen will be an addition to the bullriders at Howard College. The Coahoma senior is well on his way to becoming one of the key competitors on the 2004

team. Allen plans on working toward a degree in the field of sports medicine.

Charles Hendricks of Church Point, La., has signed with the Hawks and will be participating in the bareback and saddle bronc riding. The 2003 Louisiana state champion bareback rider will definitely have an impact on the Howard College team.

Cody Heiner of Warren, Utah, has also opted to attend Howard College. The 6-foot, 195-pound

cowboy will compete in the steer wrestling, tie down roping and team roping. In 2003, Heiner competed in the steer wrestling at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Farmington, N.M.

Kernick made it clear he was pleased with the four most recent Hawks signees.

"These people will be an asset to our program," he said. "They all are excellent athletes, as well as excellent students."

AMBUCS RELAYS

Lake View tops, BSHS squads second, third

By ROB LOFTIS

Special to the Herald

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers went into Friday's annual running of the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays at Blankenship Field convinced they were prepared to turn in a solid showing.

That was considered important, since it was the final opportunity to tune up for the all-important District 4-4A meet set for April 15-16 in Andrews.

The Steers thinclads finished third out of four teams in the boys' varsity division with 141 points, while the Lady Steers did them one better, finishing second in a seven-team field with 160.5 points.

Although neither of the host teams fared as well as they would have liked Friday, they do not have their heads down.

"You always want to do better, but this was a learning experience," Lady Steers head coach Jay Kennedy said following the meet. "Now we know what we have to work on in preparation for district."

District 4-4A rivals Frenship, Lubbock Estacado, Levelland and San Angelo Lake View, as well as Hobbs, N.M., and San Angelo Central rounded out the girls' field.

On the boys' side, Daniel Garza won both the grueling 3,200-meter run and the 1,600 meters. He claimed the 3,200 gold medal by posting a 9:51.0 time, 22 seconds better than the time posted by the runner-up from Frenship and chalked up a winning time of 4:33.0 in the 1,600.

Teammate Michael Rodriguez finished right behind Garza in the 1,600 and was third in the 3,200.

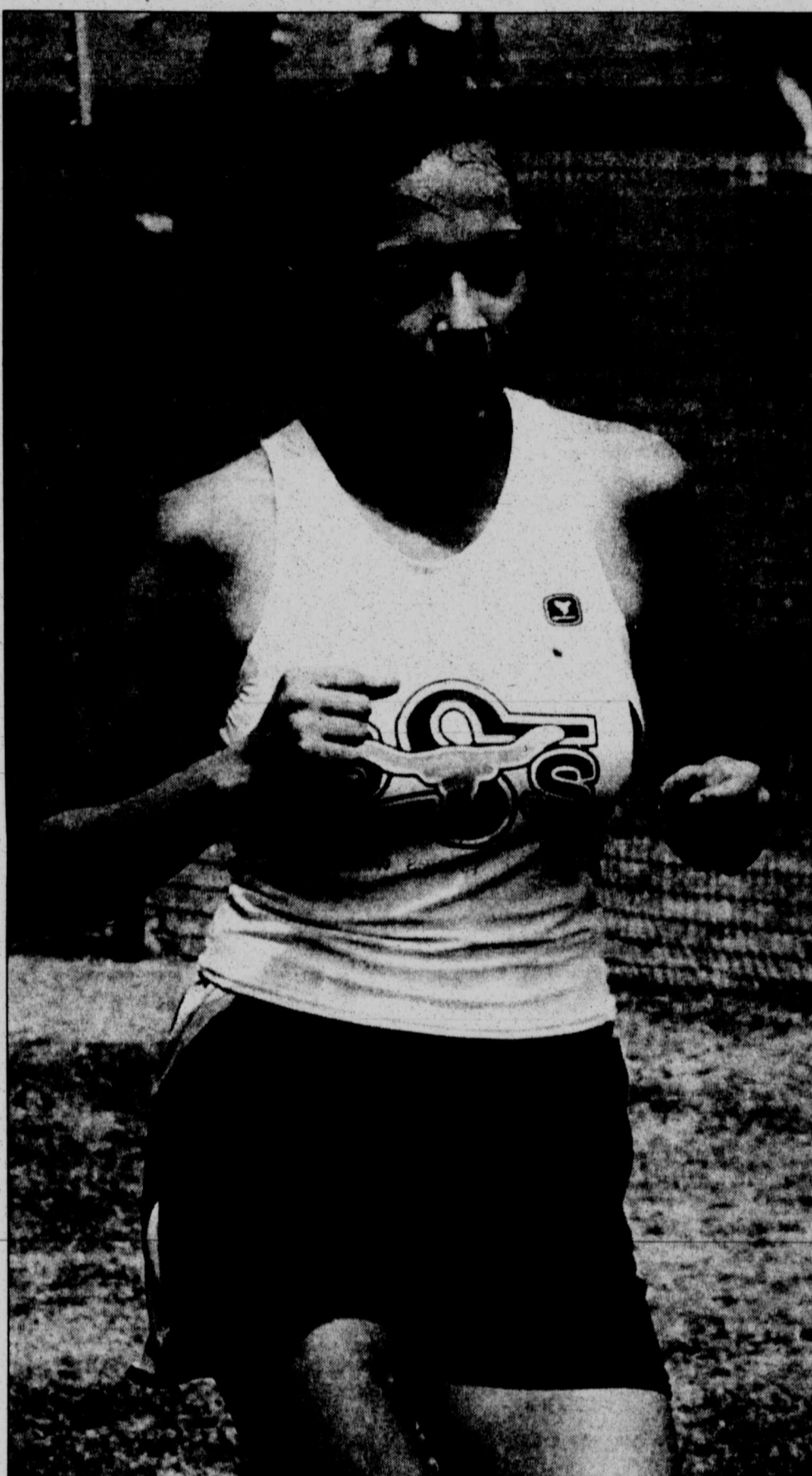
Jacob Marquez blazed the asphalt track in the 800 meters, posting a 2:03 time and giving Big Spring another first-place finish. Jacob Cortez had a strong showing in the pole vault with a second-place finish, clearing the bar at 11 feet, 6 inches.

Curtis Osburn added fourth place points in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 5 inches, as well as fourth place in the 100 meters, finishing right behind teammate Johnny Williams.

Jeff Stanley had strong showings in the shot put and discus, placing fifth in both events.

Big Spring worked well as a team placing second in the 800-meter relay and third in the 400-meter relay.

Lake View claimed the meet's boys' team title with 195 points,



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Big Spring High School sophomore Tasha Rios turns the last lap in the 3200 meter run Friday afternoon during the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays at Blankenship Field.

while Frenship was a distant second with a 156 points. Hobbs was last with 72 points.

The Big Spring Lady Steers got off to a good start in the field events with veteran Cierra Butler claiming first-place finishes in both the discus and shot put.

Airianne Brown and Alyeshia Shorts fired up the Lady Steers' hometown fan following, finishing first and second, respectively, in the 100 meters.

Katey Abner blew past the competition on the 200 meters, claiming first-place gold, while Carmen Lewis added another first-place

finish on the 400 meters.

Brittany Raney tied for first on the high jump with 5-foot, 2-inch leap.

They grabbed first place points in the 400-meter relay and were second in the 800-meter relay.

Reagan Ritchey took fourth in the 110-meter hurdles, and sixth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Lake View's Maidens claimed the girls' championship by piling up 172 points, while Levelland had a strong showing as well, posting 123 points to finish third in the team standings. Frenship had a distant fourth with 72 points.

Tigers want 'Pudge Effect'

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

LAKELAND, Fla. — Like kids checking out a friend's new toy, a group of Detroit Tigers gathered around Ivan Rodriguez as he sat in the clubhouse at spring training.

