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President and Mrs. Bush dance at one of the eight inaugural balls held in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001. For a look at Thursday's inauguration, including some history and a trivia quiz, see Page 1C

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Boeing selects Big Spring

Now the next hurdle: Will the government choose Boeing as its contractor?

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer



McEwen

Much like a game show contestant waiting for results, Big Spring can breathe a sigh of relief as it will be moving into the next phase as a candidate for a government-contracted flight academy.

Big Spring Mayor Russ

McEwen announced Friday the city's McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark has been chosen by aero-engineering giant Boeing as the site for a U.S. Air Force Introductory Flight Training (IFT) program.

"We have been

working with the Boeing team on their proposal for several months," said McEwen. "We believe the former Webb AFB site, closed in 1976, offers Boeing and the Air Force a dedicated training location that best meets the needs of the Air Force's IFT program. We are excited about the opportunities this type of project would bring to our com-

munity."

While Boeing's decision comes as breath of fresh air for a project local leaders began working on in mid-2004, the facility being built in Big Spring is still totally dependent on Boeing getting the contract for the project from the U.S. Air Force — a project several other aeronautical companies are still in the running for.

Annual walk set Monday to honor civil rights leader

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

He led a struggle for racial equality that doomed segregation and changed the face of the United States forever, and local residents will take to the streets Monday to honor him.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize, and will be the focus of attention Monday as Americans come together in observance of Martin Luther King Day, an observation often marked in Big Spring by a march.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. and walkers will

head west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700 where the group will hold a prayer.

"The march is going to start at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home,

"When you are right you cannot be too radical; when you are wrong, you cannot be too conservative."

Martin Luther King Jr., US civil rights leader and clergyman (1929-1968)

which is located at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street," said Horton. "The people at Nalley-Pickle have been gracious enough to let us use their facility as the starting point for several years now, and we are so grateful for that. We'll march all the way down Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700. When we get

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The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. acknowledges the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial for his "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963.

Listening Tour stops in Big Spring

UTPB administrators receive input from community leaders

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The University of Texas at Permian Basin's aptly named "Listening Tour" stopped in Big Spring Friday.

Local education and business leaders spent several hours discussing concerns and hopes for this region with UTPB President David Watts and other university officials during their visit.

The Listening Tour, which will make stops in nine West Texas communities this month, was designed to give UTPB a better understanding of how the university can help these towns grow and prosper in the next 30 years.

"These are the people we serve. That means we have to know what their hopes or problems are," said Mike Barker, UTPB

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Senator says moving VA medical center would cause hardship

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison added a personal touch to her support for the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

Hutchison, who has been a strong supporter of keeping the hospital in Big Spring, toured the medical center during a quick visit to the community Friday morning.

No new announcements were forthcoming during Hutchison's visit. Instead, she intended the tour to illustrate her support for the facility, who's fate is currently being debated.

"We've been working very hard on this issue," she said. "I just wanted to see for myself first-hand what was going on here."

The local center is one of many VA facilities the CARES (Capitol Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) Commission targeted for a feasibility study.

Although Hutchison said the local VA's fate is mostly in the hands of the commission and the DVA, she vowed to continue fighting to keep the doors open.

"This hospital provides

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U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison signed copies of her book, "American Heroines: The Women Who Shaped Our Country," Friday morning at The Master's Touch on FM 700.

Hard work pays off for Coahoma student

Howard County Junior Stock Show results are on Page 5A.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Competitors in this year's Howard County Junior Livestock Show are serious about their steers — and that's no bull.

Terrell Bibb, a junior at Coahoma High School, walked away with top honors in the American steer class Friday, a reward for the

"Between sports, schoolwork and steers, it can get pretty hard to balance out your time. You just have to do the best you can."

—Coahoma student Terrell Bibb

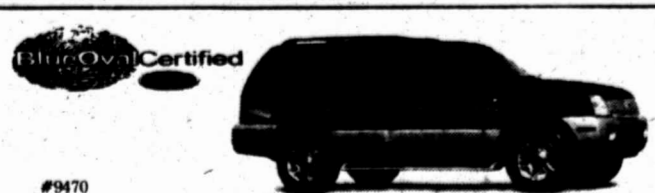
many long months of grooming and work for the young man.

"It's a lot of work. It's fun, too, but it's still a lot of work. You learn a lot of responsibility and stuff like that, but it really pays off in the end.

"It's hard getting there, though," said Bibb with a laugh.

Bibb was just one of more than two-dozen students who competed for the grand champion title during the steer portion of the

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Obituaries

John E. "Granddaddy" Varley

John E. "Granddaddy" Varley, 79, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Pastor Wayne Frost of St. Paul Lutheran Church officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. He was born on Nov. 8, 1925, in Clarksville and married Doris Squyres Flowers on Aug. 1, 1980, in Beaumont.

Mr. Varley had worked for Mobil Chemical in Beaumont for 34 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and had served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Varley of Big Spring; one son, John H. "Herb" Varley of Oceano, Calif.; two daughters, Francine Glenn and her husband, Jerry, and Kerry Varley, all of Las Vegas, Nev.; two granddaughters, Daphne Castilaw and husband, Cliff, of Big Spring and Denise Castilaw of Rincon, Ga.; and three great grandchildren, Joshua, Jennifer and Julia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mae Van "Nina" and John Herbert Varley and one sister, Cora Van Bradford.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Take note

□ **THE BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION MEETING BEGINNING AT 7 P.M. TUESDAY** will feature a video-taped program by Jerry Yarnell on the topic of painting grass in landscapes. Photographer Bruce Scholer is the artist of the month. He will serve as host of the meeting, which takes place in the basement of the Howard County Library.

□ **THE FIRST MASTER GARDENER'S CLASS** is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in room C-13 at the back of the Big Spring Mall. Cost for the course that meets once a week from mid-January to mid-May is \$75 and two scholarships are available. For more information, contact Kathy Lusk at the Big Spring Mall, 267-3853 or the Howard County Cooperative Extension office, 264-2236.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR 6-WEEK-OLD MAGGIE VASQUEZ TO ASSIST WITH THE EXPENSES OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT.** She is the daughter of Susan Vasquez and Steve Nail of Big Spring. Maggie was born prematurely and suffers from kidney failure. She remains in Dallas Children's Hospital undergoing daily dialysis treatment until the transplant match is found and the surgery performed. The account number at the bank is 9013091. For more information, contact Parks Convenient Store at 263-4498 or Denise 816-1539.

□ **THE ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MARCH BEGINS** at 6 p.m. Monday at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard. The public is invited.

□ **THE HARLEM AMBASSADORS BASKETBALL TEAM** has an exhibition game set for 7 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as a Rotary Club of Big Spring fund-raiser. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and \$1 for children with an adult. Children younger than 5 are free. To purchase a ticket contact the YMCA, 267-8234 or the coliseum at 264-5040.

□ **A ONE-DAY SEMINAR, "CREATION: FROM THE BEGINNING - A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE ORIGINS OF A DEFIANT CULTURE,"** is set for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jan. 22 in the St. Paul Lutheran Church parish hall. The event is free and open to the public and lunch and child care will be provided at no charge.

□ **RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ** is 10 a.m. Feb. 19, 2005, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, sponsored by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life Team. Entry forms are available at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third and KBST 608 Johnson. Entry deadline is Feb. 8, 2005. Any boy or girl between the ages of 1 day old to 11 years may participate.

□ **THE FAR WEST BOYS HOME** is in need of donations of household, office and recreational items to benefit boys 5-17 who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect. Items needed include dressers, bunk beds, mattresses, cookware, recreational and exercise equipment, and a maintenance pickup, can or car. Cash donations to purchase these items are also appreciated. Far West is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. To arrange pick up of items or for more information, call 432-353-4464.

□ **AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF CHRIS RIVERA, 26, A FORMER COSDEN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBER,** who died Dec. 28, 2004. The fund is to assist his wife, Natasha Rivera and his four children, all younger than 6, with funeral expenses. The account no. is 760221. To donate contact the credit union at 264-2600.

□ **REGION 18 SERVICE CENTER** has video and audio-visual material used in the schools available for viewing Jan. 27. The session is 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the center, which is located at 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport. Persons wishing to request preview of the films may call Pam Winn, media supervisor of the education service center, at telephone number 432-567-3260.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday:

- **JANIE AGUILAR**, 38, of 1001 E. 12th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.
- **DEBRA SHAEFFER**, 36, of 1408 S. Nolan, was arrested Friday on a Howard County warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of 13th Street.
 - in the 1200 block of Stanford.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

Sheriff's report

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

- **SUBJECT MAKING THREATS WITH WEAPONS** was reported in the 100 block of Hooser Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of N. Moss Lake Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2700 block of Rebecca.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Hickory.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy early. Becoming mostly cloudy by afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day...Partly cloudy. Highs near 50. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 2-4-16-30-32

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

Support groups

TUESDAY
□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY
□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY
□ AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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- 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.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
 - The annual Martin Luther King Jr. March is set to begin at 6 p.m. at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
 - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
 - DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
 - Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
 - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
 - Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
 - Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
 - Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
 - Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in 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.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.
- 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.
 - Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
 - American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
 - Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

Karen McIntyre, children's librarian party was given

After close

By MARSHA S. Features Editor

Bittersweet occurred in the County Librarian when longtime librarian Karen said farewell to her honor.

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Karen McIntyre, a 14-year employee of the Howard County library, leaves her position as children's librarian, a duty she has thoroughly enjoyed for the past six years. A retirement party was given to Karen and her husband, John, Thursday at the library.

After 14 years, McIntyre will close this chapter of her life

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

Bittersweet moments occurred in the Howard County Library Thursday when longtime children's librarian Karen McIntyre said farewell during a retirement party held in her honor.

"This is both happy and sad for me. I am looking forward to my new life. We all have to move on and this is now my husband's and my time," said McIntyre.

"But this is also really quite sad, because I've had some of these kids for years. I really look forward to seeing them every year and it is going to be hard to leave," McIntyre said.

McIntyre began her employment with the library 14 years ago, when she came on board to run the children's summer reading program. She then became a part-time employee in the circulation department and six years ago became the full-time children's librarian.

One of the benefits of her position has been the opportunity to see the children growing up each year as they attended her annual programs, Story Time and the Summer Reading Program.

"This is one of those jobs that you really want to go to. This has been so much fun, the kids have made it a lot of fun and they've kept me very young," she said.

McIntyre and her husband, John, will move to Tennessee sometime in February. They are awaiting the sale of their home here.

Moving into McIntyre's

position is former Ballinger elementary teacher, Janet Osburn.

"This will be tough, trying to fill Karen's shoes, but being a children's librarian is something I've wanted to do for quite some time now," said Osburn, who moved to Big Spring in December.

A newlywed, Osburn married Gary Dec. 4, 2004, and relocated to Howard County. She said the differences between a small community, population of about 3,000, where she was previously a kindergarten and third grade teacher, contrasts with the opportunities she sees in the county and she looks forward to working with all three school districts.

"So far this has been nothing short of exciting. I hope to have a large outreach program and to visit the different schools in the county, if they'll have me, just as soon as I can," she said.

In fact, Osburn hit the ground running when she began this past week. Tuesday she attended a workshop in Lubbock.

"And Wednesday we had a book salesman come in. Karen was pouring over the books, selecting this one and that one and to me it was like Christmas," she said.

Osburn said she feels working with the children will be a challenging reward and she is hoping to become a published children's author. She also taught GED classes for Howard College for

the Ballinger-Winters-Coleman area.

"I have written two children's books. As a teacher, I can see which subject is lacking in each grade level and what books are needed," she said.

Osburn and her husband have six children between them, with two at home, a seventh grader and a senior. Her oldest son is in the U.S. Army and served 18 months in Iraq. Her daughter is a senior at Angelo State University.

Osburn said she also hopes to include student volunteers in her programs, and she will continue the programs McIntyre has created.

"I'll keep Story Time and the summer program, that is so well received. I have a great foundation built by Karen and some great programs and I hope to build upon those," she said.

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Osburn

KING

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there we'll have a prayer led by Rev. Ian Nickerson.

"I hope people come away with the ability to love one another. That's what we need. If we had love we'd have it all. I wish everyone could know how good it is to love people no matter what color they are."

Horton said it's important to be familiar with our civil liberties and how they came to be.

"I think we need to be on an everyday basis with our civil rights. We can so easily go back to the old ways, and we don't want to do that. We want to help today's people, which are a people of color, instead of a people of different color," said Horton.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, said Horton, and those who can't make the march on foot can participate by car.

"We usually go down the march singing with flashlights, candles and whatever else," said Horton. "We just like to have a really good time with it. The people that can't walk usually drive their cars behind the marchers."

"We would really like to see more participants come out this year. Dr. King was for all people. Not just black people, but for all people — and we would like to see 'all people' attend."

More importantly, Horton wants to remind the public that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is about being a day on, not taking a day off.

"I'm challenging the city of Big Spring," Horton said. "I want to challenge everybody in Big Spring to do something for somebody other



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Evangelist Ian Nickerson spoke powerfully of the works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Big Spring VA Medical Center Friday, urging men and women of all colors to come together and show their appreciation for the strides in civil rights King championed.

than themselves that day. Go to the schools, go to the nursing homes and play a game of chess. Do something that benefits somebody else instead of taking a day off."

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tenn., where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, King was assassinated.

For more information, contact Horton at 264-0306.

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Several blood drives scheduled

Special to the Herald

There are several upcoming United Blood Services drives scheduled in Big Spring.

January 21, New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road, has scheduled a blood drive from 10

a.m. until 6 p.m.

January 22 from noon until 4 p.m., a blood drive is set in the Big Spring Mall.

Then, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., a blood drive is scheduled in the Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway.

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Let's take time to truly honor Dr. King's work

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day for reflection on the work of the assassinated civil rights leader and to remember the message he preached.

Big Spring's annual candlelight march commemorating Dr. King's birthday will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Walkers will gather at 1000 Gregg Street and will proceed west on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to FM 700. Those who participate are asked to bring a candle or flashlight.

Born Jan. 15, 1929, and assassinated April 4, 1968, Dr. King's legacy lives on.

Many men and women have been civil rights leaders — leaders for all people — through the years, fighting for the simple right to live as equals among others.

No one, however, captured the nation's heart as well and eloquently as did Dr. King.

While America has made great strides in racial equality, a great deal of work still remains to be done before we as a society truly realize Dr. King's dream.

We encourage you to participate Monday night's march, and to take time to reflect on how the efforts of Dr. King and others have made our nation a better place.

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Inside report: Social Security rubicon

When Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina proposed the broad outlines of a Social Security compromise last month, he was accused by conservatives of negotiating with himself. He changed that last Thursday by beginning to negotiate with the Democrats to achieve the breakthrough of personal retirement accounts.



