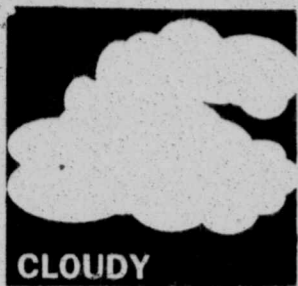


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Deadline extended for Razzmatazz

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 Friday.

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

THIS WEEKEND



Hometown Hero: Amy Mossett, an American Indian of Mandan and Hidatsa origin, travels the country re-enacting the life of Sacajawea, the young native guide who accompanied the Lewis and Clark Expedition on its westward journey in 1805.

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4 Coahoma students are injured in rollover

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

An early-morning one-vehicle rollover today sent four Coahoma High School students to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Howard County law enforcement and emergency personnel were called around 7:45 a.m. to scene of the accident, which was on Midway Road near the Coahoma Cemetery.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Weldon Jones, a pickup truck driven by a 16-year-old male

was heading at a high rate of speed when it failed to yield at a stop sign, hit a muddy, low spot at the intersection of Midway Road and South First Street, and rolled.

The driver and his three male passengers — a 17-year-old, a 16-year-old and a 15-year-old — were taken to SMMC by ambulance.

Two of the victims involved were ejected from the cab, Jones said.

The trooper said citations would be written for failure to stop at a stop

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 Texas Department of Safety Troopers Sean Parker, left, Weldon Jones and Howard County Sheriff's Officer Sgt. Brad Ingram and Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett discuss a one-vehicle rollover which occurred on Midway Road near the Coahoma Cemetery this morning. Four Coahoma High School students were injured in the wreck.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 John Lee Whitley celebrated his first birthday Wednesday with family and friends at the Comanche Trail Park Lake. He is the son of Jody and Christina Whitley. Numerous people took advantage of sunny weather Wednesday to head to the park for various activities. Cooler weather and a slight chance of showers are forecast to return to the Crossroads area Saturday and continue through the weekend.

RICE TESTIFIES

Nation not on 'war footing' on 9/11, she says

WASHINGTON — National security adviser Condoleezza Rice testified Thursday "there was no silver bullet that could have prevented" the worst terror strike in the nation's history, adding that the United States "simply was not on a war footing" at the time of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"For more than 20 years, the terrorist threat gathered, and America's response across several administrations of both parties was insufficient," Rice told the commission delving into the attacks that killed more than 3,000, destroyed the twin World Trade Center towers in New York and blasted a hole in the Pentagon.

In widely anticipated testimony, Rice offered no apology for the failure to prevent the attacks — as did former anti-terrorism adviser Richard Clarke two weeks ago. Instead, she said, "as an officer of government on duty that day, I will never forget the sorrow and the anger I felt."

Rice's testimony, under oath and on live national television, came after weeks of White House resistance. President Bush yielded in response to repeated public requests from members of the

"As an officer of government on duty that day, I will never forget the sorrow and the anger I felt."



Condoleezza Rice, national security advisor

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State park officials readying for 'Master the Mountain'

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

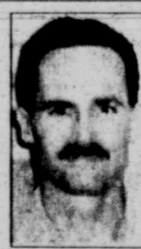
Runners from all over the state are expected to "take to the mountain" April 17, as the Big Spring State Park prepares to hold its annual "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Walk.

Park Manager Ron Alton said the event poses a challenge to runners that many can't find anywhere else.

"You really can't find the kind of hills that we offer with this run anywhere else. I've heard runners refer to one of the hills on the run as Terminator Hill," laughed Alton. "The

"We get a lot of people who participate in the walk just because of the beauty of the park..."

Ron Alton, park manager



steep grades really offer a challenge to runners.

"I've gotten entry forms from three runners in Houston and the Permian Basin Running Club usually sends a team over. We get runners from Midland, Merkel and San Angelo,

just to name a few. They really look forward to the challenge the terrain here offers."

While the 10K and 5K races seem to draw the serious competitors, Alton said the beauty of the mountain draws just as many people for the walking division.

"You don't have to run to be a part of the fun," said Alton. "We get a lot of people who participate in the walk just because of the beauty of the park, and the view from the 200-foot bluff is just unbelievable. Whether you're running hard or just walking along, it's hard to ignore the beauty from there."

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Jury selection set in district court Monday for separate trials

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Jury selection in the deadly conduct trial of 23-year-old Anthony Lee Evans of Big Spring is expected to begin Monday morning in 118th District Court.

According to Howard County District Attorney Hardy

Wilkerson, the charge stems from a "drive by" shooting that occurred in the 1500 block of Wood Street on Jan. 4.

No injuries were reported as a result of the shooting, which allegedly targeted a Big Spring man who was in his car at the time.

"It appears the victim was in

his car when another vehicle, driven by three males, approached," said Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness the day after the incident. "Two of the passengers in the vehicle opened fire with what we believe to be rifles."

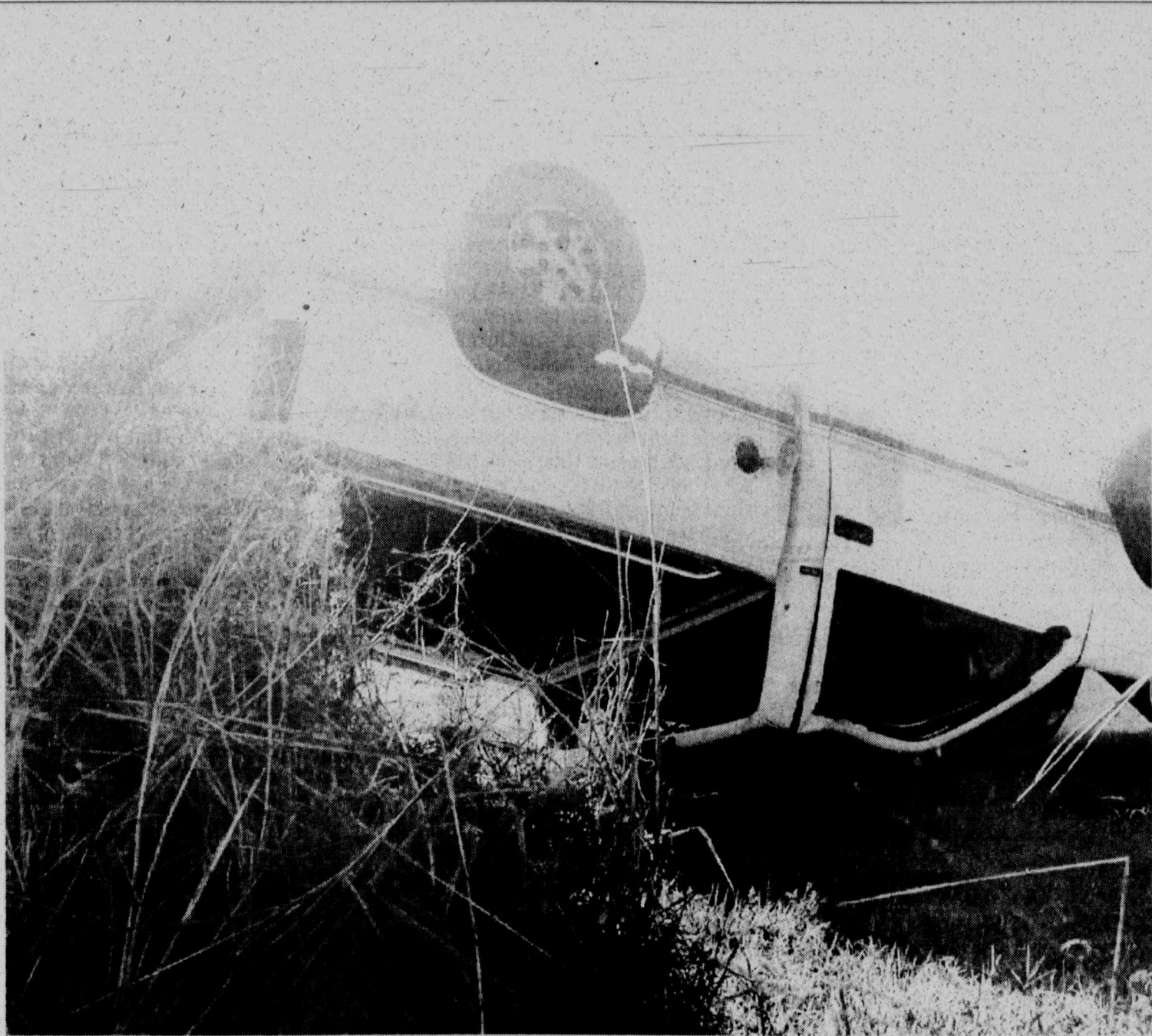
A Howard County grand jury recently returned an indictment

