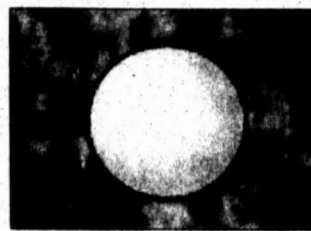


WEDNESDAY

January 26, 2005

WEATHER

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TONIGHT 37°-39° TOMORROW 51°-53°

Zant expected to take over SCISD seat

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

ACKERLY — Sands school trustees will welcome a new member to their ranks when they hold a special meeting at 7 a.m. Thursday in the SCISD board room.

Trustees are expected to name David Zant to fill the board vacancy caused by Steve Parker's recent resignation, Sands Superintendent Wayne Blount said.

Zant has more than 13 years experience on the Sands board, Blount added.

Once appointed, Zant will serve until May, when a special election will be held to fill the remainder of Parker's unexpired term, which runs for another year.

Parker resigned from the board last week to clear the way for the district to hire his relative, Kim Tindol, as a special education instructor. State nepotism laws prohibited Tindol's hiring while Parker served on the board.

Trustees also are expected to approve Tindol's hiring during Thursday's meeting, Blount said.

Eagles Lodge sets fund-raiser

The Big Spring Bass Club will hold a benefit for 5-year-old Tristin Rangel Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, located at 703 W. Third Street. Chicken fajita plates will be served from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. with to-go orders available for \$5. A dance is also slated for 8:30 p.m. Rangel was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in October.

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Concerns stall Northside building project

Council tables approval pending clarification of contract.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council tabled approval of a contract between the city and the Northside Community Center that would give the go-ahead for construction of a new community center after some legal "sparring" Tuesday night.

The council discussed the project, which would include the construction of a new building on the existing property and the removal of the current facility, and the existing 10-year lease between the city and the community center.

Larry Stewart, president of the Northside Community Center board of directors, addressed the council prior to the item being tabled and expressed concern over the terminology being used in the contract.

"The Northside Community

Center has been in operation for 22 years," said Stewart. "We currently have a 99-year lease with the city. I keep hearing talk of a 10-year lease come up, but we've been there since 1983. With the new building I would like to see a new lease agreement reached, regardless."

McEwen, who pointed out the difference between the lease on the land and the lease on the building, said the council was in agreement on the project and pending contract with J. Phillip Furqueron Architectural Firm,

and felt approval of the matter should be tabled until the contract and its language could be looked at more closely.

"We're in complete agreement," said McEwen. "You're not going to find anyone on this council that's not in complete agreement with you."

Stewart also went on to say he believed the financial aspect of the project, which is being funded by the Dora Roberts Foundation, should be included

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Re-Settling in Big Spring?

Company wants city to fund study of historic hotel

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Those who missed the grand opening of the Settles Hotel many decades ago may get a second chance several years from now if a California-based company gets its way.

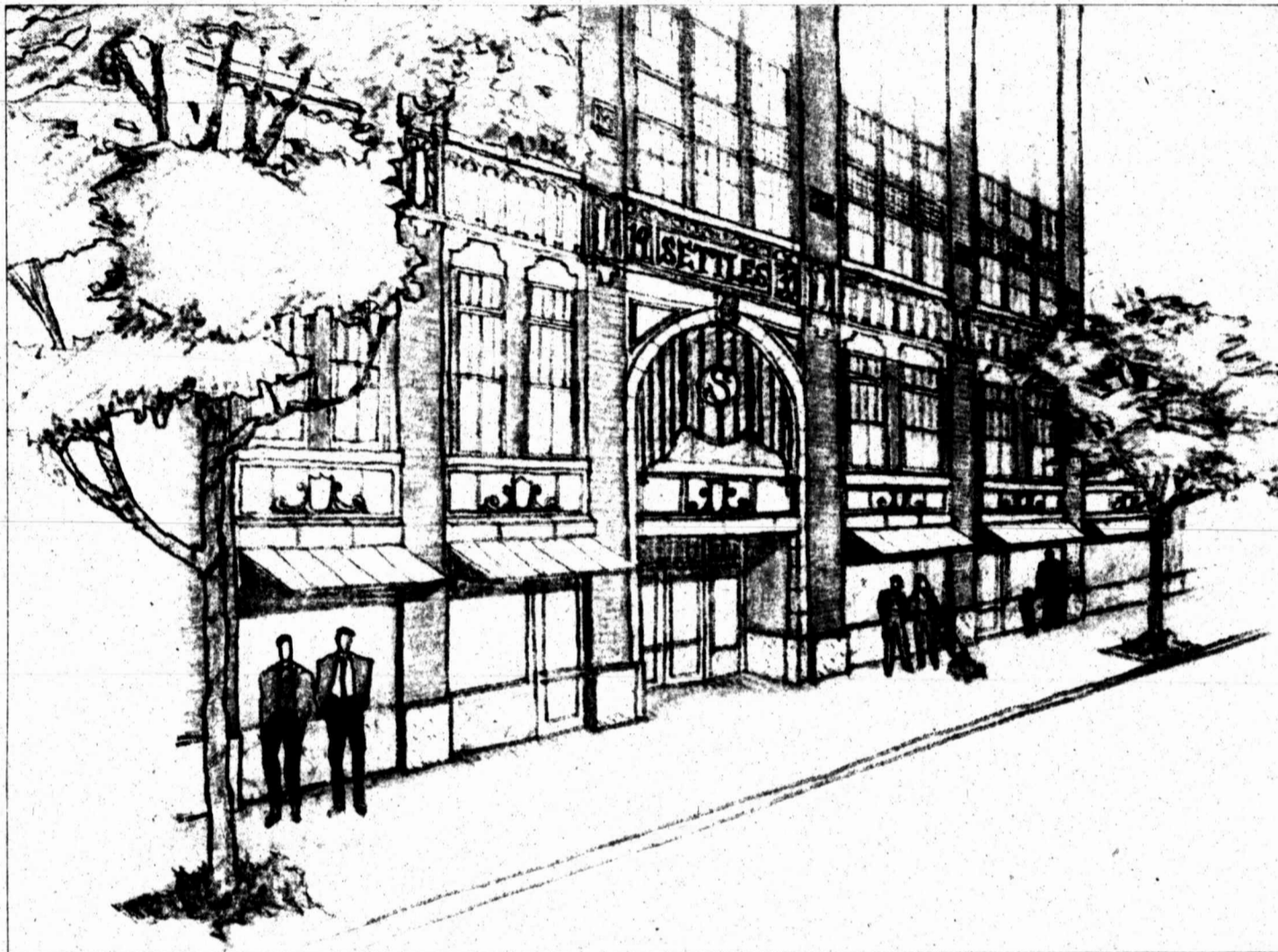
Ray Rappold, president of Evos Homes of Santa Rosa, Calif., made a presentation to the Big Spring City Council Tuesday evening that could bring hope to an aging structure that many have already given up on.

"I understand the importance of the Settles Hotel to the city of Big Spring," said Rappold. "And I would like to respect that by doing a thorough job of evaluating a very historic building."

"What we have in mind is affordable living apartments on floors three through 16, which is based on a very rough preliminary analysis. About 74 residential units and we would be looking at commercial and retail space on the first and second floors — restaurants, offices and possibly a seniors activity center."

While this certainly isn't the first time a corporation has had its eye on the Settles Hotel, Rappold said developers have many things on their side today that represented hurdles less than 10 years ago.

"This would have to be verified



An artist's rendering of what the Settles could look like after extensive renovations was presented to the Big Spring City Council Tuesday night by California-based Evos Homes, which is currently seeking a contract with the city to study the feasibility of such renovations.

by a market analysis, which we plan to do," said Rappold. "A few things have changed since 1994, which I believe was the last time this type of project was brought up. Interest rates are better now and there's a loan program from the Department of Agriculture. Tax credits were also pretty new in 1994, and we're getting about 50 cents on the dollar. Now they

are getting about 80 cents on the dollar.

"Also, hazardous material removal prices have come down. The industry is more mature now, and it was a lot more expensive approximately 10 years ago. The asbestos and lead paint could conceivably be removed at a much lower price than it could at that time."

"All these things combine to make us believe this project is feasible at this time," Rappold added. "We would handle all of the financial sources, direct the design and construction. The Settles is on the Texas Historic register and principles within our organization have experi-

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Moore Development board to consider funds for marketing city on access channel

City requests \$16,500 for hardware and software.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors will meet this afternoon to discuss funding for the city of Big Spring's government access channel.

John Medina, IT (Information Technology) manager for the city, said the funding will allow the city to make upgrades to the newly formed system that will improve the look and usability for agencies utilizing the channel.

"The software, which is called Infonet TV, will help give the channel a more professional look," said Medina. "We'll be able to do things like use

a ticker at the bottom, similar to what they use on channels like CNN. It will also allow local agencies that use the channel, such as the school district or city, the ability to log on and update or make changes to the information.

"For example, if the school district had to close the school because of snow, they would be able to log on and put that

information on the channel immediately."

Medina said the city is requesting approximately \$16,500 from Moore Development for the hardware and software. However, according to Medina, the returns on the investment could mean a lot for everyone involved.

"This will give us the

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Restrictions lifted on flu vaccinations

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The local Department of State Health Services office announced today that it is making flu shots available to anyone over the age of 6 months.

The DSHS office has been dispensing flu vaccines for the past several weeks, but had restricted those shots to persons at high risk of complications from the flu.

Eduardo Sanchez, Texas Commission of State Health Services, said that the organization believes that enough vaccines exist to justify easing the restrictions.

"Demand for the flu vaccine from priority groups in Texas had been steady for several weeks, but it appears, overall, that those demands are being met," he said. "We're comfortable loosening the recommendations."

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31 killed in Marine copter crash

By SAMEER N. YACCOUB

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. military transport helicopter crashed in bad weather in Iraq's western desert today, killing 31 people, all believed to be Marines, in the deadliest incident for U.S. troops since the war began, officials said. Insurgents killed four American troops in an ambush and carried out a flurry of attacks on sites linked to this weekend's elections.

A Bush administration official said there were no survivors from the crash and that the cause was not immediately known.

The CH-53 Sea Stallion, which was carrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division, went down about 1:20 a.m. near the town of Rutbah, about 220 miles west of Baghdad, while conducting security operations, the military said in a statement.

A search and rescue team has reached the site and an investigation into what caused the crash was under way. The administration official said there was bad weather at the time.

The official said Wednesday that all 31 people killed in the crash were believed to be U.S. Marines: It was the deadliest day for U.S. forces since the March 2003 inva-

sion. "We are saddened anytime there is loss of life of our troops in harm's way," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

In Iraq's Anbar province, four U.S. Marines were killed in fighting, the military said in a statement.

The statement gave no further details, but WABC reporter Jim Dolan, who was embedded with the troops who were attacked, said the deaths came when insurgents ambushed a Marine convoy leaving the town of Haditha, west of Baghdad, hitting a vehicle with a

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Obituaries

Edna Adams Cates



Edna Adams Cates, 73, of Merkel, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Jess Colegrove officiating. She was born Aug. 24, 1931, in Knott to Dan and Ione Nichols Adams, graduated from Flowergrove High School in 1948 and attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. She was a bookkeeper for several retail establishments and for the City of Midland and was a member of Trent First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Irlie Bardwell Jr. of Abilene; three daughters, Teresa Riddle Henry, Sharon Bowman Moses and husband, Alvin and Fran Read and husband, John all of Abilene; a sister, Betty Poitevint and husband, Ellis of Big Spring; a brother, Charles Adams and wife, Myra of Trent; 14 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Connie Bardwell of Franktown, Colo.; two sisters-in-law, Billie Ruth Adams of Big Spring and Juanita Adams of Knott; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Preston and Bill. Arrangements are under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Maria E. Rodriguez

Maria E. Rodriguez, 67, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, in the Hospice Inpatient Unit of Midland Memorial Hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

□ **A WRAP-UP FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS MEETING** is set for 5:30 p.m. today in the Dora Roberts Community Center. All Adopt-A-Spot participants as well as committee members are asked to attend. A discussion on the next event will take place. Call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 213-5444.

□ **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning Feb. 2. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM EXHIBIT "TEXAS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY"** remains open through Jan. 31. Admission fees are waived for patrons viewing the exhibit. The museum is also accepting donations of costumes to be used with the new theme party area opening in May. Call the museum at 267-8255.

□ **YELLOWDOG DARE DEVILS RELAY FOR LIFE FUND-RASIER** offers individual-sized, heart-shaped cakes with a Valentine's message for \$4. Order and prepay before Feb. 9. Call the bus barn at 264-4108.

□ **FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY** have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

□ **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.

□ **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 Thursday. 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 a copy of the films may call Pam Winn, media supervisor of the education service center, at telephone number 432-567-3260.