ROBERT NOVAK

Four Democratic senators met in Graham's office with him and two Republican committee chairmen. It was not really negotiating but the prelude to negotiating a bipartisan agreement. Graham put it to me this way: "Nobody has crossed the Rubicon yet, but maybe they can see it."

Crossing Graham's Rubicon would be agreeing to a grand bargain in which each side experiences pain. Democrats would accept the hated personal accounts that have become a primary policy goal of President Bush and the Republican Party. Republicans would accept a graduation in the payroll tax financing Social Security, raising the amount of taxable income while lowering the rate.

The meeting in Graham's office was but a first step, far from agreeing to anything. But the mere fact that they sat down with one another indicates a little progress. Graham is an aggressive first-termer, beginning his third year as a senator. But at his side Thursday were the Finance Committee chairman, Chuck Grassley of Iowa, and the Budget Committee chairman, Judd Gregg of New Hampshire. They have not

specifically backed Graham's bill but accept the idea that everything is on the table.

Gregg is an old hand at trying to save Social Security through personal accounts, into which young workers would have the option of putting some of the money currently deducted from the payroll tax. In the late 1990s, Gregg had commitments for personal accounts from four prominent Democratic senators: Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Bob Kerrey, Chuck Robb and John Breaux. What's more, these Democrats accepted the idea without higher payroll taxes. The problem is that Bill Clinton was president, and he opposed any kind of personal accounts.

Now, all four Democrats buying into personal accounts are gone from the Senate. The four Democrats who met with Graham last week — Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Max Baucus of Montana — certainly are not committed to anything approaching Bush's proposal. Of these four, only Nelson could be called a moderate conservative. At best, from the White House point of view, the others are moderate liberals who occasionally defect from the party line.

The most interesting result that eventually could emerge from the meeting would be Baucus, ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, agreeing to co-sponsor a Social Security reform. He seldom takes a conservative position, but did support Bush's 2001 income tax cut.

Even more intriguing is the possibility of Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota getting involved. As ranking Democrat on the Budget Committee, Conrad has been a persistent basher of Bush's eco-

nomics plans and purist supporter of the Social Security system. Conrad was invited to the meeting by Graham and showed interest, but said he could not attend because of a schedule conflict.

Buying into the Graham compromise would constitute a major defection by any Democrat. The party line was articulated this week by Gene Sperling, the Clinton administration's national economic director. Not satisfied with Graham's extension of the payroll tax on incomes beyond \$90,000, Sperling wants a surtax on very high incomes to eviscerate the Bush tax cuts. In return, Sperling offers nothing — certainly no personal retirement accounts.

Indeed, there are Republicans who contend the Democrats who came to Graham's office are playing games. Like Sperling, according to this theory, they have no intention of accepting personal accounts that could be a Republican boon with young America, and just want to get the GOP on record for higher taxes.

Many conservatives hope never to find whether there is a trap, because they adamantly oppose Graham's plan. George W. Bush has declared his opposition to any tax increase, but is reported by senior administration officials to recognize there will be no Social Security reform unless some Democrats can be found to support it. That is why the president looks on Lindsey Graham's efforts with interest.

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Get Reed Hastings: Tar and feathers

Here's the latest outrage that shows why California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is right to push for legislative redistricting to instill some healthy fear in arrogant Sacramento legislators.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

This sordid tale starts with Reed Hastings, the Silicon Valley entrepreneur who founded Netflix and was appointed to the California State Board of Education by Gov. Gray Davis. Schwarzenegger reappointed Hastings, a Democrat, because he has been a highly effective champion of needed school reforms, with a concentration on pushing strong reading skills.

In fact, Hastings has been so effective that a rump of left-leaning Democrats have targeted him for elimination. On Wednesday, the Senate Rules Committee is slated to vote on his reappointment. Word is that the committee instead will can Hastings.

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata was rather open last week when he told the San Francisco Chronicle that Hastings was a good man and a solid appointee, but the Dems were going to tar and feather him anyway. "He's a man who has put his money with his principles," Perata said. "He's done education a great service in California. There just seems to be a confluence of factors that don't have anything to do with Reed Hastings or his qualifications that make his confirmation highly unlikely at this time."

A confluence of factors? You'd think Perata was watching a downpour when, in fact, he heads the Rules Committee and is poised to not vote for Hastings — thus denying him the three votes needed to bring Hastings' confirmation before the full Senate — even though Perata knows that Hastings has been good for California schools.

(The offices of Perata and fellow Democrats Debra Bowen

(Redondo Beach) and Gil Cedillo (Los Angeles) would not comment Monday on Hastings.)

Perata is supposed to be a leader, but if he votes no, he will be doing the dirty work of state Sen. Martha Escutia, D-Norwalk. Escutia opposes Hastings because he, like a majority of California voters, supports Proposition 227, the 1998 measure that replaced bilingual education with primary instruction in English. As Escutia sees it, Hastings has short-changed students in bilingual programs. Hastings persuaded the Board of Education to withhold federal reading funds from classrooms that failed to teach in English two and one-half hours a day. As Hastings sees it, immigrant children lose when their bilingual classes are short on English instruction.

No surprise, the bilingual-istas sued, and the Legislature passed a bill that overrode the Board of Education's decision, with the recall looming, Davis signed it. The Legislature succeeded in undermining voters, and still, that's not enough: Escutia wants to make Hastings pay.

As Hastings told me Monday, "Ultimately, the bilingual lobby is trying to make an example out of me. If they're successful, then they'll have a near veto of appointees."

If the rump rules, the Legislature will be able to block citizens who, like the majority of California voters, support English instruction.

Republicans also may play a role in this shameful political thuggery. The pro-Proposition 13 Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association has targeted Hastings because he helped bankroll Proposition 39, the 2000 ballot measure that lowered the threshold to pass school bonds from two-thirds to 55 percent of the vote. Jon Coupal of Jarvis noted, "The guy, I guess, is very sincere about education reform, and he pushes English-only, but he jammed us on Prop. 39."

It's not clear if the two Republicans on Rules — Roy Ashburn and Jim Battin — will

toe the Jarvis line. Ashburn told me, "I never announce my vote before anything occurs. That's why we have hearings." Battin didn't call back.

State schools chief Jack O'Connell believes that Democrats should support Hastings because of his overall record and his support of Prop. 39. "He was such a hero to school construction," O'Connell told me. "We would have never been successful or reduced the (bond) threshold without Reed Hastings."

As for Republicans, well, they are hardly in a position to reject a board member for supporting Prop. 39 — considering that voters approved it. Especially since they'll be the first ones to demand that the Dems respect the voters' will on Prop. 227.

I opposed Prop. 39. The state was running a big surplus — remember surpluses? — and I didn't want to make it easier for local governments to tax homeowners. But it's important to look at a man's entire record, and Hastings' record is too impressive to ignore because of one philosophical departure. If the Rules Committee gives Hastings the boot, it will be a victory for those who put ideological purity over performance.

Now you see what happens when lawmakers have no fear of voters. Every Assembly member and senator running won re-election in 2004. So, barely a year after the 2003 recall, lawmakers have decided they can do whatever they want. And they don't care about what voters want. They don't care about what's best for California kids. Like Perata, they see a man who has done good things for California, but they'll bury him anyway.

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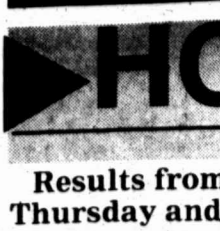
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can trust Your judgment, Lord, with what is best for our heavenly future.

Amen



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NEWS BRIEFS

Former Tulia drug agent gets probation for perjury conviction

LUBBOCK (AP) — The lone undercover agent in a sting that sent dozens of black people to prison on bogus drug charges will serve probation after being convicted of perjury.

Tom Coleman was acquitted on Friday of testifying falsely in a 2003 hearing that as a sheriff's deputy he never stole gas from county pumps, but he was found guilty of saying that he didn't learn about the theft charge against him until August 1998.

Aggravated perjury is a third-degree felony and carries a maximum 10-year sentence and \$10,000 fine. Jurors deliberated his punishment for less than an hour before recommending probation. They sentenced him to seven years in prison but decided because he didn't have any prior felony convictions that he could serve the sentence on probation.

The judge agreed to probation and will rule on Tuesday in Tulia on its length and terms.

Tulia defendants in the courtroom to hear the sentence dropped their heads in disbelief when they heard Coleman was given probation.

"I feel he should have gotten time," said Freddie Brookins Jr., who served four years of a 20-year sentence before being released in June 2003. "I can't say I'm happy."

SENATOR

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quality health care in a location that continues to serve West Texas very well," she said. "Moving it would impose a new hardship on Texas veterans, requiring them to travel great distances."

The CARES Commission suggested a feasibility study concerning the Big Spring facility be conducted, and while several deadlines have been set for the study to be completed since that time, it appears an answer may be as far off as December of this year.

Hutchison recently met with Jim Nicholson, appointed to head the Department of Veteran Affairs, to express her support for the Big Spring VAMC, and urged him to visit the local facility. She

added, however, that it would be unrealistic to expect a visit until Nicholson has had a chance to "get his feet on the ground" and become fully versed in all the issues facing him as head of the department.

Later Friday morning, Hutchison signed copies of her book, "American Heroines: The Women Who Shaped Our Country," at The Master's Touch Book Store. Present with Hutchison was longtime Big Spring resident Marj Carpenter, who is profiled in one of the book's chapters.

Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins contributed to this report.

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Abbas sworn in as Palestinian leader

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Mahmoud Abbas, who was being sworn in as Palestinian Authority president Saturday, starts the job with a full-blown crisis on his hands: Israel, with apparent U.S. blessing, cut contacts with his government until he reins in militants.

Israel's startling reversal, following initial good will toward the pragmatic and moderate Abbas, came after Palestinian militants killed six Israeli civilians at a Gaza cargo crossing earlier this week. Aides to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the attack was apparently launched from a Palestinian Authority base.

The United States appeared to agree with Sharon. "He's got to get those terrorists under control," Secretary of State Colin Powell said of Abbas, speaking in an interview with the Radio America Network.

The Gaza attack and Israel's response dampened expectations that the two sides would quickly return to the negotiating table after four years of conflict. After Abbas' election Sunday, hopes had been running high that the two leaders could break out of the deadlock. Israel and the United States had refused to deal with Yasser Arafat, accusing him of fomenting terror.

Graner to speak at sentencing hearing

FORT HOOD (AP) — Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr., the reputed ringleader of a band of rogue guards at Abu Ghraib, may tell his story about what went on inside the notorious Baghdad prison after all.

Graner was convicted Friday of abusing Iraqi detainees in a case that sparked international outrage when photographs were released that showed reservists gleefully humiliating prisoners. He did not testify during the 4 1/2-day trial, but Graner and his lawyers indicated late Friday that he would take the stand when his sentencing hearing resumes Saturday.

The first soldier to be court-martialed in the scandal, Graner was convicted of all five charges and faces up to 15 years behind bars. Four other soldiers have pleaded guilty in the scandal.

Graner stood at attention and looked straight ahead without expression as each verdict was read. His parents, Charles and Irma Graner, held hands tightly as they listened.

On his way out of the courthouse hours later, Graner flashed a thumbs-up to a large group of reporters waiting for him.

Official: American troops won't stay long in tsunami-hit countries

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — The United States is eager to end its military tsunami mission as soon as other nations are ready to take over, the U.S. deputy secretary of defense said Saturday.

The United Nations began paying survivors in Indonesia to clear rubble.

Indonesia has expressed unease with the number of foreign troops on its territory and wants them out by the end of March.

"As soon as our military folks can pass these responsibilities on to other folks ... and make sure the job gets done, we will be happy," said Paul Wolfowitz, who was visiting Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Marj Carpenter, left, who is profiled in Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's book, "American Heroines: The Women Who Shaped Our Country," signed copies of the book Friday morning at The Master's Touch on FM 700.

LISTENING

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director of special projects said. "If we don't know what the problems are, we aren't going to be a very good university."

"Our primary purpose is to talk to people of these communities in the Permian Basin about what they project the next 30 years will be like," Watts said. "This is a ... process that involves a lot of input from these communities."

"UTPB is 32 years old, and it seems like those 32 years happened overnight," he said. "We'd like the next 30 years not to sneak up on us, so that's why we developed this tour."

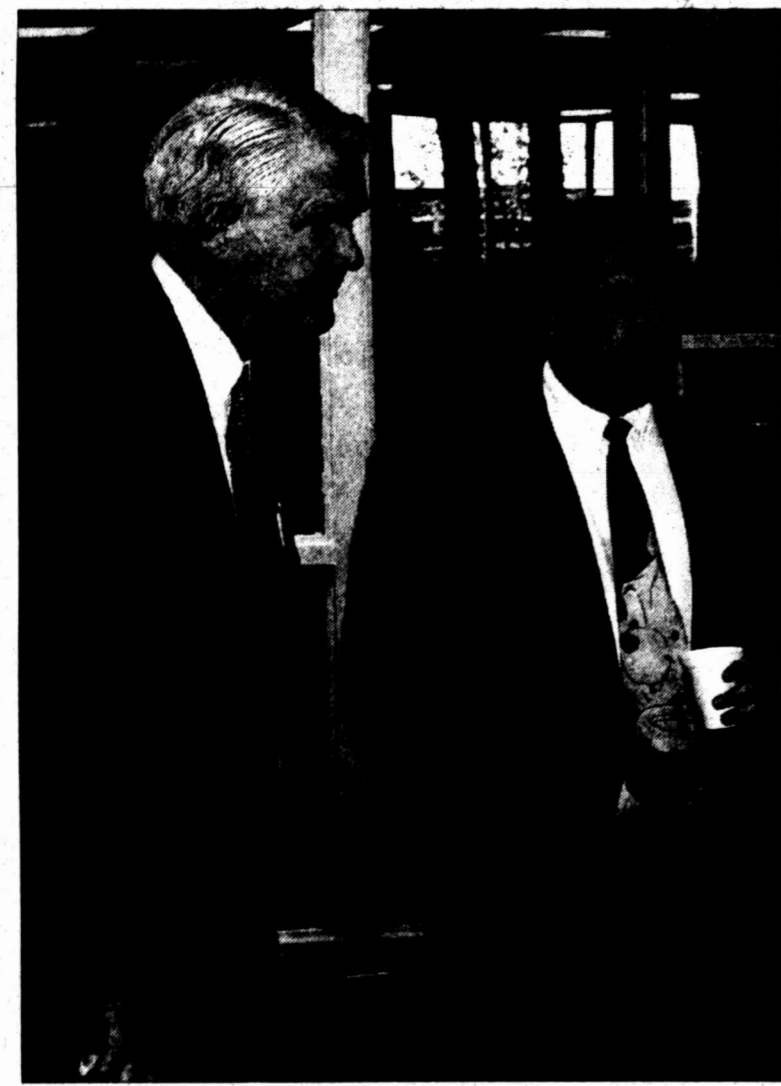
The morning session of the UTPB tour was spent with local education officials, while university staff spent the afternoon discussing issues with area business leaders.