for deadly conduct for David Jerome Franks, 27, who is believed to have participated in the same shooting. A trial date for Franks has not yet been released by the District Attorney's Office.

Evans is currently under

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Alton said the Fun Run doubles as a fund-raiser for the state park, making next year's trek possible.

"The money we raise from the Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk will be used to put the same event on again next year," he said. "There's a \$10 entry fee to walk or run in the event, and that

will include a T-Shirt with Sue Bagwell's famous prairie dog design. The colors may be a little different this year, but for the most part it's going to be the same design as last year."

Set to start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, Alton said he hopes people take a very special reminder about exercises away from the annual event.

"I was talking to a doctor the other day, and he told me he tells his

patients if they would just go walk the mountain regularly they would rarely have to see him," said Alton. "Exercise is very important to your overall health. That's one of the reasons we hold this run in conjunction with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair each year."

"From my personal experience, exercise has made an incredible impact on my overall health. Our main support-

ers at the state park are the people who come out here to walk, and some of them come every day after work. It's an amazing stress reliever."

For more information on the "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Walk, contact Alton at (432) 263-4931.

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RICE

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commission — as well as quiet proddings of Republicans in Congress — that an on-the-record rebuttal was needed in response to Clarke's explosive charges.

The former White House aide testified last month that the Bush administration gave a lower priority to combating terrorism than had former President Clinton, and that the decision to invade Iraq undermined the war on terror. In addition to raising questions about administration attention to the threat of terrorism, his remarks implicitly challenged a key underpinning of Bush's campaign for reelection.

In her prepared testimony, Rice neither criticized Clarke nor offered a point by point rebuttal of his appearance.

She said she made the unusual decision to retain him when the new administration came into office, saying, he was an "expert in his field, as well as an experienced crisis manager."

She said confronting terrorists competed with other foreign policy con-

cerns when the president came into office, but added that the administration's top national security advisers completed work on the first major national security policy directive of the administration on Sept. 4. The subject, she said, was "not Russia, not missile defense, not Iraq, but the elimination of al-Qaida."

Bush, she said, "understood the threat, and he understood its importance," she said. "He made clear to me that he did not want to respond to al-Qaida one attack at a time. He told me he was 'tired of swatting flies'." Rice told the commission.

Rice slid into the witness chair before an audience that included relatives of victims of the attacks, in which terrorists flew hijacked jetliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. A fourth plane — presumably on course for the

Capitol or another high-profile target in Washington — crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers engaged in a struggle with the hijackers.

Commission chairman Thomas Kean extended a welcome to Rice, and the panel's co-chairman, former Indiana Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton, promised "some searching and some difficult questions."

With that, Rice stood and swore to tell the truth as Kean, a Republican and former New Jersey governor, commenced the hearing.

She sat alone at a witness table draped in red cloth, an American flag pin on the lapel of her gray jacket. In front of her sat the members of the commission. Behind her, in the front rows of the cavernous hearing room, sat relatives of some of the victims of the

attacks. Bush was at his ranch in Crawford, and aides declined to say in advance whether he

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indictment for robbery for his part in the alleged "home invasion" and robbery of an elderly couple that took place on Nov. 25, 2003. Evans, along with an unnamed juvenile and 19-year-old Marcus McVea, were arrested in January by the Howard County Sheriff's Office and indicted in February.

If convicted of deadly conduct, a third-degree felony, Evans could face between two and 10 years in prison for his part in the crime, along with a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Jury selection in the aggravated sexual assault of a child case involving 20-year-old Matthew Shane Franks is also set to begin Monday, as the District Attorney's Office prepares to present evidence in the first of two such cases against the Big Spring man, who was indicted last week on the same charges for a separate incident.

"Monday's jury selection and proceedings are a result of a previous indictment against Mr. (Matthew) Franks," said Wilkerson. "He is currently under indictment for two separate incidents."

Matthew Franks is accused of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl on June 3, 2003. The same victim is also the focus of indictments that were handed down last week against David Franks, William Jerod Franks, 28, and Maurice Edward Franks, 24, for an incident that allegedly occurred in November of 2003.

"It looks as though one of the four, Matthew Franks, was an acquaint-

tance of the victim," said Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson following last week's meeting of the grand jury. "The victim was lured to a location where sexual encounters occurred with those charged in the case."

If convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child, Matthew Franks could face five to 99 years or life in prison, along with a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

A trial date for his most recent indictment for aggravated sexual assault of a child has not been set.

ROLLOVER

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sign and failure to use a seat belts.

No one from SMMC was available to comment on the condition of the students by press time.

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Jarrell Barbee, 71, died Tuesday. Funeral Service will be at 4:00 PM Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Coahoma. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Blaz Armendarez, 76, died Tuesday. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 1:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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OUR VIEWS

Sunrise service promises to be a real blessing

One of the best things about people in the Crossroads area is our ability and willingness to pull together, enjoy activities together... care for each other. That's evident during events such as United Way, Relay for Life, the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, Christmas parade, Community Prayer Service and so many, many other things.

We feel certain that will be the case this Sunday when the annual Community Sunrise Service is held at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

In case you are not aware of this event, we want to make sure you know that you and your family are invited.

