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**WEATHER**

Tonight:



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**VA offers tests, check-ups for Health Fair '04**

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the HERALD

Cholesterol screenings, blood sugar level tests and glaucoma exams are just a few of the offerings that will be provided by the West Texas VA Health Care System during Saturday's health fair.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual health fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free.

West Texas VA Health Care System is one of 61 organizations, businesses and medical supply companies participating in the yearly health fair.

Participating groups will hand out promotional items, provide screenings and disseminate information about a number of topics, including mental health — this year's

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**COMING THIS WEEKEND**



Cover Story: Author John Grisham has three passions: words, baseball and small towns. He combines all three in his new movie, "Mickey", which is a story about baseball that was shot in Charlottesville, Va.

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## Council OKs lesser rate hike

### Atmos customers to see their bill increase

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Despite its request for a 7 percent rate increase, it appears Atmos Energy is going to have to settle for less than half that amount.

The Big Spring City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to accept the first reading of a 2.93 percent rate hike from the utility provider, accounting for 41.6 percent of the increase Atmos was seeking.

The compromise came as a result of negotiations between Atmos Energy and a coal-

ition of more than 60 West Texas cities, aided by a consultant, that began in September of 2003. Lubbock and Amarillo settled their rate



Mayor Russ McEwen

*"These are supposed to be our partners and I don't think when they say they want to be good citizens they should come in with an artificially inflated rate."*

cases outside of the coalition for 54 percent of Atmos Energy's original request, or a 3.78 percent increase. In January, the coalition

members, including Big Spring, declined that settlement.

The accepted rate, assuming gas costs \$4.96 Mfc, would mean the base residential rate will increase to \$8.50 per month, if approved during final reading in two weeks. Commercial base rate would be \$14, small industrial gas service \$55, public authority gas service \$42 and state institution \$40.74.

City Manager Gary Fuqua said he's pleased the coalition was able to get a better price for the citizens it represented.

"Through the consultant and the steering committee, we were able to reach a suitable agreement with Atmos," said Fuqua. "I'm pleased we were able to get the price down for our citizens, and we did understand they

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Binie White, Howard Soil and Water Conservation District Farmer of the Year, middle front, poses with family and friends following the HSWCD banquet Tuesday night. Also pictured are HSWCD President Bobby Cathey, left, Binie's wife, Edna, and back, Binie's brother-in-law and sister, Dan and Martha Kallus.

## Longtime Vincent area farmer receives conservation award

HERALD Staff Report

A long-time Vincent resident was named the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District Farmer of the Year Tuesday night.

"I am very appreciative they chose to recognize me," said Binie White, recipient of the award. "I always feel I could do more. I think it's important we do more to make sure we preserve the land for future generations."

Given annually, the award honors a farmer or rancher who recognizes the importance and demonstrates the desire to conserve the natural resources that exist on their farm or ranch.

The owner and operator of a cotton and cattle operation in the Vincent community, White lives on the farm with his wife, Edna. The couple have two children, Brad White, an engi-

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Winners of the annual Howard Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest are, from left, front row, Autumn Alton of Kentwood Elementary and Ashten Galan of Marcy Elementary, and back row, Sassy Farmer of Bauer Elementary, Katie Dunn of Coahoma Elementary and Robin Casebeer of Moss Elementary.

## Approval of Moss Lake contract with skiers produces some waves

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council gave the go-ahead for West Texas Water Ski Club to use Moss Creek Lake once again, but on a very stiff condition.

The council passed the first reading of an ordinance that will allow the club to use the lake for water skiing at an annual fee of \$500, plus \$100 for each new member. The club currently has five members. However, the council also

decided to add conditions to the contract that will force water skiers with the club to

*Water ski club members must dock if a personal watercraft enters the lake.*

immediately dock if a personal watercraft enters the lake.

Mayor Russ McEwen said he felt the rule was in the best interest of safety.

"If you have personal watercraft on the water at the same time you have a large boat pulling a skier, I don't feel like that's safe," said McEwen. "We're trying to engender a situation where we can have more volume of people at the lake, and we're talking about a ski team with five people."

"If it only takes up a fourth of the lake or half the lake, it's just a situation where it cre-

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## Deadly conduct

### Big Spring man pleads guilty in district court

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It was finished before it began, as 23-year-old Anthony Lee Evans of Big Spring pleaded guilty to two counts of deadly conduct this week, only hours before jury selection in the 118th District Court trial was set to begin.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said a last-minute witness prompted Evans to enter into plea negotiations late Monday afternoon, ultimately earning the young man two 10-year sentences.

"There were certain details we needed to work out with a witness," said Wilkerson. "We had to locate him and make sure he was going to be in attendance. Once we located that witness, we made sure the defendant was aware of it and he became rather amiable to plea negotiations."

"He plead guilty to two different cases involving deadly conduct. In these cases, deadly conduct was the

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## Sexual assault trial begins today

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The aggravated sexual assault of a child case involving 20-year-old Matthew Shane Franks of Big Spring began today in 118th District Court.

Howard County Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr began the state's presentation of evidence in the first of two such cases against Franks, who was indicted last week on the same

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## Carrillo elected GOP nominee for RR post

AUSTIN (AP) Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo waged a Republican primary across a big state and spent big doing it.

The result? A solid victory Tuesday in the GOP primary runoff over low-profile challenger Robert Butler, a retired state employee.

"It looks pretty decisive, and we're looking forward to refocusing for the

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## Obituaries

## W. Geraldine "Gerry" Gates



W. Geraldine "Gerry" Gates, 84, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday evening, April 12, 2004, at Baptist Memorials/Sage Crest in San Angelo following a long illness. Graveside Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Flynn Long officiating.

She was born Sept. 27, 1919, at Mangum, Okla., to Wallace Adair and Mira Kelly Adair. She grew up in Mangum and attended college in Cameron, Okla. She married Glenn G. Gates Aug. 24, 1940, in Granite, Okla.

When World War II started, her husband was teaching in Lone Wolf, Okla. When he entered the military, Mrs. Gates completed the year teaching his class.

She also taught at Dora, N. M. In the later war years, she lived with her aunt and uncle in Wichita, Kan., where she was a riveter in an aircraft plant.

After the war, Mr. and Mrs. Gates moved to Clovis, N. M. and later to Clayton, N. M. They came to Stanton in 1951 and lived there until 1979 when they moved to Big Spring.

While living in Stanton, Mrs. Gates was a secretary at Webb Air Force Base, Stanton Independent School District and the Farmers Home Administration.

She participated in school activities and was an active member of The First Baptist Church of Stanton. She was a very active, long-time member of Beta Sigma Phi of Stanton.

Mr. Gates passed away, Feb. 18, 1988, and Mrs. Gates moved to San Angelo in 1999. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

She is survived by one daughter, Galenna Smith of San Angelo; one granddaughter, Michelle Cox and her husband, Allen, of Brady; four great grandsons, Kasey, David, Austin, and Cody Cox; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Floyd C. "Smitty" Smith, and one brother, Harold Adair.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Martha Lou Vincent Gray

Martha Lou Vincent Gray died at her daughter's home on April 13, 2004. She was born on June 21, 1926 in Mooringsport, La., to Clarence and Bonnie Vincent.

She graduated from Louisiana Tech in June 1946 and taught school in Mooringsport, La., Helena, Ark. and Big Spring.

She and her husband of 57 years moved to Breckenridge in 1965 from Big Spring and then to Glasscock County 15 months ago. She was an avid fisherwoman. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Breckenridge.

She is survived by her husband, Herve Gray of Glasscock County; one daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Connie Edwards of Glasscock County; one son, Vincent Gray of Arlington; three granddaughters, Tonya Crenwelge and husband, Bret, of O'Fallon, Ill., Stefanie Park and husband, Daniel, of Liberty Hill, and Shelby Gray of Odessa; six great grandchildren, Andrew, Blake and Seth Crenwelge of O'Fallon, Ill., and Haylee, Daniel Jr. and Emilee of Liberty Hill.

The family suggests memorials to The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, 77210-4486 or the American Cancer Society, In care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Sharon A. Aguirre

Sharon A. Aguirre, 50, of New Braunfels died on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in a New Braunfels hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Steve King, pastor of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on May 12, 1953, and married Alfred Aguirre.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred Aguirre of New Braunfels; two sons, Jerry Don Aguirre and John David Aguirre, both of New Braunfels; her mother, Mary Evelyn Bilbrey of Big Spring; one sister, Kathy Barganier of Big Spring; one brother, Bill Bilbrey of Plano; one granddaughter, two nieces, two nephews, and four great nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Dr. Clarence E. Peters

Dr. Clarence E. Peters, 76, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in a Waco hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## M. T. Johnson

M. T. Johnson, 87, of Big Spring, passed away on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

• **ROBERT E. GARCIA**, 21, of 512 Aylesford was arrested Tuesday on charge of driving while license suspended.

• **KENNETH CASBEER**, 26, of 7109 Centerpoint Road was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

• **CRYSTAL DICKENSON**, 31, of Big Spring, no physical address given, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and criminal trespass.

• **MARIE PACHECO**, 42, of Big Spring, no physical address given, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and criminal trespass.

• **ELLESE HICKMAN**, 45, of 510 S. Lancaster was arrested Tuesday on a charge of manufacturing, delivering of a controlled substance.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg and the 2000 block of Gregg.

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 600 block of Golias.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 800 block of Third Street.