A wide range of education issues were covered in the morning session, ranging from teacher recruitment and retention to finding ways to encour-

age more area students to attend college.

Watts said that UTPB has formed an advisory committee, called "the group of 30," to evaluate information received on tour stops. A report from the committee is expected in January 2006.

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David Watts, left, president of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, talks with Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes prior to the start of a conference between UTPB officials and local education professionals.

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Billboard Hot 100 (Compiled from a pile of sales reports piled and provided radio playlists; and by Broadcast Data)

- "Let Me Love You"
- "1, 2 Step," Ciara
- "Lovers and Friends," The East Side Boyz
- "Drop It Like a Hot Bomb," Pharrell
- "Soldier," Deshaun
- "My Boo," Usher
- "Over and Over," Tim McGraw
- "Disco Inferno," Shady
- "How We Do," (feat. 50 Cent), Afrojack
- "I Don't Want DeGraw, J."

The Billboard 200 Top 10 (Compiled from a pile of sales reports piled and provided)

- "American Idol Reprise," (Platinum sales of 1 million)
- "Encore," Eminem
- "Crunk Juice," East Side Boyz
- "Get Lifted," Good Music
- "The Red Light," Ludacris
- "Destiny Fulfilled," Child
- "Greatest Hits," Mercury
- "MTV Unplugged Presents: Collisio," ZLinkin Park
- "Confessions," (Platinum)
- "Breakaway," RCA

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Hot Adult Contemporary (Compiled from a pile of airplay support Data Systems)

- "Heaven," Leona Lewis
- "You'll Think Urban, Capitol
- "In My Daug," Martina McBride
- "This Love," Usher
- "Breakaway," Walt Disney
- "She Will Be Ozone
- "Don't Let Me Hear Away," Phil Value
- "I'll Be Around," John Oates
- "Like You W McGraw, Curb
- "Answer in John, Rocket

Top Contemporary Albums (Compiled from a pile of sales reports and provided)

- "The Beautiful Switchfoot, Sparrow
- "WOW Hits Year's Top Christmas Hits," Various Artists
- "I Can Only Power Anthems, Faith," Various Artists
- "MMHMM," BEC
- "Restored," BEC
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Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Let Me Love You," Mario. 3rd Street.
 2. "1, 2 Step," Ciara (feat. Missy Elliott). Sho'nuff-MusicLine.
 3. "Lovers and Friends," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Usher & Ludacris). BME.
 4. "Drop It Like It's Hot," Snoop Dogg (feat. Pharrell). Doggystyle.
 5. "Soldier," Destiny's Child (feat. T.I. & Lil Wayne). Columbia.
 6. "My Boo," Usher & Alicia Keys. J.
 7. "Over and Over," Nelly (feat. Tim McGraw). Curb.
 8. "Disco Inferno," 50 Cent. Shady.
 9. "How We Do," The Game (feat. 50 Cent). Aftermath/G-Unit/Interscope.
 10. "I Don't Want to Be," Gavin DeGraw. J.
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "American Idol," Green Day. Reprise. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
 2. "Encore," Eminem. Shady. (Platinum)
 3. "Crunk Juice," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz. BME.
 4. "Get Lifted," John Legend. Good Music.
 5. "The Red Light District," Ludacris. Disturbing the Peace.
 6. "Destiny Fulfilled," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Platinum)
 7. "Greatest Hits," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
 8. "MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents: Collision Course," Jay-Z/Linkin Park. Roc-a-Fella.
 9. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace. (Platinum)
 10. "Breakaway," Kelly Clarkson. RCA.
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Hot Adult Contemporary

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Heaven," Los Lonely Boys. Or.
 2. "You'll Think of Me," Keith Urban. Capitol.
 3. "In My Daughter's Eyes," Martina McBride. RCA Nashville.
 4. "This Love," Maroon5. Octone.
 5. "Breakaway," Kelly Clarkson. Walt Disney.
 6. "She Will Be Loved," Maroon5. Octone.
 7. "Don't Let Him Steal Your Heart Away," Phil Collins. Face Value.
 8. "I'll Be Around," Daryl Hall. John Oates. oke.
 9. "Like You Were Dying," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 10. "Answer in the Sky," Elton John. Rocket.

Top Contemporary Christian Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot. Sparrow. (Platinum)
 2. "WOW Hits 2005: 31 of the Year's Top Christian Artists and Hits," Various Artists. Word.
 3. "I Can Only Imagine: Ultimate Power Anthems of the Christian Faith," Various Artists. INO.
 4. "MMHMM," Relient K. Gotee.
 5. "Restored," Jeremy Camp. BEC.
 6. "Casting Crowns," Casting Crowns. Beach Street. (Gold — certified sales of more than

Mainstream Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day. Reprise.
 2. "Home," Three Days Grace. Jive.
 3. "Fall to Pieces," Velvet Revolver. RA
 4. "Burning Bright," Shinedown. Atlantic.
 5. "Getting Away With Murder," Papa Roach. El Tonal.
 6. "Vitamin R (Leading Us Along)," Chevelle. Epic.
 7. "So Cold," Breaking Benjamin. Hollywood.
 8. "Scars," Papa Roach. El Tonal/Geffen.
 9. "If I Die Tomorrow," Motley Crue. Island/DJMG.
 10. "Let Me Go," 3 Doors Down. Republic.

Modern Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day. Reprise.
 2. "Cold," Crossfade. FG
 3. "Look What You've Done," Jet. Elektra.
 4. "Scars," Papa Roach. El Tonal.
 5. "Pain," Jimmy Eat World. Interscope.
 6. "Mr. Brightside," The Killers. Island.
 7. "Vitamin R (Leading Us Along)," Chevelle. Epic.
 8. "All Because of You," U2. Interscope.
 9. "I'm Not OK (I Promise)," My Chemical Romance. Reprise.
 10. "Home," Three Days Grace. Jive.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Awful, Beautiful Life," Darryle Worley. Dreamworks.
 2. "Some Beach," Blake Shelton. Warner Bros.
 3. "Back When," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 4. "Bless the Broken Road," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
 5. "You're My Better Half," Keith Urban. Capitol.
 6. "When I Think About Cheatin'," Gretchen Wilson. Epic/EMN.
 7. "Mud on the Tires," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
 8. "Nothin' Bout Love Makes Sense," LeAnn Rimes. Asylum-Curb.
 9. "Monday Morning Church," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 10. "Nothing On But the Radio," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville.
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Top Country Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Greatest Hits," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
 2. "Greatest Hits 2," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
 3. "Here for the Party," Gretchen Wilson. Epic (Nashville). (Platinum)
 4. "Feels Like Today," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
 5. "50 Number Ones," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
 6. "Horse of a Different Color," Big & Rich. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
 7. "Live Like You Were Dying," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
 8. "Lonely Runs Both Ways," Alison Krauss + Union Station. Rounder. (Gold)
 9. "Mud on the Tires," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
 10. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "Let Me Love You," Mario. 3rd Street.
 2. "Lovers and Friends," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Usher & Ludacris). BME.
 3. "Soldier," Destiny's Child (feat. T.I. & Lil Wayne). Columbia.
 4. "Drop It Like It's Hot," Snoop Dogg (feat. Pharrell). Doggystyle.
 5. "1, 2 Step," Ciara (feat. Missy Elliott). Sho'nuff-MusicLine.
 6. "How We Do," The Game (feat. 50 Cent). Aftermath/G-Unit/Interscope.
 7. "Disco Inferno," 50 Cent. Shady/Aftermath/Interscope.
 8. "Bring Em Out," T.I. Grand Hustle/Atlantic.
 9. "Get Back," Ludacris. DTP.
 10. "Only U," Ashanti. The Inc. Copyright 2005, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Get Lifted," John Legend. Good Music.
 2. "Crunk Juice," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz. BME.
 3. "The Red Light District," Ludacris. Disturbing the Peace.
 4. "Destiny Fulfilled," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Platinum)
 5. "Encore," Eminem. Shady. (Platinum)
 6. "Urban Legend," T.I. Grand Hustle.
 7. "Loyal to the Game," 2Pac. Amaru/Interscope.
 8. "Free Yourself," Fantasia. J. (Platinum)
 9. "Turning Point," Mario. 3rd Street.
 10. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace. (Platinum)
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Hot Rap Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Lovers and Friends," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Usher & Ludacris). BME.
 2. "Drop It Like It's Hot," Snoop Dogg (feat. Pharrell). Doggystyle.
 3. "How We Do," The Game (feat. 50 Cent). Aftermath/G-Unit/Interscope.
 4. "Disco Inferno," 50 Cent. Shady.
 5. "Get Back," Ludacris. Disturbing the Peace.
 6. "Wonderful," Ja Rule (feat. R. Kelly & Ashanti). The Inc.
 7. "Bring Em Out," T.I. Grand Hustle/Atlantic.
 8. "Karma," Lloyd Banks (feat. Avant). G-Unit/Interscope.
 9. "What U Gon' Do," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Lil Scrappy). BME.
 10. "New York," Ja Rule (feat. Fat Joe & Jadakiss). The Inc. Copyright 2005, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

Hot Dance Music — Club Play

- (Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "The Wonder of It All (Escape/Gomi/Trendroid/I. Pavlin/O. Nissim Mixes)," Kristine W. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
 2. "Silence 2004," Delerium (feat. Sarah McLachlan). Nettwerk.
 3. "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy? (Remixes)," Rod Stewart. Warner Bros.
 4. "Lose My Breath," (P. Johnson & M. Joshua Mixes)," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
 5. "The Joint Is Jumpin'," D1 (feat. Lisa Hunt). D1.
 6. "How Could I Lie (Ralphie & E. Baez Mixes)," Angel. Midas.
 7. "My My My," Armand Van Helden. Southern Fried.
 8. "Feel You," Alyson. Alysongrooves.com.
 9. "Without Love," Sun. JH.
 10. "Killer 2005 (P. Rauhofer/Morel/DJ Monk/J. Albert Mixes)," Seal. Warner Bros.
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Hot Latin Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Todo El Ano," Obie Bermudez. EMI Latin.
 2. "Nada Valgo Sin Tu Amor," Juanes. Surco/Universal Latino.
 3. "Porque Es Tan Cruel El Amor," Ricardo Arjona. Sony Discos.
 4. "Dame Otro Tequila," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
 5. "Me Dedique A Perderte," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
 6. "Te Buscarea," Christian Castro. Ariola/BMG Latin.

Top Contemporary Jazz Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "At Last... the Duets Album," Kenny G. Arista. (Gold)
 2. "twentysomething," Jamie Cullum. Verve.
 3. "Ultimate Kenny G," Kenny G. BMG Heritage.
 4. "West Coast Coolin'," Norman Brown. Warner Bros.
 5. "Pure," Boney James. Warner Bros.
 6. "A Thousand Kisses Deep," Chris Botti. Columbia.
 7. "Come As You Are," Mindi Abair. GRP.
 8. "Playboy Jazz: in a Smooth Groove," Various Artists. Playboy Jazz.
 9. "Forever, for Always, for Luther," Various Artists. GRP.
 10. "End of the World Party (Just In Case)," Medeski Martin And Wood. Blue Note.

Top Classical Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Yo-Yo Ma Plays Ennio Morricone," Yo-Yo Ma With Roma Sintonietta Orchestra (Morricone). Sony Classical.
 2. "Handel," Renee Fleming/Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (Bicket). Decca.
 3. "Romance of the Violin," Joshua Bell. Sony Classical.
 4. "Tuscany," Andre Rieu. Denon.
 5. "Sempre Libera," Anna Netrebko With the Mahler Chamber Orchestra (Abbado). DG/Universal Classics Group.
 6. "Handel: Arias From Theodora," Lorraine Hunt Lieberson & Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (Bicket). Avie.
 7. Soundtrack: "Master and Commander." Decca.
 8. "Vivaldi's Cello," Yo-Yo Ma With the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra & Ton Koopman. Sony Classical.
 9. "Two Hands," Leon Fleisher. Vanguard Classics.
 10. "Wings of Song," James Galway. DG.
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| <p>January 6 • Thursday • Mall Walking - 8:00 am • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am • R.S.V.P. - 2:00 pm, 2005 Travel Showcase, Dora Roberts Community Center. Featuring 20 to 25 trips Public invited</p> | <p>January 19 • Wednesday • Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am</p> |
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Best sellers — video

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Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission.

Top Kid Video Sales

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Barbie as the Princess and the Pauper," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
 2. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Sony Wonder.
 3. "Dora the Explorer: Dora's Fairytale Adventure," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 4. "Spongebob Squarepants: Gift Set," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 5. "Spongebob SquarePants: Spongeguard on Duty," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 6. "Dora the Explorer: Silly Fiesta," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 7. "The Lion King II: Simba's Pride," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.

Top VHS Rentals

- (Based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Assn.)
1. "Anchorman: the Legend of Ron Burgundy," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 2. "The Manchurian Candidate (Pan & Scan)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 3. "I, Robot," 20th Century Fox.
 4. "Collateral," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 5. "Open Water," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
 6. "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (Pan & Scan)," FoxVideo.
 7. "The Bourne Supremacy," Universal Studios Home Video.
 8. "Resident Evil — Apocalypse," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
 9. "King Arthur," Touchstone Home Video.

Top VHS Sales

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement," Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
 2. "Spider-Man 2," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
 3. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 4. "Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban," Warner Home Video.
 5. "Elf," New Line Home Entertainment.
 6. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
 7. "Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed," Warner Home Video.
 8. "King Arthur," Touchstone Home Video.
 9. "The Bourne Supremacy," Universal Studios Home Video.
 10. "Two Brothers," Universal Studios Home Video.