They were angling to touch or even just see what the man known as "Pudge" earned last season: a diamond-filled World Series ring.

That was with the Florida Marlins, of course. The Tigers, meanwhile, earned little more than ignominy while losing 119 games — one short of the modern major league record.

So the 10-time All-Star catcher went from the top of the heap to a team that many figure will be at the bottom. Then again, no one was picking the Marlins to go all the way when Rodriguez joined them a year ago.

"Everybody asks me, 'Why Detroit?' And I say, 'Why not?' Rodriguez said. "Anything can happen."

Anything? How about a worst-to-first season?

"Yes, I believe this team can do anything," Rodriguez said, sitting in front of his locker. "We can be great — this year."

Embarrassed by 2003 and a decade of losing, Tigers owner Mike Ilitch decided to spend money to make Detroit's once-proud franchise at least respectable again.

The Tigers signed second baseman Fernando Vina, outfielder Rondell White and opening day starter Jason Johnson, but knew they needed more. And fans wanted more, too.

Detroit found the perfect match in Rodriguez. He wasn't exactly a hot commodity in the offseason despite being the NL championship series MVP and one of four players in baseball history with a career batting average of at least .300.

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Things can't get worse for Rangers without A-Rod

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Alex Rodriguez is gone. The pitching is still suspect. And the payroll has been slashed.

At least it won't cost the Texas Rangers as much money to struggle in the AL West this season. They finished last in the AL West all three of Rodriguez's seasons, just as they did the year before he signed his record \$252 million, 10-year contract.

Now they'll try a different

approach, entering manager Buck Showalter's second season committed to younger players.

A-Rod isn't the only expensive veteran missing. Sluggers Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro were let go, helping drop the payroll from more than \$100 million to around \$60 million.

The Rangers will try to build around an infield of talented 20-somethings, including second baseman Alfonso Soriano, who came from the New York Yankees in the A-Rod trade. And the final three spots in the rota-

tion were reserved for younger pitchers.

"Everybody's really relaxed. We hope we can have a Cinderella season," third baseman Hank Blalock said. "You won't ever hear from me, 'We're young, it's OK if we lose.'"

The Rangers certainly won't concede the season. After all, who expected the Florida Marlins to win the World Series last season? Or AL West rival Anaheim two years ago?

Of course, such expectations aren't really realistic.

"I don't even want to go there," general manager John Hart said. "Those guys, they had a lot of special things that happened. That's a pretty lofty comparison."

After finishing a combined 40 games out of third place in the AL West the last four seasons, the Rangers' primary concern is just getting out of last place. They'll be challenged early, with their first 19 games against division opponents.

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Elliott right back on fast track going in Sunday's race

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — For Bill Elliott, it was as if he hadn't even missed a race. He got in the car and went right back to the front of the field.

Elliott, the semiretired driver, ran a qualifying lap of 193.729 mph Friday and will start in the No. 2 position in just his second NASCAR Nextel Cup race of the season, the Samsung/RadioShack 500 on Sunday.

The former series champion hadn't been in a Nextel car since finishing 20th in Las Vegas a month ago.

"Honestly, I don't even feel like I've missed a race from my standpoint," said Elliott, who will start alongside polesitter and Texas fan favorite Terry Labonte.

"This is no different than it being the second race of the season rather than the seventh," Elliot added.

Labonte sits on the pole at Texas for the second straight year, and on the front row for the fourth time, after a lap of 193.903 mph. The No. 18 car owned by Joe Gibbs will be the first Chevrolet to start on the pole this year.

While Labonte became the first multiple pole winner at Texas, nobody has ever won from the front row on the high-banked, 1 1/2-mile track.

Rookie Kasey Kahne, who took over full-time in Elliott's old No. 9 Dodge owned by Ray Evernham, qualified third at 193.673.

Elliott is running a limited schedule for Evernham Motorsports. He hopes to run 10 to 12 races, but a lack of spon-

ponsorship could keep that from happening.

"We don't have anybody on the car, so if you want to throw in a couple of bucks, I'm sure Ray will talk to you," Elliott said. "I don't know how low he'd go."

Elliott owns the TMS qualifying record at 193.514 mph, set two years ago when he finished ninth for his only top-10 at the track. He led 43 laps after starting sixth last year, but only completed 46 before engine problems ended his day in last place.

Kahne will make his fifth top-five start, and already has three top-three finishes. But he dropped from fifth to 11th in points last week after he collided with Jamie McMurray at Bristol and was knocked out of the race, finishing 40th.

"We put it behind us and qual-

ified third today, so we're looking good this week," Kahne said. "I was upset when it happened to be out of the race that early, especially with as good of a car as we had."

Greg Biffle will start his Ford fourth, just ahead of the Chevrolet of Joe Nemechek.

Defending Samsung/RadioShack 500 winner Ryan Newman qualified 15th in his Dodge, and was 10 spots ahead of Nextel Cup points leader Matt Kenseth's Ford.

"That's all we had," Newman said after his lap of 191.891 mph. "The car was pretty balanced, but we just didn't have the speed. It's a new car and we need to shake it out in race trim. Bobby Labonte won the pole here last year and we won the race, so it would suit me just fine if it works out that way again."

Newman started third last year. Kenseth won at Texas in 2002 when he came from the back of the field after making an engine change.

Bobby Labonte and his brother, Terry, both former season champs, are from Corpus Christi. While it's a 7 1/2-hour drive from Texas Motor Speedway, it's the only Nextel Cup track in their home state.

"I was here a few years ago when Terry won. It ranks on Terry's list as one of the top wins he ever had," Bobby Labonte said. "I'm sure it'd be the same way with me, it'd be awesome. We'd love to build some momentum, and Texas would be a good place to do that."

Labonte, who earned his 26th career pole, is 13th in the season standings after finishing 33rd a week ago in Bristol.

Giants quarterback Palmer is now TV's next 'Bachelor'

By WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. — The quarterback attempted 25 passes and only completed one. On TV, that makes you a winner.

New York Giants backup quarterback Jesse Palmer emerged from weeks of taping ABC's reality show "The Bachelor" having chosen one of the 25 contestants. He refers to her as "the missus" and says he calls her each day on the phone.

"The experience was great, and she made it so much better," Palmer said of his mystery woman. "I miss her. I can't wait to see her now."

Palmer's brother Billy, a tight end at Notre Dame, warned him never to use

the words "chemistry" or "connection" during the show. Giants teammate Amani Toomer told him he would catch a lot of grief if he cried on camera.

Palmer is the center of attention for the fifth season of the popular show, which will premiere April 7. During taping, he got to know 25 women on a series of exotic, romantic dates, introduced some to his family and met some of their own relatives before settling on "the missus."

In a new twist for the show, one of the 25 contestants was actually a spy, one of Palmer's closest friends who lived in the house with the contestants and fed him information.

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and 10 or more Gold Gloves (Willie Mays, Roberto Clemente and Roberto Alomar are the others).

So Pudge brought his impressive hitting credentials — .304 career average, 231 homers, 914 RBIs — and strong arm to the Tigers, signing a \$40 million, four-year deal.

"I would've loved to stay with the Marlins," he said. "It's where I live. It's home, but they didn't get anywhere close."

Two-time Gold Glove catcher Brad Ausmus of the Houston Astros said Rodriguez is worth whatever he gets.

"He's the best catcher, in terms of being able to be productive offensively and defensively, that has ever played this game, in

my opinion," said Ausmus, who used to play for Detroit. "And really, there's not a lot of guys at any position that have done what he has at the plate and in the field."