• **GRAFFITI** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following week end summary:

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**, 2

**ASSAULT**, 2

**ASSAULT, FAMILY VIOLENCE**, 2

**BURGLARY OF A BUILDING**, 2

**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION**, 1

**BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE**, 2

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, 6

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS**, 3

**DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**, 2

**DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID**, 2

**FRAUDULENT USE OF IDENTIFICATION**, 1

**HARASSMENT**, 2

**INJURY TO A CHILD**, 1

**INJURY TO A DISABLED PERSON**, 1

**INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION**, 1

**POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**, 1

**PUBLIC LEWDNESS**, 1

**RESISTING ARREST**, 1

**RUNWAY (RETURNED)**, 1

**THEFT**, 21

**CONVENIENCE STORE THEFTS**, 17

**BEER THEFTS**, 2

**GAS**, 15

**UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT**, 1

**VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER**, 1

**INCIDENTS**, 19

**ARRESTS**, 23

**ACCIDENTS**, 5

**MAJOR**, 2

**MINOR**, 3

## Sheriff's report

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

• **AMY MARIE ABERGO**, 21, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• **RONNIE RENE RIVERA**, 24, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

• **JOSEPH LYNN CHANCE**, 36, was taken to the county jail Tuesday after being arrested by the Big Spring Police on a warrant for theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• **ESTANISLOA BALTAZAR AGUILAR**, 25, was taken to the county jail Tuesday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on an Ector County warrant for theft by check.

• **MICHAEL DEAN NALL**, 25, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **TRACY DAWN CROCKETT**, 26, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault, family violence.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of North FM 700.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported east on FM 846 and at the International League Baseball Field.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-18-23-30. Bonus Ball: 1.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-0-9

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-10-21-28-32.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$39,865.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

Matching four of five: 130. Prize: \$138.

Matching three of five: 3,924. Prize: \$11.

Matching two of five: 41,315. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

## Bulletin board

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

**TODAY**

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**

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

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

• "Life After Loss," a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, meets from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St. Registration is required. For more information contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

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

• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

• Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main St.

• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

**FRIDAY**

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

**SATURDAY**

• Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 21st and Lancaster streets. Breakfast is served.

• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until noon at Bob's Custom Wood Work at 409 E. Third.

• Flavors of West Texas is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, sponsored by the Heritage Museum. Tickets are \$10 at the museum.

• The Symphony is Song begins at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. The All-City Children's Choir and the Symphony Chorus will also perform. Tickets are available at the United Way/Big Spring Symphony office, 808 Scurry.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 704 W. Third.

**MONDAY**

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

• 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. Call 268-4721.

## Weather

Tonight...Clear in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Friday night through Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday through Tuesday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Lows in the lower 60s.

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## Parents will meet

Parents Who Spring High School meeting at 6:30 p.m. School library. The organization's memorable projects are encouraged. For more information call 267-7884 or visit [www.bigspringherald.com](http://www.bigspringherald.com)

## CARILLO

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November general election and then seek this capacity for six years, at Carrillo said. Former Democrat Scarborough (D) is worth in the general election. Carrillo had 64 percent of the vote, or 64 percent of the vote.

## PLEA

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discharge of a firearm in the direction of and a vehicle occurred in September last year and the January of 2004.

Wilkerson said the deadly conduct involved the discharge of a firearm by Evans.

"The particulars were getting ready to trial on invocation of the defendant as a suspect," said Wilkerson. "In the second which Evans was for previously, t

## WHITE

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neer in Houston daughter Goodwyn, a teacher in Plano.

White began operation of the Vincent in 1979, and his grandfather died in 1903 and until 1932. White operated it for more than 10 years.

Most recently, and his family recognized on May Austin by the Land Heritage for owning and land by the state for more than 10 years.

"Binie possess appreciation for preservation of water resource cropland and raised Jimmy HSWCD vice president. He grows dryland and hay on the where he has co

## ASSAULT

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charges for a incident.

Matthew Fr accused of assaulting a 17-year-old girl on June 3, same victim is focus of indictment handed down by Howard County jury two weeks against David Franks, 27, William Franks, 28, and Edward Franks, alleged criminal occurred in November 2003.

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

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## Parents who care will meet April 19

Parents Who Care, an organization of the Big Spring High School junior class parents, will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 19, in the Big Spring High School library. The organization's aim is to provide a safe and memorable prom for 2004. All junior class parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Teresa Warrington at 267-7884 or Varonda Vasser, 263-0497.

## CARILLO

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November general election and then serving in this capacity for the next six years, at least," Carrillo said. He'll face Democrat Bob Scarborough of Fort Worth in the general election. Carrillo had 145,706 votes, or 64 percent of the

vote, compared with Butler's 81,105 votes, or 36 percent, with all precincts reporting. Carrillo, who was appointed last year by Gov. Rick Perry, was the favorite of many state GOP officials and contributors. He barely missed winning the four-way March primary outright. He chairs the three-member Railroad Commission and is seeking a full six-year term.

## PLEA

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discharge of a firearm in the direction of a person and a vehicle. One occurred in September of last year and the other in January of 2004." Wilkerson said both deadly conduct cases involved the discharge of a firearm by Evans. "The particular case we were getting ready to go to trial on involved the victim, Colby Ford, whose vehicle was shot up by the defendant and another suspect," said Wilkerson. "In the second case, which Evans was indicted for previously, the defen-

dant was driving away when he popped two shots back at the victim. "Both of the cases of deadly conduct were third-degree felonies, which carry a sentence of two to 10 years in prison. Evans took two 10-year sentences, one on each charge." As a condition of the plea, Evans also agreed to testify against 19-year-old Marcus McVea, who allegedly masterminded the home invasion and robbery of an elderly couple in November of 2003. "The home invasion case has been very difficult from both the investigative and the prosecutorial aspects," said Wilkerson. "The case is

## ATMOS

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deserve an increase because there has been inflation, but we felt the amount they were asking for was excessive. That's the reason we formed the coalition. "It's a very technical and difficult matter that we had to look into, and it's easy to get confused, but our consultant led us through it and helped us a great deal. I'm just glad it worked out for both parties." Fuqua said he hopes the process of proposing artificially high rate increases won't become the normal procedure for these types of matters in the future, as they come with a fairly hefty price tag. "I hope this doesn't become the norm," said Fuqua. "As the mayor pointed out tonight, it

would be so much nicer if Atmos would come to us with what we feel is a reasonable amount so we could just sit down and work it out. We had to spend quite a bit of time, energy and finances on the consultant and it would be better for everyone if we could forego that expense. "The cost of the consultant was between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and all of the cities that joined the coalition will be expected to pay a portion of that based on our populations. We haven't received that bill at this point, so I really don't know how much it will be yet." Mayor Russ McEwen said he believes the practice of inflating rate increases has already become procedure for Atmos, and he certainly isn't happy about it. "It has absolutely become the norm," said McEwen. "Because we

don't trust them, they come in with a number that's artificially inflated so they have a fall-back number to go to. It's just not a good way to do business in my opinion. It cost the cities \$100,000 to hire a consultant, and that is \$100,000 that the cities and our area could spend on water lines and streets and other things that are important, as opposed to making sure that Atmos is giving us the best deal." McEwen said only time and honesty will heal the wounds he feels the city and its citizens have suffered. "It's going to take a different way of doing business," said McEwen. "We're always going to be in a position where we don't trust them, and therefore we're going to have to find out. If we go in and find out they are playing it straight and this is how much they

really need, then over a period of time we'll feel like we can trust them. "The real frustration is that they have a monopoly. These are supposed to be our partners and I don't think when they say they want to be good citizens they should come in with an artificially inflated rate. We're settling at less than 50 percent of what they were asking. It's crazy."

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Jonita Ferguson, 61, died Saturday. Memorial Service will be at 4:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.  
Hugh Rhyne, 84, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.  
W. Geraldine "Gerry" Gates, 84, died Monday. Graveside Services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

really dependent on the testimony that the individuals involved made, some of it incriminating themselves and some of it incriminating others. The sole remaining defendant we have in that case is Mr. McVea, and we really didn't have that much on him. "The victims cannot identify the attackers. We know Evans drove the vehicle and parked, and we needed his testimony to put McVea at the house and involved in the home invasion. In addition to the two 10-year sentences, Evans agreed to testify against McVea as to what his involvement was in the home invasion and assault that occurred."

Wilkerson said he's glad the plea with Evans has strengthened the state's case against McVea, but for a prosecutor the decision to let go of such a good case to try wasn't an easy one. "I really wanted to try him," he said. "We had it set up as a second-degree felony because we had it enhanced and it was a really good case to try. There was just too much to gain for the bigger picture to simply sacrifice it on this one case. "We need to get McVea in prison for what he did to the victims during the home invasion and that is one of our priorities, and if I can ultimately get Evans and McVea on both

of these cases, then we've done our job in the best interest of society."

Applications for new students wishing to attend Bauer Magnet School (Grades K-4) during the 2004-2005 school year will be accepted on Thursday, April 15, from 7:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. at Bauer Magnet School.

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near in Houston, and daughter Denise Goodwyn, a teacher in Plano. White began full-time operation of the farm at Vincent in 1979, an operation his grandfather started in 1903 and farmed until 1932. White's parents operated it until 1969. Most recently, White and his family were recognized on March 19 in Austin by the Family Land Heritage Program for owning and operating land by the same family for more than 100 years. "Binie possesses a deep appreciation for the conservation of soil and water resources on his cropland and range land," said Jimmy Sterling, HSWCD vice president. He grows dryland cotton and hay on the cropland where he has constructed

parallel terraces and raises Angus cattle on the range land. White has also participated in the Conservation Reserve Program where he has planted highly erodible land to permanent native grasses. He established native grasses that not only prevented wind erosion but benefited the quail, dove, and antelope that regularly inhabit his land. White is also currently participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives program which is a voluntary program he is utilizing to improve his range land resources. Through this program, White is controlling mesquite and prickly

pear in order to improve the native grass on his range land. "Binie has also done a great job of cross fencing, improving his livestock water distribution by constructing livestock pipelines, water storage facilities, and constructing stock tanks," Sterling said. "This improved water distribution allows White to rotate and rest his pasture, which has been extremely important during our drought conditions the last few years. "Overall, Binie has done an outstanding job of conservation on more than one land resource and his devotion and desire to conserve soil, water and

improve wildlife habitat ensures the land that has been his family for more than 100 years will continue to produce for many years to come," Sterling said. In conjunction with the banquet, winners of the annual poster contest were recognized in front of family and friends. The theme for this year's poster was "The Living Soil." Award recipients were Sassy Farmer of Bauer Elementary, Katie Dunn of Coahoma, Autumn Alton of Kentwood, Ashton Galan of Marcy, Robin Casebeer of Moss Elementary and Lexus Bowman of Washington Elementary.