Top DVD Sales

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Resident Evil — Apocalypse (2 Disc Special Edition)," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
 2. "Anchorman: the Legend of Ron Burgundy (Unrated Widescreen Edition)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 3. "Napoleon Dynamite," FoxVideo.
 4. "Garden State," FoxVideo.
 5. "Anchorman: the Legend of Ron Burgundy (Unrated Pan & Scan Edition)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 6. "Sex & the City: the Complete Sixth Season: Part 2," HBO Home Video.
 7. "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King (Special Extended Edition)," New Line Home Entertainment.
 8. "Open Water (Widescreen)," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
 9. "King Arthur (Widescreen Director's Cut)," Touchstone Home Video.
 10. "I, Robot (Widescreen)," 20th Century Fox.
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Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

- (Compiled from national retail sales/air-play/rental charts)
- HOT POP SINGLE:** "Let Me Love You," Mario.
- TOP POP ALBUM:** "American Idiot," Green Day.
- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE:** "Let Me Love You," Mario.
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM:** "Get Lifted," John Legend.
- HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK:** "Awful, Beautiful Life," Darryle Worley.
- TOP COUNTRY ALBUM:** "Greatest Hits," Shania Twain.
- TOP VHS RENTAL:** "Anchorman: the Legend of Ron Burgundy."
- TOP VHS SALE:** "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement."
- TOP DVD SALE:** "Resident Evil — Apocalypse (2 Disc Special Edition)."
- TOP KID VIDEO:** "Barbie as the Princess and the Pauper."
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Best sellers — books

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PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
2. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "Chainfire" by Terry Goodkind (Tor)
4. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (HarperCollins)
5. "The Da Vinci Code: Special Illustrated Edition" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
6. "Night Fall" by Nelson DeMille (Warner Books)
7. "By Order of the President" by W.E.B. Griffin (Putnam)
8. "London Bridges" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
9. "A Sally Piece of Land" by Jimmy Buffett, (Little, Brown)
10. "Black Wind" by Clive Cussler (Putnam)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Witness: For the Prosecution of Scott Peterson" by Amber Frey (Regan Books)
2. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
3. "He's Just Not That into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
4. "America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction" by the writers of The Daily Show, Jon Stewart (Warner)
5. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)
6. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
7. "Start Late, Finish Rich" by David Bach (Broadway)
8. "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed" by Jared Diamond (Viking)
9. "The Perricone Promise" by Nicholas Perricone, M.D. (Warner)
10. "When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?" by George Carlin (Hyperion)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
2. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
3. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
4. "The Ultimate Weight Solution" by Dr. Phil McGraw (Free Press)
5. "World Almanac and Book of Facts 2005" edited by Ken Park (World Almanac Education)
6. "The Birth of Venus" by Sarah Dunant (Random House)
7. "The South Beach Diet Good Fats/Good Carbs Guide" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)
8. "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson (Vintage)
9. "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi (Random House)
10. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)

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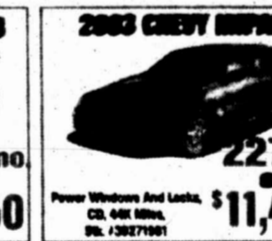






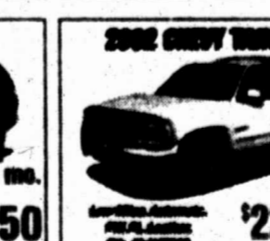

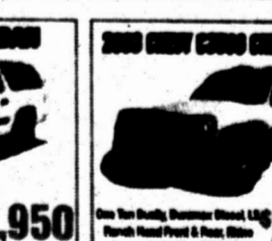
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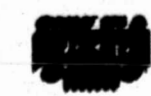
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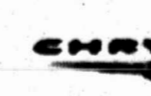
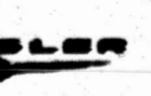
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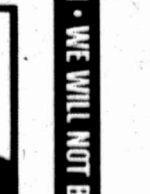

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Lady Steers Booster Club meetings set

The Lady Steers Booster Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the ATC, which is a change from its original date.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez at 263-6100.

The Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will also meet Thursday. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC.

All parents of girls involved in softball are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Abner at 264-0023 or Veronda Vassar at 267-4657.

Ambassadors to play at Dorothy Garrett

The Harlem Ambassadors basketball team will play an exhibition game in Big Spring at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College Friday, Jan. 21, beginning at 7 p.m.

The cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$1 for youth accompanied by an adult and youth under the age of five are free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring YMCA, KBST, the B.S. Herald and at the coliseum during the night of the game.

The game is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Big Spring.

Chicano Golf sets group meeting

The Chicano Golf Association has scheduled an organizational meeting for 6:45 p.m. Monday.

The meeting will take place at the Jimmy Marin Exxon.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

Baseball Booster Club meeting set

The Big Spring Baseball Booster Club has set up a meeting for Tuesday at the ATC.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and it is open for anyone who has a child in high school baseball.

For more information, call John Sparks at 263-8527.

Woods gives money to tsunami efforts

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Tiger Woods Foundation is giving \$100,000 to tsunami relief efforts in Asia, and the PGA Tour is matching that amount.

Woods' foundation and the tour are donating the money to Give2Asia.

ON THE AIR

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Estacado cruises past Big Spring

Steers commit 26 turnovers, score 26 points in 4-4A loss

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — An intense District 4-4A opening game got a little testy at times and ended in a blowout victory for Lubbock Estacado as they cruised past the Big Spring boys, 75-26, Friday at the Steer Gym.

Big Spring (6-16, 0-1) saw intense pressure from the Matadors throughout much of the game, but hung in the game for a good part of the first half.

"They pressured us a lot and their quickness took us out of our gameplan," said Big Spring coach Jim Kinnear. "I thought we were patient and handled the pressure well in the first half, but they put the screws to us in the second half."

The first quarter featured coaches on the court arguing calls, a warning from the officials directed to the Big Spring bench and 16-8 Estacado lead.

Freshman Scott Fankhauser's free throw early in the second quarter cut the Big Spring deficit to six points. That is the closest the game would get, however.

Junior Kyle Piercefield was whistled for his third foul with 5:50 to go until halftime and then freshman Jordan Kinnear recorded his third foul nearly two minutes later.

Both starters sat on the bench for the rest of first half, which allowed the Matadors to go on a 16-6 run to end the half.

Things went from bad to worse in the third quarter as Lubbock Estacado (11-9, 1-0) outscored the Steers 23-6. Several Matador points came off Big Spring turnovers as the Steers turned the ball over on five of its first six possessions of the third quarter.

"We adjusted to things well, but we hurt ourselves more than anything," said Coach Kinnear. "When the turnovers equal your total points it's never a good sign. Estacado deserves credit for that."

Big Spring finished the game with 26 turnovers and 26 points.

The turnovers continued in the fourth quarter as the Steers couldn't get anything going offensively. Big Spring's only points in the fourth quarter came from Brandon Boling, who scored on a nifty drive to the basket.

The Matadors outscored Big Spring 18-2 in the final frame as they went on to win easily.

"If you're not quick then you'll struggle against this team," said Coach Kinnear. "We worked in practice on playing against seven

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring's Brandon Boling searches for a teammate during the fourth quarter of the Steers' District 4-4A opening loss to Lubbock Estacado Friday at the Steer Gym. The Steers lost 75-26 and dropped to 6-16 on the season.

Coahoma beats rival on 14-foot jumper late

• Brewer goes for season-high 20, sinks game-winner as 'Dogs edge Buffs

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Isaac Brewer scored a season-high 20 points and hit the game-winning 14-foot

jump shot with .9 seconds left to lift the Coahoma boys basketball team past rival Stanton, 48-47.

Coahoma led 14-11 after the first quarter before Stanton stormed back in the second period. The Buffaloes outscored the Bulldogs 15-4 in the period and took an eight-point lead into the locker room at halftime.

Stanton built the lead to 14 midway through the third quarter when Coahoma battled back, sparked by two 3-pointers — one each by senior Darrick Shifflett and Tyler Fowler.

Stanton led by nine points heading the fourth quarter, but Coahoma's 10-point fourth quarter advantage (20-10) was just enough to record the win in the District 4-2A opener.

Fowler, who hit three 3-pointers, and senior

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Alex Watkins dribbles through two Lubbock Estacado defenders Friday at the Steer Gym during the Lady Steers' 82-41 loss to the rival Lady Matadors. Watkins finished with eight points and six rebounds as Big Spring fell to 4-14.

Niehues shoots Garden City past Sands

• Sophomore hits six 3-pointers as 'Kats remain undefeated in District 7-A action

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

ACKERLY
Sophomore Taylor

Niehues just might be the best shooter in District 7-A this season and he proved why Friday as his six 3-pointers and game-winning free throw helped the Garden City boys basketball team remain unbeaten in district play as the Bearkats

knocked off rival Sands, 49-48.

Sands led 12-10 after the first quarter and led by one point at halftime, but Garden City (9-12, 3-0) battled back in the second half and did just enough

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Red Raider recruit leads Estacado to District 4-4A win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — Behind relentless pressure that lasted the entire game and a brilliant effort from Texas Tech recruit LaVonda Henderson, the Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors rolled to an easy 82-41 victory against the Lady Steers basketball team Friday at the Steer Gym.

Henderson scored 26 points, which included several baskets from beyond the three-point arc as the Lady Matadors improved to 19-6 overall and 3-0 in District 4-4A play.

"We played really well and played hard, but now we just have to learn how to compete with teams like this," said Big Spring coach Tim Van Hecke. "There is a difference between playing and competing and that will be the next step for us."

Van Hecke was also impressed with the play of the Red Raider recruit. "(Henderson) is the real deal," he said. "I am kind of glad that I am a Tech fan because they will be getting someone really special."

Big Spring (4-13, 0-3) played the Lady Matadors well in the first quarter as they only trailed by nine after the first eight minutes. At one point, the Lady Steers were down seven after junior Carmen Lewis connected on a shot inside.

However, Estacado got rolling in the second quarter, outscoring Big Spring 33-12 and taking a 30-point lead into the locker room at halftime.

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defenders and really tried hard in this game, but Estacado was just too good and too fast."

Kinnear led Big Spring with six points, five rebounds and two blocks, while senior Nathan Teeters scored five points and dished out three assists.



WHITEHEAD

Whitehead scored four points and had two steals, while junior Matt Hilario pulled down three rebounds and delivered two assists.

The Steers shot 10-for-25 from the field and went eight-for-16 from the line.

Jazz Spence and Al Duvall lead Estacado with



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear, middle, gives direction to his team during a timeout Friday. The Steers committed as many turnovers as they scored points and lost to rival Lubbock Estacado, 75-26

16 points apiece. Duvall connected on four 3-pointers. Curtis McLin added 10 points and John Forburger had eight

points for the Matadors, who shot 63 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the three-point line. They hit eight

out of 14 free throws. Big Spring travels to rival Wolforth Freshup Tuesday to take on the Tigers in district action.

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Adrian Abrego added nine points each for

Coahoma (14-7, 1-0), while Stanton (9-9, 0-1) was led by Matt Ruiz's five 3-pointers and 17 points. Sophomore Michael Washington, the Buffaloes' leading scorer,

added 15 points. The Coahoma junior varsity team defeated Stanton, as well, 35-28. Coahoma will travel to rival Anson Tuesday, while Stanton hopes to

get its initial district win against District 4-2A favorite Colorado City. Both games will follow the girls' games and should start around 8 p.m.

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to secure the win. Sophomore Alex Halfmann, who finished with seven points, connected on a huge 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 48-48 before Niehues connected

at the foul line to give the Bearkats the lead and the victory. Sands dropped to 0-3 in District 7-A action this season with the loss.



NIEHUES

Niehues finished with a game-high 22 points, while junior Cory Multer scored 10. Senior Chais Goodwin added seven points for Garden City, which knocked off Grady Tuesday night at home to end the Wildcats' 20-game district winning streak. Junior Santos Ybarra hit two 3-pointers and finished with 12 points to

lead Sands, while Kenneth Peacock also hit two from beyond the arc and finished with 10 points. Marcelo Barraza and Jarrod Fry each scored seven points, as well. Garden City will host Borden County Tuesday at around 8 p.m., while Sands hosts Grady, which defeated Klondike Friday.

Garden City bounces back at Sands

• Hirt leads Lady Kats to road rout against Lady Mustangs

By TROY HYDE

ACKERLY — Coming off a district loss to rival Grady Tuesday night at home, Garden City coach Brent Kirkland wanted to be back to winning Friday against District 7-A rival Sands and the Lady Kats did just that as

they recorded a 57-27 win over the Lady Mustangs in Ackerly. Garden City (21-3, 2-1) got up 17-10 after the first quarter, outscored Sands 15-3 in the second period and took a 19-point lead into the locker room at halftime. The Lady Kats never looked back as they outscored Sands in the second half by 11 points and captured the easy 30-point victory.

Senior point guard Erin Hirt led Garden City with 16 points, while Megan Niehues and K'Lann Niehues added nine and seven points, respectively. Lyza Lopez also scored

seven points. Garden City hosts Borden County Tuesday, while Sands will try to find its first district win against rival Grady. Both games start at 6:30 p.m.

Morgan's effort sends Coahoma to win over district rival Stanton

• Rough game ends in Bulldogette victory against Lady Buffs

By TROY HYDE

COAHOMA — Mendy Morgan's double-double effort was good enough Friday to send the Bulldogettes to their second District 4-2A win of the season as Coahoma used a strong second and third quarter to get by rival Stanton at home. The Bulldogettes outscored the Lady Buffaloes by eight in those two quarters and won the game by the same margin, 45-37, and improved its district record to 2-1 this season. The loss dropped Stanton to 0-3 in District 4-2A play. Mendy Morgan led Coahoma (7-17) with 15 points, 14 rebounds, three blocks and two steals,

while Sterling Gee added seven points, 10 rebounds and four assists. Senior Sarah Collom added nine points, three rebounds and three assists. Stanton was led by Malorie Cotton and Tracy Carr, who finished with 12 and seven points, respectively. Forty-one fouls were called in the game and four players — two from each team — fouled out. Coahoma's Christie Rich and Liz Conley scored five and seven points, respectively, before picking up their fifth fouls, while Stanton's Stormie Dugan (five points) and Ashley Gutierrez (four points) also fouled out. Coahoma will travel to rival Anson Tuesday, while Stanton will take head east to Colorado City for a matchup against the Lady Wolves. Both games will start at 6:30 p.m.

Grady consistent in District 7-A win

By TROY HYDE

SPORTS EDITOR LENORAH — Grady's boys basketball team was given a spark by an unexpected player Friday as the Wildcats got back on the winning track against Klondike, winning the District 7-A game 58-51 in Lenorah. Grady coach Carl Krug brought up Tommy Lee Rivas from the junior varsity squad because there was no JV game played and Rivas hit three 3-pointers and finished with 11 points to help Grady to the victory.



TUBB

Grady proved consistency works in basketball as it outscored Klondike in each quarter, but never outscored them by more than three points. The Wildcats led by five at halftime and then outscored Klondike by three in the second half. Klondike (6-13, 2-1) was coming off a big win over Borden County and Grady lost its first district game in more than 20 tries Tuesday at Garden City. Senior Andrew Villa and freshman Justin Tubb scored 12 points to lead Grady (13-8, 2-1). The Wildcats will travel to Ackerly Tuesday to take on rival Sands in District 7-A action. The game follows the girls and should start around 8 p.m.