Police blotter

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

- **JULIANNA JUAREZ**, 17, of 602 NW Seventh Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify.
- **DAVID BLEDSOE**, 23, of 1600 Meadow Avenue, was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault and resisting arrest.
- **SHANNA ROBBINS**, 36, of Coahoma, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- **ANA SAUCEDO**, 38, of 1001 Grafa, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- **PATSY CASTILLO**, 38, of 2707 Old W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **JUAN VALENCIA**, 45, of 505 N. Goliad, was arrested Tuesday on a parole violation and a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **LESLYE ROGERS**, 42, of 505 Union, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Park.
 - in the 2500 block of Langley.
 - in the 100 block of Third Street.
 - in the 500 block of Nolan.

Sheriff's report

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

- **HECTOR CASTANEDA**, 20, was transferred to county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a building and criminal mischief.
- **EARL PERRY HANKE**, 46, was transferred to county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended - enhanced and bondsman off of bond for theft by check.
- **RICHARD LUJAN DELGADO**, 59, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a probation judgment for driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **BRYAN SCOTT RODRIGUEZ**, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for carrying a prohibited weapon - switchblade/knuckles.
- **CHRISTENE JAMES ARMSTRONG**, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **ROBERT EARL RAMSEY**, 26, was transferred to county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check and a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **DEANNA KAY DUNLAP**, 24, was transferred to county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **SHANA RENE ROBBINS**, 36, was transferred to county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended and charges of forgery of a financial instrument and driving while license suspended.
- **ANA MARIE SAUCEDO**, 38, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a motion to revoke community supervision.
- **CLASS C ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Birdwell Lane.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3800 block of Rice.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. 15th Street at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Kentucky Way at 6:54 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright Street at 8:58 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mobile at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of S. Highway 87 and Hearn at 11:54 a.m. Tuesday. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of W. 18th Street at 12:47 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin board

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

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

• 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.

• A wrap-up festival of Lights meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center. All Adopt-A-Spot participants as well as committee members are asked to attend. A discussion on the next event will take place. Call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 213-5444.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

• Jason Moore, state chairman of Young Republicans, will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of West Texas Pachyderm Club at Big Spring Country Club at noon. He will share with some of his insights and suggestions for working with Young Republicans. All interested persons are invited to meetings of the club.

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

• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

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

SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

• 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.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-23-26-31-33.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-8-9

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Thursday - Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent.

Thursday night - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 40. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Friday - Decreasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Saturday - Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent.

Saturday night - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Sunday - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s.

Sunday night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 30s.

Monday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 30.

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A very special series of meetings the weekend of the 28th, 29th and 30th of January
Ministers from Sharon Schools of Global Ministries International in Canada, and ministers from several U.S. states will minister the word of God on the Kingdom and Sonship. Galatians 4:7. No longer a slave but a son and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Hebrews 2:10 Bringing many sons to glory, to make their salvation perfect through sufferings.
Music and singing
Food and fellowship will follow the meetings.
Also prayer for your needs.
If you do not have a church home you are welcome to worship with us. Meetings will be at 8:00 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.
Come worship and learn and grow in the Lord with us.
1995 Bourry St.
For further information call 432/263-2053 or 432/267-8842

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By STEVE REAG
Staff Writer

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The deadliest American in Iraq was Mar when 26 Americans killed in a nuclear arate incident Insurgents a string of five

BSISD board to ponder refinancing bond issue

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring school trustees will look at ways to refinance their existing bond issue and save the local school district a few hundred thousand dollars at the same time when they hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the

high school board room. The district sold bonds in 1996 to pay for construction of the new junior high building. Since then, interest rates have reached the point where it would be economically advantageous for school officials to pay off those bonds and reissue new ones. Issuing new bonds would result in a

net saving of more than \$400,000 in interest payments by the district over the life of the bond issue, BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said. "The only reason to do this is to save money on interest," Waggoner said. Under this new proposal, the bonds would be retired in 2021, the same year

as originally scheduled, Waggoner noted. The bond issue will be the only item of business discussed at the meeting.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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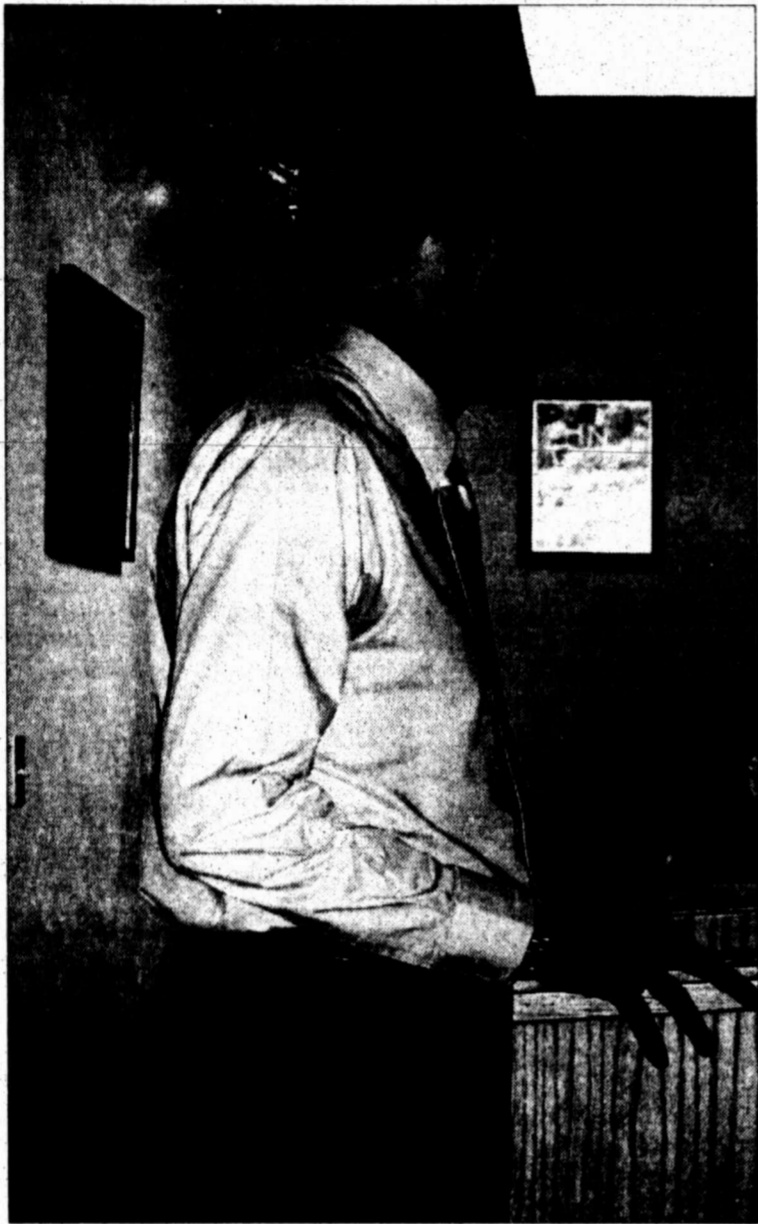
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ence with historic renovations."

While the project may sound like a God-send for downtown Big Spring, Rappold was quick to remind the council there are a number of studies that will have to be conducted and studied before the first hammer swings in the name of the historic landmark.

"The first step is the only thing that can knock this deal out of the water," said Rappold. "That's the full structural and environmental analysis, where we'll find out if there are any hidden costs. It will be a very thorough structural analysis. Also, there has to be a market study to quantify the rents and what the demand might be for the project."

"Assuming we get a positive response at that point we'll move on to step two, which is when we look at the restraints that are present because of the historical nature of the building. There will be an architectural survey and a design survey, which has to go through the state historical department, which will approve or disapprove. Once the



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Ray Rappold, president of Evos Homes of Santa Rosa, Calif., explains to the Big Spring City Council the various studies his company would like to conduct to determine if renovating the Settles Hotel into affordable housing and commercial and retail space is feasible.

plans are approved, we can move into the construction and financial analysis and get funding."

Mayor Russ McEwen's first question for Rappold was probably the most optimistic, asking the California developer when he believed the first person could move into the building, bringing a long reign of abandonment to a close.

"I would estimate it would realistically be late in 2007 or sometime in 2008," said Rappold. "The issue is we don't know what's inside the walls, and we're going to have to have some of them exposed for the structural engineers to really take a hard look at. We're going to try to get as close of an idea as possible once we get a little further down the road in terms of hazardous materials removal and going back and forth with the state historical office."

The project doesn't come without a price tag, however.

"We really can't do this alone," Rappold told the council. "It needs to be a joint effort with the city of Big Spring and the community itself."

"We get things done. If this is a feasible project and we start it, we will get it done. We don't stall

out halfway through a project."

Rappold told the council the studies required to complete the first two stages of the study and determine the feasibility of the project would cost the city \$55,000 and \$62,500. Evos would also request a 48-month contract for exclusive rights to the project.

"I think step one is something that we need to do anyway," said McEwen. "That way we can find out if we have something that can be renovated."

McEwen went on to express his approval of the project, drawing no objections from the rest of the council.

"I, for one, am very enthusiastic about this," he said. "And I see the artist's rendering of the hotel and it really warms your heart because I can see that as the beginning of the revitalization of our downtown area."

Attorneys for the city and Evos Homes are expected to meet later this week to go over a contract that will later go before the council for approval.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Authorities said that flu activity in Texas remained at the "widespread" level — the highest such designation from DSHS — for the third week in a row.

The A/Fujian and B/Shanghai versions of the flu virus have been identified in Texas. Both are covered by this year's vaccine, authorities said.

Persons wishing to get the vaccine should contact their doctor or call the local DSHS office at 263-9775.

The local office is requesting a \$10 donation for the vaccine, but no one will be turned away because of inability to pay, said local immunization nurse Sandy Samuels.

Those on Medicare or Medicaid need to bring their cards, Samuels said.

DSHS also recommends that persons over 65, or with chronic health problems, take a pneumonia vaccine, which is available at the local clinic.

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in the contract as well.

"I think it's very important that I emphasize this evening that we're prepared, through a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation to invest roughly \$120,000 to \$130,000 in construction of this building," said Stewart. "It would be foolish of us to do so and only have ownership of the

building for only 10 years."

Stewart went on to describe other omissions he felt the contract, which he deemed "broad," was lacking.

"After looking at the agreement which we received last Thursday, I felt it was sort of broad in nature," said Stewart. "I felt we needed to make certain specifications to protect both the city and protect ourselves financially. We have set aside \$120,000 for the construc-

tion of this project and the agreement here does not address this particular issue. I think, for our benefit, that needs to be part of the agreement."

Also there is the issue of removing the existing building and the creation of a parking lot. The agreement does not address the issue regarding the removal of the old building or the parking lot. We're prepared to assume the cost of that but we believe it should be included in the agree-

ment."

The council voted unanimously to table the items, both of which were in first reading, until the contract could be examined.

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ability to broadcast on the Web as well," said Medina. "People will be able to go to the site on the Internet and see the items they want without waiting for a specific airtime. If they want to see a local event, all they have to do is click on it."

"These improvements will allow us to market the city of Big Spring bet-

ter. It will allow us to tell a prospective investor or anyone else who is interested to visit the site and the programs will be there waiting for them."

The government channel, which can be found on channel 17 with local cable provider Cox Communications, was turned over to the city during franchise negotiations with the cable-TV giant in 2004.

Also on the agenda for today's meeting is consideration of December

financials and December investment report. The board has also scheduled an executive session to discuss business prospects.

The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

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rocket-propelled grenade.

With the four Marines' deaths, at least 1,376 members of the U.S. military have died in Iraq, according to an Associated Press count. If all 31 dead in the crash are confirmed to be military personnel, the count would rise to 1,407.

The previous single deadliest incident for U.S. troops was also a helicopter crash: a November 2004 collision of two Black Hawk helicopters that were trying to avoid ground fire, killing 17 servicemen.

The deadliest day for American troops during the initial invasion of Iraq was March 23, 2003, when 26 Americans were killed in a number of separate incidents.

Insurgents carried out a string of five car bombs

across the country Wednesday, including three that exploded in rapid succession in Riyadh, a tense town north of Baghdad. At least five people were killed. One of the bombs targeted a U.S. convoy but there was no report of casualties, police said.

Four American soldiers were injured in a car bombing Wednesday in

Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, the U.S. command said.

Another car bomb targeted a multinational forces convoy on the road to Baghdad's international airport, injuring four soldiers, the command said.

The attack temporarily closed the airport road, one of the country's most dangerous.

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OTHER VIEWS

Small measure of justice only in Tulia case

Tom Coleman's lies finally caught up with him. The former Swisher County law officer was convicted of perjury in a case that drew international attention to glaring injustices in the West Texas town of Tulia. Yet Coleman, whose discredited testimony sent dozens of people to prison, won't do jail time. He received probation.

You might remember that Coleman's trumped-up drug charges in 1999 prompted the arrest of 45 Tulia residents, most of them African American. Of those, 38 were convicted on the lone testimony of Coleman, who didn't use audio or video equipment to verify the alleged drug buys he claimed to have made from Tulia residents.

So how did Coleman keep track of the people and drug buys? He told the court at the time that he scribbled names and dates on his leg, thigh and other body parts. Never mind that some people named by Coleman had ironclad alibis or that the claim itself that the tiny farming town in the Panhandle could sustain 45 drug traffickers was highly suspect. Nonetheless, Swisher County juries sent dozens of people to prison solely on Coleman's say-so.