Rodriguez, 32, is determined to prove he still is an elite catcher, even though few players excel behind the plate at his age because they break down physically.

He played 144 games last year, and Tigers manager Alan Trammell expects Rodriguez to play at least as often this season, because he can be a designated hitter. If Rodriguez stays healthy during his 14th season, he could approach doubling his career total of games at DH, 35.

"It's going to help my career doing that," he said. "I probably can play longer."

The Tigers can end his contract after the 2005

season if a spine injury in his lower back lands him on the disabled list for five weeks or more. Two years ago, in his 12th and final season with the Texas Rangers, Rodriguez was on the DL for more than a month because of a herniated disk in his lower back.

Rodriguez pushed and pulled his new teammates through extra workouts during spring training.

"We were running sprints one day and we were dead, gasping for air, and he said, 'Let's do some workouts with the medicine ball,'" first baseman Carlos Pena said. "What are you going to say? No? This guy is a future Hall of Famer who just won a World Series."

And his signing energized Tigers fans.

The team collected a single-day record of more than \$160,000 in ticket sales Feb. 2, when he was

introduced. It was part of what has been the best sales season since the team moved to Comerica Park in 2000.

"We haven't had a superstar since Tom (Whitaker) and Jack Morris were here and won the World Series 20 years ago," said Hall of Famer Al Kaline, who helped Detroit win the 1968 World Series. "Adding a Hall of Famer like Pudge gave us a lot of the credibility throughout baseball that we've lost over the years, quite frankly."

And the man who was the catcher on the last Tigers team to win a World Series, in 1984, approves.

"I can't think of a catcher that has been better defensively or better all-around in the history of the game," said Lance Parrish, now Detroit's bullpen coach.

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spring to show they are catching up with their division, going 1-6 against AL West teams and scoring more than three runs only twice.

At least their young infielders played well.

Soriano, Blalock and Michael Young, even while going through a position change to replace two-time Gold Glove winner A-Rod at shortstop, all hit well above .300. Blalock and Young were .300 hitters last season, and Soriano hit .290 despite a high strikeout ratio that is still a problem.

First baseman Mark Teixeira, whose transition from third base last season displaced Palmeiro, is overcoming a sore neck. He was one of the league's best rookies last season with 26 homers and 87 RBIs.

Young was a minor league shortstop but had

become one of the league's best overall second basemen. His .987 fielding percentage (10 errors in 786 chances) was third among AL second basemen last season. His .306 batting average was the best.

"He doesn't use the switch as an excuse for failure," Showalter said. "I don't think anybody's out there holding their breath every time there is a ball hit to Mike Young."

They might hold their breath when balls are hit to Soriano, a two-time All-Star because of his bat and not his glove. He had 42 errors the past two seasons, and is actually 28 — two years older than reported in the past.

Despite continuing the youth movement that started midway through last season, a couple of gaps were filled with older veterans.

Kenny Rogers, a 39-year-old left-hander, will begin his third Texas stint as the opening day starter. Outfielder Brian Jordan, 37, had just 19 spring at-bats and will be on the

disabled list because of a sore left knee, the same one that limited him to 66 games with Los Angeles after surgery last season.

Rogers won 13 games in

three of the last four seasons, for Texas in 2000 and 2002, and last year in Minnesota.

The Rangers hope to finally get some return on

their \$65 million investment into Chan Ho Park, 10-11 with a 6.06 ERA in 32 starts over two injury-plagued seasons in Texas.

"It's time to see something there," owner Tom Hicks said. "We knew he was a great pitcher before we signed him, so hopefully he will be a great pitcher again."

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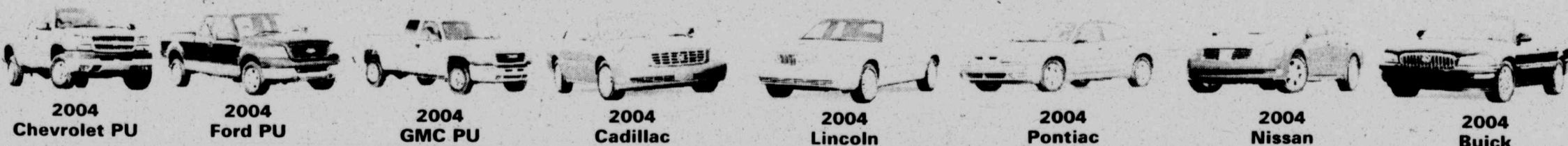
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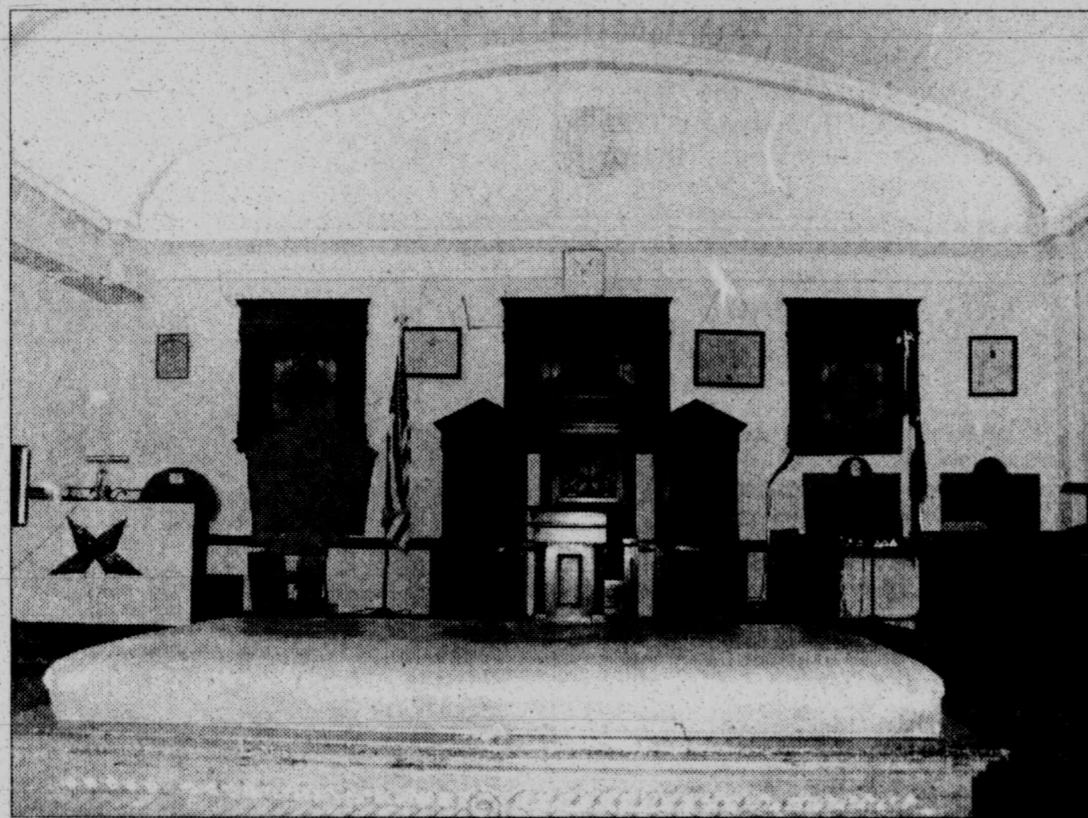
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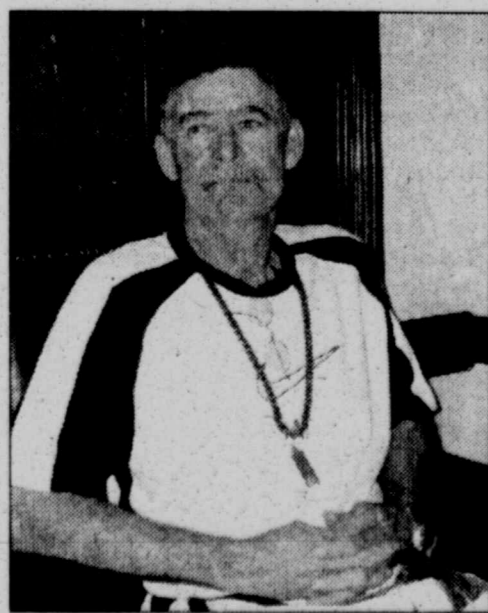
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At top, Tim Jones, left, Rick Scott, Charles Flowers and Bo Clawson meet in the building's oldest room. Worshipful Master Bo Clawson leads a meeting. The hand-made chair the Worshipful Master uses during a meeting. Rick Scott sits in one of the officer chairs in the Mason's meeting room. Jones shows his Masonic ring and Flowers wears an emblem of office around his neck. A view of the oldest meeting room in the building which has special ceiling treatments.