USC's Leinart returns to school for final year

By JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer LOS ANGELES — Matt Leinart decided to go with his gut and his heart. That being the case, the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback will be throwing passes for Southern California next season — not an NFL team. "Obviously, what I want is to come back," Leinart said Friday in announcing he'll return to USC for his senior year and try to lead the Trojans to an unprecedented third straight national championship. "I made a decision — I'm not looking back," he said. "There's something special going on here that

I didn't want to give up." What Leinart is giving up, at least for now, is millions of dollars, since he was expected to be one of the top selections in the NFL draft had he gone that route. There was a roar of approval from a crowd of about 500 students and fans jammed into the foyer at Heritage Hall to hear Leinart's decision. "I realized the opportunity right now to support my family by going to the NFL early, but to me I think college football and this whole atmosphere here and being with my friends and my teammates ... is ultimately more satisfying than any amount of money," Leinart said.

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• Injuries ca Hawk wom welcomes rival Frank

By TROY HYDE

SPORTS EDITOR Monday's Junior College Conference against rival Phillips at Garrett Co already a tough game for the Hawk women and new coach Earl Diddle and that was before bad news hit Howard this week. "(Sophomore) Tidwell has a fracture in her (freshman) sprained her week and we if they are able to go M Diddle. The officia Diddle is Tidw tionable an doubtful for against one ence's bes teams. If ne to play, the will be force game with j ers. "We are mode right Diddle, wh Howard in Butler Community Kansas. "R are just trying play at a t been happy tices, though with our Colorado." Frank Ph into the gar record, whic 93-71 win o Nov. 19 at preseason They are ran the nation 82.5 points p allow just 6 game. The t cent shooti field also ra the nation. "They are with great g some nice Diddle. Frank Phi led this sea Tiffany Da ward Roch Davis com game avera per game. No. 20 in th also averag (15th) and (ninth) per comes into averaging 10 7.5 rebound Davis cou added press as scouts fro could be in a Vance co up with Ho Fairley at during the p is Howard's She comes i averaging 2 game, whic the confere in the natio The Hawk averaging a per game at conference- cent from t

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Howard rematch with rival now set

• Injuries catch up to Hawk women as team welcomes WJCAC rival Frank Phillips

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Monday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener against rival Frank Phillips at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum was already a tough game for the Hawk women and new coach Earl Diddle and that was before bad news hit Howard this week.



DIDDLE

"(Sophomore) Ciara Tidwell has a stress fracture in her foot and (freshman) Milica Rogic sprained her ankle this week and we are not sure if they are going to be able to go Monday," said Diddle.

The official word from Diddle is Tidwell is questionable and Rogic is doubtful for the matchup against one of the conference's best offensive teams. If neither is able to play, the Hawk women will be forced to play the game with just six players.

"We are in survival mode right now," said Diddle, who came to Howard in Jan. from Butler County Community College in Kansas. "Right now we are just trying to play one play at a time. I have been happy with practices, though, and pleased with our play in Colorado."

Frank Phillips comes into the game with a 9-4 record, which includes a 93-71 win over Howard Nov. 19 at the WJCAC preseason tournament. They are ranked No. 10 in the nation in scoring at 82.5 points per game and allow just 61 points per game. The team's 51 percent shooting from the field also ranks No. 8 in the nation.

"They are very talented with great guard play and some nice size," said Diddle.

Frank Phillips has been led this season by guard Tiffany Davis and forward Rochelle Vance. Davis comes into the game averaging 17 points per game, which ranks No. 20 in the nation. She also averages five assists (15th) and 3.5 steals (ninth) per game. Vance comes into the game averaging 16.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

Davis could face some added pressure Monday as scouts from the WNBA could be in attendance.

Vance could matchup up with Howard's Latoya Fairley at some point during the game. Fairley is Howard's best player. She comes into the game averaging 21 points per game, which is No. 1 in the conference and No. 5 in the nation.

The Hawk women are averaging about 75 points per game and shooting a conference-best 71 percent from the foul line.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Eilda Rodriguez goes up for a layup attempt during Big Spring's loss at home Friday.

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Most of the points scored by the Lady Matadors were of the fastbreak variety and several points were also scored off Big Spring turnovers.

Big Spring committed 23 turnovers in the game and that proved to be costly against a good Estacado team.

"We still aren't taking very good care of the ball," said Van Hecke. The Lady Steers had some good looks in the third quarter, but nothing would fall. They scored just four points in the third and trailed by 34 heading into the final frame.

Estacado (19-6, 3-0) added insult to injury in the fourth quarter as they continued to apply full court pressure with several of its starters still in the game. And they didn't stop throwing up shots from

beyond the 3-point line either. They outscored Big Spring 19-13 in the final quarter and went on to win easily on the road.

Lewis led Big Spring with 10 points and two steals, but she connected on just two-of-six shots from the foul line. Junior Raegan Ritchey added six points, eight rebounds and four assists, while senior Alex Watkins scored eight points and pulled down six rebounds. Senior Cycelye Tuitt scored all of her six points in the first half.

Big Spring shot nearly 50 percent from the field despite the high amount of turnovers.

"I hope we can learn from this after playing a team as good as Estacado is," said Van Hecke. "I loved our effort though."

Tamisha Martin and Shanequa Henderson scored 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the Lady Matadors.

Grady falls at home to rival

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
LENORAH — After pulling off a huge upset win over Garden City on the road Tuesday, the Grady girls basketball team ran into troubles at home against rival Klondike Friday.

The Lady Wildcats got outscored 8-2 in the first quarter and 15-6 in the final quarter as Klondike (20-2, 3-0) remained undefeated in District 7-A with

a 38-31 win over Grady in Lenorah.

Freshman Kenzie Madison led Grady (17-6, 2-1) with nine points, while senior Kelsey Tubb, the Lady Wildcats' leading scorer, managed just eight points. Brittany Rivas also scored eight in the loss.

Grady shot just 22 percent from the field.

The Lady Wildcats will travel to Sands Tuesday as District 7-A action will start at 7:30 p.m.

Howard men face toughest challenge in WJCAC opener

• Hawks will also play without injured center Abraham

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
The Hawk men's basketball team will welcome No. 16 Frank Phillips Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in this season's Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener and they will have to do so without the services of one of their starters.

Sophomore post player Dwayne Abraham suffered a stress fracture

recently and will not play Monday against Frank Phillips or Thursday against rival Clarendon.

"We do not know how long he will be out for, but we do know that he won't play Monday or Thursday," said Howard coach Mark Adams.

The good news is freshman Rashad Mintz returns to the lineup after dealing with some academic issues.

He will be teamed with freshman Charles Burgess in the backcourt as the Howard duo challenges the conference's best backcourt.

"On paper they're the best team in the conference because of their guards," said Adams. "Historically in this conference, the team with the best guards wins the league. It will be our biggest challenge of the season so far."

Burgess enters the game averaging nearly 18 points and more than six rebounds and three steals per game, while Mintz



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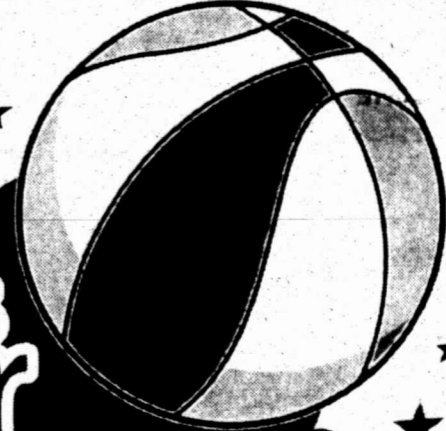
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scores at a 13.5 clip per game. Freshman James Barrett and his 11 points and more than seven rebounds per game should be key in the post, as well.

Jerome Richardson and DeAndre Rice lead Frank Phillips (13-2) as each player averages 20 points per game.

Adams will not place one particular defender on each of these guys as he expects help from everyone in containing them.

"Everybody has to be

able to help on defense and we must defend their shots and rebound the basketball," said Adams.

Offensively, Adams said Burgess and Mintz will play key roles in leading the Hawks, but he also expects his team to stick with its routine.

"We have a balanced attack on offense and as long as we take good shots and find offense from our defense, we should be OK," said Adams. "This game will be a measuring stick and I am anxious to see how we stack up."

Frank Phillips and Howard (14-2) have two contrasting styles, according to Adams.

"They are aggressive on both sides of the ball," said Adams. "We hope to try to slow things down offensively and work our offense to get good shots. It will be important for us to control the tempo."

The best advantage for Howard might involve the homecourt.

"Howard's reputation at home has always been good," said Adams. "I am hoping and also confident that our fans will come out to the game and support us in this very good and important conference opener."

Monday's game against Frank Phillips will begin around 8 p.m.

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Diddle knows the importance of matchups in this type of game, but said he doesn't really know what will happen Monday because right now his personnel is still unknown.

"Depending on who plays, we just have to find ways to conserve energy," he said.

Diddle was hired by Howard College in December after former-head coach Lorin Miller resigned due to personal reasons.

The change has been difficult, but Diddle is excited about his opportunity.

"Change is always difficult, but we still have to

play," he said. "We are trying to win games right now, but I think it is also important for us to just improve."

Howard has great facilities and things have gone well so far. The people are extremely nice, too."

The Hawk women will take the court Monday at 6 p.m.



HOWARD COLLEGE HAWKS

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• The Hawk rodeo team begins its spring season March 10-12 at Weatherford College.

• The Hawk women's basketball team is currently 12-8 heading into conference play. They take on rival Frank Phillips Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, beginning at 6 p.m. and then travel to Clarendon Thursday for a matchup with Clarendon College. They also host New Mexico Junior College Jan. 24, before traveling to Odessa College Jan. 31. The games against Clarendon, New Mexico Junior College and Odessa all begin at 6 p.m.

• The Hawk men's basketball team is currently 14-2 heading into the conference season. They take on rival Frank Phillips Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, beginning at 8 p.m. and then travel to Clarendon Thursday for a matchup with Clarendon College. They also have back-to-back conference home games Jan. 24-27 against New Mexico Junior College and New Mexico Military Institute.

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First president George Washington added "so help me God" at the end of the oath, a tradition that has been carried on by his successors.

The vice president takes the same oath as other highly ranked federal officials, which isn't specified by the Constitution. The present oath has been in use since 1884:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

COMMITTEES

The inauguration is overseen, organized and funded by three committees:

■ **Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC):** The first 28 inaugurations were overseen by the Senate. Since 1901, the joint committee has overseen all inaugurations and is in charge of all inaugural ceremonies that take place at the U.S. Capitol.

■ **Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC):** This committee is appointed by the president-elect, and is responsible for all official inaugural events not held at the Capitol.

■ **Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC):** The AFIC, directed by the secretary of defense, coordinates all military participation at the inauguration, including military musical units, marching bands, color guards, ushers and more.

THE THEME

The theme for the 55th Presidential Inauguration is "A Vision of America." The JCCIC chooses the theme in consultation with the Senate Historian's Office. The theme is incorporated into the program, luncheon menu and decorations.

The 2005 theme commemorates two events: the centennial of Theodore Roosevelt's inauguration as president, and the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition reaching the Pacific coast.

COST

The cost of the inauguration is split between the PIC and the JCCIC. Congress appropriates funds for official functions relating to the inauguration, including the swearing-in ceremony and the Congressional luncheon. The rest of the events, such as the official balls and the parade, are covered

by funds raised by the presidential committee.

According to The Washington Post, the 2005 inauguration is expected to cost \$30 million to \$40 million. This is the first inauguration since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and security costs not covered by the government are included in that estimate.

Estimates of funds raised by previous Presidential Inaugural Committees:

| Year | Estimated cost |
|------|----------------|
| 1969 | \$2 million |
| 1973 | \$3.9 million |
| 1977 | \$4.5 million |
| 1981 | \$9.6 million |
| 1985 | \$9 million |
| 1989 | \$29 million |
| 1993 | \$33 million |
| 1997 | \$30 million |
| 2001 | \$40 million |



President and Mrs. Bush dance at one of the eight balls held in Washington in 2001.

QUIZ

Test your knowledge of the presidents and their inaugurations.

1. Who was the first vice president to assume the presidency following the death of a president?
a. Chester A. Arthur
b. Millard Fillmore
c. Andrew Johnson
d. John Tyler

2. Which two presidents have published books of poetry?
3. The first president to be inaugurated on Jan. 20, the new date set by the 20th Amendment, was
4. True or false: President Ronald Reagan had the honor of being sworn in during the Bicentennial Inauguration.

5. Who was the youngest president at the time of his inauguration?
6. In which year was the first televised inauguration?
a. 1941
b. 1945
c. 1949
d. 1953

7. Which vice president was sworn in as president by his father, a notary public?
ANSWERS: 1. d; 2. Presidents Franklin Pierce and Jimmy Carter; 3. Franklin D. Roosevelt; 4. False; it was George H.W. Bush; 5. John F. Kennedy; 6. c; 7. Calvin Coolidge.

THE CEREMONY

The inauguration ceremony takes place on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol with the president-elect being sworn in by noon on Jan. 20. According to the 20th Amendment, that's when the terms of the current president and vice president expire. Prior to the addition of the "lame duck" amendment, Inauguration Day was held March 4, the last day of the congressional session.

PARADES

The first inaugural parade featured only militia, which accompanied James Madison to the Capitol in 1809. Celebratory shots were fired by militia for fifth president James Monroe.

Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural parade included African Americans for the first time. William H. Harrison's parade in 1841 featured floats, political clubs, college students and military bands.

WOMEN

In 1909, William Taft's wife, May, was the first to ride in the inaugural parade with her husband.

Women first participated in the inaugural parade in 1917, when Woodrow Wilson was sworn in.



Lyndon Johnson takes the presidential oath of office aboard Air Force One Nov. 22, 1963.

Lyndon Johnson's inauguration had two firsts for women. Johnson was sworn in by a woman, U.S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes, and his wife, Lady Bird, held the Bible during his oath on Air Force One, after President Kennedy was shot.

QUOTES

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."
— Abraham Lincoln, March 4, 1865

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

"My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."
— John F. Kennedy, Jan. 20, 1961

"When our founders boldly declared America's independence to the world and our purposes to the Almighty, they knew that America, to endure, would have to change."

"Not change for change's sake, but change to preserve American's ideals — life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness. Though we march to the music of our time, our mission is timeless. Each generation of Americans must define what it means to be an American."
— William Jefferson Clinton, Jan. 20, 1993

EVENTS ON INAUGURATION DAY

■ **Morning worship service:** Though George Washington was the first president to attend a service on Inauguration Day, it wasn't until 1933, when Franklin D. Roosevelt attended a morning worship service prior to his swearing-in, that a precedent was set. Roosevelt continued the tradition during his next three terms and it has been followed by all presidents since.

