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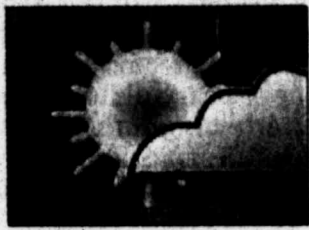
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Clapp resigns

Citing family and community issues, former-Howard College head softball coach Derek Clapp has resigned.



A search for his replacement will begin immediately.

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Cover Story: As Valentine's Day approaches, our nation's rose growers are busy trying to fulfill all of the demands for the flower that says "I love you."

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Filing for school board posts begins Monday

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

It's election season again. The first day to file for area school board elections is Monday, and each area school board will have at least two positions up for election, school officials say.

The first day to file for the May 7 school board elections was moved up by the Texas Legislature in 2003, giving board hopefuls an additional 15 days to decide whether to run. Filing deadline is March 7, although write-in candidates have until



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March 14 to file.

To qualify for a school board in Texas, candidates must be 18 years or older, a qualified voter and must have lived in Texas for one year and the school district for at least six months prior to the filing deadline.

In Big Spring, board seats cur- See FILING, Page 8A

Region 18 slates workshop for prospective candidates

7 p.m. Feb. 28, Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland.

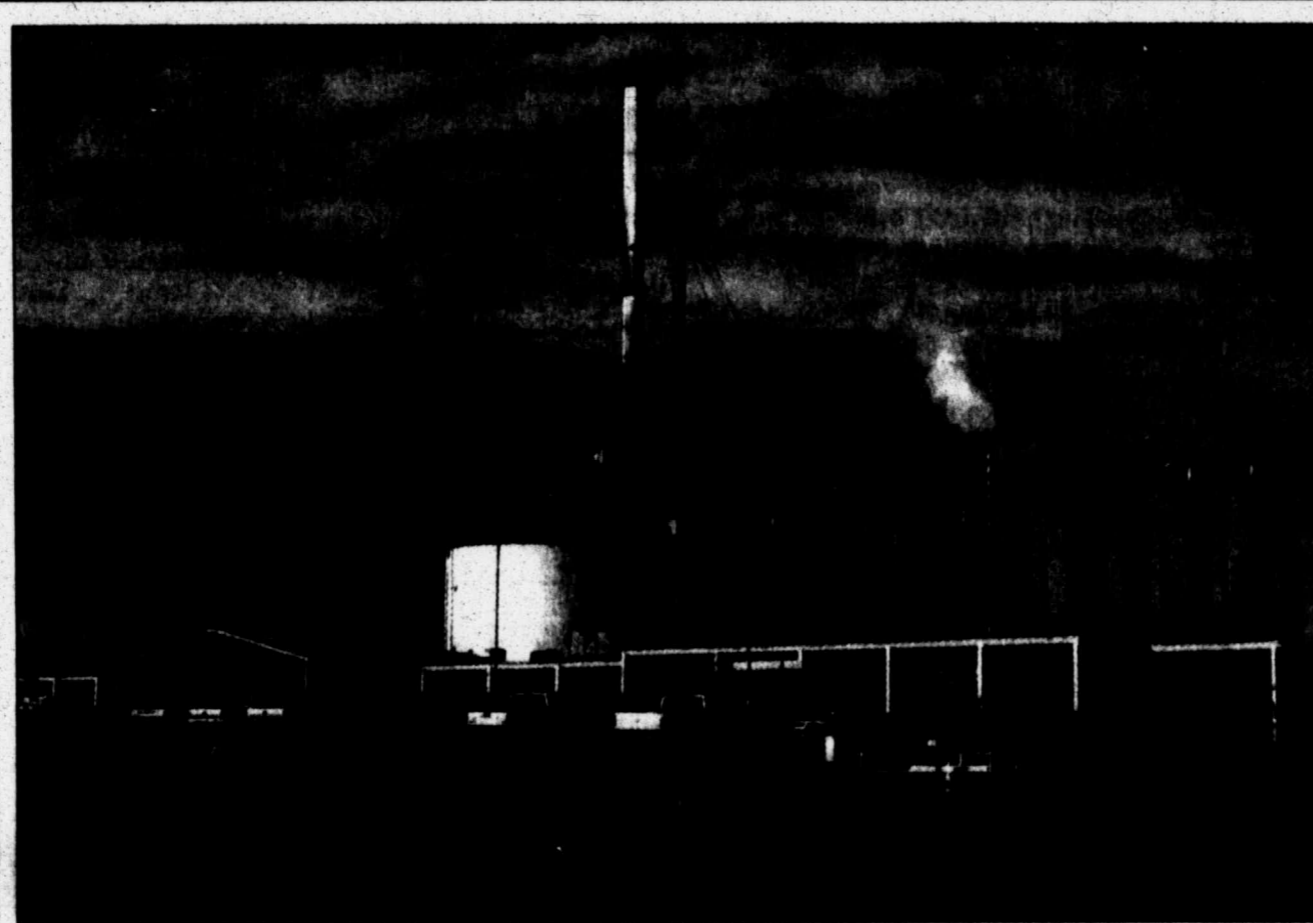
By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

So, you want to run for the school board, do you? Prospective school board can-

didates and other interested citizens can learn more about the demands of a school trustee during a candidate workshop, scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland.