## ASSAULT

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charges for a separate incident. 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 by a Howard County grand jury two weeks ago against David Jerome Franks, 27, William Jerod Franks, 28, and Maurice Edward Franks, 24, for an alleged crime that occurred in November of 2003. 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.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Watch education funding special session closely

It's coming. Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday called for that long-anticipated special legislative session on school finance, ordering lawmakers to return to work April 20.

Lawmakers have been working since last spring to reach a consensus on how to overhaul the so-called Robin Hood system of public school finance that redistributes property tax revenue from wealthy districts to poor districts — a system that virtually nobody liked from its inception.

Perry has said any replacement plan should be able to eliminate Robin Hood, lower property taxes, maintain funding equity to schools and foster a healthy job climate that doesn't discourage businesses from relocating to the state.

It's a nice thought, but where will the Legislature find the money it needs to do all these things and make everyone ... or at least most of us ... happy?

It seems highly unlikely.

Of course, who'd have ever thought we be seeing Republican administrations at both the federal and state levels overseeing every-increasing budgets?

Last week, Perry publicly proposed a plan that would lower property taxes for homeowners and businesses while shoring up additional revenue from an increased tax on cigarettes, video lottery gambling and an admission fee on adult entertainment events among other sources.

Ah, yes, increasing the so-called "sin taxes" always seems to make sense. You generate revenue, but place it on a small percentage of the population that's already hooked on an unhealthy habit or can be introduced to a new one.

Some have questioned why the governor didn't propose an increase in the state tax on alcoholic beverages as well. But that, of course, would have affected a much larger percentage of the population — something that rarely plays well at the ballot box.

And that is one of the reasons we find the governor's proposal unacceptable.

Increasing "sin taxes" simply isn't a workable, long-term solution to Texas' public education needs.

Furthermore, we have to be concerned with any tax plan that calls for lowering tax ceilings at the community level, while taking away local school districts' ability to tax businesses.

Perry's proposal calls for businesses to be taxed by the state and equalization funds for school districts be provided from that fund.

We fear such a scenario simply brings us much too close to public education being shortchanged, and much closer to that slippery slope in which public funds could be used for private school vouchers.

While it seems that everyone wants the public school finance dilemma solved sooner than later, we have to question whether a special session held during an election year is the time to be seeking a truly fair and equitable solution.

We wish our legislators luck in the endeavor, but believe all of us should watch closely what comes out of Austin in the next few weeks.

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## Radio standards need revising

When it comes to indecent language, I don't care how bad radio gets, it's still not as bad as some of the stuff you hear on TV. To say nothing of the stuff you see.

I cut my teeth on news. At Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth I worked on the Jacket Journal and was on the annual staff. I had a paper route and threw Amon Carter's paper. Except I didn't throw it. I handed him two copies of the Star-Telegram every morning at a quarter to six.

In college, I studied writing. When I got out of the army I wanted to do newspaper work. I wanted to do it in Corpus Christi because an army buddy from there told me how pretty the city was. When I went there looking for work, I didn't find any. I ended up in broadcast newsrooms in Big Spring, Houston, Columbia, Missouri and Des Moines, Iowa.

I went to graduate school at the University of Missouri and earned a master's degree in journalism.

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My major field of study was communications law. I later enrolled in Drake University law school to study criminal and constitutional law as they would apply to broadcasting. The reason I chose that field of study is because I wanted to find out what you could get away with while speaking on the radio.

At the time, in the 1960's, the Federal Communications Commission was a looming figure in the broadcast world. It had clout and respect. Newton Minow was chairman of the FCC. I did my master's thesis on him and his thoughts on broadcasting. He called TV a "vast wasteland."

A few weeks ago the House of Representatives called leaders of the broadcasting industry on the carpet and scolded them for putting such trash on the air.

Maybe, just maybe, the FCC will get back in the saddle and start riding herd on some of the language being broadcast today.

On the eve of the House hearing on broadcast indecency the nation's largest radio station chain, Clear Channel Radio, suspended Shock Jock Howard Stern's show, saying it did not meet the company's newly revised programming standards. Although

Stern's show was carried by only a handful of Clear Channel Stations (his show is distributed by VIACOM's Infinity Broadcasting which has 120 stations) the company made a strong statement.

The day before Clear Channel took Stern off the air, the company gave the heave-ho to the DJ known as "Bubba the love Sponge," whose show drew a record fine of \$755,000 from the FCC. The show aired in four Florida markets and the DJ, according to the FCC, designed his show to pander, titillate and shock listeners. A couple of weeks ago a DJ in Washington DC was fired for his inappropriate remarks about drugs and sex.

Under pressure from legislators and federal regulators, broadcasters are revising their indecency standards and delaying live broadcasts so they can delete offensive material. A house subcommittee has voted to increase the fine for indecency from \$27,500 to \$275,000. In 1995, Infinity paid \$1.7 million in fines for Stern's show, the largest cumulative fine to date.

Perhaps what has brought about all this attention to broadcast standards is the public outrage about what happened during half-time at the Super Bowl.



## Commission just swatting at flies

The National Commission on Terrorist Acts Upon the United States ostensibly has been exploring how the deadly Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks could have happened and how they could have been prevented.

In light of national security adviser Condoleezza Rice's testimony, I, like so many others, have figured out an easy answer: Get the panel to construct a time machine so that all those geniuses who now believe that Sept. 11 easily could have been averted can wave a magic wand and reinvent the past.

That's sort of what is going on anyway. Some commissioners seem to have forgotten what life was like before the Sept. 11 attacks. They're ignoring the fact that the security policies made sense and fit the circumstances, until the circumstances changed. And they're ready to point fingers at Rice and President Bush for not pushing for changes that America never would have accepted until after Sept. 11.

Rice began her testimony by citing terrorist incidents that predated the Bush presidency. These included the half-blundered bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, attacks on U.S. installations in Saudi Arabia in 1995 and 1996, the bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998 and the 2000 attack on the destroyer Cole. The Clinton administration responded to these attacks by relying on local law enforcement — New York and Saudi Arabian — and the occasional aerial bombing.

It is now clear that the Clinton response was inadequate. Law enforcement couldn't stop al Qaeda from plotting more violence. The military didn't get

lucky and take out al Qaeda. Instead, feckless bombings contributed to the legend of an Osama bin Laden who could laugh at America's high-tech weaponry.

That's why, Rice testified, President Bush came to dismiss the Clinton approach as "swatting flies." Too bad it turned out that the Bush response to the Cole attack — to not swat flies while trying to woo Pakistan — was inadequate, too.

But in the context of the times, it is not realistic to have expected more from either administration. No one with a memory would suggest that President Clinton could have been considerably tougher on al Qaeda. While the losses at the embassies in Africa were deplorable, al Qaeda had not inflicted enough damage to outrage the American public to the point where voters would accept boots on the ground.

Ditto after the Cole. If Bush had called for war within months of taking office, after a bitter election finale, critics would have called him a warmonger and warned darkly that he was only fueling the fires of Muslim martyrdom. The outrage wasn't there. He would have failed.

Simply put, the death toll hadn't hit the tipping point.

Commissioner Bob Kerrey, the former Democratic senator from Nebraska, has been the man to watch during the commission hearings. Kerrey has been tough on both administrations. And unlike almost everyone else in Washington, Kerrey was pushing for a military response to the Cole attack — against Iraq, no less — when it wasn't a popular move. You have to respect the man and his convictions.

That said, Kerrey's not being realistic if he thinks Bush could have won support for a military response — other than ineffective aerial bombings — to the Cole. It was hard enough for Bush to win

support after al Qaeda thugs attacked Washington and New York, killing 3,000 people and leaving a smoking hole in the American landscape.

That's what makes the whole exercise of the commission hearings so revolting.

Critics who fault Bush for being pre-emptive on Iraq do not hesitate to fault Bush for not being pre-emptive when it came to attacks that were unexpected and unimagined. Some behave as if they believe the president is supposed to be a superhero who can smell threats, including risks that intelligence staffers haven't been able to pinpoint.

Kerrey faulted the Bushies for having a phobia about their "m-word" — mistake. Granted, Bush League has been too slow to release information, too defensive and not very savvy in its refusal to simply say that the administration wishes it had known more and acted on it.

The Bushies also can't come out and say what everyone knows — that America was too busy, too happy and too peace-loving to pounce on al Qaeda.

It's an old story that a country's strengths are its weaknesses. It is a national strength that Americans are reluctant to go to war. It is right that America has been slow to use its unmatched clout as a club to bend others to our will. It is just and admirable that the world's most powerful nation has to be provoked before it counterattacks.

It was an approach that worked. Until it didn't.

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# Bush braces nation for 'difficult' days before Iraq mission completed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giving no ground despite rising casualties, President Bush says more American troops may be heading for Iraq with authority to use decisive force in a mission that "may become more difficult before it is finished."

Bush said America's will was being tested by violence that has turned April into the deadliest month in Iraq since the fall of Baghdad a year ago.

"Look, nobody likes to see dead people on their television screens," Bush said. "I don't. It's a tough time for the American people to see that. It's gut-wrenching."

The president went before the nation Tuesday night with a speech and question-and-answer session focusing on Iraq and the government's reaction to warning signs about terrorists before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Neither Bush's 17 minutes of opening remarks nor the 15 questions that

followed strayed from those two topics, which the president has made central to his re-election but on which his support in polls has declined markedly.

Nonetheless, the president expressed confidence he would win over voters this fall.

"I don't plan on losing my job. I plan on telling the American people that I've got a plan to win the war on terror. And I believe they'll stay with me," he said.