■ **Procession to the Capitol:** Following the worship service, the president-elect and vice president-elect and their wives are escorted to the White House by members of the JCCIC. Following a brief meeting, the outgoing president accompanies the president-elect to the Capitol for the swearing-in ceremony. This tradition first started in 1837 (with few exceptions), when

Martin Van Buren and Andrew Jackson rode together in a carriage.

■ **Swearing-in location:** The site of the ceremony has changed multiple times. It was first held in New York, then Philadelphia and finally, for Thomas Jefferson's inauguration in 1801, Washington, D.C. Except in the case of bad weather or the death of a president, inaugurations had been held at the east portico of the U.S. Capitol, starting with Andrew Jackson in 1829. At Ronald Reagan's first inauguration in 1985, they moved the ceremony to the west front of the Capitol where there was room for additional spectators. The ceremony has been held here since, except in the case of severe weather.

■ **Vice president's swearing-in ceremony:** Until 1937, the vice president-elect was sworn into office in the Senate chamber, prior to the president's ceremony. This distinguished the ceremony from the president's inauguration. Today, the vice president is sworn in immediately before the president and in the same location.

■ **President's swearing-in ceremony:** During the first inauguration in 1789, George Washington added "So help me God," to the end of the oath, then kissed the Bible used in the ceremony. He followed the oath with an inaugural address. These three tradi-



Members of the Salute Guards stand at attention during the 2001 presidential inauguration.

Tickets for the swearing-in are distributed by senators and representatives. For more information, go to <http://inaugural.senate.gov/2005/tickets.cfm> or www.inaugural05.com/tickets.

■ **The oath:** The chief justice of the United States administers the oath to the president-elect. The precedent was set in 1797 at John Adams' inauguration.

■ **A military salute:** Following the oath, the military renders a 21-gun salute. The Army Herald Trumpets play "Ruffles and Flourishes" and the U.S. Marine Band plays their first "Hail to the Chief" for the new president. The president then delivers his inaugural address.

■ **Inaugural address:** Since George Washington in 1789, every president has given an inaugural address. Washington's address at his second inauguration ranks as the shortest, at a mere 135 words. The longest, at 8,445 words, was delivered by William H. Harrison on March 4, 1881, a cold, wet day. (Harrison died a month later from pneumonia, which was thought to have been brought on by his exposure to the elements on Inauguration Day.)

■ **Inaugural luncheon:** Following the address, the newly minted president and vice president retreat to Statuary Hall in the Capitol for a luncheon hosted by the JCCIC. This tradition dates to 1897 when the Senate committee on inaugural arrangements served a luncheon to William McKinley and guests.

■ **Inaugural parade:** After lunch, the president will be escorted to the east side of the Capitol to review troops. This tradition was substituted by Grover Cleveland in 1885, realizing that crowds had become too large and unruly to continue the Inaugural Open House, started by Jefferson. The president and vice president then proceed to the motorcade for the parade.

Once mostly military escorts, the parade includes floats, citizens' groups

and bands, and is the best opportunity for the general public to greet their new president. The majority of the parade route is standing-room only, but limited bleacher seats are available from the PIC for \$15, \$60 or \$125. For more information about attending the inauguration, see <http://inaugural.senate.gov/2005/playourtrip.cfm>.

■ **Inaugural balls:** The first inaugural ball was thrown for James Madison in 1809 and hosted by first lady Dolley Madison. Two balls were held for Andrew Jackson's inauguration and three for William H. Harrison. The inaugural ball quickly became a highly anticipated event for Washington's high



First lady Dolley Madison

society. Warren G. Harding discontinued the tradition, with charity balls coming into favor instead. In 1949 Harry Truman revived the official ball, with the number of official balls increasing as the years go by. Bill Clinton's second inauguration included an all-time high of 14 balls.



Vice President Dick Cheney takes the oath of office on Jan. 20, 2001, in Washington.

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Who's Who

Laura Christine Johnson

Laura Christine Johnson graduated Dec. 20, 2004, from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor of science degree in food, nutrition and dietetics.

She is the daughter of Dan and Shirley Johnson. She is employed as a nutritionist by the WIC office in Lubbock.



Laura Johnson

Eileen Kinney of Big Spring and is a student at Big Spring High School.

President's List

Shasta Fuqua and William Morgan, both of Big Spring, have been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2004. In order to be considered a part of the president's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Dean's List

Brian Morris and Kevin Walker, both of Big Spring and Lauren Green of Coahoma have been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2004. In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Dean's List

Teri Lynn Denton and Nicci Lynne Vizcaino, both of Big Spring and Kristyn Ruth Hambelton of Stanton were named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Sul Ross State University. Students must maintain a 3.3 or greater grade point average enrolled in 12 semester hours or more to be eligible.

Gus Waddy

Gus Waddy of Big Spring was a recent participant in a fashion show graduation, culminating his training with

Barbizon School of Modeling of Dallas. Gus received awards for academic achievement, best music video and a certificate of graduation.

His future plans are to continue his education and to sign with DMG of Dallas. While attending Barbizon Training, he studied such diverse classes as Runway, Photo Posing and TV Commercial, along with poise, etiquette and speech.

Gus is the son of Bruce Waddy and Clifford and

Five Generations



Courtesy photo
Five generations of the Marquez family gathered for the Christmas holidays including Juanita Marquez, great-great grandmother of Kaleb Guzman, whom she is holding, grandmother Jan Saenz, great-grandfather Bobby Marquez and Kenny Guzman, father.

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, garlic bread, lemon pie.

THURSDAY-Barbecue sandwiches, potato salad, beans, milk, cake.

FRIDAY-Meatloaf, potatoes, broccoli and cheese, salad, milk, rolls, pudding.

BIG SPRING ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Cereal, donut, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Sausage biscuit, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-PB&J Uncrustable, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Blueberry muffin, pears, milk.

FRIDAY-Cereal, cheese bite, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Tomato soup, ham sandwich, cheese bites, baby carrots, ice cream cup, milk.

TUESDAY-Charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, wheat roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Grilled teriyaki chicken, seasoned rice, mixed veggies, spiced apples, rolls, milk.

THURSDAY-Mexican beef wrap, tortilla rounds, refried beans, peach cup, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, French fries, mixed fruit, milk.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Pizza, salad, pineapple slices, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken and noodles, peas, crackers, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY-Buffalo burger, French fries, salad, tomato, pickle, mixed fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken stir fry, rice, egg roll, apricots, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-French toast, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Pancakes, ham, orange juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Poptarts, sausage links, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Waffles, sausage, orange juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Baked cheese sandwiches or corn dogs, corn, oranges, milk.

TUESDAY-Shake and bake chicken or burritos, macaroni, sweet peas, fruit, bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, baked beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, cookies, milk.

THURSDAY-Fried chicken or Sloppy Joes, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes,

pickles, bananas, milk.

STANTON ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Poptarts, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Cheese omelet, sausage, biscuit, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Cheese toast, scrambled egg patty, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Donuts, cereal, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sausage, bacon, cereal, biscuits, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Oatmeal, cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Pancake pups, cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli w/cheese, biscuits, strawberry yogurt, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken fajitas w/tortillas, cheese and salsa, tossed salad, corn, pineapple cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Fish, tarter sauce, French fries, sweet peas, fruit cup, milk.

THURSDAY-Nachos w/meat, cheese and peppers, tossed salad, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburgers, vegetable fixings, nacho cheese Doritos, cherry cups, milk.

Births

Sapphire Navarrete Martinez, a girl, was born Jan. 6, 2005, at 10:22 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Her parents are Miguel and DeAnn Martinez. Her grandparents are Rene and Margie Navarrete and Edward and Ida Rangel.

She was welcomed home by Noel and Dominic.

Xavier Nathaniel Reyna, a boy, was born Jan. 4, 2005, at 11:11 p.m. weighing 4 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His parents are Casey Ramirez and Oscar Reyna of Stanton.

His grandparents are Willie and Agatha Ramirez of Stanton and Oscar and Gloria Reyna of Odessa.

Gloria Justine Rogers, a girl, was born Jan. 11, 2005, at 5:35 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Brent and Marilyn Rogers of Columbus, Ohio. Her grandparents are Tommy and Jobeth Corwin of Big Spring and Eugene and Anita Rogers of Barnesville, Ohio. She was welcomed home by Lilia.

Stanton's Stan Reid becomes a nonagenarian

Special to the Herald

Longtime Stanton resident Stan Reid will soon celebrate his 90th birthday. Friends are invited to help mark the occasion by attending a reception hosted by his family from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 30, 2005, in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church, Stanton.

Reid was in business in Stanton for about 60 years, operating a barbershop in the central business district for much of that time.

His family moved to Martin County in 1924, when he was 9 years old.

He began cutting hair when he was a

teen-ager and was an accomplished barber even before attending barber college.

No "old sorehead", Reid was active in the community and school activities and remains an avid Buffalo sports fan.

Reid's son Gary said, "Most residents of the surrounding area were customers and good friends over the years. We'd like for everyone to come out and help us celebrate this occasion."

Those who are unable to attend are encouraged to send a note or card to add to the recollections to P.O. Box 612, Stanton 79782 that will be shared Jan. 30.

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.


Phyllis Miller

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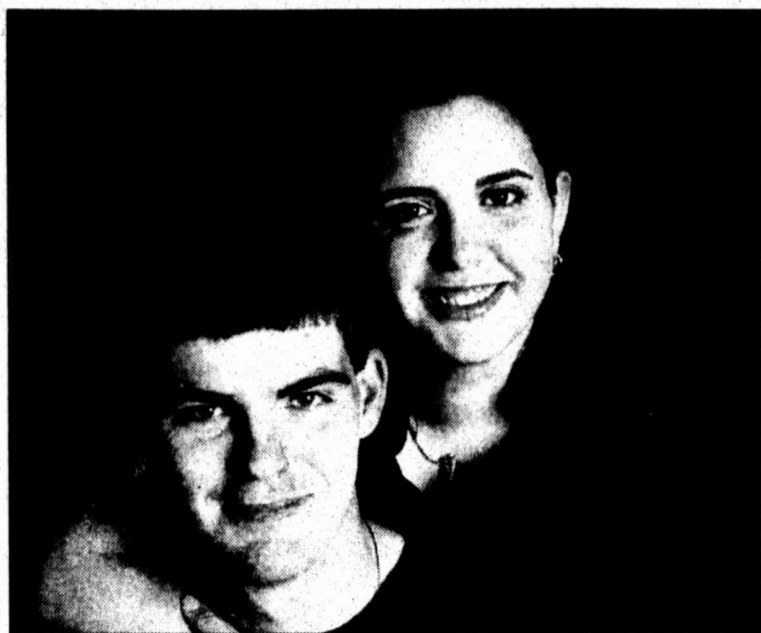
Engagement

Barnett, Peters to exchange vows

Tiffany Marie Barnett and John Casey Peters will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. April 16, 2005, in Christ Community Church in Big Spring.

The bride is the daughter of Barry Barnett of Big Spring and Patsy Barnett of Bay City. She is the granddaughter of Pat and Jean McLeod of Bay City, Norma and Jim Charlton of Grand Junction, Colo., and the late J.C. Barnett.

She is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2000 graduate of Howard College, where she received an associate degree in science. She is employed by Paradigm



Tiffany Marie Barnett and John Casey Peters

Physical Therapy and Sports Science Center.

The groom is the son of Beth Peters and the grandson of Charles and Lee Ginn of Lubbock and

Iris and the late Willie Phillips of Big Spring.

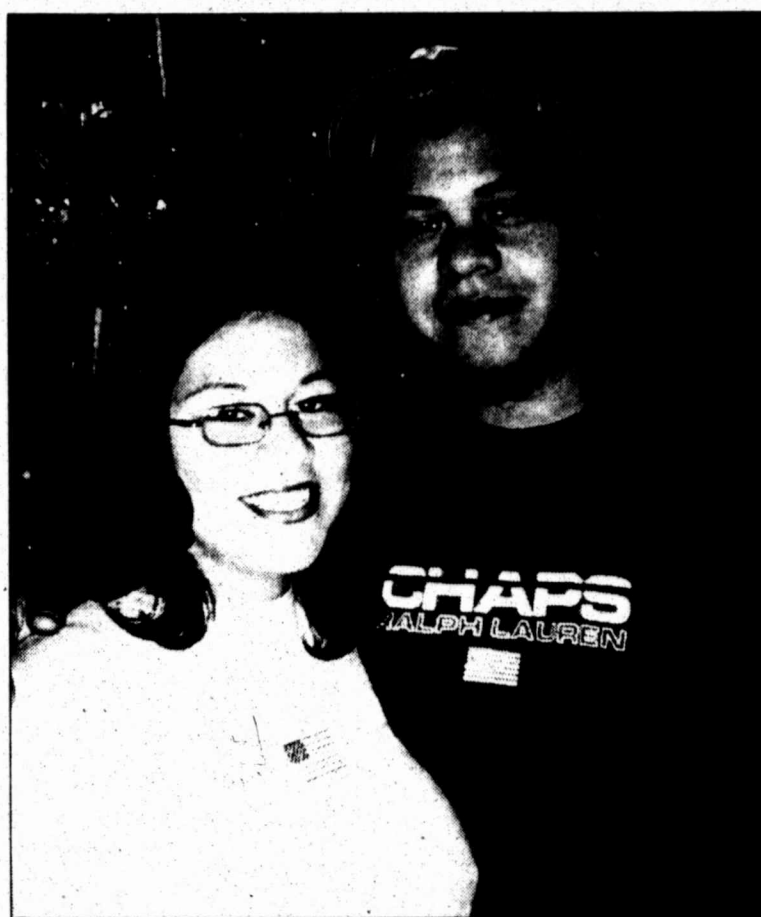
He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by Western Container Corp.