Celebrating 120 years of service to Howard County, the Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 invites the public to an open house Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

"Our building was built in 1906 and except for the addition of lights and air conditioning vents, it is the same today as it was then," said Worshipful Master Bo Clawson.

Located at 219 Main upstairs, the lodge was once the focal point of the Big Spring community, he said.

"At one time we had nearly 700 members. The first school in Big Spring met in our building," he said.

By watching the progress of the railroad advancing west, Clawson said the Masonic order lodges may be tracked as well.

"There was always something going on at the lodge then," he said.

Becoming a Mason was once a family tradition, he said. Word of mouth kept family members involved and informed of the different rites and ceremonies, he said.

"We're not a religious organization. We are heavily involved in our community through scholarships. We give the Lamar Scholarship each year, and this year we'll be honoring a teacher in Forsan and in Big Spring," he said.

The various organizations within the lodge provide opportunities for all family members to be involved, he said.

The Eastern Star and Beauceant are for women; Rainbow is for girls and the Chapter and Counsel and Commandry for men also meet at the lodge.

"Our meetings a closed, which means you have to be a member to attend," he said.

The Masonic Order goes back to the Crusades, he said. Persecution kept the members hidden.

"They had to remain secret, because not just their life, but the lives of their family depended on no one knowing you were a Mason except a brother Mason," Clawson said.

Developing character seems to be a pivotal component of the order.

"Our motto is to make good men better. We use symbolism to teach men to live better lives," he said.

The Open House offers the community a opportunity to see the inside of the lodge, he said.

Members will be available to answer questions.

By Marsh Sturdivant
Features Editor

► **Wedding**

Cole - Calvio

Amanda Dian Cole and Adrian Craig Calvio were united in marriage on March 9, 2004, at Simpson Bay Beach in Philipsburg, St. Maarten, D.V.I. Mrs. Joan Berkel performed the ceremony. The bride and groom were joined by family and friends.

She is the daughter of Eddie and Vicki Cole of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Austin and Faye Steen and Maggie and the late Will D. Griffin of Crosbyton. He is the son of Alex and Martha Calvio of Big Spring and the grandson of Rosa and the late Jesus Alvarez and Lupe and the late Leland Calvio, all of Big Spring.

The bride was escorted by her father. Her dress was a strapless A-line, Maggie Sottero lace-up gown with a draped satin overlay. The gown featured lightly beaded tulle panels at the side, front and the center back sweep train. The front neckline was embellished with a delicate floral beaded design comprised of Swarovski crystals, pearls, sequins and ice-blue seed beads. The

beading was used to emphasize the edge of the front overlay and the back tulle panel. The bride wore a white, pearl-beaded veil with white satin trim. She carried a bouquet of bird of paradise and anthuriums.

Matrons of honor were Kristi Beauchamp and Tabitha Madry, sisters of the bride from Big Spring. Junior Bridesmaid was Tori Gauer, niece of the bride. They were dressed in black satin gowns with fitted bodices and spaghetti straps. Each carried a single anthurium tied with white ribbon.

Flower girls were Breana Madry, Hannah Beauchamp and Payton Beauchamp, all nieces of the bride. They carried white satin baskets and tossed spring flowers down the aisle. Their sleeveless dresses had black velvet bodices and white satin skirts.

The best man was Andrew Calvio of Austin, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Alex Calvio, father of the groom. Ring bearers were Aaron Calvio, nephew of the groom and Austin Madry, nephew of the bride. The groom, his

attendants and ring bearers wore black suits with matching ties and white shirts.

The wedding party stood beneath palm trees with white sand underfoot. Sailboats anchored in Simpson Bay provided a picturesque backdrop. The wedding party entered to the music of Canon in D. Everyone enjoyed cake and refreshments on the beach following the ceremony. Family and friends celebrated together aboard the Explorer of the Seas after the wedding ceremony was complete.

The reception was held at the Big Spring County Club on March 27, 2004. The guest tables were covered with white cloths and fuchsia sparkle sheer organza. The tables were graced with antique gold candle holders accented with white stargazer lilies and greenery. The bride's table featured a three-tiered, round Italian cream, red velvet and white cake covered in swirl designs topped with birds of paradise flowers. The table was flanked with crystal candleholders and was covered with a white floor length cloth and an heirloom cro-

cheted-lace overlay. The groom's table was covered with a black damask cloth and gold overlay displaying a chocolate Les Paul guitar-shaped cake outlined with chocolate dipped strawberries. The table was flanked with a brass coffee service and black and brass candleholders. Hors d'oeuvres were served on a table covered with a black cloth accented with fuchsia sheer organza and floor-length gold lame skirts. A silver-tiered vase of white mountain and stargazer lilies were featured on the table as well as antique gold candle holders.

The bride and groom enjoyed their Caribbean cruise honeymoon aboard the Explorer of the Seas. The bride is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School, 1999 graduate of Texas Tech University and a 2003 graduate of Southwest Texas State University. She is employed at WesTex Auto Parts. The groom is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas State University. He is employed by the Texas Workforce Network. They make their home in Big Spring.



Mr. and Mrs. Adrian and Amanda Calvio

► **Births**



Courtesy photo
Kallie Marie Smith-Wennik

Kallie Marie Smith-Wennik

Kallie Marie Smith-Wennik, a girl, was born March 18, 2004, at Odessa Regional Hospital at 11:08 p.m. weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces and 18 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Tiffanie Smith and Vaden Wennik. Her grandparents are Ron and Andrea Phillips and Joe and Donna Wennik all of Big

Spring.
Arron Rene Yanez

Arron Rene Yanez, a boy, was born Feb. 29, 2004, at 9:55 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 2.9 ounces and 19 inches long.

His parents are Rocky and Ariella Yanez. His grandparents are Jeronimo and Susana Diaz and Rosalinda and the late Victor Yanez, all of Big Spring.

Corey Lawrence

Corey Lawrence, a boy, was born March 19, 2004, at 10:10 weighing 6 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long.

His parents are James and Tena Lawrence. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lawrence Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Floyd, all of Sterling City.

His great-grandparents are Virginia Lawrence of Odessa and J.C. Jones of Blackwell.

He was welcomed home by big brother Ty and sister Lacey.

Grace McAdam Stephens

Grace McAdam Stephens, a girl, was born March 23, 2004, at 4:07 p.m. weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces and 17 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Mike and Pam Stephens.

Zoe Victoria McElroy

Zoe Victoria McElroy, a girl, was born March 25, 2004, at 6:06 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and 20 inches long.

Her parents are Ashley Hernandez and Eric McElroy. Her grandparents are Elizabeth and

Raul Alvarez.