Though nearly half the questions Bush fielded offered him the chance to admit a mistake or express regret for his administration's actions in Iraq or on the 2001 attacks, he never did — except to apologize that he couldn't come up with any example of a failing.

"I don't plan on losing my job. I plan on telling the American people that I've got a plan to win the war on terror. And I believe they'll stay with me," he said.

"I just haven't — you just put me under the spot here, and maybe I'm not

as quick on my feet as I should be in coming up with one."

A recent spike in violence has killed at least 83 U.S. troops this month as U.S. forces fight Sunni Muslim insurgents in the city of Fallujah, Shiite militiamen in the south and gunmen in Baghdad and on its outskirts.

In response, Bush said he has told military commanders to be prepared to use "decisive force" against insurgents and that he was ready himself to allow an increase, rather than the planned decrease, in U.S. troop strength in Iraq.

He promised "evidence in the months to come" of progress in Iraq, for both Iraqis and Americans growing weary of the instability and violence plaguing the country. But he also warned that success could come at an even higher cost than already is being paid.

"Our work may become more difficult before it is finished," the president

said. "No one can predict all the hazards that lie ahead or the cost that they will bring. Yet, in this conflict, there is no safe alternative to resolute action."

Looking longer-term, he tried to answer critics who have said the Iraq operation is too dominated by the United States. He touted efforts to devise a more formal role for NATO and to win the involvement of additional countries by giving a U.N. envoy the power to help decide which Iraqis would be placed in charge when power is transferred June 30 from the U.S. occupying authority.

He repeated his resolve to see that the June 30 date is met, saying to do otherwise would lead Iraqis to feel betrayed and "those in Iraq who trade in hatred and conspiracy theories" to gain strength.

Sen. John Kerry, Bush's Democratic rival, said the president failed to explain how he would stabilize Iraq.

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them for the health fair.

People seeking cholesterol screens must not eat or drink anything after midnight on Saturday, said Sue Hodnett, RN, West Texas VA Health Care System primary care head nurse.

"You have to be fasting," Hodnett said. "If you don't, it will not be accurate. It is better to come in fasting to get an accurate test result because food intake will distort

the results."

The VA lab will process the test results free of charge and will mail the results to test-takers shortly after the conclusion of the health fair, Hodnett said.

Participants will be responsible for seeking medical care and or advice after receiving their test results, she said.

Blood drawn for cholesterol screenings will be drawn from the arm, she said.

Finger pricks will be the testing method to obtain blood sugar

results, according to Hodnett. Unusual levels can be a sign of diabetes or hyper and hypoglycemia. Test results will be known within minutes, Hodnett said.

"We'll have physicians there throughout the day to answer any questions anyone may have," she said.

An ophthalmologist will test eyes for glaucoma, an eye condition that can lead to blindness.

Medical specialists also will be doing blood pressure checks, and pulse oximeter checks to test the oxygen content in the

blood supply also will be offered.

For more information on the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, call the chamber office at (432) 263-7641



## Governor sending team to El Paso, launching probe

EL PASO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is sending investigators to this West Texas city to look into reports of elder neglect and will sign an executive order Wednesday calling for systemwide reform of Adult Protective Services, according to a published report.

The action comes less than a week after El Paso Probate Judge Max Higgs presented the Republican with case histories documenting neglect of elderly El Pasoans said to be living amid ceiling-high garbage and covered with sores and fecal matter.

Higgs estimated that more than 100 El Pasoans may be victims of severe neglect.

Adult Protective Services is accused of failing to intervene to help such residents, despite being informed of terrible conditions in which they were living.

Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins will visit El Paso on Thursday — one day after a strike force team led by agency Inspector General Brian Flood arrives, the El Paso Times reported in a story for Wednesday editions.

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ates and unsafe environment and it just doesn't make sense."

Club member Chris Chaney seemed less than pleased with the additional rule.

"Does that mean that just one jet ski could shut us down until it leaves?" said Chaney. "We only utilize about a fourth of the lake. Wouldn't it be better to designate an area or let the jet skiers have the other three-fourths if there's just one or two of them?"

"We're willing to work with the new ordinance

and go when we think there won't be any jets skis in use," said Chaney. "Times like late in the evening or in the daytime during the middle of the week. We hope the jet skiing will be successful at the lake, but in case it isn't we want to be able to use the lake as well."

McEwen said it's a hard rule, but if it prevents just one accident between a ski boat and a personal water craft, it's worth it. "It will absolutely prevent an accident between a ski boat and a personal watercraft," said McEwen. "Once a personal watercraft goes on the lake, they have to stop, end of conversation. Now does it prevent two wate

craft from running into one another? No, it doesn't. It's inevitable. My prayer is that it doesn't happen, but in all likelihood it will. What I am trying to do is prevent as many accidents as possible. Big boats and small watercraft simply don't mix very well."

The council is expected to hold the final reading of the new ordinance, including the "cease and desist" order if a personal watercraft enters the water, during its April 27 meeting.

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From baseball to NASCAR to science fair projects

# New books offer subjects for every interest

We have received quite a mixed bag of non-fiction books in our latest shipments. They range from cookbooks, to NASCAR, wrestling, and even the integration of big-league baseball.

We are also updating our computer books and quite a few of them have also come in. All of these items can be found in the appropriate area.

Brad Snyder has written "Beyond the Shadow of the Senators" (796.357 SNY B), a superb book that looks at the roots of Jackie Robinson's integration of major league baseball, and examines that historic event from a variety of angles. This well-documented and enjoyable account illuminates the life of Sam Lacy, a crusading black journalist for a Washington, D.C., black weekly, and his efforts to force major league baseball to integrate. But the book is also a fascinating and largely untold story about the unholy but profitable alliance between Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, and the dynamic but shady Negro League team owner Cum Posey,

founder of the Homestead Grays, a storied Negro League franchise founded in Pittsburgh.

First up are the computer books. All titles begin with "How to do Everything With Microsoft Office," followed by specific computer applications. The first is "Microsoft Office 2003" (005.369 ULR L), then "Excel 2003" (005.54 HAR G); "PowerPoint 2003" (006.686 FIN E) and "Outlook 2003" (005.57 MAN B).

Do you need to get your affairs in order? Then "The Wills, Estate Planning and Trusts Legal Kit" (346.730 GOD D) by Douglas E. Godbe may be for you. It will guide you on how to avoid probate, creating living trusts, protecting your assets, funding trusts and so forth. These are advisory only and do not take the place of a competent lawyer. We have also received the newest "U.S.A. Immigration Guide" (342.730 CARR) by Ramon Carrion. It has important regulations changes that have come into effect since Sept. 11.

I realize it is a little late for science fair projects, but for next year, here are a couple of new books with really great projects. Both books are written by Julianne Blair Bochinski. The titles are "The Complete Handbook of Science Fair Projects" (507.8 BOC J) and "More

Award Winning Science Fair Projects" (507.8 BOC J).

Do you know what "covalent bonding" means? If no, and chemistry is in your high school future, check out "Beginning Chemistry" (540.76 GOL D) by David E. Goldberg. It is a Scaum's Outline book and contains tips for mastering beginning chemistry. Along the same line is "Intermediate Algebra" (512.9 STE R) by Ray Steege. Like the chemistry book, it has everything you need to pass Intermediate Algebra.

Having trouble with learning Spanish? Maybe these can help. "Beginner's Spanish" (468.342 STA M) by Mark Stacey will help you with everyday communication. Need help with grammar? Then check out "Side by Side - Spanish & English Grammar" (468.242 FAR E) by Edith R. and C. Frederick Ferrell.

On a lighter side, get "Laugh 'n' Learn Spanish" (468.242 JOH L). This book features the comic strip "For Better or For Worse" characters in a comic book style format. I think that even I could learn basic Spanish from this book.

Some medical-related books are "What to do When the Doctor Says It's PCOS" (618.11 HAM M) by Milton Hammerly; "Action Plan for Arthritis" (616.722 MIL A)

by A. Lynn Millar; "101 Tips for a Healthy Pregnancy with Diabetes" (618.3 GEI P) by Patti B. Geil; "So You're Having Prostate Surgery" (616.994 KLE E) by Eric A. Klein and "So You're Having a Hysterectomy" (618.145 TULT) by Togas Tulandi. The last two take you step by step from diagnosis to what you may expect when you go home.

Here are some "manly" books; "The Encyclopedia of Professional Wrestling" (796.812 POP K) by Kristian Pope and "Inside Monster Garage" (791.457 VOS K) by Ken Vose. If you watch "Monster Garage" with Jesse James on TLC, then you will enjoy this book. Lots of photos, plans etc. on customizing cars or motorcycles.

Into art? We also received "Draw NASCAR" (743.997 HAM L) by Lee Hammond. It shows you how to draw race cars, pit crews, how to choose pencils, papers and how to graph it out. These books will be on the New Book shelf.

Cookbooks are coming in also. To prepare something new for the family, check out one of these. "The Clever Cook's Kitchen Handbook" (641.300 JOA D); "The

Well-Decorated Cake" (641.865 GAR T); "100 Best One-Dish Meals" (641.82 GOO H); "Texas Highways Cookbook" (641.597 SMLJ); "Barbeque, Biscuits & Beans" (641.578 CAU B) is cooking chuck-wagon style; and "Delicious Vegetable Cooking" (641.65 GOO H). Puzzled about how to cook venison, pheasant or quail? Check out "The Complete Guide to Game Care Cookery" (641.691 FAD S).


Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through

Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The internet/video room is closed from noon until 1 p.m. and closes 12 hour before the library. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Web site is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us); the catalog is on line; our E-mail address is [howard-countylibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:howard-countylibrary@hotmail.com).

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- 1 large Texas orange (peeled, sectioned and chopped)
- 1 medium mango
- 1 medium avocado
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- 1 serrano pepper (seeded and minced)
- 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
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### IN BRIEF

#### 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.

#### 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 Friday at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place.

Players may register from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

The league is open to all players between the ages of 13 and 16.