Martinez, Robles to exchange vows

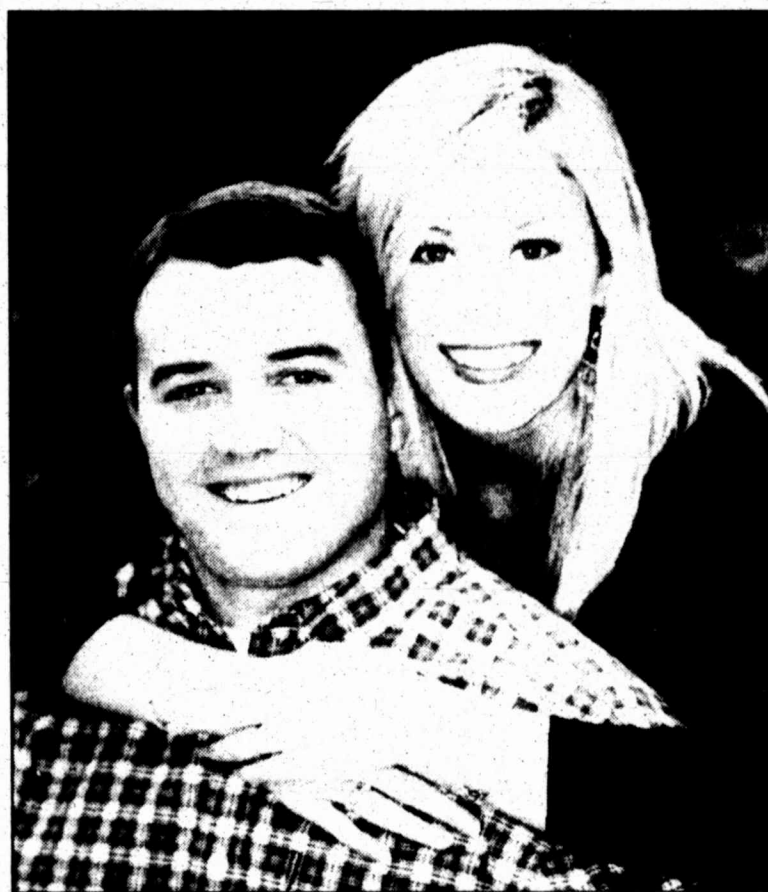
Crystal Marie Martinez and Matt Robles will exchange wedding vows at 5 p.m. May 28, 2005, in the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Crystal is the daughter of Tony and Sylvia Martinez of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Antonio and Dolores Martinez of Stanton, Jesus Hernandez of Big Spring and the late Claudio and Gilberta Rodriguez.

Matt is the son of Oscar and Patricia Robles and the grandson of Juan and Angelita Robles and Patricio and the late Betty Rodriguez, all of Big Spring.



Crystal Marie Martinez and Matt Robles



Jessica Ruth Price and Jody Ray Louder

Price, Louder engaged

Jessica Ruth Price of Sterling City and Jody Ray Louder of Stanton will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. April 30, 2005, in the First United Methodist Church in Sterling City.

Jessica is the daughter of Frank and Ginger Price of Sterling City.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones and the late Mr. and Mrs. Foster S. Price, all of Sterling City.

She is a 2000 graduate of Sterling City High School

Johnny and Sandy Louder of Stanton.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Louder and Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Chandler, all of Stanton.

He is a 1999 graduate of Stanton High School, a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he received a bachelor's degree in finance and in 2004 a master's of business administration degree. He is employed by West Texas National Bank in Midland.

She is a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and general business.

Jody is the son of

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Wedding

Knight, Darden exchange vows

Teresa K. Knight and Todd Darden exchanged wedding vows at 2 p.m. Jan. 1, 2005, at a historic, downtown site in Big Spring that provided a magnificent scenic view.

The bride is the daughter of the late Tommy F. Morris, Lou E. Morris and Debra Tegalina.

The groom is the son of Aubrey Darden, Claudia Darden and the late Ginger Davis.

The maid of honor was Kristen Poffinbarger.

The groom's attendant was Ragan Darden.

They honeymooned in Jamaica.



Mr. and Mrs. Todd Darden

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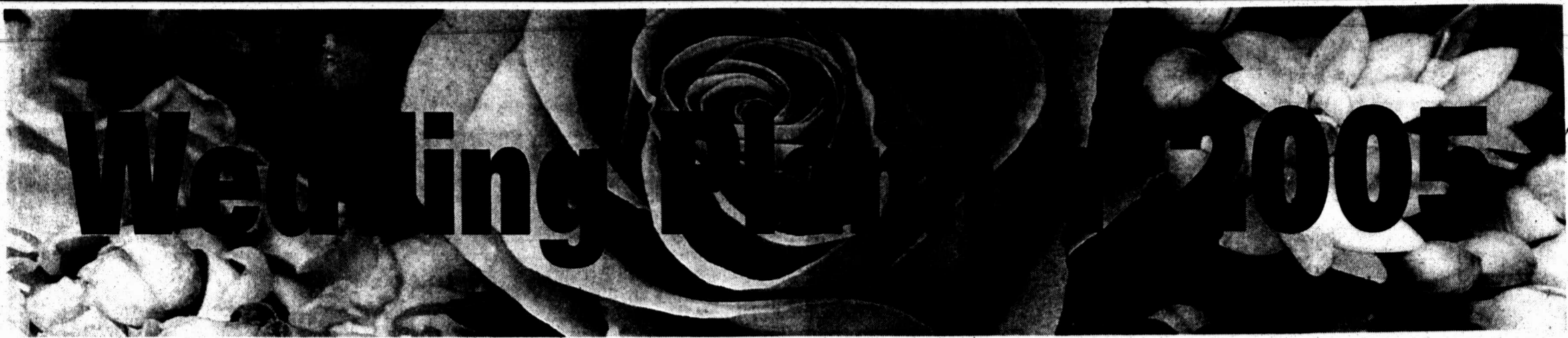
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Careful planning takes away wedding day stress

On a bride's big day, she wants to look her best. Hair, makeup and nails all must be perfect. Local experts offered their advice to look great without unnecessary stress. "We find most brides wear their hair up," said Sandra Johnson, manager of Attitudes Hair Designs in Big Spring Mall. "Even those with short hair will want it to look like it's up."

For added drama, many brides will add flowers, such as baby's breath, pearls or other jeweled hairpins. Occasionally, a tiara or crown goes with the dress and veil. "Everyone's an individual, and each has her own idea about how they want to look," Johnson said.

That includes the rest of the wedding party, who may all come in together for a hairdo ses-

sion, but probably won't leave with copy-cat styles. "We have three stylists that will work on the bridesmaids and bride all at the same time; we'll just do one after another, and each one can choose her own look."

To schedule hairstyles for a wedding party, it's best to call about two weeks ahead of time. Allow about an hour for each person, and add on extra time for manicures, leaving plenty of time before the ceremony begins.

"If you have a 7 p.m. ceremony, I'd have the hair appointment at 1 (p.m.)," Johnson said. "Wear something comfortable, but be sure it's nothing you have to pull over your head."

The bride needs to bring her veil and any hair accessories. Johnson said some

brides take advantage of Claire's location right across the mall from the salon and find something there to accent their gowns.

If hair and nails are on the agenda, start at the bottom, and have the manicure out of the way before the styling begins.

Today's brides usually forego the teased, "big hair" looks in favor of twists and braids. Highlights will enhance your "up do" and add to the look, but get them done ahead of time.

"Anything else you are doing to your hair color, a perm needs to be done for at least a week before your wedding day," Johnson said. That way the bride avoids scary frizz, colors that don't come out quite right and other potential disasters.

Makeup, too, should be planned plenty of time in advance, said Sherry

Phillips, owner of Merle Norman. "My nightmare would be trying brand-new products the day of your wedding," she said. "You need to see how it is going to work for you."

While wedding-day preparations are seldom running on schedule, Phillips said adding a new makeup routine would probably add to the stress. Also, a bride should not accept someone else's well-meaning offer to do her makeup, unless she wants it that way.

"That is the one day I would probably do my own makeup," Phillips said. "It should look the way you want it to look."

Take nail polish, for example: While most brides would prefer a light color, pearl or French manicure for the wedding day, others



would want to wear the darker or more vibrant colors they choose on any other day. It's definitely a day to be yourself, only better.

Similarly, there are no rules when it comes to colors for bridal makeup, Phillips said, but a bride should practice her look at least a week before the big day, down to the smallest details. Chances are you will want to wear more makeup than you do on an average day. It's a good idea to check with a professional well ahead of time to find out if your foundation color is right for photographs.

When planning details such as eyes, keep in mind the time of day, the setting and the lighting. "If it's going to be a dark, candlelit setting, you will need more eye

makeup than you usually wear," Phillips said. Line the eye so it will stand out, and remember the waterproof mascara. That's a good idea for the mother of the bride and groom, also, who might shed a few tears at the ceremony.

Consider long-lasting lipstick that won't rub off or "kiss off" on your groom.

And speaking of the groom, pack him off to the salon for a little pre-wedding primping as well, Johnson advised. "We will definitely groom your groom, for you," she said. "Chances are he could use it, too."

(This article was contributed by Debbie Jensen, former Herald Staff Writer)

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Randy Floyd stands on his farm in Seagraves where he has received subsidies totaling more than \$250,000 over the last five years.

Federal farm disaster aid warps economics system, critics charge

By HOWARD WITT and ANDREW MARTIN
Chicago Tribune

SEAGRAVES — Randy Floyd says 2004 was a good year for his struggling cotton farm, by which he means a hail-storm in October wiped out only part of his crop. For seven years before that, an unrelenting drought had dried up any hope of a profit.

In the desertlike West Texas climate where Floyd has farmed since 1973, the only consistent harvest in recent years has come in the form of federal disaster aid: spe-

cial subsidies approved by Congress each year to help reimburse farmers for the loss of their crops due to extreme weather.

Floyd, 49, has received a payment in each of the last five years, for a total of more than \$250,000, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture records.

"Without the disaster payments, I would have been out of business and lost it all," Floyd said.

"The disasters have kept farmers here hanging on."

But that, in the eyes of some farm subsidy critics, is precisely the problem: Disaster subsidies are warping natural economics on some American farms.

"You really have hundreds of counties out there and tens of thousands of farmers who can't reliably grow a crop, but they can reliably get a

disaster payment," said Ker Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, a non-profit Washington watchdog group. "We think it's worth standing back and saying, 'Shouldn't we have another plan for these regions?'"

Cook is part of an unlikely coalition of environmental groups and fiscal conservatives that is mounting a campaign to pressure Congress to revamp U.S. farm policy in the 2007 farm bill, if not sooner.

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RIBBON CUTTING



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the H&R Block extension office at Wal-Mart was held Thursday morning. From left are Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board member Janice Bishop, H&R Block employees Tammy Richmond, Leo Engle, Wanda Aslin and Cynthia Hernandez, Chamber Executive Director Debbye Valverde, and Chamber board member Raul Marquez.

Workshop offers tools for wildlife management

ABILENE — Texas Cooperative Extension will host the "Texas Wildlife Experience — Toolbox For Success" workshop on Feb. 22 in conjunction with the Texas Farm, Ranch and Wildlife Management Expo.

The program will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Western Heritage Ranch House, next to the general offices of the Taylor County Expo.



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"Wildlife continues to grow as an important source of income throughout our entire region," said Gary Bomar, Extension agent in Taylor County. "This program's purpose is to help producers recognize and optimize the growing list of activities and governmental options currently available to them. We've gathered some of the best in the business to present this information. This program will be a day well spent for anybody in the wildlife business, or for those contemplating entering the industry."

The program's scheduled topics are: "Reading the Land," "The Key to Better Management," "From Goals to Implementation - The Lowdown on Federal and State Programs," "Wildlife Cooperatives and Associations," "Legislative Issues and Updates," "Developing Deer Genetics — What it

Really Takes," "Rio Grande Turkey Management," "Texas Quail Index" and "Feral Hog Management — Making a Silk Purse From a Sow's Ear."

Presenters are Steve Nelle, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, San Angelo; Chuck Kowaleski, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department farm bill coordinator, Temple; David K. Langford, Texas Wildlife Association, Comfort; Debbe and Johnny Hudman, Stasney-Cook Ranch, Albany; Kathy McGinty, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, Abilene; Mike McMurtry, Texas Department of Agriculture, Giddings; Homer and Earline Hutto, Cedar Gap Farm, Tuscola; and Rob Hailey, Hailey Ranch, Abilene.

Workshop sponsors are Extension, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Wildlife Association.

Individual registration is \$35 per person if received by Feb. 15; after that date it is \$50 per person. The fee includes lunch, a "meet the speakers" social, dinner and notebook.

Further information is available from the Extension office in Taylor County at (325) 672-6048.

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

Mazzara appointed to nursing facility advisory board

Special to the Herald

Gov. Rick Perry has announced the appointment of Ben Mazzara of Big Spring to the Nursing Facility Administrators Advisory Committee for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2009. The committee advises the board of the

Department of Human Services on licensing and regulation of nursing facility administrators.

Mazzara is vice president of Sears Methodist Retirement Systems and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home. He is a former board member of the Texas Association

of Homes and Services for the Aging, and is a lifetime member of the University of Texas Medical Branch Alumni Association. Mazzara is a member of the Big Spring area Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Big Spring and is a former board member of

Catholic Charities. He is also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Mazzara received a bachelor's degree in health care administration from the University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences and is a licensed Texas nursing facility administrator.

Business briefs

Contact awareness program slated Jan. 27

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Howard County Fair Barn off FM 700.

The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by KD's Bar-B-Q for everyone involved in excavation related activities in Borden, Glasscock, Howard, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other

safety reminders. For more information, call (800) 982-8752 or visit the Web site at www.pipelinegroup.com.

Southern Mesa Ag Conference set Jan. 27

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference is scheduled Jan. 27 in Lamesa and will feature information pertinent for the area's producers.

The conference will be held in the Dawson County Annex Building and will begin at 8 a.m. Registration includes a notepad, pen, pocket knife, technical sessions, door prize tickets, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to tickets. The fee is \$20 if paid by or on Jan. 21 or \$25 after Jan. 21.

The program will feature information on the overview of cotton production, bio-tech varieties, water management on the South Plains, weed management and strategies in cotton, pink bollworm overview, the South Plains peanut outlook, commodity and livestock outlook, water quality problems and solutions and control of salt cedar, mesquite and brush. Other topics include grazing wheat for profit-diversification of small

grain production with livestock and laws and regulations.

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Producers who wish to pre-register should mail their check to the Texas Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, 79331.

Wind energy coalition meeting Jan. 28

SWEETWATER — The inaugural meeting of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium and the Rolling Plains Wind Energy Coalition will be held at noon on Friday, Jan. 28, at The Center on the campus of Texas State Technical College-West Texas. First National Bank of Sweetwater will host the luncheon.

The coalition meetings are open to landowners, utilities, wind energy developers, cities, counties, chambers of commerce, school districts and other business that participate in the wind energy industry now or intend to in the future.

In addition to the Rolling Plains coalition, the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium will also devel-

The Week's Business: Food industry nudged toward change

CHICAGO (AP) — Like many Americans at this time of year, the food industry has been talking a lot about healthy eating, improved nutrition and making better choices. Trans fats are out, whole grains are in and so are reminders about balanced lifestyles.

Whether or not it lasts longer than a New Year's resolution, that commitment to healthier foods should soon be more evident in the marketplace.

Faced with childhood obesity concerns and changing dietary guidelines, packaged-foods makers and fast-food companies are responding with products and initia-

tives that will surface on store shelves and menus and in vending machines and TV ads.