The Community Sunrise Service is a non-denominational observance to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Five or six church leaders will speak and the Trinity Baptist Sanctuary Choir and the Mt. Bethel Youth Choir will provide music. It won't be a lengthy service. It will begin at 6:45 a.m. and organizers expect it to last about an hour.

It promises to be a wonderful start to Easter, an opportunity for us to celebrate the rebirth of Jesus as well as a time when we witness a rebirth of the land — trees budding, flowers blooming, birds nesting. Certainly, we have been blessed with a very abundant spring. It is also, perhaps, a time for rebirth in our own lives — commitments to our Lord, to our family, to making a difference.

We hope you'll take part Sunday in the Community Sunrise Service. We feel it will be a blessing for all who do.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:
The Big Spring Optimist Club sponsored the Junior High Optimist Track Meet on March 25. We dedicated this year's meet to Jessy Looney, long time chairman of this annual event, who passed away March 19.

More than 900 Junior High students from seven area schools participated this year.

We would like to thank each of the junior high coaches who gave their time to run the events at the meet. Coaches Karla Kregar, E.C. Roberson, Peggy Calhoun, Pam Beauchamp, Jacob Vasquez, Cris Roberto, Cory Maxwell and Melissa Kinnear. Schools participating were Midland Abell, Andrews,

Levelland, Frenship, Big Spring and Lincoln and Graham from San Angelo.

Thanks are also in order to Dwight Butler, athletic director for Big Spring High, who generously gave his time to help announce and time the events.

We would like to give special thanks to John Smith of H.E.B.

Big Spring Optimist club is a non-profit civic organization; our motto is "Friend of Youth." We feel we are very fortunate to give back to the community that has provided so much for us.

Kathryn G. Wiseman
President,
Big Spring Optimist Club

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Please, Lord, make our crooked paths straight.
Amen

Dissecting Clarke's revisionist history

Condoleezza Rice faces not just the 9/11 commission this week but the specter of Richard Clarke, the disgruntled former National Security Council terrorism expert who did his best to undermine the credibility of his former boss when he testified before the commission on March 24.

The main thrust of Clarke's testimony was that Rice and the entire Bush team were insufficiently attentive to terrorism as an imminent threat because they were focused on other things, especially Iraq. And the media played right along, parroting Clarke's criticism with front-page news stories questioning Rice's pre-9/11 judgment, like this one in The Washington Post: "Top Focus Before 9/11 Wasn't on Terrorism; Rice Speech Cited Missile Defense." Or this in The New York Times: "New to the Job, Rice Focused On More Traditional Threats."



LINDA CHAVEZ

That criticism from Clarke might have been more persuasive had he been equally hard on the Clinton Administration, for which he worked for eight years. But, no, he gave Clinton and the whole national security team high marks, saying, "My impression was that fighting terrorism in general, and fighting al Qaeda in particular, were an extraordinarily high priority in the Clinton Administration, certainly no higher a priority. There were priorities probably of equal importance, such as the Middle East peace process, but I certainly don't know of one that was any higher in the priority of that administration."

Funny, I don't remember the Clinton years that way — but then maybe my mind is clouded by the disease so common to active partisans, selective memory. So I decid-

ed to do a little research to see how the media portrayed the Clinton Administration's priorities at the time.

Using Nexis, the exhaustive data bank of newspaper articles, magazine pieces, and radio and TV transcripts, I looked back over eight years of stories in which Rice's predecessors in the Clinton Administration, Anthony Lake and Samuel Berger, were mentioned in stories that also included references to terrorism or Osama bin Laden or al Qaeda, to see whether they were out sounding the alarm on these threats.

During the entire Clinton Administration's tenure, only 278 stories appeared in The Washington Post, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, or Chicago Tribune, which cited these officials in stories that also mentioned either terrorism (271), bin Laden (71), or al Qaeda (4). Most of the mentions of terrorism, however, referred to attacks against Israel or other non-U.S. targets. And few of the stories even suggest that the Clinton Administration made fighting terrorism its top priority.

President Clinton did give a major speech to the United Nations in September 1998, in which he said that fighting terrorism was "at the top of the U.S. agenda." But as The New York Times noted in its coverage, "if he looked preoccupied, which he did, it was because he was in the awkward position of addressing the United Nations at the same time that a videotape of his testimony to a grand jury investigating the Monica Lewinsky matter was playing on television screens and computer monitors around the world. Some television banks here were playing his speech and the videotape at once." Moreover, noted the Times, "Mr. Clinton did not advance American policy against terrorism in any new direction. Or

Although several terrorist attacks against Americans

occurred during Clinton's tenure — most notably the first World Trade Center bombing, the bombing of a U.S. military barracks in Saudi Arabia, the bombing of U.S. embassies in East Africa, and the attack on the U.S.S. Cole off the coast of Yemen — the military response was spotty at best, consisting of a few cruise missiles launched at an abandoned training camp in Afghanistan and a chemical plant in Sudan.

But it isn't just that the Clinton Administration didn't do very much to strike back at terrorists. Clinton's National Security advisers weren't all that outspoken on the issue either. In 1996, for example, Anthony Lake gave a major speech to the Chicago Foreign Relations Council, entitled "Laying the Foundation for a Post-Cold War World: National Security in the 21st Century." In it, Lake mentions terrorism, almost in passing, as a modern threat, along with drug trafficking and managing environmental disaster. The foreign policy crises he described as "the most urgent" were "repression in Haiti, the war in Bosnia and the containment of Iraq."

The truth is, no one — not George W. Bush or Condoleezza Rice, and certainly not Bill Clinton or his advisers — fully understood how grave a threat al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden and other Islamist terrorists posed to America until September 11, 2001. We know now, and the true test of leadership is how our leaders responded once the terrorists struck. And here both Bush and Rice look pretty good compared with their predecessors, Richard Clarke's revisionist history notwithstanding.

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More troops needed, but from where

The New York Times Book Review of last Sunday received unusual attention in the Pentagon's corridors this week. The review of "In the Company of Soldiers" by Washington Post war correspondent Rick Atkinson reveals the ridiculously low estimate made by the Pentagon's civilian leadership of troops needed in Iraq. Those words echoed eerily amid news of open fighting in Baghdad between U.S. troops and Shiite militia.



ROBERT NOVAK

In the "afterword" following his brilliant account of the actual war, Atkinson wrote: "Pentagon planners in early May had predicted that U.S. troop levels would be down to 30,000 by late summer (of 2003)." That was the first time that prediction had been seen in print by startled readers at the Defense Department. The existing 125,000 troop-level (currently at 135,000 because of replacements) is considered inadequate by the generals. Gen. John Abizaid, the regional commander-in-chief, is not a yes-man and has made clear he will ask for more troops if his subordinate commanders need them.

But Afghanistan also needs more troops. So, where will they come from? Nobody knows, and that connotes an overcommitment by the U.S. and a miscalculation at the Defense Department. The uniformed military does not speak out publicly, but the generals are outraged. A former national security official who held high office in pre-

vious Republican administrations considers the relationship at the Pentagon between civilians and the military as worse than at any time in his long career.