Local and national civil rights groups, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union, charged that the drug busts were racially motivated. Coleman is white.

Revelations by the outside lawyers and the media unraveled Coleman's testimony, exposing his lies. The cases likely wouldn't have gone forward were it not for an overzealous prosecutor whose behavior in the Tulia trials has come under the scrutiny of the State Bar of Texas for ethics violations. The case became an embarrassment for Texas.

In August 2003, Gov. Rick Perry pardoned 35 of the 38 Tulia defendants who went to trial or accepted plea agreements. Last year, the 45 who were arrested in the bogus sting won a \$6 million settlement in a lawsuit against Coleman and the counties and cities involved in the drug task force that carried out the bogus drug busts.

Coleman could have been sent to prison for 10 years on the aggravated perjury conviction. Instead, he got 10 years on probation. He got a huge break.

Unfortunately, Coleman couldn't be tried for the greater wrong the discredited testimony he gave at the defendants' trials because the statute of limitations had expired.

But the lesser lie he made to a court certainly displayed a blatant disregard for the legal process, his badge and the truth. Coleman's "worthless words," as described by prosecutor Rob Hobson, who tried the perjury case, cost people their freedom, severed mothers and fathers from their children and cast a racial cloud over Texas justice that has yet to dissipate.

For that, Coleman gets to walk.

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Lorraine's bird-loving couple

Earline and Lionel Crisp have a pet sparrow that flies around the inside of their house in Loraine.

"We've had all kinds of unusual pets," says Earline. "A woman was at our house one-time and noticed our china hutch and she got a funny look on her face, then looked at me and asked if that was a snake in that jar up there. I told her it was a coachwhip snake that had lost its mama so we took care of it and raised it."

One day her husband brought home a small jackrabbit. "We raised it on a bottle and kept it about three years. We called it Twinkles."

The Crisps have had pet roadrunners. Their mother had been

killed in a storm. "You've got to have lots of grasshoppers and lots of bugs. Those roadrunners ate four quarts of grasshoppers a day. All the kiddos in the neighborhood would get out and hunt grasshoppers and bring them to us. We were living in Wink at the time."

"They have had a pet crow, wren, dove and quail. They've also had a tub ful of cottontail rabbits."

"We watch for all kinds of animals, even horned toads. We're careful not to hit them with the lawn mower or weed eater."

Earline and Lionel have raised several mocking birds.

"When I brought in the first one, Earline didn't know it was a baby," says Lionel. "We had a hard rain at Wink and the little bird was floating down the gutter. We fed him and he got all right. When we finished raising him, we took him out and turned him loose."

Lionel found a nest full of hummingbirds in his front yard.

"I call one of them Fussbudget. If that feeder runs out, she'll come land on me and fuss at me. Either the feeder was empty or it had a wasp in it and she wants me to get it out."

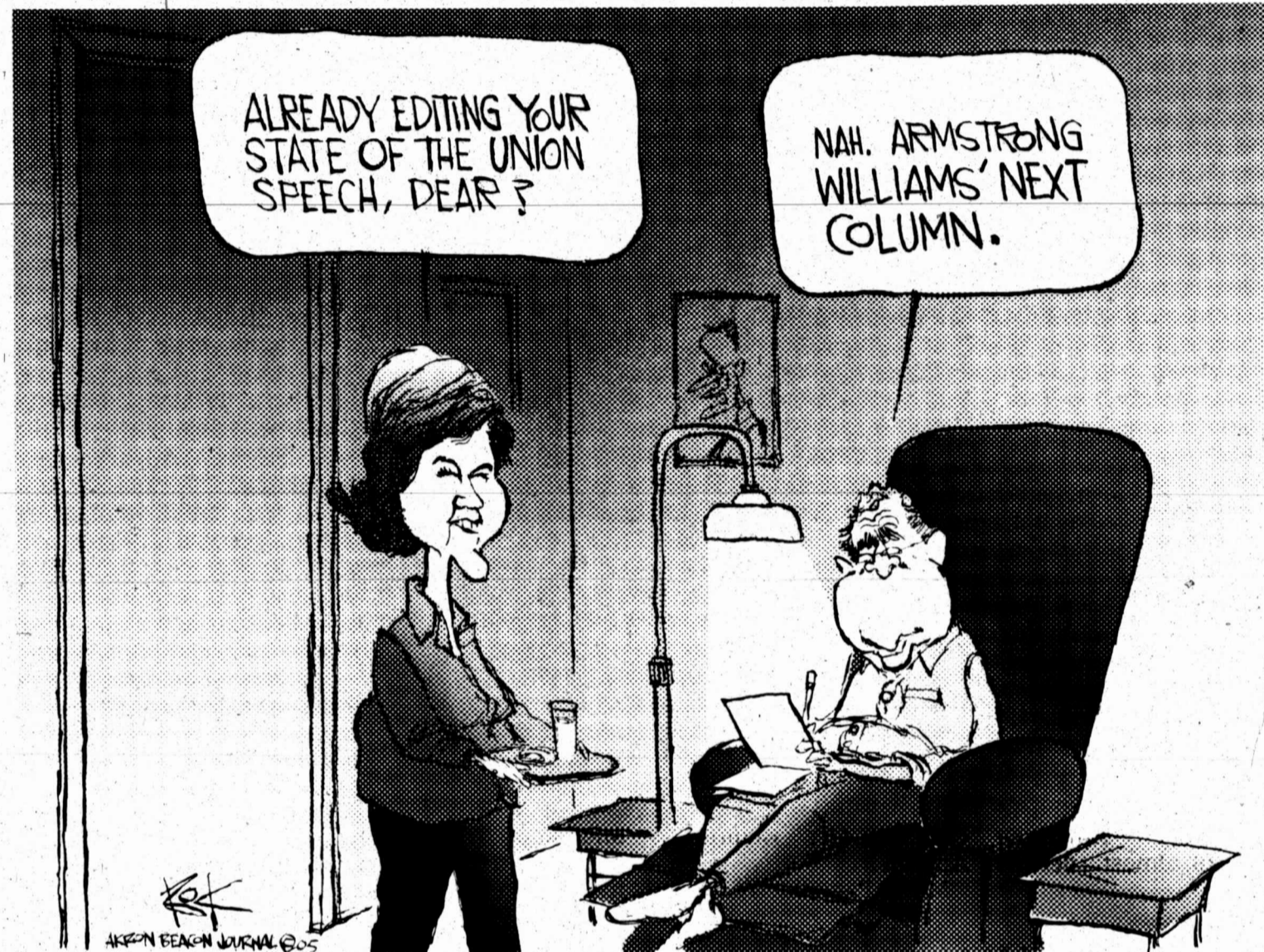
Their pet sparrow has the run of the house. Lionel says he always thought sparrows were pretty dumb birds.

"We know these birds aren't raised being loved. But two or three times a day that bird will get in Earline's hand and she'll close it over the bird and bring her hand to her chest and the bird will stay there for a long time. When I tell my wife I think I'll just pull the bird's tailfeathers, that little bird will get under the table."

When the Crisps are reading the newspaper, the bird will get right there with them. Maybe that's what makes them bird smart.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Democracy won't cure terrorism

A substantial nit to pick with President Bush's second Inaugural Address and some questions about his theme.

"From the day of our founding, we have proclaimed that every man and woman on this earth has rights, and dignity, and matchless value, because they bear the image of the maker of heaven and earth. Across the generations we have proclaimed the imperative of self-government, because no one is fit to be a master, and no one deserves to be a slave."

Oh dear. It took us almost 100 years to get rid of slavery right here in the Land of the Free, it took us another 100 years to get rid of legal discrimination based on race and gender, and how long it will take us to achieve equal opportunity for all in this country no one can say. At least we're working at it. Or we were.

The Bush theme of what someone else christened "evangelical democracy" is rather like the "From the day of our founding ..." passage — actually, it's more complicated than that. I, too, am happy to proselytize for freedom and democracy, but I don't think we can export it by force and I don't think we can expect the world to accept our noble intentions.

Nor is democracy necessarily the cure for terrorism. As a British journalist pointed out, if Britain had been following the Bush plan, it would have nuked us years ago for being the largest single source of money for the Irish Republican Army. Reality is so often much more complicated than George W. Bush thinks it is.

Why didn't the Iraqis welcome us with flowers? Wasn't Saddam Hussein about as nasty a dictator

as you can find? Because we invaded their country and are now occupying it. It is extremely difficult to convince people that you are killing them (and torturing them) for their own good. How would you feel? The British medical magazine Lancet estimates Americans have now killed about 20,000 Iraqis. We don't know for sure, because America has several policies that prevent anyone from keeping an accurate count.

Unfortunately, because of the violence in Iraq, we have achieved very little in the way of reconstruction there, so many Iraqis are actually worse off today, in terms of basic services like water and electricity, than they were under Saddam Hussein. We can still hope that the elections work out well in most of the country, but it's silly to say things are going well in Iraq, as some of my more delusional colleagues claim.

Actually, we have already tried foreign policy based on idealism: In one case, it didn't work worth a damn, and in the second, it produced pretty handsome results based on a pragmatic application of principle.

The first great foreign policy idealist in the presidency was Woodrow Wilson, everyone else having pretty much stuck to the Monroe Doctrine *pace* our unfortunate venture into the Philippines, a sort of early Vietnam. Wilson got us into the insanely named "War to End War." (As A.J. Muste, the great pacifist, observed, "The way to peace is through peace.")

After that hideous slaughter, Wilson signed a treaty that set up the same war to happen all over again 20 years later. He was famously unable to get his own Senate to join the doomed League of Nations.

A rather better effort was made by Jimmy Carter, who based much of his foreign policy on human rights, the equivalent of Bush's "freedom." This consistent emphasis, applied over time,

resulted in every country in Latin America (though not Central America) becoming a democracy.

Unfortunately, the rest of the world is skeptical of Bush's benign intent, mostly because he invaded a country that not only hadn't done anything to us, but also was no threat to us. (There is a new line on the right that goes, "But everybody in the whole world was saying Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction." Actually, everybody wasn't. Hans Blix and the U.N. inspectors had been unable to find any, even though we claimed we knew exactly where they were and had pictures of them. Quite a few people were beginning to doubt the existence of WMD, and what "everybody in the world" was saying at the time we went to war was, "Give the inspectors more time." In retrospect, it was quite good advice, wasn't it?)

At other points in the speech, one was left wondering, as one so often is, about Bush's grip on reality. Talking about his "ownership society," he said, "By making every citizen an agent of his or her own destiny, we will give our fellow Americans greater freedom from want and fear, and make our society more prosperous and just and equal."

He's delusional: He cannot possibly believe his tax cuts are making this country more just and equal — they are making it more unjust and unequal every day, not to mention getting us ever deeper into debt. One does not provide "freedom from want and fear" by privatizing Social Security. We've been there, we've done this — we tried unregulated capitalism at the end of the 19th century, and it was awful.

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NEWS

Confirmation secretary of state

WASHINGTON — Condoleezza Rice, national security adviser, said she will support policies on Iraq and Iran that would overwhelm the state.

Once approved, Rice would become the nation's top diplomat.

A dozen or more members of the Senate are expected to vote against her. Rice intended to yield her own Cabinet position to Sen. Majority Leader Dick Durbin.

What had seemed to go to war with the gency and Rice overthrowing it.

One senator, the war unconvinced, said he would force Bush's hand. Sen. Charles Schumer charged that Rice provided cover for the war.

Had she not have changed her mind, U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman said Kennedy and

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FORT WORTH — A former U.S. Army Academy member serving a life sentence for a slaying amid a plea bargain wants a new attorney says.

Diane Zamora, David Rice Tarrant County District Attorney, said she withheld evidence from Zamora's defense. Zamora contends she did not kill her boyfriend's classmate, Jones, 16, almost a year ago.

Store

By ELIOTT C. McLAUGHLIN

Associated Press

ATLANTA — When two men entered a store outside of Atlanta, they announced a robbery. Bobby and Gloria never hesitated to pull out the tools and open the door.

The armed robbery partner was charged, and the local official they were accused of robbing.

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Confirmation of Rice to be secretary of state appears certain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite strong Democratic dissent, Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's trusted national security aide and a main architect of his policies on Iraq and the war on terror, appears headed to overwhelming Senate approval as the next secretary of state.

Once approved, Rice, 50, will replace Colin Powell and to become the first black woman to serve as the nation's top diplomat.

A dozen or so Democrats were lined up to vote against her Wednesday. Probably as many others intended to yield to President Bush's right to pick his own Cabinet even though they, too, harbored serious doubts about Iraq policy.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., predicted Rice would have "an overwhelming majority" of votes.

What had seemed at the outset to be a cinch turned into sometimes angry debate over Bush's decision to go to war with Iraq, his struggle with a potent insurgency and Rice's role in helping him make a case for overthrowing Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

One senator, Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, called the war unconstitutional and unwise. Another, Jack Reed of Rhode Island, suggested that Rice merely reinforces Bush's decisions after he has made them. And a third, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, charged that Rice, as Bush's national security adviser, provided Congress with "false reasons" for going to war.