Bob Goldin, an analyst at Chicago-based food consultancy Technomic Inc., senses "a real ground shift" starting to take place in the industry — even if consumers don't sense it overnight.

"Slowly but surely, I think we are seeing some change," he said. "We're going to see some (more) product reformulation, changes in marketing practices and the introduction of foods that are healthier for you. But we're very, very early in the game."

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attacked farm subsidies, Congress may be more receptive to their arguments this time because of a soaring federal budget deficit and increasing criticism from international trading partners about the trade-distorting effects of farm payments.

In 2003 alone, farmers received \$16.4 billion in subsidies, mostly payments made to individual farmers to support the prices they receive for their commodities.

"The war against subsidies is out there," said Dean Kleckner, the former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. "American farmers and European farmers better get their head out of the sand and wake up and smell the coffee."

Recent rulings by the World Trade Organization declaring U.S. cotton subsidies and European Union sugar subsidies illegal could pressure U.S. lawmakers to change farm policy, he said.

While Congress may decide to fight the WTO because cutting subsidies is so politically unpalatable, Kleckner predicted that ultimately the United States would lose the argument.

"Congress and the administration are going to be in a really hot spot," said Kleckner, who now is chairman of Truth About Trade and Technology, an advocacy group that promotes free trade and biotechnology.

Kleckner said American farmers might find it easier to swallow cuts to farm subsidies in order to balance the budget, rather than to promote free trade, which could be seen as giving in to foreign demands.

John Block, who was secretary of agriculture under President Ronald Reagan, said he expects some cuts to farm subsidies in the 2007 farm bill, and possibly a shifting of money from price-support programs to conservation programs.

"They are going to be cautious in how far they go after farm supports," Block said. "We may be surprised how the debate unfolds."

ers of a handful of "commodity" crops such as cotton, soybeans and corn, while much of the food that people eat remains unsubsidized.

"Farm subsidies are one of the most expensive forms of corporate welfare in the federal budget," said Stephen Moore, president of the conservative Club for Growth.

"Most Americans believe it goes to the small family farmer, but the truth is that the lion's share goes to large agribusiness."

Cook of the Environmental Working Group said American farm policy relies on the export market to buy whatever U.S. farms overproduce. When that doesn't work, U.S. taxpayers pick up the tab.

"If you lay off a factory worker in Chicago because you outsource the job, we give them \$10,000 and a hug and a certificate for retraining," said Cook, whose organization favors federal spending on conservation.

"What we give these guys is \$150,000 for cotton year after year that keeps them in the game internationally."

The government's disaster payments program illustrates the point, Cook said.

From 1995 through 2003, Congress granted American farmers \$11.3 billion in disaster payments to compensate for a variety of floods, droughts, hurricanes and other calamities. That was on top of \$101 billion in price-support payments for a handful of crops such as corn, cotton, wheat and rice.

But more than 15 percent of the disaster aid recipients, or 176,379 farms, collected disaster payments in at least four years out of nine, marking them as "chronically dependent" on disaster subsidies, according to an analysis of USDA data by the Environmental Working Group.

Cook said he wouldn't recommend a "cold turkey" approach to cutting off disaster payments to farmers who have come to rely on them. Rather, he said the government should develop a transition process that allows farmers in marginal areas to put the land into conservation programs or convert it to cattle ranching.

"It's a natural place to invest in conservation programs that take this land out of production," he said.

Farmers in Texas drew the most disaster aid over the last nine years, accounting for \$2 billion of the \$11.3 billion total. And Gaines County, home to cotton farmer Floyd and the state's biggest producers of cotton and peanuts, led the state in disaster subsidies, owing largely to the long-lasting drought that broke only in 2004.

1960s. Nor do they see anything wrong with the government subsidizing their efforts to grow crops in a naturally dry region that, without thorough irrigation, would scarcely support intensive agriculture.

"Why do people live in hurricane-prone areas like Florida?" said another Gaines County cotton farmer who, like Floyd, received disaster subsidies in each of the last five years but declined to be identified.

"The government gives those people disaster payments, so why not us?"

The disaster payments keep more than farmers afloat, Floyd said as he drove past the boarded-up storefronts of what once was the thriving main street of Seagraves.

"The U.S. government is subsidizing farmers, but it's not only us they are subsidizing," he said.

"They are subsidizing every consumer that goes to the grocery store to buy food, the local tractor dealer, the doctor, the gas station. Without the farmers, there would be a lot of people out of business."

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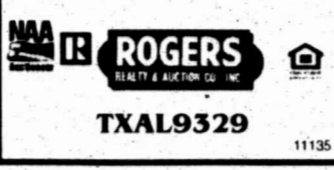
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MARGO HOWARD

She is remarried, but I think that marriage is on the rocks. My husband thinks there's nothing wrong with speaking to her from time to time. I'm sure HER husband doesn't know about these calls. A year ago, she was calling William every now and then, but he finally put a stop to it, telling her (I was in the room at the time) the calls bothered me and that he didn't think they were appropriate. Could this be a midlife crisis thing with him now calling her? He's nearly 50, and I'm in my late 30s. I know he would flip out if the shoe were on the other foot and I was talking to someone from my past. — Flustered

sports car in the driveway, you'd need more information before deciding he's hankering for the ex. — Prudie, attentively

Dear Prudence: My husband and I went to a dinner party with a few of my husband's friends and their wives. Somehow the topic of one couple's active sex life came up again. It always seems to pop up during these get-togethers. As if that isn't annoying enough, a joke about my being inaccessible was thrown in.

Does that mean there are stories told by my husband about me being a prude? (Sorry to use your name.) It upsets me to think that others might not think we have a healthy relationship, and it's even more upsetting to think my husband might agree. I have asked my husband in the past, and I get the "everything's great" type of answer. I don't want to wake up some day to a note saying that it wasn't. — Prudish, Do You Think?

Dear Prud: There is definitely a difference, dear friend, between a prude and a Prudie... but onward. Of course there is no way for an outsider to know about anyone's sex life, unless told by one of the parties — and even then it may not be true.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The first quarter moon is the cheerleader on your shoulder shouting, "Go, go, go!" An impending deadline doesn't hurt, either, and there are new consequences for not meeting projections. It's all extremely motivating, and under the last few rays of

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Capricorn sun, we have the discipline to make it happen without emotional resistance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An uncharacteristically docile mood has you putting up with things you normally wouldn't. A remark here, a clutter pile there, a little bad behavior from the kids — it does add up. Resolve at least one of these issues by sundown.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you deserve better, and you know it, make a fuss! If you don't,

people around you think you don't care. Also, return the sweater you got for Christmas now while you're still within the 30-day limit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Friends look to you to keep them in line — what are they thinking? You're more likely to instigate mischief than to enforce rules. And for this very reason, you help people find their inner parent and take responsibility!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Revisiting childhood memories unlocks a current puzzling relationship dilemma. Like it or not, your parents are your parents and forevermore shall be so. So take a breath, and dive into the past to figure this one out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The sickeningly sweet tone of people who are trying to be perfect only causes you to poke and prod until you get the response you're looking for — reality! Say goodbye to hearts and flowers, and let the healing begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It feels moral to think

that social status doesn't matter, but down deep, it still does. There's a need to see fancy people in their fancy clothes, laughing at witty exchanges — and a greater need to be a part of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loved ones spill intimate words. You don't hear this every day — and what would life be like if you did? Absorb kindness instead of tossing it immediately back to the giver. Accepting compliments well is a talent worth developing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're called to defend your honor in some small way. By doing an excellent job on the minor scale, you're preparing to do an excellent job on the major scale. It's important, if not to you, then to someone significant to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The stars are like a giant cosmic vacuum cleaner lifting foreign particles from your life. But you love the foreign particles! It's disorder that makes life interest-

ing! Let go of some dirt, and things will shine again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's time to do what you normally wouldn't. A visit to the fringe is inspiring. Besides, your relationships need ingenuity to thrive. To stave away the old ennui, try something new tonight — Bombay sag potatoes, anyone?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Family members clamor for your attention. If you feel like joining in the fun, go for it. But chances are, you'd like to focus on your career or hobby instead. Make sure to ask for what you need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your subconscious is a swirl of activity. Write down your rants, your insights and your dreams. Somewhere in the scrawl, there is a clue about a hidden health issue that needs your attention.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The solar energy is shifting from traditional, disciplined Capricorn to the more fanciful, friendly

Aquarian influence this week. Both kinds of energy serve a valuable purpose. We need structure and rules for society to run smoothly. But we require rebellious, forward-thinking idealists to challenge those rules in order to evolve as a society. On a personal level, the last four weeks have been about strengthening self-discipline and creating systems that help us be personally accountable. By now, we should realize what is working and what is not. Be willing to let go of certain goals. If you've been beating yourself up about trying to be or do something, and it's just not happening no matter how you approach it, it could be time to simply resign yourself. Sometimes by giving up, you actually free a new power reservoir. Aquarian energy says, "Lighten up, and trust that the answers will come," and they usually come from a source that's so off the beaten path we would have never thought to look there.

This is also a time to have fun and commune with friends. We have much to teach one another!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: I predict that cool Capricorn Kate Moss will be a model into her senior years. Her sign loves to work and has a tendency to seem young and beautiful at every age. Her chart reveals she could have yet another child this year! Her Scorpio moon connects her on a deeply psychic level to children, especially her own, and she probably senses how and what they are doing even when she's miles away.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Year after year, your generous readers open their hearts to America's hospitalized veterans by participating in the Valentines for Vets program. This program encourages readers to deliver valentines to their nearest Department of Veteran's Affairs hospital and, in years past, it has resulted in millions of cards and letters for America's veterans. Last year, caring community members made more than 100,000 veteran patient visits, and hundreds more chose to become volunteers at one of our VA hospitals or outpatient clinics.

This success would not be possible without your support and that of your faithful and thoughtful readers. Teachers in schools, churches, scouting groups and social organizations have used this program to bring their students closer to those veterans who have served our country so valiantly, and gave them a greater understanding of our nation's history. In some areas, the students delivered their valentines in person.

What your readers provide with their caring notes and well wishes can have more power to give these veterans hope than any treatment or pill ever prescribed. At VA, your readers will also find, through volunteering, many opportunities to pay tribute to our nation's veterans. No special skills are necessary, just a willingness to give the gift of their time and caring to our veterans.

The 2005 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans is just around the corner, Feb. 13-19. We hope your readers will again let our veterans know that they are appreciated and not forgotten. I encourage your readers to visit these veterans and thank them in person. The addresses of our facilities can be obtained by looking in the telephone directory, by calling our toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000 or by checking our Web site at www.va.gov/volunteer.

We look forward to another successful year of Valentines for Vets, and I know our veterans do as well. Sincerely, — Montel Williams, 2005 Chairman, National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Program

Dear Montel Williams: Thank you for once again giving us the opportunity to continue this worth-

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while project, and one that means a great deal to us. We can never repay these courageous veterans for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf, but we can take the time to cheer them up and let them know they have not been forgotten.

Every year, members of Camp Fire USA deliver valentines to our veterans, and Salvation Army volunteers distribute valentines, gifts and refreshments to various VA facilities around the country. Teachers, you have always been extremely helpful and supportive in making this a class project, especially with those wonderful handmade valentines. Our veterans are particularly gratified to know that today's young students recognize and appreciate them. We hope you will

encourage your students to be creative and let them learn firsthand the satisfaction that comes from doing something for others.

Readers, the veterans would be thrilled if you could drop off your valentines in person and visit for a few minutes. If you do not live close enough to a VA facility to stop by, you can mail your valentines. To find the location of the nearest VA hospital, you can check your phone book, access the VA Web site facility locator at www.va.gov/directory, or call the toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000. We know of nothing else that costs so little and brings so much happiness. Please remember our veterans this Valentine's Day. Bless you. — Marcy and Kathy

Dear Annie: Last year, while recuperating from surgery, my husband, "Ted," had six months of free time, so he started looking up old friends on the Internet. He e-mailed one woman who, unbeknownst to me, was a former girlfriend.

The more her name came up in conversation, the more concerned I became. I finally looked at their correspondence. The first letters were innocent stories about kids and daily stuff, but she soon moved into remem-

brances and hints of wanting more, and Ted wasn't stopping her. They both just turned 60.

On the surface, Ted and I were having fun, traveling and enjoying great sex, yet the e-mails became more and more intimate. I noticed her phone number appearing on our cell phone bill. Then I discovered Ted visited her while I was out of town taking care of my sick father.

I confronted Ted, and he immediately apologized. He said I was the most important thing in his life and promised to end all communication with her. Ted sent one last e-mail, telling her I was not comfortable with their contact. She became enraged that I would end a "40-year friendship."

For a while, all was well, but then Ted started listening to sappy love songs and I got suspicious. I checked his e-mail, and sure enough, he had initiated contact with her again. Now, they e-mail once a week. They don't know I am on to them.

In 17 years, Ted never gave me reason to doubt him. He always has been a good provider, good lover and great friend. I am depressed and angry. The problem is, I don't want Ted to know I am still intercepting the e-mail. How can I save our relationship? — Really Sad in California

Dear Really Sad: You need counseling. Tell Ted, "Honey, I've noticed you seem unhappy and distracted, and I'm having some trust issues about your ex-girlfriend. I think we could use some professional help. Please come with me." Then, whether he agrees to go or not, ask your doctor to refer you to someone.

Dear Annie: I agree with your advice to "Worried about Mom," whose mother has breast cancer, and Dad doesn't want her to leave the house. I am a breast cancer survivor. "Worried" says Mom is fairly active and healthy. She is absolutely correct to think it will depress her mother to be in "lock-down."

Mom should try to live as normally as possible. The more active she remains throughout her treatments, the better she will feel. Research indicates that it is a plus to continue regular exercise, such as walking. If Mom can find a yoga class that modifies positions for breast cancer patients, that's good, too.

Mom also should join a breast cancer support group, such as the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery (cancer.org); The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (www.komen.org); the National Toll-Free Breast

Care Helpline (1-800-I'M-AWARE) (1-800-462-9273); the National Cancer Institute (cancer.gov); and the online resources at www.breastcancer.org. — A 19-Notch Breast Cancer Conqueror

Dear Conqueror: Thank you so much for your words of encouragement and the resources you mention. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: I have been an oncology social worker for more than 25 years, and I also am an 11-year breast cancer survivor. One in eight American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetimes. The best news is there have been major advances in medications to control nausea and other common side effects so that cancer patients can generally maintain something close to their normal lives.

"Worried" and her family should focus on keeping life's routines and rhythms flowing while adjusting to the necessary changes. There certainly is no reason for Mom to stay shut in her home, making her feel isolated and depressed. Remember, most women treated for breast cancer go on to live long and healthy lives. — Hester Hill Schnipper, LICSW, Chief, Oncology Social Work, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston

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