At the heart of this debate is the original belief by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's team that conquering U.S. troops would be welcomed by open arms in Iraq. In this highly political season, Democrats are replaying the debate of a year ago. Gen. Eric Shinseki, then about to leave as the Army's chief of staff, said "several hundred thousand soldiers" could be needed in Iraq. "Way off the mark," retorted Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

Adhering to the principle of civilian control of the military and unvarying obedience to orders, the generals have not publicly expressed their opinion that Shinseki was much closer to the truth than Wolfowitz. However, the widely respected Abizaid made clear Monday that he was not going to be the fall guy if conditions in Iraq further deteriorate. If commanders want more troops to fulfill their mission, he will ask for them. That would leave Rumsfeld with no choice. The secretary announced on Tuesday that the generals "will get what they ask."

The problem of where to find these troops is not easily solved. There are simply no large units available and suitable for assignment. The 3rd Infantry Division was sent home early, but is now in the midst of Rumsfeld's "transformation" (from three brigades to five) and so is not ready to be inserted into combat. National Guard brigades could be activated, but the need for full training before

going to war means they cannot help resolve the present crisis.

Democrats have demanded the use of foreign troops, but countries that previously refused to help without a United Nations mandate have not changed their minds. Britain announced Tuesday it was replacing an armored brigade, keeping their contribution at the present level of 8,700 troops but not adding any. Spain's new leftist government wants out. That leaves only Turkey willing to help, but the U.S. has ruled that out in the face of fierce Kurdish opposition.

Although underestimating troop needs in a less political environment would mean fixing the blame at the Pentagon, every issue today becomes a test of party loyalty. Sens. Richard Lugar and Chuck Hagel, the top two Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, are assailed by the White House for offering constructive criticism. With Sen. Edward M. Kennedy setting the Democratic line by saying that "Iraq is George Bush's Vietnam," sensible dialogue is impossible.

While Democrats roar, the generals are silent — in public. Many confide that they will not cast their normal Republican votes on Nov. 2. They cannot bring themselves to vote for John Kerry, who has been a consistent Senate vote against the military. But these generals say they are unable to vote for Don Rumsfeld's boss, and so will not vote at all.

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Area Class 1A students fare well at recent UIL academic district contest

HERALD Staff Report

Sands High School's Ben Campbell earned the top score in physics while Jason Pribyla of Grady and Scott Ferguson of Klondike earned top scores in biology and chemistry at the University Interscholastic League 9 1-A academic meet Saturday, March 27.

The academic team from Borden County High School won the meet, held at Western Texas College in Snyder against 12 other schools. Grady High School took second, Sands High School placed fifth followed by Ira High School at sixth and Klondike High School at eighth.

Results from the meet are as follows:

Accounting: 2. Suzie Pendergrass, Ira; 6. Lesley Rutherford, Borden County. Ira place second and Borden County placed third in team competition.

Calculator applications: 2. Mary Harryman, Grady; 3. Lauren Hanks, Grady; 4. Emily Krug, Grady; 5. Callie Harryman, Grady. Grady placed first in team competition.

Computer applications: 1. John Wilson, Borden County; 2. Suzie Pendergrass, Ira; 5. Mary Harryman, Grady; 6. Amanda Calley of Ira. Computer science: 2. Noel Lopez, Grady; 4. Jason Pribyla, Grady; 4. Trent May, Grady. Grady placed second in team competition.

Current issues and events: John Wilson, Borden County; 3. Jake Barnes, Ira; 5. Jacob Meeks, Grady. In team competition, Borden County placed first and Ira placed third.

Editorial writing: 1. John Wilson, Borden County; 2. Levi Estes, Klondike; 6. Mary Harryman, Grady.

Feature writing: 3. Kelsey Tubb, Grady; 4. Jessica Odom, Ira.

Headline writing: 1. Kyle Pinkerton, Borden County; 3. Trey Soto, Borden County; 6. Amanda Calley, Ira.

Informative speaking: 1. Tyler Wallace, Borden County; 2. Andrew Lamming, Borden County; 3. Billy Roper, Borden County; 4. Trent Rogers, Sands; 6. Chelsy Ybarra, Sands.

Lincoln-Douglas debate: 2. Andrew Lamming, Borden County; 4. Marcelo Barraza, Sands; 6. Trent Rogers, Sands.

Literary criticism: 2. Jake Payne, Borden County; 3. John Cowart, Borden County; 5. Callie Harryman, Grady; 6. Trey Sots, Borden County.

Mathematics: 1. John Wilson, Borden County; 4. Steven Barraza, Sands; 5. Mary Harryman, Grady; 6. Billy Roper, Borden County. Team standings were Borden County first and Grady third.

News writing: 2. Lindsey Stamper, Borden County; 3. Amanda Cink, Ira; 4. Whitney Anderson, Borden County; 5. Kelsey Tubb, Grady, fifth.

Number Sense: 3. Mary Harryman, Grady; 5. Erik Gutierrez, Sands; 6. Trent May, Grady. Grady place third in team competition.

Persuasive speaking: 1. Kyle Pinkerton, Borden County; 2. John Wilson, Borden County; 3. Levi Estes, Klondike; 4. Rusty Josey, Ira; 5. Adam Carter, Borden County.

Poetry interpretation: 1. Lindsey Stamper, Borden County; 2. Amanda Cooper, Grady; 3. Tayla Hightower, Klondike; 4. Adam Carter, Borden County; 6. Kandis Carson, Sands.

Prose interpretation: 1. Tyler Wallace, Borden County; 2. Cassidy Rinehart, Borden County; 3. Menda James, Borden County; 4. Brianna Pribyla, Grady; 6. Dee Fryar, Sands.

Ready writing: 1. Becky Dobyns, Borden County; 2. Levi Estes, Klondike; 4. Danielle Ferguson, Klondike.

Science: 1. Ben Campbell, Sands; 2. Jason Pribyla, Grady; 3. Gustavo Rodriguez, Grady; 5. Brent Madison, Grady; 6. Shane Tarleton, Borden County. Teams placing were Grady, first; Sands, third.

Social Studies: 1. Rowdy Clary, Borden County; 2. Taylor Peterson, Borden County; 3. Jake Payne, Borden County. Team results are Borden County, first; Ira, third.

Spelling and vocabulary: 1. Becky Dobyns, Borden County; 2. Terryn Autry, Ira; 4. Erik Gutierrez, Sands; 5. Tyler Kinman, Sands; 6. Emily Mayes, Borden County. In team competition, Borden County placed first followed by Sands second, and Ira third.

Team journalism: 1. Borden County. Team speech: 1. Borden County; 3. Sands.

Mom with 14 kids, one on the way, honored

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — With her 14 children in tow and pregnant with her 15th, Michelle Duggar waddled into Arkansas' Capitol on Wednesday to accept the state's Young Mother award. "We're going from diapers right up to driver's ed," she said with a smile.