Had she not, Kennedy said in a speech, "It might have changed the course of history."

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, had harsh words for Kennedy and the others who basically called Rice a

liar. "The belief that Saddam Hussein had an arsenal of Weapons of Mass Destruction was held by every government — by Democrats and Republicans who expressed that view right in this chamber, by our allies, and every intelligence service around the world," he reminded them. "Our intelligence was incorrect that Saddam had stockpiles of WMD, and we are in the process of undertaking reforms to stop that failure from ever occurring again. But do not re-write history — the fact is that no one party or person misled the rest of us."

Nine killed as suburban LA trains derail

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — A Metrolink commuter train struck a vehicle, derailed and sideswiped another train early Wednesday, killing nine people and injuring at least 100 others, authorities said.

Firefighters picked through twisted wreckage scattered across the tracks and carried wounded passengers from the trains to a triage center set up in a nearby parking lot.

"At this point in time we believe we have nine fatalities," Los Angeles Fire Chief William Bamattre told a news conference. More than 100 were transported to hospitals, he said.

One commuter train was headed from Los Angeles' Union Station to downtown Burbank, and the other was bound to Union Station from Moorpark, Metrolink officials said.

"We rumbled and we just started to twist," Metrolink passenger Nelson Goyzueta told KNBC-TV. "We're shell-shocked right now."

In a light rain, firefighters climbed ladders into windows of a battered train tipped onto its side, though it was unclear if there were any people trapped inside.

Nearly 300 firefighters were at the scene in the suburb north of Los Angeles and 35 ambulances were taking injured passengers to hospitals, officials said.

Dazed passengers, some limping, gathered at tables in a nearby store, while the injured sprawled on mats.

Bush to spend more on catching illegals, undocumented workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush plans to ask Congress to spend more to crack down on undocumented workers and arrest and deport illegal immigrants. But he wants to fund only a fraction of the new Border Patrol agents called for in a bill he signed last year.

Bush's budget plan will call for spending \$23 million, nearly five times the current level, on work site investigations by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a government official familiar with the spending plan told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The money would be used to conduct audits on employers, investigate violations and prepare cases.

The administration also wants to increase spending for detentions and deportations of immigrants to \$1.2 billion, 18 percent more than in fiscal year 2005, the official said.

In addition to paying for more staff, the money would go to apprehending fugitives and providing alternatives to detention for low-risk illegal immigrants awaiting deportation.

Homeland Security Department spokesman Dennis Murphy declined to comment on the numbers because the 2006 budget has not been released. He warned figures can change up until it is actually sent to Congress.

Bush plans to ask lawmakers to increase the Border Patrol by 210 agents. The intelligence overhaul law he signed last year authorizes, but does not pay for, the department to hire 2,000 agents a year for five years.

That would nearly double the number of agents guarding U.S. borders with Mexico and Canada to almost 21,000 and would be the largest buildup of border guards in the nation's history.

Prosecutors withheld key evidence, ex-midshipman's lawyer says

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former U.S. Naval Academy midshipman serving a life sentence for her role in a teenager's slaying amid a love triangle wants a new trial, her attorney says.

Diane Zamora's attorney, David Richards, said Tarrant County prosecutors withheld crucial evidence supporting Zamora's innocence. Zamora contended that she did not help her boyfriend kill high school classmate Adrienne Jones, 16, almost a decade ago.

Withholding evidence from Zamora's trial attorneys, either willfully or accidentally, would have violated a rule that the prosecution must reveal crucial evidence to the defense, Richards said.

"I think we are going to have a real fight on our hands," he said.

Richards said he will seek a hearing in Tarrant County state District Judge Mike Thomas' court, which could return the case to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Mike Parrish, Tarrant

County's lead prosecutor in the case, called Zamora's latest appeal "completely bogus."

"Our lawyers have not withheld anything that was in their possession or their knowledge," said Chuck Mallin, chief of the Tarrant County district attorney's appellate division.

Zamora, who was convicted in 1998, is in protective custody at Gatesville's Mountain View Unit.

She and her former boyfriend, former U.S. Air Force Academy cadet

David Graham, are serving life sentences in Jones' slaying. Prosecutors said Zamora wanted Jones dead out of jealousy because she thought Graham had had sex with the Mansfield High School sophomore.

Graham, who was 18 at the time of his arrest, confessed to the slaying but later denied being present and said he lied to protect Zamora. He had said he lured Jones for a ride with him in 1995. The girl was struck with a dumbbell, then shot.

Zamora said at her trial

that Graham killed Jones alone.

Prosecutors contended that Zamora and Graham plotted to kill Jones after Graham had sex with Jones upon their return from a cross-country meet in Lubbock.

Richard contends prosecutors failed to reveal that a Mansfield cross-country coach and a classmate were willing to testify that Graham could not possibly have had sex with Jones as he was alleged to have.

Coach Lee Ann Burke and Wendy Bartlett, a former teammate of Graham and Jones, testified at

Graham's trial five months after Zamora's. According to their testimony, Graham left the school after returning from Lubbock, leaving Jones and Bartlett behind to stow equipment. Bartlett also testified she, not Graham, gave Jones a ride home.

"From these witnesses, the state knew, and should have known, that the testimony it sponsored in support of a sexual encounter between Jones and Graham was probably false," stated Richards' petition, filed last week.

Store owners shoot would-be robbers

By ELIOTT C. McLAUGHLIN

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — When two men walked into a popular country store outside Atlanta, announced a holdup and fired a shot, owners Bobby and Gloria Doster never hesitated. The pair pulled out their own pistols and opened fire.

The armed suspect and his partner were killed. The Dosters won't be charged, according to local officials, because they were acting in self-defense.

"I just started shooting," said Gloria Doster, 56. "I was trying to blow his brains out is what I was trying to do."

Shoats Grocery & Package near Crawford, 70 miles east of Atlanta, is a well-known spot where locals stop for breakfast biscuits or lunch. Gloria Doster said the two men who came there Monday had something else in mind.

She was rearranging boxes of soda by the store's front door when a man wearing a wig walked inside, the fake hair draped in front of his face.

"I asked him, 'Can you see to walk?'" Doster said. Then she noticed a second man behind him wearing a mask. He announced a holdup.

One man grabbed Gloria Doster and pushed her toward the register. She said the other kept his gun on her 62-year-old husband, who also goes

by the name Shoats.

She tried to open the register, but one of the men told her she wasn't moving fast enough and tried to shoot her husband. He missed — and his gun jammed.

At that point, Bobby Doster pulled out a .380-caliber handgun and shot one of the suspects. Gloria Doster then went for a 9 mm pistol she keeps near the register.

"All hell broke loose," she said. "I was trying to

shoot and dial 911 at the same time."

Both suspects took cover behind the store's meat counter as the Dosters opened fire. Gloria Doster said she doesn't know how many bullets were fired, or how many times the suspects were hit.

Police arrived about five minutes after receiving Gloria Doster's call; the suspects died a short time later at a hospital.

The bloodshed, never-

theless, startled Gloria Doster, who has been around guns all her life, and has used them for target shooting. "But I never figured I'd have to use them on anybody," she said.

She said the worst thing that's happened in the seven years the couple has owned the store was an after-hours break-in by teenagers three years ago. The burglars were promptly arrested.

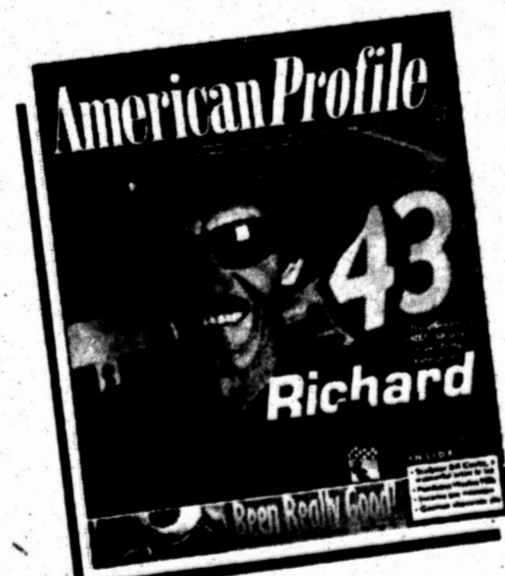
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Support for the domestically challenged

By AMAN BATHEJA

Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH — Wanda Rios remembers the first time she logged on to www.flylady.net.

She read a testimonial from a woman who wrote that housework used to be like a weight on her shoulders. No matter how hard she worked, it never seemed like enough of it was done.

"It felt like she was talking straight to me," Rios said.

Rios, 43, of Fort Worth is one of more than 200,000 people who have become followers of the FlyLady, North Carolina-based author Marla Cilley, who gives tips via e-mail on how the desperately overwhelmed can get organized.

By signing up on Cilley's Web site, FlyBabies (as her fans are called) receive several e-mails a day with tips on doing housework and not sweating the small stuff. The goal is not to become a domestic goddess but to get done what you can and not stress over a messy closet.

Since the Web site was launched in 2001, it has attracted a loyal fan base and spawned dozens of community groups around the country, including over two dozen in Texas, more than any other state. The Flying in Fort Worth group has nearly 150 members.

Rios, a full-time mother of four, leads the group and has



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Linda Enright, from left, Leslie Cave and Stephanie Scevers attend a holiday party for members of the Flying club, consisting of devotees of Marla Cilley's flylady.net Web site on getting organized.

been a member since its first meeting in March 2003. That was when she discovered that she's not the only Cowtown resident who has trouble juggling many responsibilities.

The group holds meetings at least once a month, where members socialize and discuss home-related projects or chores that they're having difficulty completing.

"If you had a messy house, you kind of kept that secret," said member Stephanie Cerroni, 49, of Fort Worth. "But through this group, these people have come out of the woodwork."

The members do more than just chat. They sometimes help out fellow FlyBabies with chores or during stressful times.

Iris Kilbride, 49, of the Fossil Creek area in north Fort Worth recalled a woman in the group who recently lost some of her belongings in a house fire.

"A bunch of people helped her out with groceries and gift certificates and small appliances and things like that," she said.

Kilbride is an ardent FlyLady follower. For her, managing house and family had been a struggle for more than 10 years, ever since she developed a condition that hasn't been diagnosed but has symptoms similar to multiple sclerosis. At times, she said, she can't use her arms or legs.

"Because I have periods when I can't function, I stress out a lot when the housework isn't done," Kilbride said.

As a result, she said she's been especially receptive to FlyLady's philosophy of cele-

brating the chores you do get done and not worrying about the ones you don't.

Members of the group say they've found more than just a new circle of friends through the group. They've discovered they're not alone.

"A lot of us come from families of savers (and) pack rats," said member Stephanie Scevers, 36, of Haltom City, Texas. "A lot of us are trying to break that cycle."

While a few dozen of Flying in Fort Worth's members attend meetings, a lot more of them communicate with one another through its online presence on Yahoo groups.

Jenni Hannan, 33, a stay-at-home mom in Fort Worth, said the FlyLady philosophy and the local group have been true blessings, but she hasn't spoken with any members beyond e-mail. She said she feels comfortable being an online-only participant for now.

"I don't go to the meetings, but I feel like all these ladies are my friends," Hannan said.

On Friday, members of Flying in Fort Worth met at Scevers' house for a Christmas dinner. It was a time for them to take a break from holiday stress and remember that no one really has it all together, members said.

"I just can't imagine not having these ladies in my life," Rios said.

Artist plunges deep into toilet seat fixation

By HOWARD WITT

Chicago Tribune

ALAMO HEIGHTS — Commodious it is not, but the world's only known Toilet Seat Art Museum is nevertheless an impressive sight. More than 720 decorated toilet seats line the walls and hang from the rafters of Barney Smith's garage in suburban San Antonio, a testament to one man's lifelong love affair with plumbing.

Flush with artistic inspiration, Smith, an 83-year-old retired master plumber, has created on toilet seats what a lesser artist might have merely committed to canvas, or at least velvet.

The facilities include toilet seats commemorating momentous world events (World War II; the fall of the Berlin Wall; the O.J. Simpson trial), famous personalities (Elvis Presley; Barbara Walters; Brad Pitt), each of the 50 states, most of the Canadian provinces and numerous Texas football teams. There is a toilet seat featuring \$1 million in shredded U.S. cur-

rency, another with ashes from Mt. St. Helens and one mounted with a piece of insulation from the ill-fated Challenger space shuttle.

Privy to the most intimate medical details of his wife Louise's gallstone surgery, Smith even fashioned one toilet seat out of the syringes, IV bags and scalpels used in the operating room.

"I don't have the actual gallstone," Smith lamented. "She hid that from me."

Plunging into toilet seat art came naturally to Smith after a lifetime spent as a plumber. His first piece, fashioned 35 years ago, was a fortuitous accident: Smith was looking to mount some antlers from a small deer he had hunted but he didn't have any wood plaques, so he reached for an old toilet seat lid instead. (Technical note: Most of Smith's pieces are in fact made from toilet seat lids, rather than the seats themselves.)