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

#### BSCC schedules four-man scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for April 24-25 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player plus cart rental, but private carts are welcomed.

Play begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fees include barbecue on the course both days and players can play practice rounds on Friday.

For more information, call the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

#### Coahoma schedules Junior League sign-up

Registration for Coahoma Junior League baseball are set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Coahoma Little League Park.

The league is open for players that are 13 and 14 years old.

For more information, contact Darrell Hunt at 394-4481.

#### Texas Tech sets tennis camp dates

The Texas Tech Tennis Camps for boys and girls of all ability levels between the ages of 9 and 17 have been scheduled.

Day camp will be June 28 through July 1, while the overnight camp will be July 4-8.

For more information, call Efe Unstundag, assistant men's coach, at 806-742-3355.

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Steers vs. Frenship, 3:45 p.m.	1490

## Villareall, Shroff breeze into finals at district tourney

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

There was no surprises in the singles competition at the District 4-4A tennis tournament held at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park yesterday.

However, the doubles tournament for both the boys and girls got a little messy.

The Steers top two singles players — Vishal Shroff and Veronica Villareall — breezed their way through the first three rounds and will both play for the district title today.

After receiving a first round bye, Shroff, the tournament's top seed, stormed through the quarterfinals and semifinals without dropping a single game.

Shroff took out Andrews' Colby Chesshire, 6-0 and 6-0, in the second round before departing Seth Brown of Levelland in the semis by the same score.

Villareall also had no trouble getting to the finals, beating Andrews' Staci Gillispie in the second round, 6-0 and 6-1, and blasting past Frenship's Kristen Tasker in the semifinals, 6-1 and 6-1.

"It's going pretty good so far," said Coach Sarah Corse. "I am looking forward to seeing what hap-

pens tomorrow."

Big Spring's Jason Vela was eliminated in the second round by Andy Cariens of Levelland and Alex Gariepy was knocked out by Levelland's Kyla Coleman in round two, as well.

Both Cariens and Coleman, who is the top-seeded girl in the tournament, each reached the finals of their respective divisions. The two-seeded Cariens will challenge Shroff and Coleman will try to hold off Villareall.

Unlike the singles tournament, doubles did not pan out according to seeds.

Big Spring's upset of the day came when unseeded Heather Parnell and Natasha Neighbors took out the top-seeded team of Smith and Moceo from Frenship.

Parnell and Neighbors will play for third place today, however, after failing to record a win in the semifinals. They lost to the fourth-seeded team of Chesser and DeLaCruz of Andrews, 6-1 and 6-4.

Parnell and Neighbors will try to knock out its second Frenship team of the tournament when the Lady Steers combo battles Bray and Edwards.

"Now we are just hoping to win the third place match and have a chance for a playback,"

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## Clemens dominates Cards, earns second win this year

By JIM SALTER  
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS, MO - After dominating the American League for two decades, Roger Clemens is on his way to doing the same thing in the National League.

The six-time AL Cy Young Award winner allowed just two hits Tuesday and extended his scoreless streak to 13 2-3 innings before giving up a run in Houston's 5-3 victory over St. Louis. The win was No. 312 for Clemens, moving him past Tom Seaver into 16th place on the career list.

"Two games does not mean dominance," Houston manager Jimmy Williams said. "Certainly, we're very happy he's pitched as well as he has in those two games. You need those kinds of performances if you're going to win against good teams."

Clemens (2-0) struck out three, walked three and hit a batter in 6 2-3 innings. Last week in his debut with his hometown Astros, he allowed one hit in seven shutout innings against San Francisco.

Fans at Busch Stadium gave Clemens a standing ovation when he left the game.

"That was special," Clemens said. "Every time I see new fans, new cities, it's icing on the cake. Every time I come to the ballpark now, I'm thankful."

Adam Everett, Lance Berkman and Richard Hidalgo hit solo homers for Houston, and Jeff Kent doubled in two runs. Octavio Dotel gave up back-to-back homers to

Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen to lead off the ninth, but held on for his first save.

Clemens threw 105 pitches in shutting down the Cardinals, who entered hitting an NL-best .309, and had scored at least five runs in each of its first eight games.

A scoreboard radar gun reading showed the 41-year-old Clemens consistently hitting 94 mph with his fastball early on, and 93 mph in the sixth inning. But Cardinals manager Tony La Russa was more impressed with Clemens' command.

"How many balls did he throw over the middle of the plate or up in the zone? Not many," La Russa said.

Houston catcher Brad Ausmus agreed.

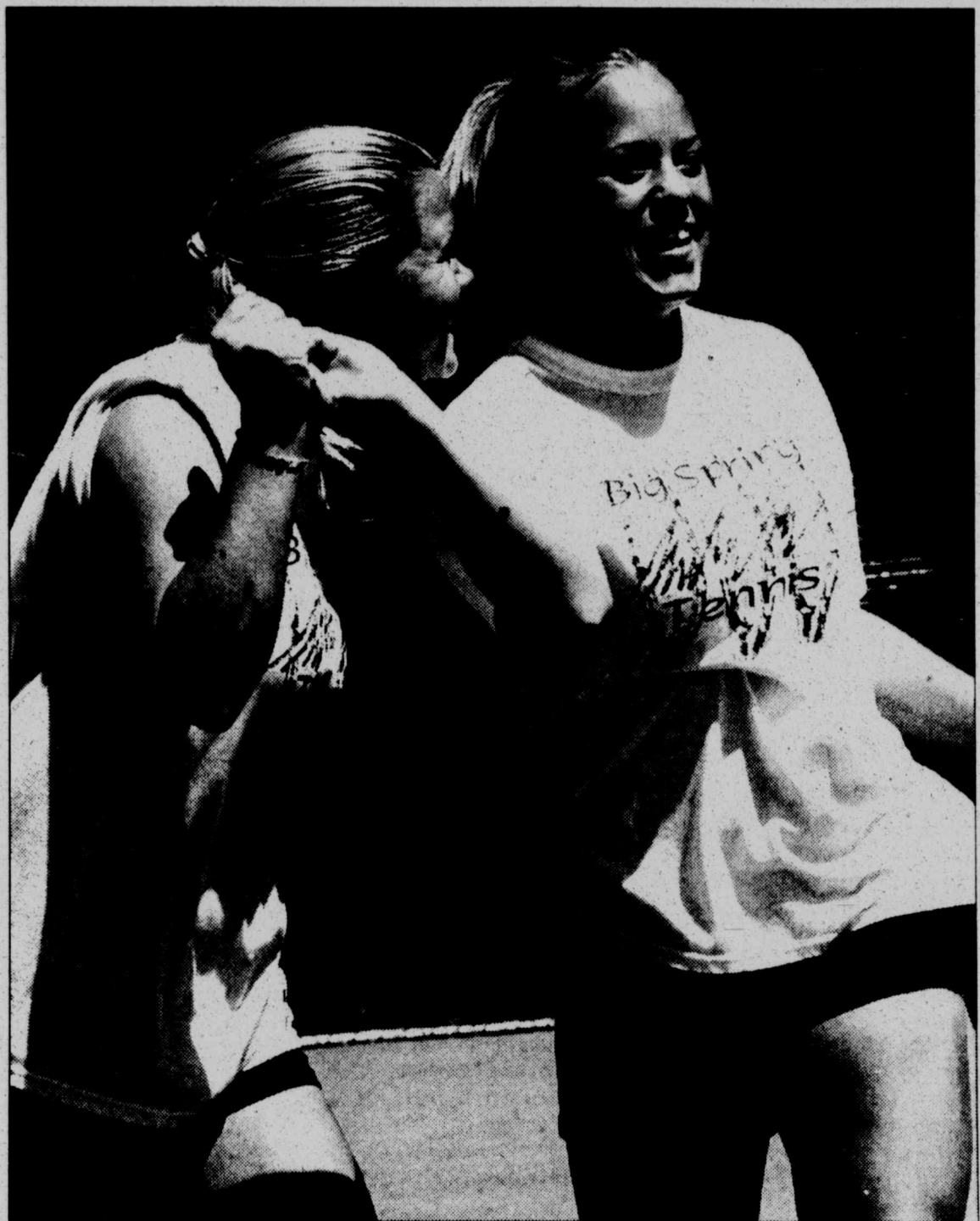
"His location has been impeccable," Ausmus said. "He's really hit the corners."

Cardinals outfielder Reggie Sanders said Clemens remains a difficult mix of power and precision.

"He's still got some oomph on it, no doubt," Sanders said. "He's low and away. He can make it rise when he wants to."

"Yeah, he's still Roger." The Cardinals didn't get a hit until the fourth, when a base-running mistake cost them a chance at a run.

St. Louis finally scored in the seventh. Rolen walked with one out, went to second on a fielder's choice, and scored on a single by Sanders, who was 1-for-2 with two walks and two stolen bases.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Natasha Neighbors, right, celebrates with doubles partner Heather Parnell during their match with the top-seeded team from Frenship at the District 4-4A tennis tournament yesterday at Comanche Park. Neighbors and Parnell won the match, 6-4 and 7-6 (7-3).

## Players tell city council softball fee 'just too high'

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

While we find ourselves saying "it's just a game," controversy over fees charged by the city to local adult softball leagues certainly didn't seem like a laughing matter during Tuesday night's Big Spring City Council meeting.

Council member Woody Jumper brought the issue before the council after he was approached by several local residents who said the city's \$25 per player annual fee was just too high.

"Several people came to me and were very concerned about the hike in fees last year for the industrial and church leagues," said Jumper. "They told me the \$25 per person was way out of reach because a lot of people had as many as two or three family members playing, and you're only looking at 10 to 12 weeks for the season."

"That's why I brought it up tonight, because there were concerned citizens that feel like they should be able to play on city property that they are paying taxes for and their forefathers definitely paid for, and not have to pay that high of a fee."