The workshop, sponsored by See WORKSHOP, Page 8A



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Sid Richardson Carbon and Energy Company recently announced it will add a \$28 million power plant to its Big Spring facility, producing 24 megawatts of energy for the plant itself as well as everyday electricity customers in the area.

Sid Richardson

Carbon black plant to harness energy in \$28 million project

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The idea of using waste materials to generate energy can be found in dozens of science fiction movies and books, but for Sid Richardson Carbon and Energy Company, that idea will become a reality.

The company recently announced it will be adding a \$28 million power plant to its Big Spring facility, producing 24 megawatts of energy for the plant itself as well as everyday electricity for customers in

"The company is willing to spend \$28 million on this plant in Big Spring. That tells you how committed they are to this plant."

—Steve Honea, manager



the area.

"We produce a waste gas which we burn for environmental reasons," said Steve Honea, manager for the local plant. "That energy is going right up the stack. So what we're planning to do is put a

boiler in the stream to make steam, then take that steam and turn it through a turbine which will turn a generator, making electricity.

"It's not really renewable

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Bush budget slows defense growth

Cuts target farmers, student loans.

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants Congress to slow defense growth and slice aid to farmers and college students, testaments to the pressures record federal deficits are heaping on his forthcoming budget.

Bush plans to send his roughly \$9.5 trillion spending plan for 2006 to lawmakers Monday. But as details leaked out, it was clear that even the

Pentagon — a bipartisan priority at a time of war — was going to face some restraints, at least for now.

"This budget will really worry about" deficits, Bush told a crowd Friday in Omaha, Neb., as he rallied support for his Social Security overhaul. "And I'm looking forward to working with members of Congress to make tough choices."

Bush wants the Pentagon to get \$419.3 billion next year, or 4.8 percent more than this year. That total, however, is \$3.4 billion below what he

planned a year ago for fiscal 2006, which begins Oct. 1.

The figures exclude expenditures for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A few days after sending Congress his budget, Bush plans to ask for another \$80 billion for those conflicts for this year. Congress has already provided \$25 billion for the wars for 2005.

Feeling much of the pinch in 2006 would be Pentagon purchases of weapons and other major items. Bush would hold

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President George W. Bush speaks at a Town Hall meeting in Tampa, Fla. The meeting focused on his budget plan.

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## Obituaries

### Eleanor Mae (Lewis) Adkins

Eleanor Mae (Lewis) Adkins, 83, of Melbourne Village, Fla., formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005. A memorial service was Jan. 23, 2005, in Melbourne, Fla. A second memorial service will be at a later date in Lebo, Kan., where her ashes will be interred.

She was born Nov. 6, 1921, in Lebo, Kan., and married Archie Jack Adkins in 1940. He preceded her in death. She was retired from civil service work, and served at Webb Air Force Base and at the VA Medical Center.

She was also preceded in death by her infant daughter, Elizabeth Ann Adkins and her son, James David Adkins.

She is survived by her son, John Corbett and is wife, Ann Adkins of Melbourne, Fla.; her daughter, Edith Louise and her husband, William Temte of Onalaska, Wis.; her sister, Anna Louise Wiley of Kerrville; her brothers, James Lewis of Lebo, Kan., and Robert of Prairie Village, Kan.; and by many grandchildren and other relatives.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brownlie Maxwell Funeral Home, Melbourne, Fla.

### Sylvia Keheley Mitchell



Sylvia Keheley Mitchell, 88, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, in a Midland nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born on March 1, 1916, in Locust Fork, Ala. She married Robert H. Keheley in October 1935 and he died in October 1960. She then married Raymond S. Doty in August 1961 and he died in June 1979. She then married Robert H. Mitchell in February 1986 and he died in March 1993.

Mrs. Mitchell had worked as a bookkeeper for various businesses. She moved to Midland in 1993. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

She was a Past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge and was a member of Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Roberta and Chuck Reynolds of Midland and Gayle and Joe Fowler of Merkel; two brothers, Alfred Tidwell of Big Spring and Fred Tidwell of Bakersfield, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and 22 great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, three grandsons, four brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland, 79701 or to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland, 79705.

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

### Russell "Slick" Williamson



Russell "Slick" Williamson, 74, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the Home Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating and the Rev. Monroe Teeters assisting. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 25, 1930, in Santa Fe, Okla., and married Betty Baker on May 18, 1990, in Hobbs, N.M.

Mr. Williamson had worked as a pulling unit operator for Forsan Oil Well Service from 1967 to 1974 and for Pool Well Service from 1974 to 1978. He then worked for Small Fishing & Rental Tool as a reverse rig operator from 1978 to 1992.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and had served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1961.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Williamson of Big Spring; three daughters, Helen Ann Phillips of Tishamingo, Okla., Ronda Anderson of Bessemer, Ala., and Suzanne Morgan of Altus, Okla.; two sons, Gregg Williamson of Big Spring and Larry Morgan of Altus, Okla.; his mother, Hattie Williamson of Big Spring; two sisters, Elizabeth Miller of Seymour and Janice Reeves of Midland; one brother, Fred Williamson of Big Spring; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Williamson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice House Facility, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, 79761 or to the American Cancer Society, % Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121.