For posterity, on its posterior, each of the toilet seats is numbered and engraved, and then pho-



Chicago Tribune photo/Howard Witt
Retired plumber Barney Smith, 83, has spent 35 years acquiring items for his toilet seat museum in his garage in Alamo Heights.

tographed and catalogued. It can take Smith 20 hours to complete his more elaborate works, some of which feature blinking lights, mounted insects or

dozens of dental instruments.

Plumbing the depths of human tragedy, Smith has dedicated toilet seat murals to the victims of

Sept. 11, 2001, the Holocaust and the Unknown Soldier. Saddam Hussein is even represented — or at least a piece of a toilet from one of the toppled Iraqi leader's palaces, donated by a U.S. soldier who found it.

"Out of the house!" (or words to that effect) Smith said his wife exclaimed when he brought the Saddam toilet seat in to show her.

"There's nothing inappropriate about remembering the Holocaust on a toilet seat," Smith insisted, noting that many of his seats contain Bible verses and other religious icons.

"I can testify to the goodness of the Lord on a toilet seat."

Ascending the throne as the world's sole Toilet Seat Artist was not difficult, especially since the only other contender for the title, a man named John Kostopoulos in Boron, Calif., died in 1996. Kostopoulos created about 400 toilet seat artworks, all of which were believed destroyed by unappreciative relatives

after his demise. American standards of high art might not recognize the toilet seat as a preferred medium for expression.

But in the world of oddball folk art and attractions — including such rarities as the World's Largest Fire Hydrant, the World's Largest Cowboy Boots, the World's Largest Ball of Twine, the Cockroach Hall of Fame and the Pez Museum — Smith is already a legend.

A low flow of tourists — about 1,000 a year — make the pilgrimage to his museum, which is nestled anonymously in a sleepy neighborhood of old bungalows. Many ask to buy some of the works, but he refuses to sell his art for any price.

Clogging one wall of the museum are toilet seats dedicated to each of the many radio and television appearances Smith has made over the years, including most of the network morning shows and daytime talk shows. He has been on "Montel" and "The View."

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Low-carb audience, full of other food choices, thins out

By Delroy Alexander
(KRT)

After watching a friend lose 80 pounds on the Atkins diet, Marge Heath rushed into the low-carb craze in the summer of 2003.

She joined just after the number of Americans trying to slim down by eating few, if any, sweet and starchy foods hit its peak in February when 27 million Americans, or 9.1 percent of the population, said they were watching their carbs.

But Heath, 56, found the diet restrictive and specialized foods rare and expensive. And as she watched her friend slowly gain back weight, Heath switched to a more traditional approach espoused by Weight Watchers International, with which she has lost 30 pounds.

"It was quick weight loss using the low-carb plan, but it wasn't permanent weight loss. I felt deprived on it, and I had used Weight Watchers before so I knew it worked," said the mother of four from Montgomery, Ill.

Heath's path mirrors that of millions of others who left for other plans or simply returned to the comforts of bread and potatoes. It's a path the food industry crossed, and missed, in its efforts to cash in on the low-carb craze.

In 2004, food companies increased the number of low-carb offerings more than fivefold, to 2,378 products, just as Heath and more than 16 million others appeared to have lost their appetite for low-carb diets. In 2003, when low-carb dieting was at its peak, there were just 400 low-carb products on the shelves, according to Mintel International Group Inc.'s new product

database.

Atkins Nutritionals Inc., the products company behind the popular diet of the same name, and other firms such as Northfield, Ill.-based Kraft Foods Inc. and Chicago's Sara Lee Corp. flooded the market with products, many of which failed to stick.

And they're still coming. This month Kraft expanded its line of cereal, meal-replacement bars, sandwich wraps, frozen entrees and pizzas for The South Beach Diet, which limits certain types of carbohydrates and fats.

The introduction was timed to coincide with shifts among low-carb dieters, said Dr. Arthur Agatston, creator of the South Beach diet.

"Weight loss is not about low carbs or low fat, but the right carbs and the right fats," Agatston said. "I am encouraged that people appear to be shifting from strict low-carbohydrate diets to more balanced approaches."

Other low-carb products have been on the decline. Atkins Nutritionals saw its arrangement for a low-carb pasta with American Italian Pasta Co., the nation's largest producer of dry pasta, sink without a trace.

The company's push into pastries with Entenmann's owner George Weston Bakeries Inc. also died out quickly.

Several of Kraft's CarbWell lines of products launched early last year have struggled to attract consumers' attention.

Even Sara Lee Bakeries, which has seen its year-old line of Delightful wheat breads soar in sales, is looking at reducing the prominence of its "9-grams-per-slice" carbo-

hydrate claim on the bread bag in favor of a more broadly acceptable "45-calories-per-slice" tag, according to spokesman Matthew Hall.

"I think that products that have their identity entirely wrapped around carbs have probably suffered," Hall said. "We wanted to pitch our bread to mainstream consumers. We made sure we didn't put carb in the name."

Even though the explosion of new products missed the height of the frenzy, it's too early to say carb-conscious products are dead on the shelves, said Harry Balzer, a Chicago-based food industry consultant with NPD Group.

"The peak year for concern about low fat was 1994," said Balzer, drawing an analogy between carbs and another phenomenon that swept through the food sector.

"Ever since then there has been declining concern about it, but the peak year for consumption of low-fat products was 1999. Americans did what they always do. They tried new products, and I suspect they'll do it again."

Despite its recent failures, Atkins Nutritionals may be among the best examples of that.

"What we've seen is fewer people want to be on a diet," said chief marketing officer Matt Wiant. "But there are many more people who are willing to modify their eating patterns, and that's where our products fit."

Fewer new products will hit the market with the Atkins logo this year, mainly because of the growing competition, Wiant said.

He remains positive, though, given the poten-

tially huge untapped market, estimating that the low-carb segment is worth about \$1.5 billion annually.

However, Atkins is targeting its products to a larger category: the \$40 billion, "better-for-you" nutrition products, says Wiant, referring to goods aimed at people looking to eat healthier.

Another key factor likely to help sustain a steady flow of new products coming to market are Atkins' lucrative multiyear licensing deals, which have put its red A and blue ribbon logo on many products, including ice cream, sugar-free pancake syrup and chips.

In only two years the company has gone from producing almost all its products in-house to licensing the power of its brand to other food producers who have put Atkins goods in the dairy, refrigerated and freezer aisles as well as in the rest of the supermarket.

The licensees look longingly at the potential for growth illustrated by Atkins' most popular products, which are nutritional and energy bars.

From just three versions offered in 1997, the firm now has 170 different flavors. Last year Atkins Advantage nutrition and Endulge candy bars cornered almost 20 percent of the \$660 million market, more than double the sales of Kraft's Balance bar, according to data from Information Resources Inc.

It's that potential and the power of the Atkins name that prompted Parthenon Capital and Goldman Sachs to pay a reported \$533 million for an 80 percent stake in the privately held Atkins in October 2003.

"Investors are looking



KRT Photo/John Dziekan
Marge Heath of Montgomery, Ill., prepares her lunch at home. After trying other weight management programs, she switched to Weight Watchers and lost 30 lbs. For lunch she is making herself a salad — lettuce, tomato, cucumber, green pepper and apple with homemade dressing.

for a way to invest in the diet space," said Greg Capelli, a Chicago-based analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston. "They've seen the numbers, but Weight Watchers is really the only option at present."

The jury remains out on Weight Watchers, with a market cap of \$4.2 billion, which saw double-digit declines in attendance at its support meetings during the height of the low-carb craze and has struggled to bounce back since, said Capelli.

In a move to help attract carb-conscious dieters, the company last year introduced Turnaround, a

program that lets dieters eat more of certain foods instead of Weight Watchers' traditional diet, which allows members to eat a balanced range of foods based on a point system.

"Over the past year and a half they (Weight Watchers) have been greatly affected by low-carb plans," said Capelli. "January is typically a fantastic month for diets, what with New Year's resolutions. The question is, will that hold on into the rest of the winter and spring given the heightened awareness of other diet plans and interest in nutrition generally."

Cruising on America's top ten motorcycling roads

For many, there's nothing more thrilling than riding a cruiser motorcycle. In fact, cruisers account for 56.1 percent of the on-highway motorcycle market, by far the largest segment of motorcyclists.

With so many hitting the road, here's a list to help steer riders to 10 of the most popular places to cruise:

Beginning with big bikes in the Big Apple, there's nothing like cruising Fifth Avenue to take in the hustle and bustle of New York City.

Like a ride with a view? Head to the Windy City and take in the beauty of Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, which lines Lake Michigan.

Looking for a little adventure? Try piloting a Suzuki Boulevard cruiser on Blue Ridge Parkway and take in the scenic Appalachian Mountains that traverse North Carolina and Virginia.

For what may be the ultimate challenge, ride up the well-known Road to Hana in Maui, Hawaii. Only very experienced riders should tackle this tough, windy road but the payoff may be a lifetime of bragging rights.

For landmarks, Route 66 is an historic stretch of road. You can check it out on a Suzuki Boulevard and get your kicks on Route 66.

For a Southern favorite, cruise down St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans, which winds through the

famous Garden District.

Daytona, Florida plays host to Bike Week every March. You can join hundreds of motorcyclists at the renowned rally.

Explore the sights and sounds of Las Vegas Boulevard in Las Vegas, for what may be the ultimate nightlife cruise.

Further west you can check out Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood. This famous stretch has played a starring role in hundreds of films.

Alternatively, journey from one end of California to the other via the Pacific Coast Highway, where riders can enjoy the Pacific Ocean as their backdrop.

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Library News

I don't usually see the Young Adult or Children's books that come in, but I snatched the cart away from the processing room and started looking at them.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

There are some really excellent fiction and non-fiction available for kids of all ages.

Here are a few that will be out on the New Book Shelf in the future.

Carolyn Phelan of Booklist reviewed the third volume in Kevin Crossley-Holland's trilogy that began with "The Seeing Stone." Titled "King of the Middle March" (YA CRO K). The book opens with Arthur, Lord Stephen and thousands of other crusaders camped near Venice awaiting the building of a fleet of ships and the arrival of money to pay

for them. Eventually, their leaders, agree to help Venice recapture the Christian city of Zara in exchange for the vessels that will take them to the Holy Land and Arthur sees horrors that he is powerless to stop.

All this is mirrored in the old story of King Arthur, which young Arthur watches unfold at intervals in his magical stone.

The traditional Arthurian story comes to its inevitable end as Arthur, the narrator returns home to England to take up his new life, fully cognizant of a world full of evil but also filled with promise.

The library does have Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 of this trilogy. Vol. 2 is "At the Crossing Place" (YA LYO G).

"Have you ever just all of a sudden known something that you didn't know you knew?"

Both hilarious and heartbreaking, 13-year-old Sonny's narrative of his

coming-of-age in Mozier, Ala., in the 1950s puts a new spin on the drama of family secrets. There's rare honesty in this story of "laugh and death." Lyon's simple words will catch readers with the truth they tell.

"Sonny's House of Spies," (YA LYO G) by George Ella Lyon can be found in the YA section.

More YA books are: "Midnighters: The Secret Hour," by Scott Westerfield; "Dust," by Arthur G. Slade; Clive Barker's "Days of Magic, Nights of War"; "Real Time," by Prina Moed Kass; "The Dark Ground," by Gilliam Cross; and "The Golem's Eye," by Jonathan Stroud. All of these can be found in the YA section behind the magazines.

Some new junior fiction is "Horrible Harry and the Locked Closet" (JF KLI S) by Suzy Kline. Everyone is going bonkers from staying in the classroom because of bad weather.

Harry gets the idea to

explore the locked closet — what will he and his cohorts find? A couple of A to Z Mysteries have come in: "The Vampire's Vacation," (JF ROY R) and "The Unwilling Umpire," (JF ROY R) both are by Ron Roy. We have also received "The Grim Grotto," (JF SNIL Bk. No. 11) by Lemony Snicket.

This one has a really neat cover: "Dragon Rider," (JF FUN C) by Cornelia Caroline Funke. For students in grades four to six, Young Fire Drake is the only dragon to heed a warning from his colony's senior resident: return to the hidden city at the Rim of Heaven, or suffer imminent discovery and destruction by humans.

Accompanied by a feisty Scottish brownie, an orphaned boy who becomes his dragon rider, and a large group of other supporters, Fire Drake fulfills an ancient prophecy and safely returns to his ancestral home.

Occasional black-and-white illustrations show

many of the books more exotic characters, a plus for young readers who may not know the folklore from which the creatures are drawn. The library has just a few of her books.

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Dark Prophecy" (JF BARRON T).

As in his acclaimed epic "The Lost Years of Merlin," T.A. Barron has created a radiant, richly imagined world, full of high adventure and unforgettable characters.

There will be a list of new books for Young Adult and Junior Fiction in the binder at the circulation desk as they are added to the collection.

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The internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier than the library and is closed Saturdays it is closed from noon until 1 p.m.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; the phone number is 264-2260; the Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the online catalog should be working.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

Briefly

Girl Scout cookies

Big Spring area Girl Scouts begin taking orders for Girl Scout cookies Jan. 29 and will continue through Feb. 13.