Duggar, 37, who home schools her children and is helping to build a new home from the ground up, started having her babies when she was 21, four years after she married former state Rep. Jim Bob Duggar.

"We're letting the Lord give us the gifts that he wants to give us and I'm open to more gifts," she said. "I'll take them one at a time or two at a time."

The offspring include two sets of twins, and the parents have stuck to the letter "J" when it comes picking names. There is Joshua,

16; Jana and John-David, 14; Jill, 12; Jessa, 11; Jinger, 10; Joseph, 9; Josiah, 7; Joy-Anna, 6; Jeremiah and Jedidiah, 5; Jason, 3; James, 2 and Justin, 1.

The new baby is due in two months and is most likely a boy. They plan to name him Jackson.

That child won't know the sometimes-crowded life his siblings now have in their small home with two bathrooms in Springdale.

"There's usually a pretty good line in front of each one of them," Jim Bob Duggar said.

For the past two years the family has been building their own home in Tontitown, just seven miles from where they now live in north-west Arkansas.

"Our house is like a giant Cracker Barrel," Michelle Duggar said. "It's got this huge porch it goes on forever. We may get lost in the middle of it all."

The 7,000-square-foot family project will have 10 bathrooms, master and guest bedrooms, a laundry room with four washers and eight dryers and two dormitory-style bedrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls. Those rooms will have bunk beds, Jim Bob Duggar said, easily added for any new children.

"We've done the work from the foundation up," he said. "We're building it debt-free. We're doing it as we can afford it."

There will be two closets on either side of the laundry, one with boys clothes and one with things for the girls.

The children put on whatever clothing fits.

This weekend, Duggar, a real estate businessman, plans to put up the siding and windows with some of his sons. They hope to move in this summer.

Study shows drug lifts good cholesterol level

By The Associated Press

The good cholesterol HDL, which reduces the risks of heart disease, can be dramatically boosted by an experimental drug that also lowers bad cholesterol, according to a preliminary study.

Potentially offering an entirely new way to prevent heart attacks, researchers at University of Pennsylvania and Tufts University found that the drug doubled HDL in people with worrisomely low levels of the heart-healthy substance. The drug, called torcetrapib, also reduced LDL, the bad cholesterol.

Good cholesterol reduces the risk of heart

disease; bad cholesterol raises it.

Until now, doctors have concentrated largely on lowering bad cholesterol by giving patients statin drugs, which are used by millions of Americans and reduce heart attacks by about one-third. Many experts hope to drive down heart disease still further by boosting good cholesterol, too, and several strategies are in testing.

The latest study was small, involving just 19 patients, but its striking results suggest torcetrapib can have a powerful effect.

The drug is still a few years away from reaching the market.

Government licenses the first private rocket

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The government on Wednesday awarded a California aviation company the first license for a manned suborbital

The Federal Aviation Administration announced that it gave a one-year license to Scaled Composites of Mojave, Calif., a company founded by aviation maverick Burt Rutan. His goal is public space travel within 10 years.

Rutan is best known for designing the Voyager airplane that made the first nonstop, unrefueled flight around the world in 1986. But his dream is to inspire excitement about space flight.

Though he declined to comment on obtaining

the launch license, Rutan posted a statement on the company's Web site expressing his hopes that ordinary people can travel to space in 10 years.

"I strongly feel that, if we are successful, our program will mark the beginning of a renaissance for manned space flight," he wrote. "This might even be similar to that wonderful time period between 1908 and 1912 when the world went from a total of ten airplane pilots to hundreds of airplane types and thousands of pilots in 39 countries. We need affordable space travel to inspire our youth."

The license is a prerequisite for the X Prize competition.

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Shiite militiamen control parts of three Iraqi cities; Fighting with Sunni Muslims still raging in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Militiamen loyal to an anti-U.S. Shiite cleric controlled large swaths of three Iraqi cities Thursday after clashes with coalition forces, while U.S. Marines fought insurgents for the second day around a mosque in the Sunni Muslim stronghold of Fallujah.

Fighting this week has left 35 Americans and at least 459 Iraqis dead. This includes more than 280 Iraqis killed since the Marines' siege against insurgents in Fallujah, begun early Monday said Taher Al-Issawi, the director of the city's hospital.

At a time when U.S. forces had planned to try to hand more security

duties over to Iraqi security forces, the intensified violence on two fronts — one Sunni, one Shiite — has forced the U.S. military to consider sending more troops to Iraq and to postpone the removal of forces due to rotate out.

"You can be certain that if they want more troops, we will sign deployment orders so that they'll have the troops they need," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference Wednesday, though he insisted fighting was not spinning out of control.

The United States has about 135,000 troops in Iraq.

In Fallujah, Marines battled again around the

Abdel-Aziz al-Samarrai mosque, which Marine Capt. James Edge said insurgents were again using as a base despite a six-hour battle the day before to uproot them. Helicopters were deployed to support the Marines, he said.

Capping Wednesday's battle, a U.S. Cobra helicopter fired a missile at the base of the mosque's minaret, and an F-16 dropped a laser-guided bomb at the wall, allowing Marines to move in and seize the site, Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne said.

"I understand there was a large casualty toll taken by the enemy," said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the deputy chief of military operations in Iraq.

He said U.S. Marines did not attack the mosque until it became clear enemy fighters were inside and using it to cover their attacks — nullifying the holy site's protections under the Geneva Conventions.

The battle began Wednesday morning, when gunmen in the mosque opened fire on an American patrol, wounding five Marines, Byrne said.

Fighting in the south is waged by the Shiite Al-Mahdi Army militia, which launched a wave of attacks against coalition troops this week after U.S. authorities began a crackdown on its leader, radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

NEWS BRIEFS

Palestinians expect aid package from U.S.

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Palestinians expect a large aid package from the United States and other donor countries to help rebuild the Gaza Strip after an Israeli withdrawal, the Palestinian foreign minister said Thursday.

The foreign minister, Nabil Shaath, is traveling to Washington later this month to discuss Israel's unilateral withdrawal plan with top U.S. officials.

In Gaza, the Palestinian Authority and various militant factions are to hold a new round of talks this weekend on a possible power-sharing arrangement after an Israeli withdrawal.

The two sides are nowhere near a deal which would require major concessions, including agreement by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to give up some of his power and an implicit recognition of Israel by Hamas. The Islamic militant group, which has killed more than 300 Israelis in attacks since 2000, seeks Israel's destruction.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said he expects to withdraw from Gaza in the coming year. Sharon travels to Washington next week for talks with President Bush. Shaath will hold talks with senior administration officials a week later.

Prosecutors try to halt retrial for Stewart

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors hope to quash Martha Stewart's bid for a retrial by discrediting attempts by her lawyers to dredge up damaging details about a juror's past.

In papers filed Wednesday in federal court, prosecutors told Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum that the allegations against juror Chappell Hartridge were not enough to require a court hearing, much less a new trial.