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

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 7-13-16-22-26.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-5

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 3-12-14-30-52 Mega Ball: 34  
ESTIMATED MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT \$32 million

## Police blotter

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

- STEVEN RAY CROFT, 26, 1020 Stadium Dr., was arrested on a San Saba County warrant.
- BARNEY ALAN DODD, 34, 411 N. Main St., was arrested on local warrants.
- ANSELMO HILARIO JR., 20, 1708 W. Third St., was arrested on capias warrants.
- DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA JR., 17, 1215 Ridgeroad, was arrested on charges of assault on a public servant (two counts), assault/family violence, and resisting arrest.
- STEVEN THOMAS DUNVILLE, 56, 1202 E. Third St., No. 3, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued on the 200 block of FM 700.
- THEFT was reported on the 2300 block of Wasson Road and the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported on the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- ASSAULT/BODILY INJURY was reported on the 400 block of Birdwell Lane and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 100 block of 24th Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported on the 100 block of 20th Street.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID/SUSPENDED was reported on the 600 block of Holbert Drive.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported on the 300 block of S. Main Street.
- THEFT was reported on the 1600 block of Bobby Road.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported on the 1200 block of Centerpoint Road.

## Take note

□ ODYSSEY HEALTHCARE BAKE SALE set to begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the lobby of Scenic Mountain Medical. Proceeds to benefit the Tsunami relief efforts, Habitat For Humanity International and Feed the Children. Odyssey Healthcare will match all donations. For more information, call Maira Garvin with Odyssey Healthcare at 213-0431.

□ DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP has been established at Howard College. Donations may be made to the Howard College Foundation in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Designate the Derek Churchwell Scholarship Fund.

□ YOUNGLIFE ROUNDUP BANQUET is set for Feb. 28 in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Round-Up provides community members an opportunity to enjoy a catered barbecue dinner while learning about the activities that take place during YoungLife club. For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call leader Shelly Warren at 264-1234.

□ HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

□ LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. 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 is also accepting donations of costumes to be used with the new theme party area opening in May. Call the museum at 267-8255.

□ 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.

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## Bulletin board

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

### MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon at La Posada Restaurant in the bar dining area. All members are encouraged to attend.
- 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.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.
- Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

### TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitches' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## GIFTS

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made candy in heart box, \$10; ivy plant, \$10; animal and candy in small plastic bucket, \$10; and doggie treats and doggie toy, \$10.  
Deliveries are included in the cost of the items. Items may be viewed and picked up at the Community Relations Office. For more information, call (432) 268-7536 or 268-7533.

## Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.  
Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.  
Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.  
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.  
Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.  
Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s.  
Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 30.  
Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s.

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## Nurs

By ANGELA K. B...

Associated Press  
NOCONA (AP many in town and chatted with Dawn Jackson at joint, gas station hospital where worked, she was patient and kind

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By MIKE BRAN

Associated Press

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# Nurse 'capable' of murder, daughter says

By ANGELA K. BROWN  
Associated Press Writer

NOCONA (AP) — To many in town who saw and chatted with Vickie Dawn Jackson at a burger joint, gas station or the hospital where she worked, she was sweet, patient and kindhearted.

To her family, Jackson was anything but that.

Jackson, a former nurse who goes on trial this week on charges she killed patients at Nocona General Hospital, was "a baby face on the outside but hell on the inside," said her daughter, Jennifer Carson, 18. "I don't know if she did it or not, but she's perfectly capable of it," Carson said.

Jackson, 38, is charged with killing 10 patients by administering lethal drug doses and trying to kill an 11th patient in late 2000 and early 2001. Her capital murder trial in nearby Archer City centers on two of the deaths, and she faces up to life in prison if convicted. Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty.

Carson said her mother moved to Nocona, a rural North Texas town of



The Associated Press  
Vickie Dawn Jackson

about 3,000 people southeast of Wichita Falls, with her family from Indiana when she was a child. She was a teenager and had already been divorced when she met Leroy Carson, who said he never wanted a serious relationship with her but married her after she got pregnant in 1984.

A year after their son was born, the couple had a daughter, Jennifer. The children were still in diapers when Jackson started attending nursing school at night in nearby Gainesville, Leroy Carson said.

She complained that the classes were hard but never talked about why

she wanted to be a nurse, although Jackson's mother worked at a nursing home, Leroy Carson said.

After earning a degree and her certification, Jackson worked at several nursing homes and hospitals, Leroy Carson said. She would say she was tired of a job and quit, he said.

At home she nagged and yelled at her husband and the children, Leroy Carson said.

"She was rough talking to them and had a bad habit of slapping them," Leroy Carson said. "She talked to them hard. She was good with profanity."

One day she came home from work crying because a patient had died, but she seldom discussed her job, Jennifer Carson said.

After 12 rocky years of marriage, Leroy Carson divorced his wife in 1996. She quickly married for a third time to Kirk Jackson and got custody of the kids, but they were abused by their stepfather so they moved back with their father, Jennifer Carson said.

By all accounts, 2000 was a hard year for Jackson: she lost custody of her children, a close

relative died and she suffered a miscarriage after fighting with her husband, Jennifer Carson said. One day, Jackson told her daughter she'd talked to a psychiatrist who diagnosed her with bipolar disorder.

"I said, 'What is that?' She said, 'I could kill you and get away with it,'" Jennifer Carson said.

In early 2001, rumors began swirling about a higher-than-usual amount of deaths at the 38-bed hospital. Officials later said they discovered at least 10 missing vials of mivacurium chloride, a drug administered by syringe or IV and used to temporarily halt breathing to insert a breathing tube.