Booth sales will be at Harris Lumber, Wal-Mart and the Big Spring Mall, as well as other locations that will be announced, March 4-20. Prices for the eight variety of cookies is \$3.25 per box.

This fund-raiser helps local Girl Scout troops earn the funds needed for activities as well as provide funding for the local council. Participation in the program teaches budgeting, money management and sales skills, goal setting and long term planning for the girls. It also teaches communication, organizational skills and helps improve a girl's self-esteem.

To order cookies or to learn more about Girl Scouting in this area, contact Connie Schooler at 263-4502 or Rachel Stinson at 816-3899.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council serves 16 counties including Howard County. The are a local United Way agency.

Stanton's Stan Reid celebrates 90 years

Long time local citizen 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 barber-shop 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.

Ten free trees from Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by Jan. 31. Or go online to arbor-day.org.

day.org.

Book signing

Former Big Spring resident Terry Burns will be signing his new book, "Mysterious Ways," from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hastings Bookstore in Midland and from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Hastings Bookstore in Odessa.

Burns, a former chamber of Big Spring Area Commerce of Commerce employee, is the author of 17 books.

"Mysterious Ways" is a tale of a con man who decides to don the garb of a traveling preacher, only to have people start expecting him to perform the role.

He does the job with great effectiveness, even though he uses it as the cover for his nefarious activities.

Only when an old man with a powerful faith and the possibility of the love of a good woman enters the picture does the scoundrel's world begin to change.

More information can be found at the Web site www.terryburns.net.

Local youth performing at Johnnie High Country Music Revue

Bianca Mancha, daughter of Gloria Jimenez, will perform at the Johnnie High Country Music Revue at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Arlington Music Hall.

Mancha is a 13-year-old student at Big Spring Junior High School. An aspiring vocalist, she takes private voice lessons from Linda Lyndell of Big Spring and Robert Bennett of Odessa.

She won the talent show contest at the Permian Basin Fair and Expo in 2003 and has auditioned for Star Search twice and also received two callbacks to the show.

Mancha's musical

repertoire ranges from Country/Western to R&B and Pop and she lists such great ballad divas as Whitney Houston and Celine Dion among her role models.

In November, Mancha auditioned with more than 75 others for a spot in the show, which has received national recognition in country music four times as show of the year.

Performers Le Anne Rimes, Lee Ann Womack, Linda Davis and Steve Holy, among others, launched their careers there.

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IN BRIEF

Howard rodeo team sets fund-raiser

The Howard College rodeo team has set up a third-annual fund-raiser for Thursday, Feb. 3, and Friday, Feb. 4. The event will start at 1 p.m. and take place on the campus of Howard College and throughout the community. The fund-raiser involves sending and removing goats. For more information, call Howard coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

CGA announces second meeting

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding another organizational meeting Monday. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at Bowlerama Lanes. For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

No. 1 Illinois ends Wisconsin's streak

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Luther Head scored 18 points and top-ranked Illinois ended Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak, the nation's longest, with a 75-65 victory Tuesday night. The Illini (20-0, 6-0 Big Ten) scored 14 of the game's final 15 points and snapped a five-game losing streak in Madison. They became the first team to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center since Wake Forest on Dec. 4, 2002.

The 18th-ranked Badgers (13-4, 4-2), who led by eight points midway through the second half, fell to 53-3 at home under coach Bo Ryan, including 26-1 in the Big Ten.

Alando Tucker had 16 points for Wisconsin, which was 5-of-12 from the free throw line while Illinois was 17-of-20.

Knight continues to struggle against UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Daniel Gibson scored 20 points, hitting all six of his 3-pointers, to lead the Longhorns (15-4, 4-2 Big 12), who were 14-of-21 from 3-point range, over Texas Tech, 80-73. Ronald Ross scored 29 points for Texas Tech (11-5, 3-2), which came in as the Big 12's top-scoring team but shot just 37 percent against Texas' new zone defense.

Knight continues to struggle against UT

WACO (AP) — Wayne Simien scored 18 points and the Jayhawks made a school-record 16 3-pointers to remain unbeaten in the Big 12 after defeating Baylor Tuesday, 86-66.

The Jayhawks (15-1, 5-0), who were coming off their first loss of the season, were 18-of-27 from beyond the arc. Jeff Hawkins was 5-for-5 on 3s and had 15 points for Kansas.

Aaron Bruce had 23 points for Baylor (9-7, 1-4), which has lost 14 straight against ranked opponents.

Tubb, Rivas lead Grady to fifth district victory

By TROY HYDE
 Sports Editor

GAIL — Freshman Justin Tubb scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Grady boys, while Brittany Rivas' 12 points led the Lady Wildcats as both Grady basketball squads recorded wins over rival Borden County Tuesday and each team improved to 5-1 in District 7-A action.

BOYS
 The Wildcats found themselves tied at half-time against Borden County before outscoring the Coyotes 14-4 in the third quarter. Both team's offenses picked up the scoring in



TUBB

the fourth quarter. Grady (16-8, 5-1) was outscored 19-18, but still picked up the win, 55-46.

Clay Mitchell had four 3-pointers and finished with 14 points, while senior Andrew Villa added 12 points.

GIRLS

The Lady Wildcats outscored rival Borden County (9-17, 2-4) in every quarter Tuesday, but the

first quarter was the difference as Grady jumped out to a 20-8 lead.

The Lady Wildcats only outscored the rival Lady Coyotes 31-25, but the large first quarter margin sent Grady (20-6, 5-1) to the 51-33 win.

The always-balanced Grady offensive attack was led by Brittany Rivas' 12 points.

Kelsey Tubb added 11 points, while Lynsey

Pinkerton and Brianna Pribyla added nine and eight, respectively.

The Wildcats and Lady Cats will host Garden City Friday in Lenorah. The Lady Cats won a narrow game over the Garden City girls earlier this season. The Grady boys suffered their only district loss against Garden City earlier this month. The games will begin at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Lady Steers fall short again

• Hill's near career-high leads Maidens past Big Spring

By TROY HYDE

SAN ANGELO — Lake View got off to a fast start Tuesday at home and held on to defeat Big Spring, 63-47, in District 4-4A girls action at the Ben Norton Gymnasium.

Lake View led from start to finish, but every time the Maidens seemed like they would pull away and cruise to the easy win, the Lady Steers responded with small runs.

The Maidens jumped out to a 21-10 lead after the first quarter. Allison Hill scored 12 of Lake View's first 13 points as the Maidens put together a 17-0 run and 19-2 early lead in the period. Big Spring ended the quarter on an 8-2 run, but still trailed by 11.

"Last night was a good example of our entire season," said Big Spring coach Tim Van Hecke. "We gave a marvelous effort, but we couldn't get the ball to go in the hole, which is just frustrating."

Lake View was able to push its lead to 16 in the second quarter before Big Spring was able to once again close the gap as the Lady Steers trailed by just eight at halftime.

Big Spring once again fell behind by double-digits after three quarters as the Maidens outscored the Lady Steers 11-4. However, Big Spring cut its deficit to 50-44 early in the fourth quarter, but Lake View finished the game with a 13-3 run, ending any hopes of a Big Spring comeback.

"We tried so hard, but just shot the ball very poorly," said Van Hecke. "Our effort defensively



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Cyclene Tuitt comes to a halt in a game against Plainview Friday. Tuitt scored four points Tuesday as the Lady Steers lost a District 4-4A game to Lake View, 63-47.

was marvelous. When you don't make a shot it is hard to come back and add in our half-court things become a lot tougher."

The Lady Steers finished with 11 points.

Hill finished with 25 points to lead Lake View (11-13, 2-4), which was one off her career high set against Crane this season.

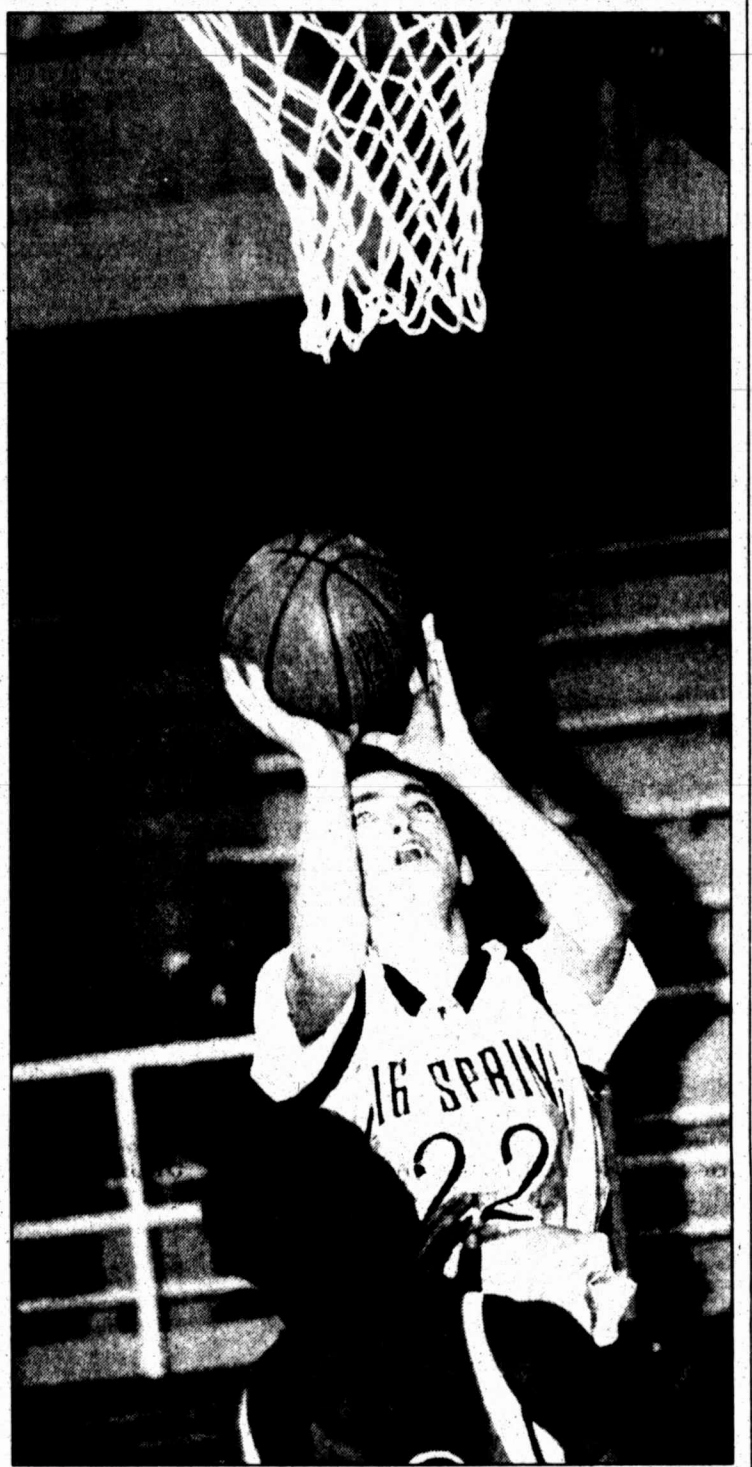
She was the only Maiden player in double figures.

Junior Carmen Hill led Big Spring with 12 points, two rebounds and three steals. Sophomore Mallory Dunn scored

eight points, while junior Raegan Ritchey added seven points and four rebounds. Sophomore Katy Abner added six points, three assists and two steals. Senior Cyclene Tuitt scored four points.

The Lake View victory completes a season sweep of Big Spring (4-17, 0-6). The Maidens defeated the Lady Steers, 62-58, at the Steer Gym earlier this month.

"We didn't get a single break from the officials," said Van Hecke. "Lake View got every call and that was hard to overcome, as well."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Nathan Teeters goes up strong inside against rival Plainview Friday. The Steers lost a close one to Lake View Tuesday and dropped to 0-4 in District 4-4A action.

Third quarter 'haunts' B.S.

• Tannehill returns to score 15 points, Steers fall at L.V.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
 SAN ANGELO —

Sophomore Ryan Tannehill made his return from a foot injury Tuesday for the Big Spring boys' basketball team, but Tannehill's team-high 15 points wasn't enough to secure the Steers' first District 4-4A victory.

Big Spring played even with rival Lake View for three quarters, but fell on the road, 65-59, after being outscored 16-9 in the third quarter.

"We played a really good first half and was tied at halftime," said Big Spring coach Jim Kinnear. "We just didn't come out with any defensive intensity in the third quarter."

"All year long it seems like we have one bad quarter and more times than not it has been the third quarter."

Big Spring led after one quarter 14-13 and then got outscored 16-15 in the second period. The game was tied 29-29 at halftime.

Big Spring also outscored Lake View 21-20 in the final period, but the "bad" third quarter was too much to overcome.

"This time that bad third quarter came back to haunt us," said Kinnear. "We made a run late in the game, but just didn't have enough. We must keep our intensity the whole game."

Big Spring (6-20, 0-4) was also plagued by 24 turnovers.

Tannehill had four steals to go along with his 15 points, while freshman Jordan Kinnear added 11 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks.

Junior Kyle Piercefield scored nine points and grabbed seven rebounds, but committed six turnovers.