She was welcomed home by big brother Issac Christopher.

Haley Brianne Gafford

Haley Brianne Gafford, a girl, was born March 28, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and 20 inches long.

Her parents are Matt and Elise Gafford. Her grandparents are Mel and Vera Tittle of Lubbock and Ladd and Cathy Gafford of Spearman.

Colby James Richardson

Colby James Richardson, a boy, was born March 26, 2004, at 1:22 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Troy and Jenifer Richardson.

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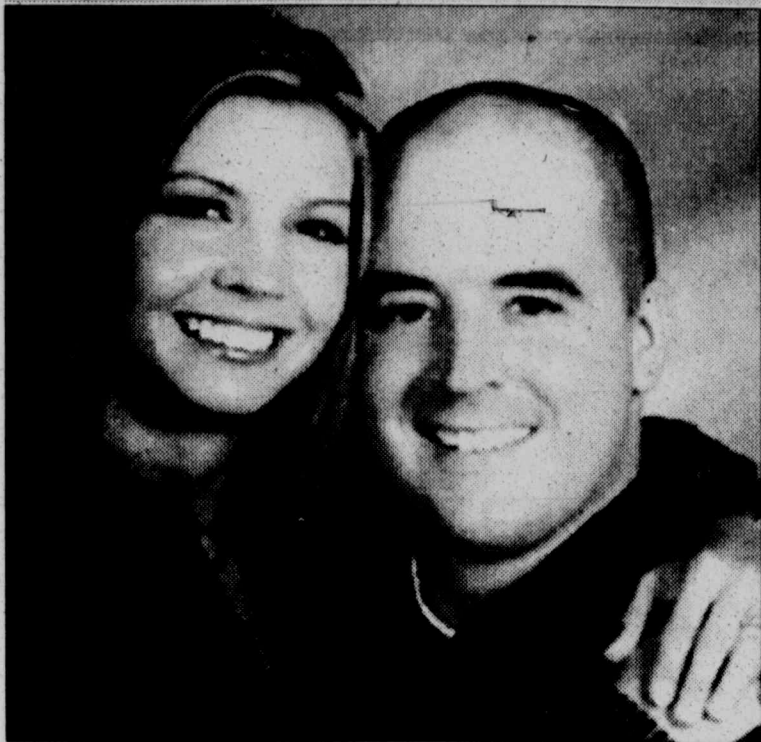
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Landry Copeland and Jerrod Stallings

Landry Copeland and Jerrod Stallings will exchange wedding vows June 5, 2004, at the Grand Velas All Suites and Spa Resort in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Copeland of Equatorial Guinea, West Africa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stallings of Stanton.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Iraan High School and is currently pursuing a radiology

technician degree in Houston. She is the granddaughter of A.C. Copeland of Midland, June and the late Daryl Davis of Crane and Faye Grant of Abilene.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Southwest Texas State University and is currently employed with Union Planters Bank in Houston. He is the grandson of Jimmy and Louise Stallings of Stanton and the late Cecil and Virgie Perrin of Shamrock.

Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Josh and Trina Jennings

Trina Scott, daughter of Jeff and Vicki Scott of Andrews and Cindi Childers of Plano, and Josh Jennings, son of David and Judy Jennings of Andrews were united in marriage by the Rev. A. Dewitt Hutcheson on Jan. 28, 2004, in the Bahamas at the Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort on Cable Beach in Nassau.

Trina's sister, Amber and her husband Read White of Midland traveled with the couple and served as best man and matron of honor.

The couple exchanged wedding vows in the gardens at the resort. Following the ceremony, champagne, hors d'oeuvres and Caribbean wedding cake was served at a private reception.

Grandparents of the bride are Berl and Cris Scott of Big Spring, Ray and Joyce Davidson of Big Spring and great grandparents Floyd and Lillie Lukins of Sweetwater. Grandmother of the groom is Juanita Grover of Snyder.

A reception was held Feb. 21 at Means Memorial United Methodist Church in Andrews. To continue the celebration the fellowship hall was decorated in a tropical theme. A picture of the couple taken during their stay on the island was displayed.

The wedding cake made by the bride's aunt had four squared layers with each layer decorated in a separate theme with ivory icing. Chocolate-covered strawberries and banana punch was also served.

Hostesses included Lynda Blubaugh, Pam Williams, Janelle Gardner and Tabitha Scott of Andrews, Amber White of Midland, Vernelle Mears of DeLeon, Cris Scott, Joyce Davidson, Karan Phillips,

Kristi Hobbs, Evie Batchelor and Lyndi Spivey of Big Spring and Kay Scott of Hobbs, N.M.

Special guests included Berl and Cris Scott of Big Spring; the bride's grandparents Ray and Joyce Davidson of Big Spring; R.S. and Vernelle Mears of DeLeon, great uncle and aunt of the bride; Josh and James Childers of Plano, brothers of the bride; Amber White, sister of the bride and her husband Read and their son, Brycen of Midland; Dustin Scott, brother of the bride and his wife, Tabitha of Andrews; Torrey Jennings, brother of the groom and his wife Tonya and children Kalli and Paige of Odessa; and Trenna Dixon, sister of the groom and her husband Chris and children Chris, Christina, and Kelsey of Odessa.

Out of town guests included relatives of the

bride, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Scott of Hobbs, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Phillips and grandchildren Kendall and Jady; Mrs. Cindy Graves and daughter Casi; Mr. and Mrs. Justin Hobbs; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Westbrook and son Tyler; Ms. Evie Batchelor; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Spivey and daughter Taryn, all of Big Spring; and Miss Codi Graves of San Angelo. Nic

Rowe of Oklahoma and Brad Reese and Hope Navarrete of Odessa, friends of the bride and groom, also attended.

Josh is a 2000 graduate of Andrews High School and is currently employed as a manager at Modern Thriftway. Trina is a 2001 home school graduate of Big Spring and is employed at Corner Drug. The couple have made their home in Andrews.

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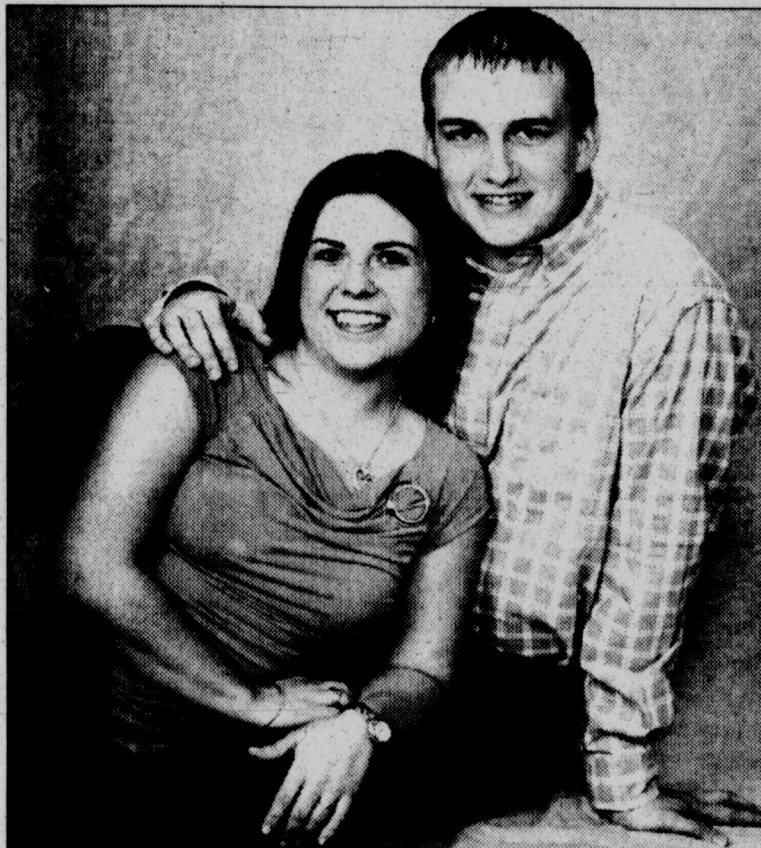
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Danielle Hill and Timothy Burrow

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The bride-elect is the daughter of Byron and Diana Hill of Stanton and the granddaughter of Bill and Juanita Adams of Knott and Bob and Bobbie Hill of Stanton.