According to Mayor Russ McEwen, the fee was enacted approximately two years ago to help pay for improvements made to city fields being utilized by both youth and adult leagues, and while he wants to encourage these types of activities, there is the simple matter of economics to consider.

"Regardless of whether it's \$25 per head or \$200 per team, we're subsidizing," said McEwen. "Then you hear from a person representing the Little Leagues here tonight and she says if we'd provide the same thing (\$25 per player) to us and we'd be tickled to

have the money. "There's a level of frustration because we're trying to provide good quality fields for the adults and the youth of our community and there is a cost associated with that. Just like there is a cost associated with golf."

"Golf fees are necessary so we can maintain the course properly. The golf course is self sufficient. It's not subsidized by one nickel, but to provide softball fields for adults we have to subsidize it. It doesn't make a lot of sense."

The council agreed to look at a \$200 per team charge during the next council meeting, but Jumper said he feels like that's still just too steep a price to pay.

"I understand from the city aspect of it that it's a business and we don't want to lose a lot of money on it," said Jumper. "But as a city we have to give back to our citizens, and that's what drove me to bring it before the city council."

"I think \$200 per team is still a little too high. I think \$150 would be good, and on most teams that would run about \$8 or \$9 per person. I don't think that's too outrageous."

Former Church League member Mark Tissue said the league disbanded shortly after the \$25 per player fee was implemented, but if the rate is changed to the lower \$200 per team fee, he believes the league will be able to reform.

"There is no church league right now," said Tissue. "It was mainly the cost that caused it to collapse."

"Most of the managers were having a hard enough time to collect the fees needed to pay the umpires and by balls and that sort of thing, so when the \$25 per player came up most of them said their guys just didn't

"I can see it bringing the league back to an extent. It will take some time to get it built up again. Two years ago we had twenty teams in the league. There's already been eight or nine churches that have expressed interest in getting something together."

Big Spring Girls Softball Association President Trevis Larson said he and his league can think of plenty of places to better utilize the funds they are currently paying as part of the \$25 per player fee, including improving safety and equipment.

"It would allow us to buy some more equipment and spend some money on some other things," said Larson. "They are just upset that they have to spend their money on something they already pay taxes on and not being able to buy new equipment. I think this will help the association a great deal."

"I really feel like if you went to the adults in the church league and asked if they would pay \$25 per year to make sure the youth have great facilities, almost 100 percent of them would say sure," said McEwen. "But if you ask them if they will pay \$25 per year to play softball, they would say that's too high. It's a strange situation and it doesn't make a lot of sense to me."

McEwen said he wasn't sure if he was comfortable with the \$200 per team fee that is expected to come before the council in two weeks, as it could possibly make other future considerations no longer an option.

"I need to think about it," he said. "You ask if we can do it, and I say sure we can. But when we do something like that it compromises the things

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said Corse. Bray and Edwards eliminated the Big Spring girls doubles team in the second round. Third-seeded Lauren Chesworth and Jessica Rodriguez fell 6-3, 0-6 and 6-3.

The results of the boys doubles tournament mirrored that of the girls.

One Big Spring team will play in the third place game and may get a chance to play back, while the other team fell in round two.

Justin Ferrell and Roshan Shoff will battle the second-seeded team of LeVick and Paxton of Levelland for third place today.

Ferrell and Shroff beat the fourth-seeded team, but fell to the top-seeded team of Armour and Armour from Frenship, 6-2 and 6-0.

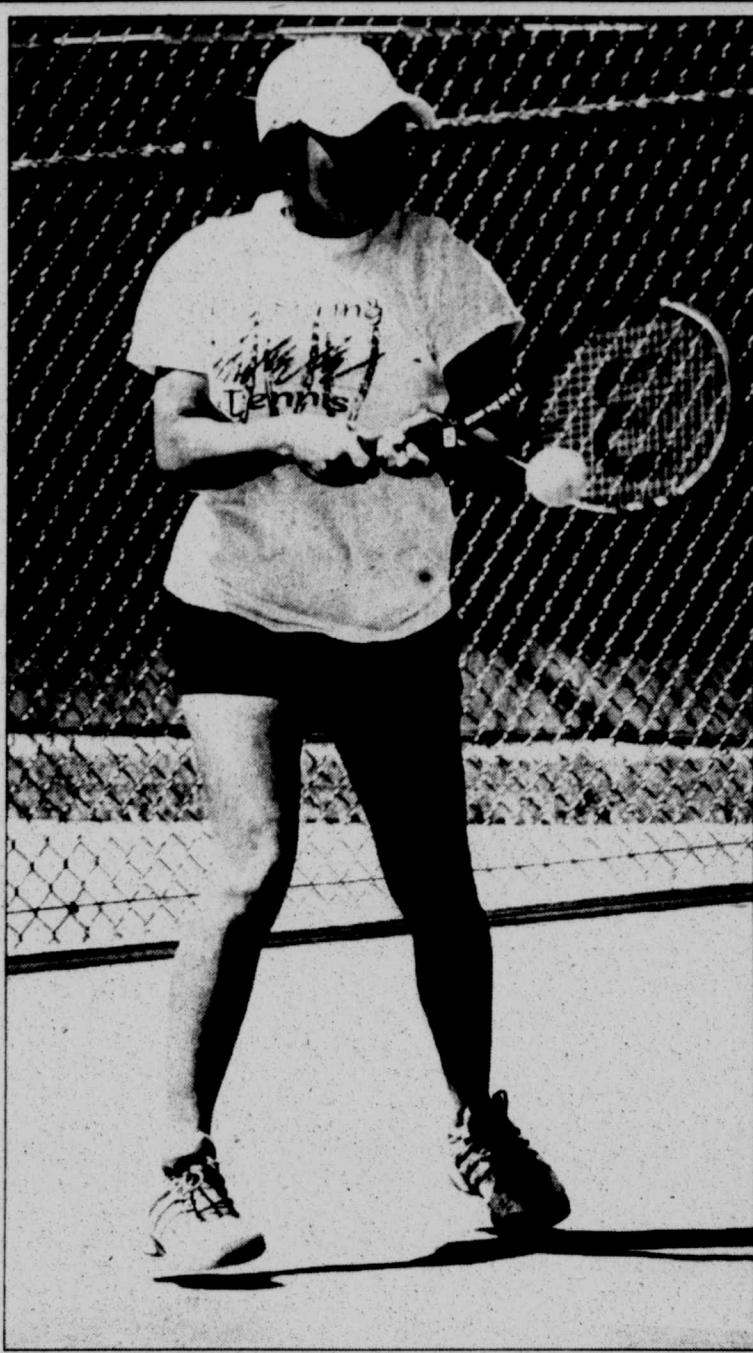
Nick Rivera and Nick Paredez won their first round match, but fell to second-seeded LeVick and Paxton in round two.

It was the first time that Big Spring has hosted the district 4-4A tennis tournament, said Assistant Coach Dennis Smiley.

The finals and third place matches all started at 9 a.m. today, but results were not available at press time.

Check out tomorrow's Herald for highlights of the final rounds and photos from the district tournament.

Contact Sports Editor Troy Hyde at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring's Veronica Villareal connects with the ball during her second round match against Andrews' Staci Gillispie at the District 4-4A tennis tournament at Comanche Park in Big Spring.

Mavericks secure 'Mighty West's' fifth-seed

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Although the Dallas Mavericks won the most home games in the NBA this season — and tops in their 24-year history — it hasn't earned them much.

The Mavericks beat the Memphis Grizzlies 110-103 Tuesday night for their 36th home win. While the victory secured the fifth seed in the Western Conference, that's one spot shy of where Dallas had to be to host a first-round playoff series.

The Mavs will be the first team with the league's best home record to open the postseason on the road since Utah in 1990-91.

Their undoing: a 15-25 road record going into the finale Wednesday night at Houston.

"For whatever reason, we seem to have more fire here," Dallas swingman Michael Finley said. "We have to find a way to carry that on the road, like we're capable of."

Memphis lost its third straight and fifth in six games to wrap up the sixth seed. It's not too disappointing for a club that's already won a franchise-best 50 games and made the playoffs for the first time.

First-round matchups won't be set until after the finales Wednesday night.

Dallas probably will play the Lakers and the Grizzlies the runner-up in the Midwest Division, either San Antonio or Minnesota. Memphis will have a say in how things work out because it plays the Timberwolves at

home Wednesday night. Dallas was up by 13 points after one quarter and led by at least nine until the final minute.

Marquis Daniels, an undrafted rookie, led Dallas with 30 points, eight rebounds and seven assists.

Steve Nash had 25 points, Nowitzki had 11 points and 10 rebounds

and Finley scored nine after missing the last two games with bruised ribs. Antoine Walker added eight points, nine assists and seven rebounds. Jason Williams had 14 points for Memphis. James Posey, averaging well over 20 points in recent weeks, scored just 12 points.