Jackson and her husband, who also worked at the hospital, promptly were fired, Jennifer Carson said. Even after Jackson knew she was a suspect and some patients' families filed civil lawsuits against her, she rarely discussed the situation, her daughter said.

Investigators searching Jackson's house in February 2001 found a discarded syringe, according

to testimony at a recent pretrial hearing.

When questioned a month later by the FBI, she admitted to injecting one patient with mivacurium chloride but said she wanted to sedate him and never meant to hurt him, according to a transcript of the FBI interview read at a hearing. When asked why she injected the patients with that drug, she answered, "I don't know."

Jennifer Carson said she was never afraid to be around her mother until she spent the night, which didn't happen often. The teen's bedroom door had no lock, so she kept a baseball bat by the bed. Sometimes, she imagined how the patients must have died.

"There was never really a time when I thought she couldn't do it, but I thought she was too ditzy to pull it off by herself," the teenager said.

In the 18 months before she was arrested, Jackson kept living in the community, working at a retail store and then a grocery store in other towns.

In 2002, Jackson was indicted on capital murder charges in connection

with four patient deaths, including her third husband's grandfather.

Then last year, Jackson was indicted on three more capital murder charges in connection with six patient deaths in December 2000 and January 2001, as well as a charge of attempted murder in connection with a February 2001 incident. Her bond was raised from \$2 million to \$6 million.

Jackson's attorney, Bruce Martin, did not return calls seeking comment.

District Attorney Tim Cole, who represents Montague, Archer and Clay counties, has declined to comment, citing a judge's gag order in the case.

Soon after her mother was arrested, Jennifer Carson went to the jail twice a week but now visits once a month or less frequently.

Jackson rarely discusses the case but has denied that she killed anyone, her daughter said.

# Couple in tortured children case caught in Utah

By MIKE BRANOM  
Associated Press Writer

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A Florida couple accused of torturing and starving five adopted children — including pulling out their toenails and subjecting them to electric shocks — were captured Friday in southeastern Utah after police tracked them through their cell phones, officials said.

John and Linda Dollar were jailed in San Juan County, Utah, on Florida warrants of felony aggravated child abuse.

The family included seven

adopted children between the ages of 12 and 17. Five of the children told investigators they were tortured by the couple, subjected to electric shocks, beatings with hammers and having their toenails yanked out with pliers.

Authorities said the abused five had physical injuries to back up their claims and were severely malnourished. They told of being forced to sleep in a closet in the Dollars' bedroom because the couple accused them of stealing food and misbehaving, said Citrus County sheriff's spokeswoman Gail Tierney.

"They looked like the photos

that we've seen of Auschwitz," said Tierney, describing 14-year-old twins, one weighing 36 pounds, the other 38 pounds, about 80 pounds below the normal weights for their age.

The other two children were favored by the Dollars and were uninjured, Tierney said. All seven are in state custody.

In the past two years, the Dollars have moved their family to at least three different homes in the Tampa area after living in Tennessee, secluding themselves behind fences and in piney groves.

The children were home-

schooled and rarely played with neighbors or enjoyed the family's pool.

"Who has seven kids and the kids never go out and play?" asked Dawn Crescimone, who lived near the family in suburban Tampa two years ago.

The family had lived in Beverly Hills, about 85 miles north of Tampa, since August. John Dollar, 58, is a commercial real estate appraiser and his 51-year-old wife taught the children at home. The Dollars' 3,800-square-foot home is surrounded by a thick pine forest, and has a pool, spa and a three-car garage.

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## BUDGET

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such spending next year to \$78 billion — \$2.4 billion less than he projected for 2006 a year ago.

Weapons systems that would get less next year than in 2005 include the Aegis destroyer, the F-22 Raptor fighter and the C-17 cargo plane. The Apache helicopter and the Army's future combat system would see increases.

More than half the Pentagon's \$19.2 billion increase next year — or \$10.8 billion — would be for training, maintenance and other costs associated with keeping the military ready for action. Most of the rest would go for military salaries and construction of bases and housing.

In the longer run, Bush envisions defense spending growing steadily after next year, hitting \$502.3 billion by 2011.

Also Friday, several federal officials speaking on condition of anonymity said Bush will:

— Seek about \$650 million for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste

storage project north of Las Vegas, or about half what once was envisioned for 2006. Though Bush and Congress approved the project in 2002, opposition has continued and a federal court has rejected proposed radiation safety standards. New standards are being developed.

— Propose slicing farmers' federal payments and other agriculture supports by \$587 million in 2006 and \$5.7 billion over the next decade. Payments to producers would drop by 5 percent, and the current \$360,000 annual ceiling on those payments would be cut to \$250,000.

— Move to raise the maximum Pell Grant for students from \$4,050 to \$4,550 over five years, or by \$100 a year. Along with other changes, Bush's

financial aid plan would cost about \$28 billion over 10 years.

To help pay for it, the president would shrink subsidies the government pays banks to encourage them to make low-interest loans, and to the agencies that insure the loans for the lenders, education department officials said. He would also phase out Perkins loans, 673,000 of which were made to graduate and undergraduate students last year.

— Create \$3,000 tax credits to encourage people who don't have public or employer-provided health insurance to buy coverage. The plan, which would cost \$74 billion over the next decade, would be part of \$140 billion in tax breaks and expenditures aimed at improving health care over the coming 10 years.