Stewart was convicted March 5 of lying to federal investigators about her sale of 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before it plunged on a negative government report.

Last week, Stewart's lawyers asked for a new trial, saying Hartridge failed to disclose an arrest on assault charges, three lawsuits filed against him and an accusation that he stole money from a Little League group.

Prosecutors said in their written response that the allegations raised by Stewart were unsupported by enough evidence for a "reasonable inference" that Hartridge had intentionally withheld any information about himself.

Stewart lawyer Robert Morvillo had not seen the government papers and could not respond, his office said Wednesday.

Kerry promises to hold line on spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, portrayed by Republican critics as a tax-and-spend Massachusetts liberal, is promising to hold the line on federal spending if elected president.

Kerry said in a speech Wednesday that he would cut the deficit in half in four years and cap spending at the rate of inflation, except for homeland security, education and the Social Security and Medicare entitlement programs. He acknowledged that he will have to cut some of his campaign promises to meet the goal.

"I don't like that. But those are the hard calls that a president has to make," Kerry said at Georgetown University.

Kerry was touting his economic plan Thursday at a town meeting in Milwaukee with Gov. Jim Doyle. The trip will be his first visit to the battleground state of Wisconsin since he won its presidential primary in February.

U.S. jobless claims tumble to 328,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people filing new claims for unemployment benefits dropped last week to the lowest level in more than three years, a promising sign that companies feel better about the economy's prospects and are less inclined to get rid of workers.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new applications filed for jobless claims declined by a seasonally adjusted 14,000 to 328,000 for the week ending April 3. That marked the lowest level since Jan. 13, 2001.

The jobless claims figures were better than economists were expecting. They called for a slight decline from the previous week to around 340,000.

The more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out weekly fluctuations, also went down last week by 3,250 to 336,750. That represented the lowest level since November 25, 2000.

The latest snapshot of layoffs raised hopes that recent improvements seen in the labor market might be sustained. A complete turnaround in the jobs market is the one missing piece of the economic recovery puzzle, analysts say.

The employment situation showed signs of turning an important corner in March. The economy added 308,000 jobs last month — the most in four years. While that's definitely an improvement from payroll gains registered in previous months, economists want to see net job gains in the range of 200,000 to 300,000 a month on a consistent basis before they declare a recovery in the jobs market.

The nation's unemployment rate, meanwhile, edged up to 5.7 percent in March as an improved economic climate beckoned more job seekers to look for work again.

Even with the robust job gains in March, the economy has lost a net 1.84 million jobs since January 2001.

That's something presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry says is evidence that President Bush's economic policies aren't working. Bush, however, says the robust employment gain in March shows his economic policies are making the economy stronger and translating into job growth.

Economists believe the economy grew at a healthy annual rate of around 4.5 percent in the first quarter of this year and is expanding close to that pace in the current April to June quarter.

The Federal Reserve has held a key interest rate at an extra low level of 1 percent to motivate consumers and business to spend and invest more, forces that would bolster economic growth.

Some economists believe the Fed won't start to nudge rates up until 2005. But others — encouraged that the labor market will continue to get better — believe the Fed will start pushing up rates later this year.

Actors whip Easter bunny at church show

GLASSPORT, Pa. — A church trying to teach about the crucifixion of Jesus performed an Easter show with actors whipping the Easter bunny and breaking eggs, upsetting several parents and young children.

People who attended Saturday's performance at Glassport's memorial stadium quoted performers as saying, "There is no Easter bunny," and described the show as being a demonstration of how Jesus was crucified.

Melissa Salzmann, who brought her 4-year-old son J.T., said the program was inappropriate for young children. "He was crying and asking me why the bunny was being whipped," Salzmann said.

Patty Bickerton, the youth minister at Glassport Assembly of God, said the performance wasn't meant to be offensive. Bickerton portrayed the Easter rabbit

and said she tried to act with a tone of irreverence.

"The program was for all ages, not just the kids. We wanted to convey that Easter is not just about the Easter bunny, it is about Jesus Christ," Bickerton said.

Performers broke eggs meant for an Easter egg hunt and also portrayed a drunken man and a self-mutilating woman, said Jennifer Norelli-Burke.

another parent who saw the show in Glassport, a community about 10 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

"It was very disturbing," Norelli-Burke said. "I could not believe what I saw. It wasn't anything I was expecting."

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For more info call Billy Pine 7116 after 7 p.n

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IN BRIEF

Bulldogettes roll past Colorado City, 10-1

Coahoma's Bulldogettes evened their season record to 9-9, but more importantly improved to 2-0 in District 3-2A play, with a 10-1 drubbing of Colorado City's Lady Wolves on Tuesday.

Colorado City broke open a scoreless game in the third on an error and a triple.

But that would be all Coahoma's Ashle New and Kali Roberts allowed, as they combined to scatter three Lady Wolves hits and struck out 11.

Coahoma took control in the fourth inning with a seven-run rally. The Bulldogettes added two more in the fifth and another in the sixth.

All told, the Bulldogettes pounded out nine hits and made the most of six Colorado City errors.

The Bulldogettes return to non-district play today, traveling to Midland to face Midland High's Class 5A Lady Dawgs.

CGA to hold benefit tournament for Relay

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for Saturday, April 24, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament's format will be a four-man scramble. Entry fees are \$20 per player and all players must be registered by 10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m..

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.

Teen 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.

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Rangers vs. Angels, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
Sunday		
Astros at Brewers, 12:40 p.m.	1490	

Rangers top A's to post first win of season

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Colby Lewis and the Texas bullpen out-pitched Barry Zito, and the Rangers snapped a nine-game losing streak against the Oakland Athletics with a 2-1 victory Wednesday.

Zito lost to Texas for the first time in 18 career starts, allowing seven hits and four walks over eight innings. The 2002 AL Cy Young winner had been 11-0 with a 2.40 ERA against the Rangers,

who couldn't sign Zito after drafting him in the third round in 1998.

Texas hadn't beaten Oakland since last June 25. The A's rallied for a victory on opening day, and Mark Mulder shut down the Rangers in a 3-1 win Tuesday night.

Eric Young had an RBI single and Kevin Mench hit a sacrifice fly in the early innings against Zito. That was enough for Lewis and his relievers, who held Oakland to five hits — none after

the sixth inning despite a long history of blowing games against the A's, including Monday's season opener.

Jay Powell pitched out of a jam in the sixth, and Erasmo Ramirez and Francisco Cordero followed with hitless performances.

Rookie Bobby Crosby reached second base with one out in the ninth when Alfonso Soriano dropped his popup for an error, but Cordero retired pinch-hitters Billy McMillon and Eric Karros

for his first save.

Jermaine Dye hit his second homer in two days for the A's, but his sixth-inning shot was their only extra-base hit.

Lewis worked quickly and confidently, allowing five hits and four walks over 5 1-3 innings while striking out five in his fifth straight victory dating back to last season. In contrast to the Rangers' struggles against Oakland, Lewis has won two of his three career starts at the Coliseum.