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we can do. My opinion is if we do the \$200 per team, then it kills any hope of building a multi-purpose type complex, which the little leagues have said they want, as well as the youth football and soccer leagues. We

have designs for a great facility, but it costs money. We would like to provide all of this for the community for free, but we don't have the money to do that."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON  
Venus and Jupiter form a stressful aspect that could inspire some romantic differences. We'd like to believe that loved ones need the same thing we do, but it's not true. Try and let loved ones pursue the path that's correct for them without guilt. What's seems terribly important could actually be nothing. Petty issues can be set aside.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life gives you fodder for your already remarkable sense of humor — you can spin jokes like nobody's business. As long as they don't come at anyone's expense, you're in the clear. Prepare for serious discussions this afternoon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life challenges you to be a leader. You're not required to know it all, but do take hold of your



Joyce Jillson

mission. You may have to strain to see the big picture. Parents need to consult one another to present children with a united front.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Average people accomplish genius feats because they dare to want more. Hang around a Sagittarius or Leo to get back in touch with your drive. Tonight, someone sexy is flirting with you for as long as you want to continue.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're the self-proclaimed safety monitor and could even prevent accidents or save a life on your daily rounds. You know you are divinely protected, and therefore, it's easier for you to protect others. An Aries influences you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Want to know why you're always the one who has to try and bring people together? You've got ways of communicating with those people nobody else wants to reach. You might even be working on your telepathic skills!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Breaking out of old thought patterns will energize you. If you're not making progress on a special goal, consider taking a class or hiring a coach. But, you think, this costs money and is extravagant. You're worth it!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To make this day a 10, change your priorities from where they were yesterday. Suddenly, new doors are open to you. Keep doing more than most people and expecting better than average compensation, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you're afraid that success comes at too high a cost, you're still coming from a place of fear. Your success wants you to claim it and will encourage you along the way if you're opening to listening to it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sure, you're serious about your task. But this only makes you laugh harder when things don't quite go your way later. Laughter is the best entertainment. Be careful, though —

Cancer and Taurus are especially sensitive!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make any shift, however small, in your approach to work that will nudge it toward your value system. You'll be surprised what one small action can set off. You're back in the spotlight tonight — take your bows.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love and work are intertwined for everyone's benefit. When you're confident about what you're able to do at work, your love life sparks, too. Nothing is sexier than a person in the "zone."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your friends say you don't need to pay for help (in the form of classes, coaching or therapy), but what better use is there for your money than to expand your mind and possibly your horizons along with it?

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My birthday is Sept. 7, 1977, and my husband's is Sept. 3, 1977. Our marriage is wonderful, but we always

find ourselves in the position of taking on too many of our family's problems. We want out! Meanwhile, even though we work hard all the time to pursue our own creative interests, things never come together. Will we survive my demanding family and realize our dreams? Will we make financially?"

Two Virgos can be an incredibly loving pair, both nurturing and committed to improvement. You emanate a caretaking energy and are a safe harbor to troubled souls. It's beautiful to be charitable but not when it's an automatic response that keeps you living small. There's a dangerous cycle of being victimized in your chart now. You give your time, energy and power away on purpose because it gives you the feeling of being needed and a little superior, too. Then, you blame the situation when you don't move forward in life. You're afraid to make the sacrifices necessary to go into the unknown. The first step is admitting

you are causing the cycle. The two of you share many astrological similarities and can help each other recognize and break the cycle. Yes, you'll make it!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jennifer Garner's toned body is an outward manifestation of her inner Aries strength. Indeed, many Aries have terrific bodies because of their constant need to channel intense energy. I wouldn't be surprised if the "Alias" star came out with her own workout DVD this year. Many women (and men) would love to be as powerfully toned as Garner!

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am curious how many people have discovered their spouse having a long-distance affair by cell phone. A lot has been said about Internet affairs, yet communicating by cell phone is so much more immediate and intrusive.

My husband began by exchanging e-mails with this woman, then moved immediately to talking on the cell phone to his "friend" several times a day. She phoned him at our house, at his job, during our vacations, everywhere he went. (He said they were business calls.)

He flew out to meet her once and was planning a second visit before I caught him. Is this type of affair becoming more prevalent? Is this a growing trend? — C.A.

Dear C.A.: Do we think cell phones are used to aid and abet affairs? We think people who have affairs arrange to talk to one another any way they can. Your husband's cell phone was certainly more convenient than sneaking off to the nearest pay phone. The end result, however, is the same. Of course, the flip side of using a cell phone is that someone else can check the call log and find out who is calling whom.

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter from "Iowa Adoptee," who felt she didn't belong to any family. She didn't want to search for her biological parents, but asked if other adoptees suffer from the same depression and low self-esteem.

I am a 51-year-old woman adoptee, and I suffer from low self-esteem, but it stems from the way I was brought up. I was never close to my relatives, and when my mother died, I lost all contact. Fifteen years ago, I chose to search for my biological mother. She had the nerve to ask when my birthday was. Wasn't she there? I've lost contact with her, which is just as well.

I would never recommend anyone look for those fairy tale parents who will welcome you into their arms. One thing I work on all the time is happiness within myself. I'd like to tell "Iowa" — make yourself happy, visit a nursing



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

home, volunteer at your local animal shelter. I have found these things to be a tremendous help in making me appreciate how blessed I really am. — Still Working on It in Florida

Dear Florida: Thanks for your input. Read on:

From Colorado: I am a 53-year-old adoptee. I loved my adoptive parents, but I needed to fill the hole in my life. I found my biological mother and six siblings, and now I feel complete. My biological mom had tried to find me before, to no avail. I think "Iowa" is missing out on something that could change her whole outlook. Please let her know there are a lot of us out there who can relate to her.

Kentucky: I am a 50-year-old man, adopted at birth. I never felt unloved, and I know I was my grandmother's favorite. When my legal parents passed on, I found my biological mother. This past summer, I drove by her house and it occurred to me to stop in, but the urge passed. Had this woman wanted anything to do with me, she could have called a long time ago. Here's what I feel emptiness about: I'd like to know who my natural father is, did he know about me, do I have any half-brothers or sisters, and I wish I could tell my own children about their family history.

Midwest: I just came home from spending time with my birth brothers, birth mom and her husband. It was awesome. My adoptive mom is still alive, and I have one adopted brother whom I love very much. They will never be replaced in my life, but I have added so much more. I know these stories don't always turn out well, but I am so glad to have the most

amazing relationship with my three new brothers. Finding my birth mother has helped her reach closure, also. She always wondered where I was and if I was OK. Now she knows.

Dear Annie: I have two young children, ages 6 and 4. We live in a nice apartment community with a pool. Since I am a stay-at-home mommy, we practically live at the pool during the summer. The problem is that a new couple moved in last year and they use the pool as their personal motel room. They often make out and grope each other in the water. Even worse, the woman wears a thong. She takes every opportunity to bend over and bare her rear end in the direction of any man in sight.

Friends of ours in the complex confronted this couple about their behavior, and things got nasty. I have called our apartment manager many times, but nothing has been done. I took a close-up photo of the woman at the pool, captioned it, "When good things go bad," and left it on their door, but even that did not deter them.

My children now refer to the woman as "The Butt Lady." I don't know what to do other than leave the pool when she shows up. This seems unfair. I don't want to confront these people in front of my children because their response is unpredictable. Any suggestions? — Rubbed the Wrong Way in Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Lincoln: Are there dress-code or behavior restrictions posted by the pool or distributed to tenants? Is this couple in violation? If so, the manager should be enforcing the rules, or you should notify the building owner. If there are no such restrictions, there's not much you can do other than avoid the pool when Mr. and Mrs. Butt Lady are around. Sorry.

Dear Annie: Fifteen years ago, my brother married "Mattie," a woman our family never accepted for reasons pertaining to religion, education and background. I adore my brother. When a few of Mattie's relatives made negative comments about him at the wedding, I resented it but didn't say a word. Over

the years, the anger resonated and I chose to keep my distance, which was easy since I live far away.

Recently, I was at a family event, and Mattie made a comment that set off the old grievances. She said I should participate more in the life she has created for them. I responded with all the venom that had built up in the intervening years, and my response was completely inappropriate. She didn't, know what hit her.

I apologized, but only half-heartedly. I fear a

real apology would bring up all the old issues and make the situation worse. Is everyone better off if I just stay out of their lives, or should I try to gain her forgiveness? — Regretful and Confused

Dear Regretful: Try once more, only this time, mean it. Apparently, your brother has a solid marriage and those old grievances no longer matter. Mattie has done nothing to justify your hostility. Her relatives' comments at the wedding should not be held against her (not to

mention it was 15 years ago). And wanting you to be a bigger part of her life ought to be a good thing, not a burden.

Call or e-mail Mattie as soon as possible. Don't rehash old arguments. Simply say, "I'm sorry about the horrible things I said. I've misjudged you, and I feel rotten about it. Please give me an opportunity to start over and get to know you better." We hope she's willing to give you a second chance.

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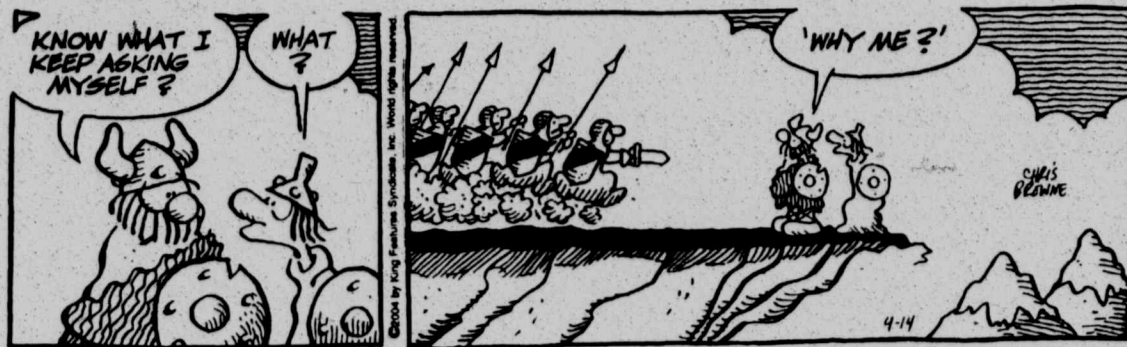
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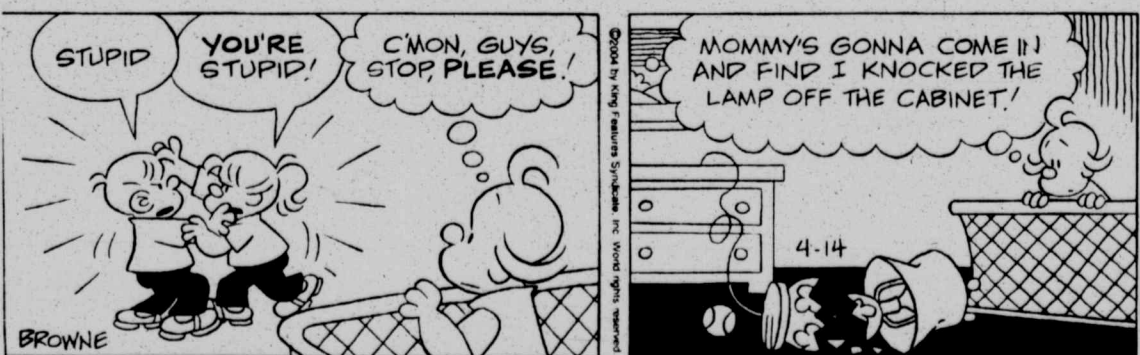
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 14, the 105th day of 2004. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. (Lincoln died the following morning.)