Senior Justin Green added eight points and four steals.

The Steers will host arch rival Andrews Friday at the Steer Gym beginning at around 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring netters start strong

By TROY HYDE

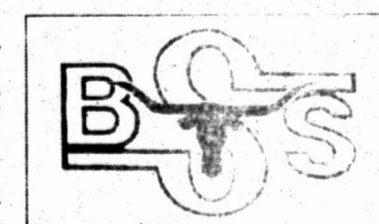
Sports Editor

ODESSA — The Big Spring tennis team opened up its spring season on the right foot Tuesday as it traveled to Odessa and defeated the Bronchos of Odessa High, 7-5.

"The Nick's" easily won their two matches as Nick Rivera and Nick Paredes recorded 6-3, 6-2 and 6-0, 6-0 wins.

Senior Veronica Villarreal started her final Big Spring campaign with two wins, as well. She won 6-1, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-0.

Two girls' doubles



teams also recorded wins. Alex Guepy and Reinilde Robles won their match 6-3 and Jamie Jordan and Allison Warren picked up a win by a score 7-5, 6-3.

Bryan Juan and Jason Vela went 1-1 on the day. They 6-4, 6-0 and then lost a tiebreaker to Odessa's No. 1 team 16, 6-2, 6-10.

The losses on the day were recorded by

Ainhan Ngheim (3-6, 2-6) and Roshan Shroff (6-7, 6-3, 4-6).

"Roshan was just returning from Washington D.C. so he hadn't really gotten the practice time in and was tired," said Big Spring coach Sarah Corse. "Ainhan is young and that match gave him experience."

Rosie Alcantar also lost both of her matches on the day.

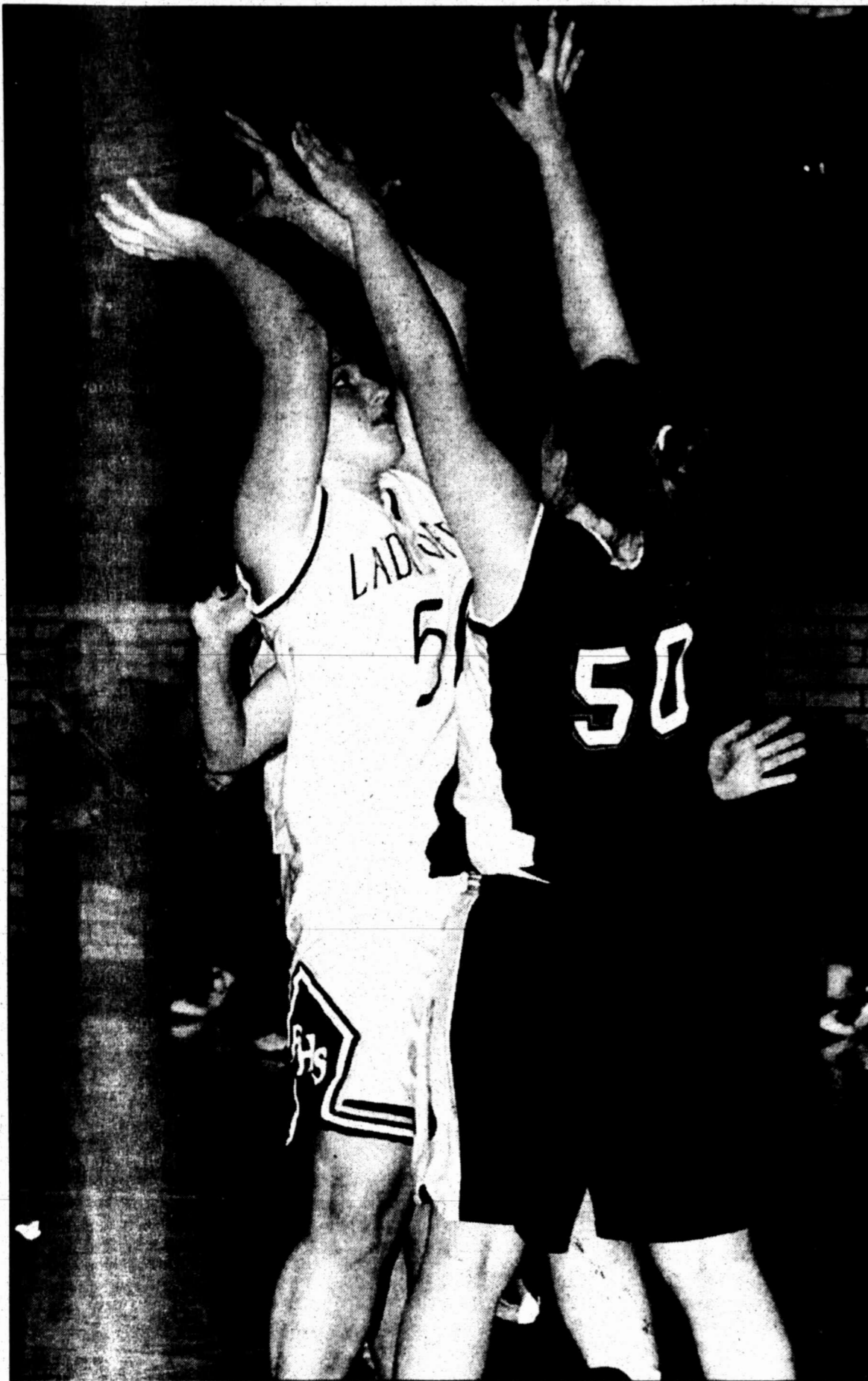
The Steers will travel to Seminole Saturday to take on Levelland and host Seminole in a double duo. The matches start at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Area basketball scores — Tuesday, Jan. 25

Boys
 Anson 60, Stanton 49
 Dawson 58, Garden City 52
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 Coahoma 58, Hawley 40

Girls
 Anson 56, Stanton 41
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 Coahoma 40, Hawley 39

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Forsan's Casi Graves goes up for a shot against McCamey last Friday. The Lady Buffaloes lost to Iraan Tuesday, 45-43, in District 8-A action. Graves led Forsan with 14 points, while Cynthia Becerra added 10 points.

Forsan loses two close ones

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
IRAAN — Both Forsan basketball teams were in action at Iraan Tuesday and both teams suffered narrow defeats.

The boys team lost 47-42, while the Lady Buffaloes came up short, 45-43, in District 8-A action.

"These girls played a fantastic ball game and I am so proud of their determination to never give up," said Forsan girls coach Brandye Hughey. "It was a great defensive effort."

BOYS

The Buffaloes jumped out to an 18-8 first quarter lead before being



outscored in the final three quarters.

Forsan managed just eight points in each of the final three periods and got outscored 39-24 by Iraan, which led to the five-point loss.

Jeremy Johnson led a balanced Forsan attack with 10 points, while Adam Bailey and Trey Paredez scored nine points each. Tye Baker scored eight points.

Both Forsan and Iraan are now 2-3 in district

play.

GIRLS

Forsan fell behind early and couldn't manage enough points in the final quarter against rival Iraan as the Lady Buffaloes lost a close one by two points.

Iraan (22-4, 4-1) jumped out to a 13-8 first quarter lead and grabbed a 25-17 lead at halftime. They led by 12 points after three quarters and then nearly lost the game in the fourth as Forsan battled back. The Lady Buffaloes outscored Iraan 15-7 in the final period, but it was two points short.

Casi Graves led the Lady Buffaloes with 14 points, while Cynthia Becerra added 10 points.

Bulldogs easily defeat Hawley

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

HAWLEY — Senior Darrick Shifflett's 11 points led the Coahoma boy's basketball team Tuesday as the Bulldogs kept rival Hawley winless in District 4-2A action, winning easily 58-40.

The Bulldogs jumped

out to a 21-8 first quarter lead and cruised from then on. Coahoma (16-8, 3-1) led 34-18 at halftime and then outscored the Bearcats 13-2 in the third quarter.

Hawley (8-17, 0-4) battled back in the fourth and outscored the Bulldogs 19-12, but it was not near enough to make it a game.

Joe Holguin recorded a season-high nine points, while Isaac Brewer pitched in with eight points.

Coahoma will host rival Stamford Friday. The junior varsity girls and boys will play at 4 and 5:15 p.m., respectively, while the varsity games begin at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Forsan JH boys fall short against Coahoma

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Both Forsan junior high boys' teams lost to rival Coahoma Monday. The eighth-grade team lost, 47-37, while the seventh-grade team struggled offensively and lost 34-19.

The eighth-grade team led the Bulldogs 14-8 after the first quarter and held onto its six point lead at

halftime. However, Coahoma cut Forsan's lead to two after three quarters and outscored the Buffaloes 18-6 in the final frame to claim the win.

Jeremy Freitag led the Buffaloes with 11 points while Jace Sandridge and Nathan Atkerson scored nine and seven points, respectively.

The seventh-grade team lost every quarter of its game. They trailed 12-7 at halftime before getting outscored by 10 points in the second half.

Evan Burton led the Buffaloes with nine points.

Forsan travels to Colorado City next Monday to take on the rival Wolves.

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#4433 January 24, 25 & 26, 2005

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
Advertisement for Sealed Proposals
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following insurance:
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#4431 January 19 & 26, 2005

Legals

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ABANDONED VEHICLE:
TO: Whomever it concerns
FROM: Civil Investigator, Dean Restelli, Howard County Sheriff's Office
This is to notify you that this department has taken into custody the following described Abandoned Motor Vehicle.
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VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION: 1GDCD14K6L14739
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\$10.00 a day from 06-03-04
Amount \$2290.00 for storage fees.
\$470 Maintenance fee
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#4440 January 26, 2005.

Legals

No. P-13,232
ESTATE OF BILLY RAY BROOKS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Billy Ray Brooks, Deceased, were issued on the 21st day of January, 2005, under Docket No. P-13,232, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Brent Ray Brooks.
Claims may be presented in care of Brent Ray Brooks to the Estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Billy Ray Brooks
c/o Brent Ray Brooks
2110 Canyon B. End
Canyon Lake, TX 78133
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 21st day of January, 2005.
BRENT RAY BROOKS, Independent Executor of the Estate of Billy Ray Brooks, Deceased
#4438 January 26, 2005.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
ARIES (March 21-April 19).
Poor everybody else. If they are competing with you now, they should prepare to lose. You're really thinking and grooving. If it can be done cheaper, safer or faster, you'll find a way.
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Roles are carefully delineated. The better you understand the power structure at work, the more effective you'll be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Unless you're looking at all the possibilities, there's a good chance you're running on autopilot. "If" is in the middle of the word "life." Today, you can expand your life by asking yourself, "What if?"

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Associate with people who have the potential to enlarge your mind -- real poet-warrior types. Otherwise, it's difficult to see the opportunity that's staring you in the face this afternoon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). We are an interesting species, aren't we? Capable of such great feats and such colossal mistakes. Don't worry or try to hide your mess now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've got a mind for numbers and will come up with brilliant ways to add more zeros to your income. Tonight, you must consider whether you'd rather be popular or be true to your authentic self.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're reasonable, as usual, but a relative is stubborn and slightly insane. Fighting this person is silly. Let him or her have the day. When people stop resisting this person's ideas, he or she will settle down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's official: An ex-love is no longer lost in some distant part of the universe. He or she is back, either in your mind or in your space. You'll have to deal with the reasons the relationship didn't work out in the first place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The biggest issue is how you're going to make more money in less time. It's not so much about being efficient as it is about choosing projects that compel you so you lose track of time altogether.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is important to understand everyone else's agenda. An apology could be the only thing standing between you and a goal. Don't be too proud to say that you were wrong. A Leo loves you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). History repeating itself is the theme, but it doesn't have to. Pat yourself on the back for the emotional muscle tone you've obviously developed since last time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Public expectations figure strongly into your activities. It's tempting to do what you think will bring you praise. Be careful that you're not portraying a stereotype of what you believe you should be.