Steers, Lady Steers suffer losses to Andrews squads

By ROB LOFTIS

Special to the Herald

If Big Spring sports fans didn't have reason enough to dislike Andrews' Mustangs or just need a reminder of the heated rivalry between the two schools, Andrews felt inclined Wednesday to provide a reminder.

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers hosted their arch rivals Wednesday in District 4-4A baseball and softball games and both home teams fell short as a result of very good play by the two Andrews teams.

The Steers played the first six innings of their game magnificently, and trailed by a slim 6-5 margin.

It was in the seventh inning, however, that Big Spring fell apart.

Capitalizing on Big Spring errors, the Mustangs added seven more runs to take a 13-5 victory.

"I am disappointed about the end of the game," Steers head coach Jason Phillips admitted. "We need to learn how to finish games."

The loss leaves the Steers at 7-9 overall, and winless in district play at 0-3.

The Lady Steers didn't fair any better, as they were simply smothered by Andrews' defense. The Lady Mustangs allowed just three hits in a 7-0 victory.

"Andrews played very well, and I feel they came out to play and we didn't," Lady Steers head coach Lee Daggett said following the shutout loss.

When asked if he considered the loss an upset — the Lady Steers entered Wednesday's showdown as the No. 6-ranked Class 4A team in the state — he made it clear he believed so.

"Andrews is a very good team," he said. "This was more of a per-



After taking a beating from the Andrews offense in the bottom of the second inning, Lady Steers pitcher Alex Watkins gets some revenge by belting one into right field.

sonal defeat rather than a statistical loss because I truly believe we are better than they are."

The he Lady Steers are still in the mix of things, however, the loss leaving them in second place in the 4-4A standings, one game behind the Lady Mustangs.

And they will get a

chance to avenge the loss during the last game of the regular season at Andrews — a game that could well decide the league championship.

The Lady Steers fall to a respectable record of 24-31 overall, while their district record dropped to 4-1.

Both the Steers and

Lady Steers will be in action today when they will face San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs and Maidens.

The Lady Steers and Maidens square off at 4 p.m. at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex, while the Steers and Chiefs are scheduled for a 4:30 p.m. start.

Clemens dominates Giants in 10-1 win

By BEN WALKER

AP National Writer

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens nearly turned a special night at Minute Maid Park into a truly historic one.

Boosted by an emotional talk with George Steinbrenner and bolstered by a standing ovation even before his first pitch, Clemens made his Houston homecoming one to remember.

Clemens dominated Barry Bonds and the Giants, holding them to one hit over seven shutout innings in his NL debut and leading the Astros past San Francisco 10-1 Wednesday night.

"It sure was nice coming home," Clemens said. "It was just real enjoyable."

Clemens earned his 31st victory, tying former teammate and mentor Tom Seaver for 16th place on the career list.

Ray Durham nicked Clemens for a clean single to center field in the third inning. The Rocket retired the next 14 batters and finished with nine strikeouts.

"It's nice to get the first one underway," Clemens said. "It's been a long time coming since I first decided to play."

Clemens also won the matchup between a six-time Cy Young winner and a six-time MVP. In baseball's first meeting of a pitcher with 300 wins and a hitter with 600 home runs, Clemens intentionally walked Bonds in the first inning and then twice struck him out with 94 mph fastballs.

Bonds left town with 659 home runs, still one behind his godfather, Willie Mays, for third place on the career list.

"Good for him. Instead of doing it here, let him go home and do it in front of people who have seen him grow up," Clemens said.

Mickelson in search of greatness, and a green jacket

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The man in the green jacket raved about Phil Mickelson's record at the Masters — seven times in the top 10, no worse than seventh since 1999.

Mickelson saw what was coming and beat everyone to the punch.

"But no wins," he said. Then, he reached over and playfully tugged at the sleeve of the Augusta National member sitting next to him.

"I want what you have," he said. "I want one of these. Those are nice."

Getting one has proved to be a major challenge for Mickelson,

who comes into the Masters riding a streak — 0-for-42 in the majors — that has come to define an otherwise impeccable career.

No one questions his awesome ability. Mickelson has won 22 times on the PGA Tour, more than any other active player besides Tiger Woods. He is long off the tee and has a short game that even Woods says is the best in golf.

But his lack of a major became even more glaring last year when another Lefty — Mike Weir of Canada — showed the mettle of major champions by making clutch putts down the stretch to win the Masters.

What about Phil? "I think he's going to win a major championship," Mark

O'Meara said. "And I think it's going to happen soon."

Mickelson's hopes are higher than ever this year, and for good reason.

Coming off his worst season on the PGA Tour — so bad that one golf publication failed to list him among the top 30 players going into the year — Mickelson looks stronger than ever.

He refused to start practicing until Jan. 1 to emphasize that last year was behind him, then came out of the blocks by winning the Bob Hope Classic and getting into Sunday contention every time he has played.

He has toned down his swing, costing him some 15 yards off the tee that he could afford to lose in exchange for playing out of the

fairway. He is controlling his irons with three-quarter shots instead of swinging from the heels.

"Phil, he's probably played the best out of the whole lot," Ernie Els said.

This might be the place for Mickelson to prove it.

Mickelson is so serious about this year's Masters that he came to Augusta National last week for two practice rounds. He identified his problems the last three years — all of them third-place finishes — by working with coaches Rick Smith and Dave Pelz to figure out where he can save a shot per round.

"I certainly feel like I have a very good chance," Mickelson said.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Aspects inspire spirited debate. The question is: How can people with drastically different backgrounds possibly understand where one another is coming from, let alone come to an agreement? The Sagittarius moon helps matters by stimulating our curiosity about how others live. Try not to be naive or ask questions that could potentially agitate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being diverse and flexible will make you attractive. You can go from a serious statement one moment to a joke the next. The air of unpredictability around you keeps people watching for what's next.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone goes at his or her own speed in life, and yours is usually a steady, determined gate — except on days like