On this date: In 1759, composer George Frideric Handel died in London.

In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was organized by Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush.

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American

Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1902, James Cash Penney opened his first store, called "The Golden Rule," in Kemmerer, Wyo.

In 1904, British actor Sir John Gielgud was born in London.

In 1912, the British liner Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

In 1931, King Alfonso XIII of Spain went into exile, and the Spanish Republic was proclaimed.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1986, Americans got first word of a U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred.)

Ten years ago: Two American F-15 warplanes

inadvertently shot down two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bradford Dillman is 74. Actor Jay Robinson is 74. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 69. Actress Julie Christie is 64. Former baseball player Pete Rose is 63. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 59. Actor John Shea is 55. Actor Brad Garrett is 44. Actor Robert Carlyle is 43. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 42. Rock musician Barrett Martin is 37. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 36.

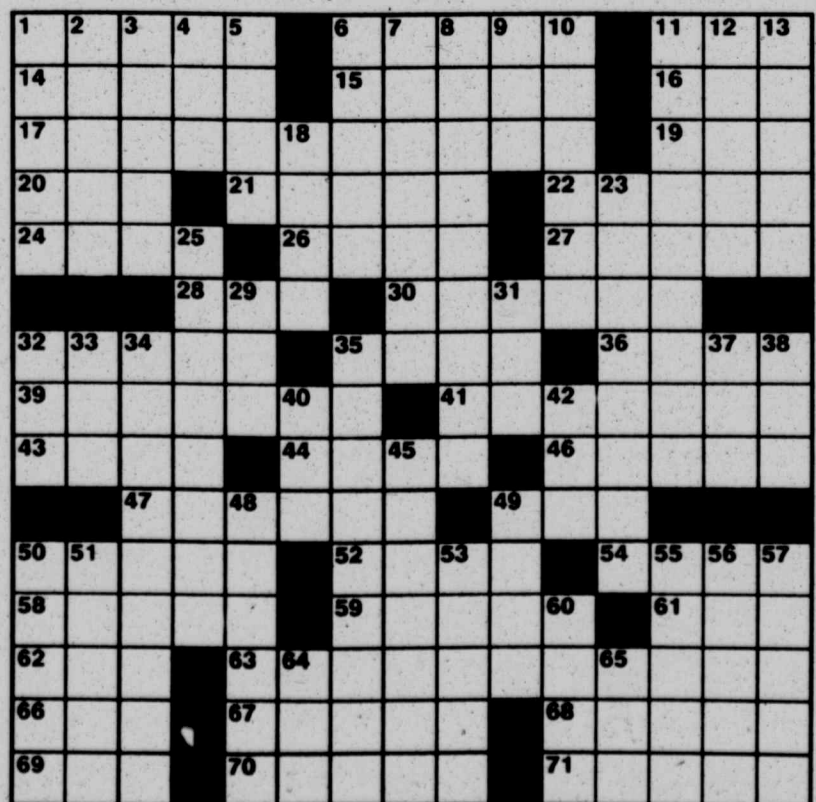
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NOT IN THE OPEN by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 1 Kitchen wrap
- 6 Shinbone
- 11 Publicity
- 14 In the cooler
- 15 Synthetic fiber
- 16 "Smoking or \_\_\_?"
- 17 Escaping detection
- 19 Iowa college
- 20 Be false
- 21 Actress Keaton
- 22 TV exec Arledge
- 24 Hospital fluids
- 26 Pequod skipper
- 27 Beat by a hair
- 28 Bobbsey twin
- 30 Entrains
- 32 Fictional Frome
- 35 "\_\_\_ #1!"
- 36 Role for Edward G.
- 39 Wrigley Field city
- 41 Home seller
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- 44 Overly stylish, maybe
- 46 Unskilled workers
- 47 Like some jobs or jokes
- 49 Scale notes
- 50 Halloween handout
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- 54 Poet Teasdale
- 58 Ballpark instrument
- 59 Van Gogh locale
- 61 Actor Betty
- 62 Seek the affection of
- 63 Escaping detection
- 66 Australian bird
- 67 Cast out
- 68 Green color
- 69 Tattletale
- 70 Medicinal amounts
- 71 Printer's excess
- 8 Pie flavor
- 9 Cyclotron bit
- 10 Guitarist Segovia
- 11 Escaping detection
- 12 Nary a soul
- 13 Knock-\_\_\_
- 18 Composer \_\_\_ Carlo Menotti
- 23 Like carbon dioxide
- 25 Jungle crusher
- 29 Santa \_\_\_, CA
- 31 PGA peg ward
- 32 "Outer" starter
- 33 Even if, briefly
- 34 Escaping detection
- 35 Paper/pencil pastimes
- 37 Issue side
- 38 Hosp. areas
- 40 Moo goo \_\_\_ pan
- 42 Knuckle-dragger
- 45 Chinese flower
- 48 Placed into harmony
- 49 Boater's hazard
- 50 Shrink in fear
- 51 Bakery lure
- 53 Oversupplies
- 55 Dickinson or Everhart
- 56 Chaucer pilgrim
- 57 Like a 3 Down
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- 64 In the past
- 65 The whole shebang





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**DRIVER TRANSPORT DRIVER BIG SPRING** Immediate opening. Local fuel delivery. Tanker exp., CDL with Hazmat. Applications available at Rip Griffin Travel Center, Hwy 87 & I-20 in Big Spring. Or E-mail qualifications to: [wbarron@ripgriffin.com](mailto:wbarron@ripgriffin.com)

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### SOCIAL SERVICES

Part time position for individual to assist management staff in providing various social services to our elderly or other challenged residents & their families. Responsibilities include counseling patients and their families, other duties. Applicants must possess college degree or State certification. Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills essential. EOE. Fax cover letter & resume, with salary history to: (325)573-6334, mail to Mary Zimwalt, Administrator, SNYDER HEALTH CARE CENTER, 5311 Big Spring Highway, Snyder, TX 79549.

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### LVNS

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**NURSE II**  
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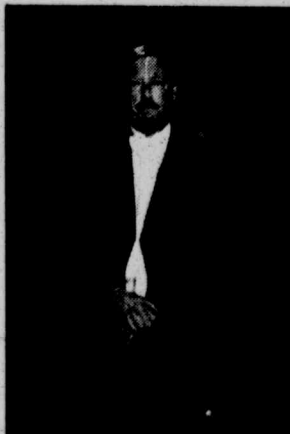
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**The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra**

*The Symphony is... Song*

8 PM Saturday April 24, 2004  
Big Spring Municipal Auditorium



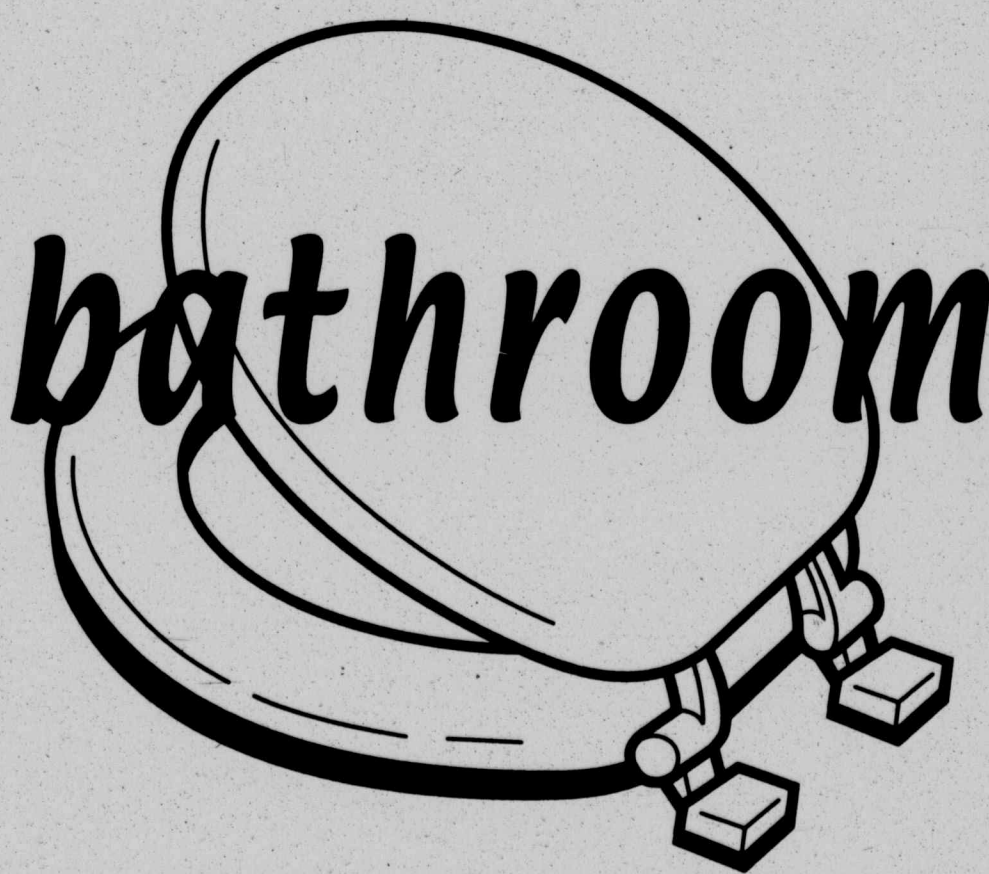
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