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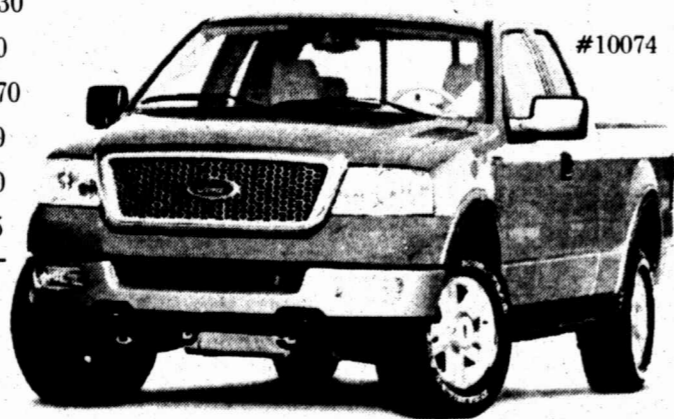
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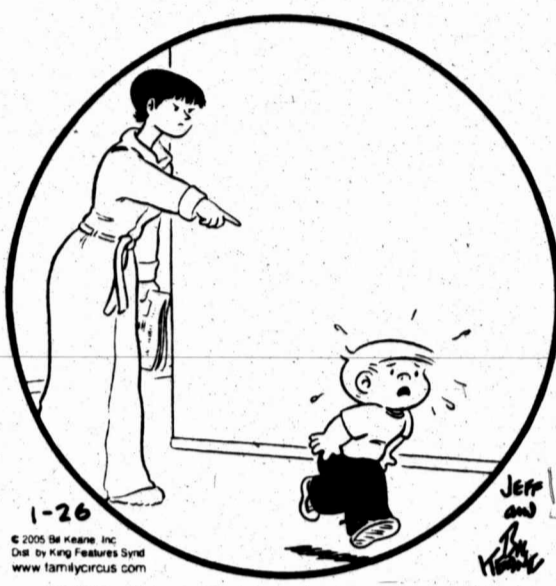
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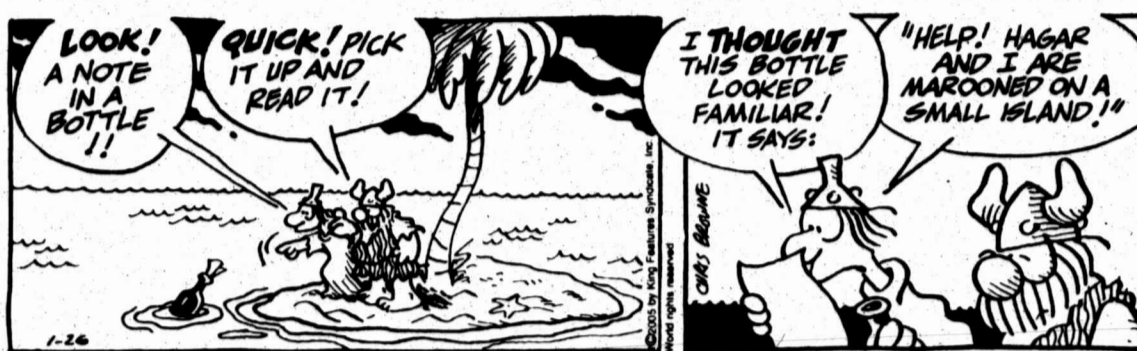
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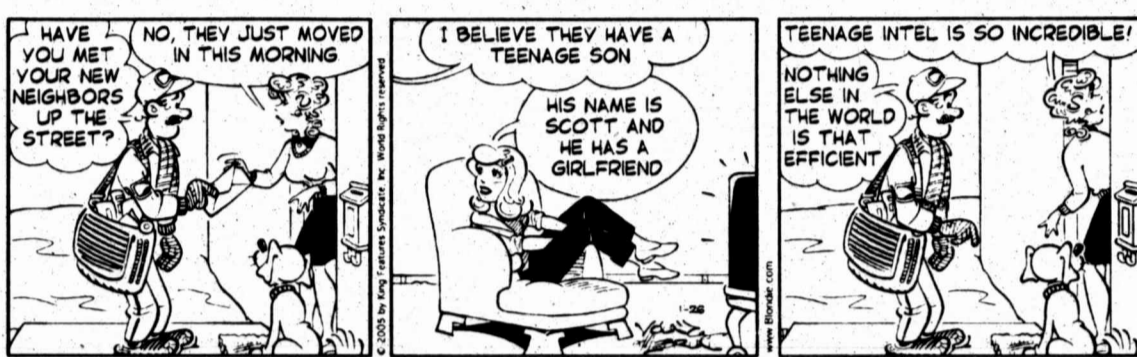


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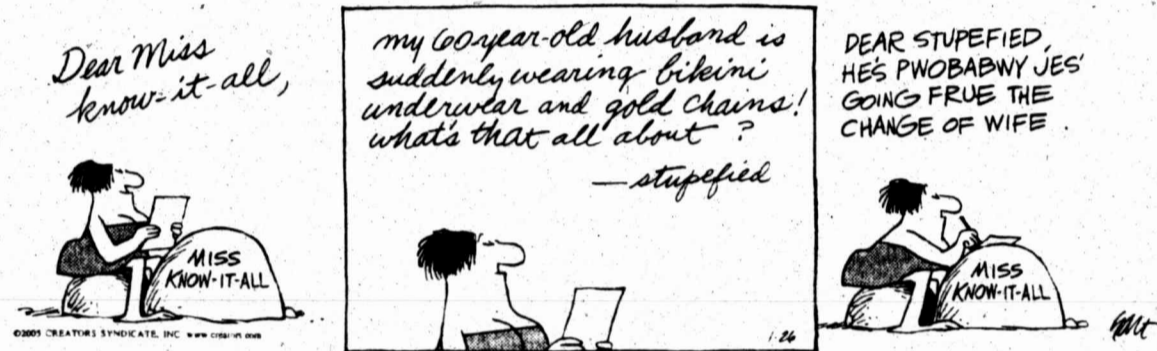
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2005. There are 339 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.
On this date:
In 1802, Congress passed an act calling for a library to be established within the U.S. Capitol.
In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.
In 1841, Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.
In 1861, Louisiana seceded from the Union.
In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.
In 1911, the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" premiered in Dresden, Germany.
In 1942, the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.
In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.
In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon - but the probe missed its target by some 22,000 miles.
In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.
Ten years ago: A little more than three weeks after Republicans had taken control of Congress, the House endorsed a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution designed to eliminate chronic federal deficits.
Today's Birthdays:
Actress Anne Jeffreys is 82.
Actor Paul Newman is 80.
Actress Joan Leslie is 80.
Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 76.
Sports-caster-actor Bob Uecker is 70.
Actor Scott Glenn is 63.
Singer Jean Knight is 62.
Activist Angela Davis is 61.
Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 57.
Actor David Strathairn is 56.
Singer Lucinda Williams is 52.
Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 50.
Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 47.
Actress-comedian Ellen DeGeneres is 47.
Hockey star Wayne Gretzky is 44.
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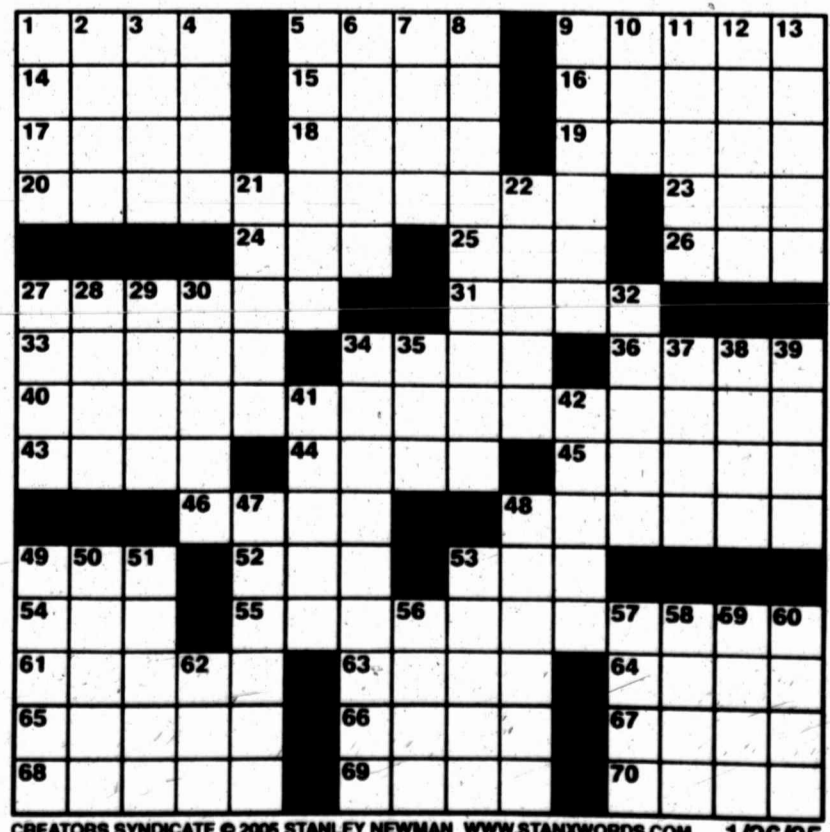
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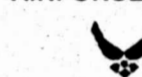
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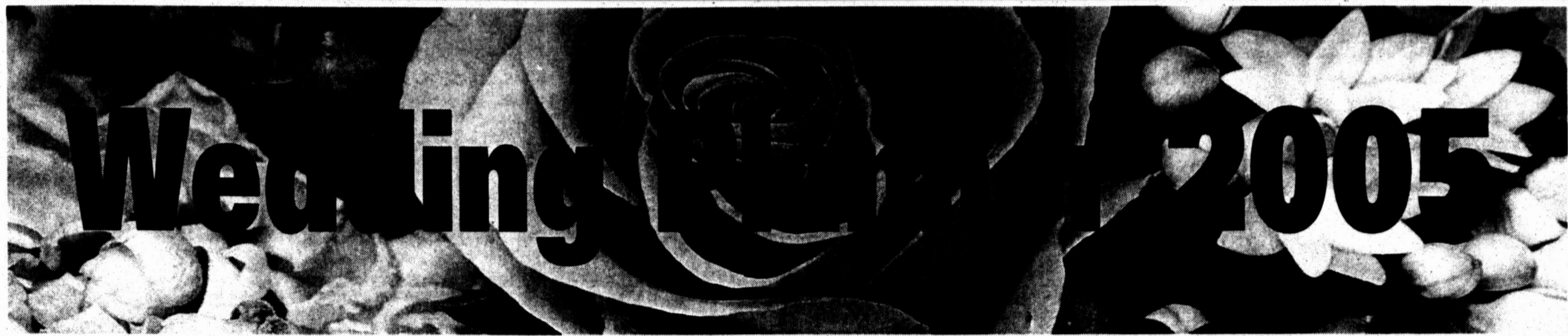
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Banish wedding blues with these creative gift ideas

With most weddings, gifts are a guarantee. But even dozens of surprise packages can cause stress when it comes time to remember who gave what. And waiting in line to return duplicates (another fruit bowl?) is not the way a bride wants to spend her first few weeks of wedded bliss.

Gift registries have all but solved those problems and made wedding gifts easy for the couple and their friends and family. Two local businesses that offer gift registries are Suggs Hallmark in Big Spring Mall and Gaze Crystal Kitchen, in the back of Harris Lumber & Hardware.

Dora Hernandez, manager of Suggs, said the process begins when a couple comes in the store to pick out items they'd like to have as gifts.

"There's always china, home décor, flatware, crystal," she said, "those are the main items they select." Following closely behind, nowadays, are

kitchen items, bath and kitchen towels, cookbooks and lamps. Even wind chimes, candles, baskets and quilts are becoming popular choices.

At Suggs, staff will set up a table that would-be gift-givers can shop from. Once the gift purchase is made, the store will enclose a card to help the bride keep track of who gave what.

Stephanie Hopper of Gaze Crystal Kitchen said the store has quite a few options even the groom will love. Gaze gives wedding registry clients the run of its inventory as well as the hardware store up front.

"Of course china and flatware are the main things," Hopper said. But the guys can pick out water hoses, cordless drills, any of the hardware for their home." Music to the groom's ears, no doubt.

While the bridal couples often choose pewter serving pieces, small appliances and kitchen gadgets, a few of Hopper's customers have been

known to add a washing machine or stove to their registry.

Family members might want to go in together to make a large purchase that will make a newlywed couple's life easier.

Hopper keeps the registry lists in the computer. The buyer gets a list and can choose what they want to purchase. Gifts are then delivered directly to the shower.

"I also type up a list with items purchased," Hopper said. "And I'll take that to the shower." Gaze keeps records for months, even years, afterward in case the family wants to add to a couple's china or flatware.

If you are planning the big day, and want to register, wedding planners usually suggest picking out your selections up to six months before the shower or wedding.

But businesses in Big Spring are flexible, and will put together a registry for you

whether it's a few months, or even a few weeks away. Just call the business or stop by for details.

Ahhh, alternatives



If a conventional bridal gift just won't do, consider the alternatives - especially one that would make the bride's pre-wedding stress melt away.

Gloria Rodriguez, manager of Uptown Salon and Day Spa, said the business specializes in making people feel great, something every bride needs as the final weeks wind down.

"Why not give the bride a complete makeover, head to toe," Rodriguez said. "Give her the gift of relaxation with a massage, pedicure and a facial."

The salon can work

up a gift package to fit your budget, including just one or two pampering gifts, or the whole package, Rodriguez said.

They even have limousine service and flowers available. What groom or father of the bride wouldn't want to make her feel that special just in time for her wedding day?

Of course brides give gifts, too. Since nobody has sacrificed more for their friend than her bridesmaids (remember that ugly dress!), Uptown can plan a party for the whole group together as a bride's gift to her girlfriends.

"This is something really fun for everybody," said Rodriguez. "We can close the salon and they have the whole place. They can have the massages, pedicures, makeovers, have their hair done."

And once again, it doesn't have to be the works. A bride on a budget might want to book the whole party in for pedicures, just to spend some relaxing "girl time" together.

As with any salon, Uptown would prefer a couple of weeks' notice to arrange something special. But they are flexible. Call Rodriguez at 267-1544 for more information.

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

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