Perhaps you sang a lovely song,  
or sat quietly in a chair;  
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,  
If so, we saw them there.  
Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words  
As any friend could say;  
Perhaps you prepared some tasty food,  
Or maybe furnished a car;  
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen,  
Near at hand or from afar;  
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OUR VIEWS

Chamber banquet a chance to thank those backing us

While we have already reminded readers of the reasons for making plans to attend the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, they deserve being restated. There are some that most certainly think about the chamber banquet, shrug and ask themselves, "So what?"

They ask, "Why should we care? Why should we attend? Why should we shell out \$25 of our hard-earned dollars for a meal and a few speeches?"

Well, here's why: Because the Chamber affects each of us directly, whether we want to believe it or not.

Chamber officials do more than just attend ribbon-cuttings and distribute city maps. They are among this community's leading advocates, showing visitors that Big Spring is much more than just a stop on the interstate highway between El Paso and Dallas. They also advocate Big Spring and Howard County as good places to open new business, a subject that should interest all of us greatly.

Their entire focus is on making this community — that's each and every one of us — prosper. So, if nothing else, attending the banquet will be a good way for us to show our thanks to the Chamber and its members for serving us and our community.

That ought to be reason enough for anyone.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just want to thank all our fans and friends who came to the Stampede Saturday night for our dance with Bobby Flores and his band.

I tip my hat again to my Texas Cowboys for the great job, and to Bobby Flores. What a perfect gentleman and great entertainer he is. If you missed it, you missed a great show. We had people from all over West Texas that came to see him — from Big Spring, Stanton, San Antonio, San Angelo, Amarillo, Coahoma, Colorado City,

Midland, Odessa, Garden City, Balmorhea and all points in between.

Thanks to Bill McClellan for the two stories in the *Big Spring Herald* and to KBST radio and to all the merchants that let me put posters in their windows, I appreciate it very much.

The ol' Stampede was full with all ages as it has always been, and I thank you all for your support. I will continue to bring in special guests from time to time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Fill us, Lord, with a sense of Your purpose in our lives.

Amen

Let my illegal nanny drive my SUV

The ad that ran in Daily Variety last week — signed by the usual members of the "entertainment community," including Ed Asner, Danny Glover and Mike Farrell — asked Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to sign Senate Bill 60, a bill to allow illegal immigrants to obtain California driver's licenses.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Not that the ad ever used the word "illegal." Instead, it used Hollywood award speak to tell the story of Rosanna Perez, "Nominated: Best Nanny in a Supporting Role," who, because of California law, has to take the bus from her home in East Los Angeles to her job in the Westside. They should have dubbed the ad: Let my illegal nanny drive my SUV.

"We give them access to our homes. We trust them with our children. It seems absurd to me to not grant them the respect they deserve," Farrell explained to Copley News Service.

What's this "we" business? Most people don't hire nannies. Only rich people can afford nannies; they can hire legal nannies.

Farrell was parroting the familiar argument: that everyone benefits from illegal immigration — through cheaper food prices at the grocery store or the fast-food joint — so the law shouldn't penalize illegal immigrants. But the logic doesn't work. It also is true that everyone pays for illegal immigration — for illegal immigrants' children to attend public schools or for emergency medical care — and so this notion of a free ride is

false. Then, there is the paycheck problem: Some of the people who are paying more are less-skilled Americans who have smaller paychecks because they must compete with cheap illegal labor.

So when the "entertainment community" asks for driver's licenses for illegal immigrants, it plays the leading role of Hollywood diva expecting stagehands and walk-ons to chip in and pay for her illegal help.

Let me stipulate: I feel for people who, like Perez, want a better life for themselves and their families and come here to improve themselves — even if they break the law. But I respect those who immigrate here legally. They show respect for the process.

If the law means anything, you don't reward people for breaking it.

The author of SB60, state Sen. Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, told the Sacramento Bee, "Morally, (Schwarzenegger) should take action because there's 22 million drivers whose safety would be increased if all drivers in the state were licensed."

Bunk. The original SB60 didn't bother to toughen up the wrist-slap penalties for driving without a license or insurance. It was all carrot, no stick. Cedillo wasn't so concerned with safety that he was willing to increase the punishment for people who drive without a license.

The dishonesty of the licenses-for-illegals lobby doesn't stop there. The Variety ad asks Schwarzenegger to sign a bill he already vetoed. (Actually, the governor vetoed Assembly Bill 2895, which SB60 was folded into.) Only if and when lawmakers pass the latest SB60 could he act.

The Perez ad also repeatedly

reminds Schwarzenegger that he "promised" to pass a driver's license bill. Wrong.

A quick recap: Former Gov. Gray Davis had vetoed earlier versions of SB60. But Davis agreed to sign a driver's license bill when he faced the recall that eventually unseated him. Emboldened by the fact that Davis would sign any bill, even a bad one, Cedillo and company sent Davis a bill with no safeguards — it would have enabled violent fugitives to obtain a gateway legal document.

After the recall and its clear demonstration of the wrath of California voters, Sacramento lawmakers, fearful for their sorry careers, voted to revoke SB60. They pretended they could undo the bill because Schwarzenegger pledged to work with them to produce a more acceptable bill. But that was an act — a bad act.

Schwarzenegger had issued the vague pledge to work for a "sensible solution," but in politics, such talk is not a promise but a hedge. After all, no licenses for illegal immigrants is a sensible solution.

The Democrats who voted for the bill and then against it were hiding behind the governor so they wouldn't have to admit this simple truth: When their seats were on the line, they were happy to leave Rosanna Perez on the bus from East L.A. to the Westside, and back again at night.