She is a graduate of Sands High School and a 2001

graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a degree in psychology. She is a member of Kappa Phi Kappa LCU and Aggies LCU. She is presently employed by Delta and Pine Land in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of Sidney and Glenna Burrow of New Home.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DRA celebrates anniversary; looks forward to bright future

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Now that the Downtown Revitalization Association is officially two years old, President Allan Johnson said the organization is making headway toward its goal of resurrecting downtown Big Spring.



JOHNSON

"We're seeing it happen," said Johnson, who along with fellow members celebrated the organization's two-year anniversary on Thursday. "We can feel it in the atmosphere. We've tried many things, some that didn't work, but some have, like the Fantastic Fourth Celebration. We believe this farmer's market is going to take off."

Association members hope fresh vegetables and fruit will become a staple in the downtown area and are busy researching ways to establish a permanent farmer's market by

late summer.

"We have members looking up information on the Internet," Johnson said. "We're talking with area farmers. Any feedback we can get from area farmers will just help to make this more successful."

Plans are also under way for one of the DRA's most successful annual events, the Fantastic Fourth Celebration.

"The fourth falls on a Sunday this year," Johnson said. "Right now, the Battle of the Bands will be back. We'll have car shows, vendors and a washer tournament. The Howard County Sheriff's Posse will be giving horse rides. We'll have lots of good food. We'll have also have the gospel stage back again."

The DRA is currently accepting audition tapes from area groups that want to compete in the Battle of the Bands.

"They have to pre-qualify," Johnson said. "We'll select

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Downtown Revitalization Association members Ellen Barefoot, left, and Vickie Osburn prepare to cut the organization's second anniversary cake at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

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Pollard Chevrolet-Buick-Cadillac received nine awards out of 136 given for service, body shop and parts personnel in the General Motors Service Challenge 2003. Competitively, the Big Spring group was 48th out of 536 dealerships. As a result, the Big Spring crew and their spouses are attending the General Motors awards banquet this weekend at the Westin Galleria in Dallas. Pictured left to right are Manuel Armendariz, Darrell Rockwell, Matt Dahmer, John Ed Ezell, Sammy Torres, Scott Shults, Sergio Ovalle, Bunny Fletcher and Randall Cole.

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Key was presented with this honor at the company's International Business conference, held recently in Las Vegas, Nev. The event brought more than 10,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates, brokers, manager and employees together for an intensive program of professional development and recognition of achievement. Barbara Walters, ABC news Correspondent, co-anchor of "20/20" and the co-host of ABC Daytime's "The View", was the keynote speaker.

"Sherri Key is a worthy recipient of the President Circle Award," said Alex Perriello, president and CEO, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "Her efforts exemplify great expertise in the real estate industry and dedication to helping customers. At a time when homeownership is increasing, the service that Sherri Key and so many of our other sales associates provide is a significant reason why Coldwell Banker is the first choice for homebuyers."

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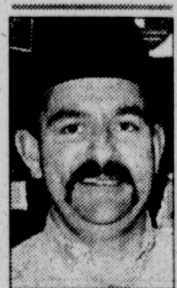
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Texas Quail Index schedules April Training

SAN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension's Texas Quail Index is marking its third year with a training April 26-27 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center here. The center is located north of town on U.S. Hwy 87.

On April 26, activities will start at 1:30 p.m. at the center, then reconvene at 6:30 a.m. April 27 near Tennyson.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and TQI founder, said cooperators conduct various quail



TOMMY YEATER

conduct the various counts. But I believe cooperators realize a

counts and evaluate different aspects for quail habitat in 40 Texas counties and six wildlife management areas.

"About half these sites report results consistently," he said. "The TQI isn't for everybody; it does take about 60 hours of work annually to conduct the various counts. But I believe cooperators realize a

good dividend on their investment of time and labor relative to what they learn about quail dynamics and habitat on their particular ranch.

"We're now recruiting for additional cooperators, especially along the more eastern parts of bobwhite range and on sites harboring scaled quail," he said. "We're assembling a nice database of information on quail population dynamics and related factors like predator abundance and habitat conditions. The Index is also a good tool for involving and educating the many wildlife

management co-op members the state now has."

Day-one topics will include: "Texas Quail Index Objectives," "Descriptions Of Various Indices," "Logistical Concerns," "Reporting," "Supplies" and "Review and Critique of Year - Two Efforts."

The first day will end with a 7 p.m. meal at San Angelo's Crossroads Restaurant.

On day two, "hands-on" practices will be conducted on the Bond Ranch at Tennyson, north-

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Fuel prices hitting farmers hard this season

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Farmers preparing to plant are including the rising cost of fuel in their business plans, knowing that price spikes will cut into profits.

In some cases, energy prices weigh in farmers' decisions on how they work their land and what crops to produce as they seek to minimize overhead.

"It's a significant part of putting in a crop," said Gene Martin, a senior

market analyst for the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation.

Petroleum products figure into almost all aspects of modern farming, from the cost of diesel fuel in tractors, combines and irrigation pumps to the price of chemicals and fertilizer used in the fields.

The nationwide gas price average over in the past two weeks is \$1.80 for all grades, according to the Lundberg survey,

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which regularly surveys 8,000 stations nationwide. That is a new record high.

Steve Rodery, a Cooperative Extension Service agent in Crittenden County, said farmers are paying diesel prices that are up 30 cents or more per gallon over last year as they prepare their fields and begin planting early crops.

"It's starting to be a concern," he said.

Bobby Coats, an agricultural policy analyst for the extension service, said high global demand is keeping fuel prices up, a trend that is creating significant operating cost increases in agriculture, especially production of row crops. And farmers, unlike other businessmen, can't pass on the increases.

"The producer is not able to pass along energy

increases to the consumer. The market will dictate what he receives for his commodity," Coats said.

That leaves production cost increases to come out of farmers' wallets. But there are ways to minimize that overhead.

Martin said many row-crop farmers are using minimal or no-till techniques, using chemicals to kill winter growth and

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Robles, Mercie, 3702 Hamilton, Big Spring.
Rodriguez, Evelyn, 5402 Lancaster, Odessa.
Trevathan, Terri Lynn Ward, 1003-2 County Road 175, Colorado City.