Joyce Jillson

today, when it's more like a race-car in the Indianapolis 500. No one else can keep up, but that's fine with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). How do you know you can trust yourself to make the right choice? By continuing to put boundaries up and then stick to them, you reinforce to yourself that you're willing to do what it takes to treat yourself with care.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Assess the problem, and then, act. It's simple, really. Some of you will be learning for the first time the value of holding yourself in high esteem — you may even get the guts up to leave a relationship that does not serve you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Job seekers: Do some personal development work on yourself before you investigate the market fully. It's necessary to build up your own self-worth and trust your intuition to be able to discern what job situations are right for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). For those of you who

are wondering what you're doing with your life, here's a hint: Life is ticking away as you sit and wonder. Your fire still exists, but it is being covered up by doubt. Let go of the fear, and the clouds clear.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Neediness is a motivator. You could reach out to new love for the sole reason that your heart needs comfort, or you could do a killer job at work for the sole reason that you need the money. Pisces and Leo are favored signs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you've got a regular 9-to-5 job, you'll struggle to stay interested today. And if you work for yourself, you're in trouble because there's no one telling you not to day dream or spend too much time on the phone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a chance to make dreams come true — jump on it, no matter how far-fetched it may seem. Dramatic moves will be recognized with dramatic results. Appreciate, and be appreciated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's a lucky day; take a small risk. Some of you will even fall in love. You can get closer to a love interest by asking better questions. Use humor to help with tough personalities and children who need much encouragement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't be surprised if you have feelings of ecstasy, jealousy, agony and bliss all in a day's work. Not everything has to be perfect, so just get it done. What you're doing doesn't matter as much as the fact that you're in action.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll get a diligent start. Don't try — just do. Too much effort and analysis leads to going in circles with no goal in sight. Instincts are honed. A lucky guess might just make you rich!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "A Leo born Aug. 5, 1969, I am a professional woman with somewhat sophisticated tastes (if I do say so myself) and a lifelong commitment to bettering my mind. I have

a business and work from my home. This has allowed me to continue a habit I find both disturbing and embarrassing. I can't stop watching television! In particular, I'm addicted to a certain daily show. I'm busy and always behind in my work, but I make the time to indulge in this shameful habit. I estimate that I watch between two and three hours of television a day — time wasted!"

My advice is to go public, which you have done somewhat by writing me this letter. Leos need attention. They are not entirely cut out for working at home and tend to do better when there are people to impress nearby. Your television characters provide some kind of simulated group environment! And it's perfect because you can turn them off whenever you want, whereas real people are much more complex! It's estimated that people who work in an office only actually work about five hours of their eight-hour day. Be easy on yourself. You'll turn it off

when you have something more compelling to do.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: What's it like to be uber-famous on your 20th birthday? Just ask Mandy Moore. The pop-sensation-turned-actress stars in "Chasing Liberty," a modern-day take on the Audrey Hepburn classic "Roman Holiday." Her next project is "Romance & Cigarettes," a big-screen musical directed by John Turturro. As an Aries, she's in a perfect position to make an impact in the musical trend in movies right now.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been in a relationship for nearly four years. "Max" and I became engaged eight months ago, but in the time we have been together, we have broken up three times, and the reason is his daughter, "Meg."

Meg is 28 years old, does not want her father to be happy with anyone and has, in fact, destroyed many of her father's previous relationships. I have never done anything to make Meg dislike me. I actually have bent over backward to try and please her, but she insists



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

on making our lives miserable. Max loves his

daughter very much, but since our engagement, she has stopped calling or visiting, refuses to attend family gatherings and sends him nasty, hateful letters.

Six months ago, Max told me to move out because he needs his daughter back. I had sold all of my possessions to move in with him. I had no car, no job and no money, so I wound up living with my daughter and her family. It was really difficult, but I finally found two jobs and bought another car.

At the moment, I am

back with Max, but it's only temporary until I can find a place of my own. Max says he misses me, loves me and does not want to lose me, but Meg comes first. Also, I discovered Max had a date with another woman in the few months after I moved out.

What do I do? Meg is disrespectful, manipulative and self-centered. She has her own life. Why can't she let us live ours? — No Contest in New York

Dear New York: While children are always important, Meg is a

grown woman, and Max should not allow her to dictate his choice of future wife. Since he has made it clear that her wishes come before yours, this relationship sounds doomed.

Please find another place to live immediately. Suggest to Max that he consider counseling so he can learn how to stop being manipulated by his daughter. If he is willing and you want to wait it out, that's your choice, but otherwise, move on.

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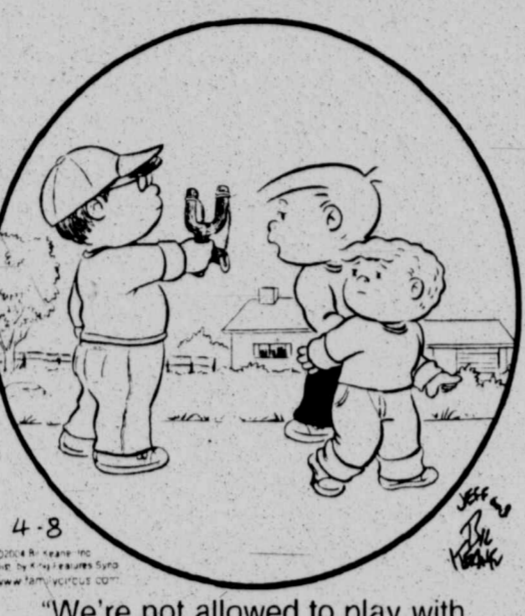
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record. The round-tripper was off pitcher Al Downing.

On this date:

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.

In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for the last time.

In 1950, ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky died in London.

In 1952, President Truman

seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1981, Gen. Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1993, singer Marian Anderson died in Portland, Ore., at age 96.

Ten years ago: Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27. Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa announced his intention to resign in the wake of an ever-widening financial scandal.

Today's Birthdays:
Former first lady Betty

Ford is 86. Comedian Shecky Greene is 78. Lyricist Fred Ebb is 68. Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 67. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 64. Singer J.J. Jackson is 63. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 63. Songwriter-producer Leon Huff is 62. Actor Hywel Bennett is 58. Actor Stuart Pankin is 58. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 57. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 53. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gary Carter is 50. Actor John Schneider is 44. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 42.

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TOOT SUITE by Patrick Jordan
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 - 6 Cured entrées
 - 10 Improve readability
 - 14 How hermits live
 - 15 Leave the stage
 - 16 Style
 - 17 Worker with a whistle
 - 20 Vapor
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 - 25 Chanteur's offering
 - 26 Worker with a whistle
 - 30 They're outstanding
 - 34 Picnic need
 - 35 California peninsula
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 - 38 Saul of Israel, e.g.
 - 39 Public relations concern
 - 41 Application datum
 - 42 Packers position
 - 43 Not clerical
 - 44 Arachne's occupation
 - 46 Simple kind of question
 - 48 Worker with a whistle
 - 50 Admiral's affirmatives
 - 52 Scads
 - 53 Signal receiver
 - 56 Did dinner
 - 57 "Winning everything"
 - 61 Worker with a whistle
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- 1 Guffaw, slangily
 - 2 Baseball family name
 - 3 Camera device
 - 4 Becoming a contestant
 - 5 Miss at a ball
 - 6 Voice-changing gas
 - 7 Chassis attachment
 - 8 Former space station
 - 9 Shorthand pro
 - 10 Come forth
 - 11 Quad building
 - 12 Inspiration
 - 13 Mall rat, often
 - 18 Niger neighbor
 - 19 She played Ballou
 - 24 Expert
 - 25 Stocking ruiner
 - 26 Hoosegow
 - 27 Make one's views known
 - 28 Grants the use of
 - 29 Calculator forerunners
 - 31 Accolade for a soprano
 - 32 Clyde Beatty, for one
 - 33 McCarthy's rustic pal
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 - 45 Freudian phenomenon
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