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Inside report: The Afghan crisis

Afghanistan, portrayed as a victory in the U.S. war against terror, is a disaster in the war against drugs. Its production of heroin has soared over the last year, with the country becoming the world's top supplier. Faced with this looming catastrophe, the Bush administration is deeply divided.



ROBERT NOVAK

Almost everybody familiar with the drug war believes aerial spraying to kill the poppy plant must be instituted sooner or later in Afghanistan, but it surely will be later. Afghan President Hamid Karzai has ruled out eradication by air. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld agrees with Karzai and opposes expanding the U.S. military's role in Afghanistan.

That description hardly does justice to the intense feeling at high levels of the administration. Debate rages not only over aerial eradication but also over use of helicopters and who should train Afghan police. Meanwhile, billions of dollars pour out of heroin production, threatening to turn the jewel of the war against terrorism into a narco state.

The numbers, measured by the CIA, are daunting. In 2003, 151,000 acres yielded \$2.8 billion of heroin. In 2004, the acres totaled 509,000 — an increase of 239 percent, bringing in \$7 billion. That means Afghanistan outstripped Colombia, Burma, Laos and Thailand to top in heroin.

Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, issued this statement Jan. 25: "Until the time the newly

democratic Afghan government signals its support for aerial spraying of illicit crops, we need a very robust and effective interdiction strategy to go after the heroin labs and the Afghan narco-terrorist kingpins." Four days earlier, Hyde wrote Condoleezza Rice before her confirmation as secretary of state to warn that "time is not on our side on the Afghan drug and related terrorism issue."

Behind Hyde's warning are nightmarish consequences if narcotics in Afghanistan continue to proliferate. According to U.S. intelligence, lavish drug proceeds from Afghanistan are distributed among the HIG (Hizbi Islami Gulbuddin) terrorist group, the IMU (Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan) seeking a pan-Arab caliphate, remnants of the Taliban and the al Qaeda organization.

A danger is that well-heeled Afghan drug lords in Dubai and Karachi, like their predecessors in Colombia, soon will intensify assassination attempts against Karzai and his colleagues. Even before that happens, enrichment of the world's worst terrorists carries serious consequences. What helped turn around the situation in Colombia was a body blow to the coca crop by heavy use of aerial spraying.

Rep. Mark Kirk of Illinois, a State Department political appointment in the first Bush administration, last week returned from his annual visit to Afghanistan. While accepting for now Karzai's ban on aerial eradication, Kirk is intent on improving the capabilities for knocking out heroin processing laboratories. That means immediate U.S. reinforcement of Afghan police with helicopters. Critics on Capitol Hill are alarmed by reports that the choppers will

come from Israel — an unsettling prospect in a Muslim country.

Rumsfeld, the strongest figure in the Bush Cabinet, wants to limit U.S. involvement in the Afghan drug war to avoid mission creep. What congressional delegations pick up on the ground in Afghanistan sometimes supports the defense secretary. U.S. officers in the field say they get more help from local farmers if they make clear they are after al Qaeda, not drugs. That begs the question of what happens if nobody goes after drugs.

At the same time, Rumsfeld is pressing for Defense Department control of police training in Afghanistan now handled by the State Department. While there is sentiment in Congress that State is not equipped for this work, the U.S. military's long record of training foreign police officers is not reassuring.

Kirk, a rare congressman with personal experience in this touchy area, is concerned. "If DOD [Department of Defense] takes over all police training," he told me, "there may be a U.S. uniform present for every police interrogation, and that's unfortunate."

The war on terrorism is difficult enough when not intertwined with the war on drugs and intense rivalries in the Bush administration. As one official put it to me, does there come a time when U.S. officials have had enough in Afghanistan and say: "I'm not going to risk American lives on a narco state?"

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# State, national news

## Corporal pleads guilty in insulin-smuggling ring

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A fourth person has pleaded guilty in a conspiracy to steal drugs from Army pharmacies across the country.

Cpl. Eric Hernandez, 22, of Brownsville, pleaded guilty Friday in federal court in Wichita to transporting stolen goods via interstate commerce.

Police found nearly \$200,000 worth of insulin in Hernandez's truck when he was arrested in Topeka in 2003. His arrest helped authorities uncover the multimillion dollar smuggling ring.

Hernandez, who received about \$500 in drink, food and entertainment for his part in the scheme, will face between three months and a year in federal prison, with no possibility of parole.

Hernandez was among 11 people indicted in the ring that authorities said stole insulin from Army base pharmacies, including Fort Riley's, and resold it on the Internet. The accused ringleader, Ronald Ausberry, and his wife, Sabrina, are scheduled for plea hearings later this month.

Others have been indicted from pharmacies at Fort Knox, Ky.; Walter Reed Army Hospital in the Washington, D.C., area; Fort Gordon, Ga.; and Fort Polk, La.

Prosecutors say the conspiracy netted more than \$2.3 million.

## Former Abu Ghraib guard sentenced to six months

FORT HOOD (AP) — Sgt. Javal Davis, who admitted abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib in late 2003, was sentenced Friday to six months in a military prison and a bad-conduct discharge from the Army.

A nine-man military jury deliberated more than five hours to determine the punishment for Davis, a former Abu

Ghraib guard who earlier this week confessed to stepping on the hands and feet of handcuffed detainees and falling with his full weight on top of them.