County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Jimmy Willis, driving while license suspended, \$400 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: James D. Headrick, criminal trespass/habitat, \$261 court costs, 55 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: James D. Headrick, criminal mischief-more than \$50, less than \$500, \$261 court costs, 55 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: James D. Headrick, violation of a protective order, \$261 court costs, 55 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Jose A. Hernandez, driving while intoxicated-second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Daniel Clayburn, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Daniel V. Flores, violation of a protective order, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Joe B. Rodriguez, violation of a protective order, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Marty W. Huckabee, theft-more than \$500, less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: James D. Headrick, driving while license suspended, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs, 55 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Jose Alfredo Melendez, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Marcos A. Lopez, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time sus-

pending, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Shannon Bedford, possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Darren Heffington, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice/intentionally giving false information, \$400 fine, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Matthew Rodriguez, possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Guadalupe Arbu, theft-more than \$50, less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail-time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: James Anthony Burns, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Angela Davila, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Stacy Lynn Sturgill, driving while intoxicated-second offense, \$750 fine, \$276 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: January Harkness, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Bryan Scott Rodriguez, carrying a prohibited weapon, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Dominic Parker, driving while license suspended, \$400

fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Randy Mier, assault, \$500 fine, \$286 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Francisco Jesus Nieto, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$410 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
District Court Filings:
Sandra Ann Coleman vs. Robert Joseph Coleman, divorce.
Michelle Antoinette Haggard vs. Vincent Crawford Haggard Jr., divorce.
Melissa Ann Porter vs. Otis James Porter, divorce.
Amy Stella Sanchez vs. Adolph Lopez, family protective order.
Eddie Hughes vs. Rodrigo Uranga, injuries or damages with a motor vehicle.
Marriage Licenses:
Pedro Antonio Rosas, 35, Patricia Marks Rosas, 35, both of Snyder.
Raymond Lynn Hodnett, 33, of Coahoma, and Brenda Lee Gutierrez, 35, of Forsan.
Warranty Deed:
Grantor: A.E. Kelley
Grantee: Craig Olson
Property: Lot 14, Block 2-B, Belvue Addition
Date filed: March 25, 2004
Grantor: Roger Dale Brown, Mildred L. Clark, J.E. Brown Jr., Juanita M. Batterfield, Marlin H. Brown Sr., and Dorothy L. Brown
Grantee: A.E. Kelley
Property: Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 5, College Heights Addition.

Date filed: March 25, 2004
Grantor: Marvin Keenan
Grantee: Billy Ray Walton and Glenda Walton
Property: Lot 5, Block 1, Donald Addition
Date filed: March 25, 2004
Grantor: Randall Lee Robertson
Grantee: Rodney Roy Robertson
Property: Lot 7, Block 4, College Park Estates
Date filed: March 26, 2004
Grantor: Frank Salazar
Grantee: Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo
Property: Lot 8, Block 6, Bauer Addition
Date filed: March 26, 2004
Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Carolyn Hanson
Grantee: Gerald Lee Harris Jr.
Property: Lot 5, Block 10, Edwards Heights
Date filed: March 18, 2004

Grantor: H.E. Tubb
Grantee: James Larry Futrelle Jr. and Michelle Merick Futrelle
Property: A tract out of the SW portion of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date filed: March 19, 2004
Grantor: Dionne Stiles and Frank Stiles
Grantee: L.B. Hodges
Property: Lot 12, Block 17, Kentwood Addition Unit 2
Date filed: March 22, 2004
Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Grantee: Bradley D. Ulrey and Misty Dawn Ulrey
Property: Lot 5, Block 10, Brennand Addition
Date filed: March 26, 2004
Grantor: John E. Dever Jr. and Bobbie Joyce Dever
Grantee: Sandra M. Chambers
Property: Lot 12 and the N/2 of Lot 13, Block 9, Saunders Addition
Date filed: March 26, 2004

FUEL

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planting in old seedbeds instead of spending the money to turn fields under and create new rows each year. He said doing that saves the fuel that would have been spent tra-

versing two or three times each foot of each acre farmed.

"They're probably doing as much of that or more than in the past to hold that cost down," he said.

Coats said fuel prices can even help determine what mixture of crops a farmer plants. For instance, he said, some may back off on the

number of acres they plant in cotton, rice, corn or other crops that require heavy application of nitrogen-based fertilizer.

Rodry said the greatest burden of higher fuel prices may not be felt until later in the season, when farmers begin running diesel pumps to irrigate their fields.

KEY

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Key has just celebrated her eighth year in real estate. She has been a member of the Coldwell Banker family for the last four years. She received

her brokers license in 1999, and has been a million dollar producer. She had received awards within her company and Coldwell Banker International. She holds a bachelors degree from the University of North Texas, a master's degrees fro East Texas A&M and

supervisory certificate. She is the current Regent of the Daughter of the American Revolution, past president of the 1970 Hyperion Club, past president of the Big Spring Child Study Club, a member of the chamber of Commerce, the First Baptist Church and is a

director of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors. She received the "Realtor of the Year in 2002 from the Permian Basin board of Realtors. She is the wife of Dr. John Key, a local dentist and has one son, Richard, who attend the University of North Texas.

QUAIL

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east of San Angelo. Exercises will include: "Whistle Call Counts," "Dummy Nest Transects and Critique," "Forb Richness Sampling and Habitat Photo Points" and "Scent Stations and Critique."

Adjournment is set for 11:30 a.m. following distribution of supplies.

Rollins said the Extension received some special funding from the Texas Legislature in 2002 to address the decline in quail numbers. The TQI has been the major impetus of that funding.

"I believe we get the most 'bang for the buck' by training landowners how to monitor quail happenings on their ranch and then use this site information for future educational efforts," Rollins said.

"The out-of-pocket dollar cost to the ranch is minimal. We use low-tech items like hula-hoops and 'T'-posts to establish and monitor the counts," he said. "Time is the major investment. But it's that level of personal commitment that helps hone a quail manager's abilities."

"We're not looking for landowners only. Cooperators might be landowners, but they

could also be interested volunteers. Extension agents or wildlife professionals. We're also encouraging the involvement of graduates from Extension's youth Bobwhite Brigade to volunteer," Rollins said. "As the old saying goes 'the best fertilizer is the footprint of the farmer.' In Extension education, we hang our hats on that premise."

Individual registration is \$20 due on arrival. The fee covers handout material and the meal.

For more information, call Rollins at (325) 653-4576 or e-mail drollins@tamu.edu

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DRA

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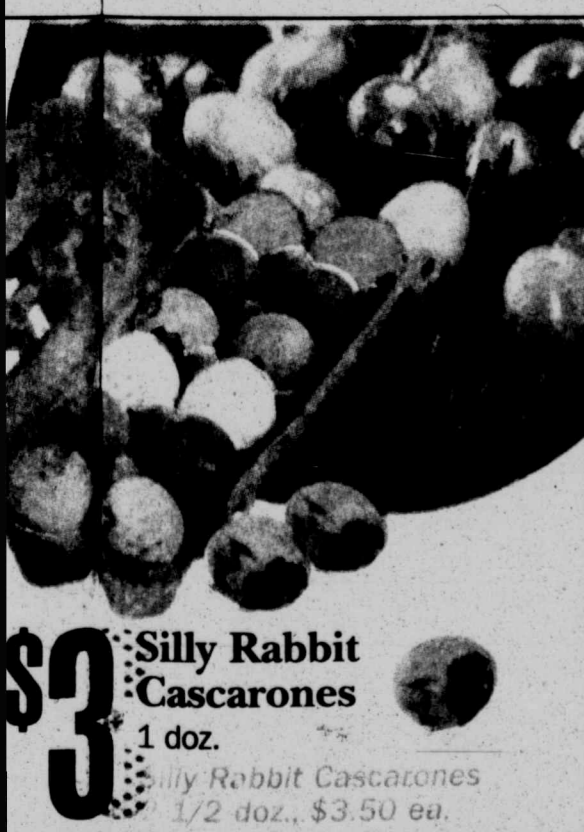
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Golden Anniversary



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Thomas and Billie Campbell, as they were in 1954 after their wedding, and today, celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Thomas and Billie Campbell Saturday, Thomas Wendell and Billie Vernell (Payne) Campbell celebrated 50 years of marriage. A reception was held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Lake Room. Hosting the celebration were their children, Toni and Steve Cline, of San Antonio, and Nena and Abel Cruz and Tommy

Campbells celebrate 50 happy years together

Campbell, all of Big Spring. The couple are natives of Big Spring. They were married April 3, 1954, in Big Spring at the Wesley Methodist Parsonage. Before their marriage Wendell served in the United States Army. Upon his return he went into the family concrete business. In 1964 the couple took over the company of Campbell Cement Contractors. In December 2003 they retired and closed the company. The couple have three children, eight grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. They enjoy spending time with their family and life long friends. In their 50 years of marriage they both agree it takes hard work, trust in God and taking life one day at a time. Knowing the Lord has truly blessed them every step of the way.