The sentence also ordered that Davis be reduced in rank to private while serving his sentence, which could be as short as 4 1/2 months for good conduct in prison and credit for time already served.

The punishment is among the lightest for any soldier charged in the Abu Ghraib scandal. Last month Pvt. Charles Graner, called the abuse ringleader, received 10 years in prison.

After the verdict was read, Davis' mother, Michelle Carpenter, sobbed uncontrollably in the courtroom. Davis gave his father, Jonathan, a long hug while a tear rolled down Davis' face.

"All of you who aren't my family can leave now," Davis snapped at spectators after Col. James Pohl, the judge, and the jury left the courtroom.

Defense lawyer Paul Bergrin had urged the jury to punish Davis lightly for his crimes, and afterward he blamed Pohl for making rulings that tilted the tables against his client.

"We knew ultimately that it was a military court, and that it's almost impossible to receive justice in a military tribunal," he said.

## Two U.S. citizens killed in crash near border city; one shot

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Police in the border city of Matamoros said Friday they are investigating the deaths of two hunters from Mississippi whose pickup truck flipped over and crashed on a Mexican highway. One of the two men inside had been shot in the face.

The shooting victim was ejected from the truck, while his companion was found underneath the vehicle, said Ramon Perez, a spokesman with state police in Tamaulipas, where Matamoros

is located. The truck, bearing Mississippi license plates, was found overturned on a highway leading to the Gulf of Mexico. The identities and hometowns of the men were not known.

The gun used in the shooting was found inside the truck, although police said further investigation was required before they could determine what happened. Hunting permits belonging to the men were also found inside the truck.

The crash happened late Thursday about eight miles outside of Matamoros, across the U.S. border from Brownsville.

## Parents charged in grisly assault of infant daughter

HOUSTON (AP) — A 6-month-old, who police said was sexually assaulted, had her tongue nearly severed and suffered broken bones from head to toe, continued to cling to life on Friday. Both parents were charged with injury to a child.

The infant was in critical condition Friday at Texas Children's Hospital, where she was taken by her parents, Ivan Castaneda, 21, and Donna Marie

Norman, 19, two days earlier. Castaneda and Norman originally took the baby to a hospital in north Houston to be treated for congestion, said Child Protective Services spokeswoman Estella Olguin.

Doctors, however, discovered the baby had severe internal and external injuries and transferred her to Texas Children's Hospital, where medical officials contacted police. Officers interviewed and arrested the baby's parents.

"We have never seen such a horrible case with these types of injuries and the child is still alive," Olguin said Friday. "It is a miracle she is still hanging in there."

Olguin said besides finding indications the infant had been sexually abused, the 6-month-old had two fractured legs, a fractured arm, a fractured skull, a fractured vertebrae and a healing rib fracture.

"This child was just being battered and broke into little pieces," she said.

A judge on Friday placed the 6-month-old and her 15-month-old sister, who also had a fractured skull and ribs, in state custody.

# Lawmakers to consider state future's water supply

By JIM VERTUNO  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas legislators must solve problems with public school funding and child protective services, but another critical issue begs their attention — water.

Meeting the future water demands for a growing Texas is a topic that arises every session, but doesn't usually make the list of top priorities.

"People don't grasp the seriousness of water until the stream dries up or the tap doesn't flow," said Mary Kelly, senior attorney for Environmental Defense, a non-profit group which tracks state policies affecting the environment.

A statewide water use study in 2001 found that Texas will struggle to keep up with the water demand over the next 50 years as its population is predicted to double to about 40 million.

State officials warn that without better conservation Texas will have to spend billions of dollars

on new water sources, such as building reservoirs, to provide a safe, reliable source of drinking water.

Texas has only one natural lake — Lake Caddo in East Texas. Most of state's water comes from underground aquifers and reservoirs that capture rain water.

Legislators are expected to consider bills this session that deal with regulating water transfers between regions, and how landowners buy or lease state water rights. Other proposals promote conservation and a public awareness campaign.

A senate committee last year studied the proposed lease of state water rights in far West Texas by the state's General Land Office to Rio Nuevo, Ltd., a private partnership of mostly Midland oil men. Rio Nuevo has said it was considering selling the water outside the region.

The committee's November report said Texas should keep private companies from buying or leasing state water rights, and then selling

the water back to municipalities at inflated prices. The Rio Nuevo proposal, made in June 2002, caused an uproar among residents and officials in Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties, who said such leasing would deplete desert aquifers already taxed by an extended drought.

Texas has 83 water conservation districts governing groundwater pumping in 138 of the state's 254 counties. Landowners outside those districts fall under the century-old "rule of capture," allowing them to pump as much water as they choose.

Sen. Frank Madla, chairman of the water committee, said lawmakers may consider a statewide water district to apply to landowners not covered by regional districts.

"We're at a crossroads," said Madla, a San Antonio Democrat. "I think we have to get a handle on how we're going to regulate water in Texas."

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**ENERGY**

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energy, but it's an energy we're already making out there all of the time. It's part of the process. So the fuel for this co-gen is basically free to us."

Honea said the project certainly isn't cheap, but it's worth it when you look at the environmental impact in a wide scope.

"The cost of the project is the equipment we have to put in, and that's not cheap," said Honea. "But I'm not burning natural gas to make the electricity. While this isn't green energy, I'm not burning any more combustibles to make this energy. I'm already making this product out there — already burning it — all we're going to do now is capturing that heat and turn it into electricity."