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Grissett -Hodnett

Brenda L Grissett and Raymond L. Hodnett, both of Coahoma, exchanged wedding vows on Sunday April 4, 2004, at the Dora Roberts Community Center in the Lake Room with the Rev. Jim Binnix presiding. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Darrell and Lee Esco. The groom is the son of Roxie and the late Larry Hodnett and the grandson of the late Raymond and Lorena Vaughn. The bride was given in marriage by her son, Mark Gutierrez and Derek Martinez. She wore a gown of cream-colored satin with off-the-shoulder lace sleeves designed and made by Roxie Hodnett. She carried a bouquet of white roses with baby's breath and tulips. Maid of honor was Adonna Reid. Bridesmaid was Alyssa Hodnett. Flower girls were Haylea and Kandice Hodnett and Jessica and Olivia Gutierrez. Ring bearer was Dakota Hodnett, son of the groom. Best man was Dusty Martin, nephew of the groom. Groomsman was Dale Hodnett, brother of the groom. A reception followed the ceremony. The brides cake was a three-tiered cascade cake, custom made in pastel shades to match the flower girls dresses. The groom is employed by A&M Composites. The bride is employed by Neighbors Convenience Store. Following a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, N.M. the couple will make their home in Coahoma.

Maid of honor was Adonna Reid. Bridesmaid was Alyssa Hodnett. Flower girls were Haylea and Kandice Hodnett and Jessica and Olivia Gutierrez. Ring bearer was Dakota Hodnett, son of the groom. Best man was Dusty Martin, nephew of the groom. Groomsman was Dale Hodnett, brother of the groom.

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<p>AUCTION Wednesday, April 7...9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Big Spring, TX. From Int. I-20 and US 87, Go North 7 Miles on US 87 (Fairview, TX). At the Int. of US 87 and FM 1584, Go North 7 Miles on FM 1584 to Chevron-Texaco office. Then East 1 Mile on CR 52, then .2 Mile South. OR From the SE Side of Ackerly, TX. Go 2 Miles South on US 87 to Farm Road 1785. Then East 6.5 Miles on FM 1785 to Vealmoor, TX. Then 3 Miles South on Farm Road 1785 to Chevron-Texaco Office. Then East 1 MILE ON CR 52 and .2 Mile South.</p> <p>A.F. LANKFORD, OWNER TRACTORS, FRONT END LOADER & DOZER: 1-98 JD 7810 MFWD (Nice), '97 JD 8100 (Nice), '79 JD 4440, '72 JD 4320 #900 Hi-Master Front End Load w/Hay Fork(Good), Ford #2600 Utility Tractor, '80 #450-B Case Dozer w/Tilt Blade (Nice), 3-Sets Duals. HARVEST, HAY, VEHICLES: 2-79 JD 484 Strippers, 2-JD 283 Strippers, 2-BH Module Builders, Module Builder Gooseneck Trailer, Caldwell Boll Buggy, JD #6600 Combine, JD #466 Round Baler (Nice), JD #1600A Swather (Nice), '76 Chevy PU, '72 Truck, 5-Assorted 3-Wheelers, '25' Ft. Holiday Rambler Travel Trailer, 14 x 60 Trailer House, '89 Galaxie Boat, JD Lawn Mower. PLUS: Approx. 60 Pieces of Farm Equipment, 12-Assorted Tanks and Spot Sprayer, Trailers, Shop Tools, and more...</p> <p>CONTACT: Quality Auctioneers (806) 866-4646 James Fullwood (806) 787-8101, Charles Macha, Auctioneer #6911 (806) 893-7151 or www.qualityauctioneers.com</p>		<p>Antiques, Ranch Oak & Collectibles Auction SAT. APRIL 10TH 7:00 PM Preview: 12:00 Noon till Sale Time Ranch Oak (Table & 4 Chairs, End Table, Coffee Table, Chairs, Loveseat, Etc.), 3 Oak Dressers, Mahogany 7 Drawer Chest on Chest, Barn Board Displays, Cabinet and Other Items, Antique Dresser, Chest of Drawers & Full Bed, Round Oak Pedestal Table, Oak Gate Leg Table, Shadow Box, Mirrors, Lamps, Victorian Wicker Potty, Baily Nip-It Pinball Machine (Needs Help), Ice Tongs, Crocks, Lots of Union Pacific & Mopac Railroad Memorabilia (Knives, Pen Sets, Watches, Ring, Coins, Old Locks, Belt Buckles, Pictures), Dominoes, Frankoma, Fiesta, Depression Glass, Pepsi Clock, Pepsi Aluminum 6 Pack Holder, Texaco (1-16 Trucks, 1-7 Airplanes, Gas Pumps, Old Wooden Crates, Porcelain Gas Pump Signs, Etc.), Other Oil Field Memorabilia, Old Coins, Lots of Misc. Glassware. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!! AUCTIONEER NOTE: This Will Be An Exceptional Auction Of Quality Items For Your Home, Collection, Shop or Booth For The Summer Shopping Season.</p> <p>Crossroads Auction Co. Located at 6607 N. I-20 Service Rd., Two Miles East Of Refinery On North Service Road At Exit 184, Big Spring, TX. David Lefever-Auctioneer Lic. #13251 (432) 264-9900</p> <p>AUCTIONS THE 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH View Pictures: www.geocities.com/crossroadsaucaion</p> <p>Want to have the adventure of a lifetime without all the fuss? Read!</p>		<p>PEGGY, I Love you, "My Texas Rose". It's never felt this way before. Please, don't give up on us. Always, Jim W.</p> <p>Business Opportunity ABSOLUTE GOLDMINE! 60 vending machines/ excellent locations all for \$10,995. Call (800)234-6982.</p> <p>ABSOLUTELY ALL cash 90 Vending Machine with Locations all for \$9,995. Call 1-800-330-2140.</p> <p>ARE U Earning \$3751/mo? Vending Rte with locations. \$7980 req'd. 800-862-6160.</p> <p>GET CONTROL of your hunger. Lose weight now with ShapeWorks. FREE consultation. Call (432)267-4647.</p> <p>JC PENNEY Catalog Store for Sale. Located in Lamesa, can be moved, reasonable price. Any Offer will be considered (806)201-0259 or (800)756-4115.</p>	<p>THIS NEWSPAPER is not responsible for the specific content of the National Classified ads. Before investing money in a business/employment opportunity with which you are unfamiliar, please call the National Better Business Bureau at 703-276-0100 or visit www.bbb.org</p> <p>Garage Sales GARAGE SALE at 2800 North Birdwell Lane. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. -dark. Furniture, kitchen cabinetry, electric appliances, household items, lots of clothes, sizes medium to large, Rocky Mountain & Law Man jeans, like new, size 5 & 7 long, 2 sets of weights, hunting gear, and 350 ft. chain link fence with poles & attachments, double gas grill & storage shed with gooseneck trailer and so much more! All Most Go This Weekend!</p> <p>MONDAY ONLY 7-5. Couch & love seat, coffee & end tables, washer & dryer, refrigerator, bedding, dishes, cookware, tons of misc. 615 Colgate Ave.</p>

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