"We'll be generating approximately 24 megawatts of electricity. We'll use about half of that here in the plant and the other half will be sold on the market. That's what makes it worth while for us. If we were

going to just use the energy for ourselves, it wouldn't be a very viable project."

According to Honea, the idea isn't necessarily a new one. However, thanks to the recent deregulation of the electrical utility market, it's now a viable option for Sid Richardson.

"Deregulation made it much more attractive," said Honea. "In a regulated market the profit margin wouldn't be as high as compared to a deregulated market. We won't be a provider — you won't be able to buy your electricity from Sid Richardson. We'll look for a company to take all of the electricity we make and they will sell the electricity."

"We're going to put this electricity on the grid and more than likely you're getting what I'm making, but someone probably hundreds of miles away is going to be paying us for it."

To the uninitiated eye, carbon black may not be the easiest product to imagine coming out of a plant — especially at the rate of 2.2 million pounds each year — but accord-

ing to Honea, the material can be found in products we use on a daily basis.

"Carbon black is the material we make," said Honea. "We make fire with air and gas and then shoot oil bottoms from the refinery into that hot environment. A little bit of it burns, but most of it smokes, kind of like a big smoky fire that doesn't have enough air to burn. That's what produces the soot. I really don't like to call it soot because that's what pays for my kids' college education, but for the most part we make smoke and catch it. It's almost like a black talcum powder."

"We roll it up from powder into a pellet and ship it to tire manufacturers. The majority of what this plant makes actually goes into the tread part of a tire. It helps keep the rubber from becoming brittle, like an old rubber band. Adding carbon black to the mix makes it more like an inner tube, which is very strong and lasts for years."

Honea said the project is still several months from breaking ground, with actual energy generation

more than a year away. "There's a lot of work going on right now, but you don't see it," said Honea. "It's all pencil-pushing and lots of calculating and design. I expect to see ground broken sometime around June, with actual generation of electricity beginning in March or April of 2006. There will be a lot of downtime in February (2005) because of the hookup."

"Downtime hurts. We'll start gearing up about mid-year to make some extra product ahead of

time to cover the downtime. Sid Richardson has two other plants and we're going to try to get them involved as well."

While all of this may seem like good business for the company, Honea said it says much more about Sid Richardson and its commitment to the Big Spring facility.

"The company is willing to spend \$28 million on this plant in Big Spring," said Honea. "That tells you how committed they are to this plant. I think it shows they are willing to keep this plant open for

many years to come, and it gives the employees here a sign that there's no plans to shut this thing down."

"We're going to have about 30 contractors in Big Spring at the peak of the project. A lot of them will be shopping and staying here. The boiler, which is a big part of this project, is coming from Abilene."

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**WORKSHOP**

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the Texas Association of School Boards, is free and open to the public.

The forum will provide potential school board candidates with a better understanding of what is

involved in serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain key responsibilities and outline various qualities necessary for effective service, according to information released by TASB.

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bilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information.

For more information, contact Brenda Canul at TASB at 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB web site ([www.tasb.org](http://www.tasb.org)) for other dates and locations.

**FILING**

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rently held by Irene Bustamante (District 1) and Allan Partee (District 3) are up for election this year. Both terms are for three years.

Big Spring ISD has single-member districts, meaning that candidates must live in the area they intend to represent.

Candidates may file at the Big Spring ISD business office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Coahoma ISD, which has at-large representation on its school board, also has two positions up for election this year, seats currently held by Board President Dale Coates and John Wayne Metcalf. Candidates for the three-year terms may file at the district administration office during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Forsan ISD, which also has at-large board membership, has three seats open for election. Seats currently held by Dale Humphries, Marty Whetsel and Beckie Wash will be contested. Each term is for three years.

Candidates may file at the district administration office during working hours Monday through Friday.

Stanton ISD has two single-member districts to be contested this year: District 3, currently represented by Board President Johnny Lowder, and District 4, represented by Board Vice President Todd Smith. Both terms are for three years.

Filing will be held at the administration office, located at 200 N. College St.

At-large positions currently held by Jimmy Eggmeyer and Karla Hoelscher will be up for election in Glasscock


County. Candidates for the posts, which are for three years, may file at the district administration office Monday through Friday.

Sands ISD will have three seats up for election this year. Three-year seats currently held by Mark Nichols and Robin Barraza will be contested, and there will be a special election to fill the remaining year on the seat vacated by Steve Parker last month.

Filings may be done at the school administration office.

Grady ISD has two single-member districts up for election — District 3, currently held by Tony Sawyer, and District 4, where Brad Tunnell is the incumbent. Candidates may file for the three-year terms at the school administration office.

Howard College does not have trustee elections scheduled for this year, officials said.




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**Billboard Hot 100:** Top 10 (Compiled from a pile of sales reports compiled and provided by radio playlists; and by Broadcast Data Systems.)

1. "Let Me Love You (Before You Love Me)," Boney M.
2. "1, 2 Step," Ciara (feat. Pharrell).
3. "Soldier," Destiny Fier (feat. Lil Wayne).
4. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day.
5. "Lovers and Friends," Ludacris (feat. Lil Wayne).
6. "How We Do," The Black Eyed Peas (feat. Taboo).
7. "Disco Inferno," 50 Cent.
8. "Drop It Like It's Hot," 50 Cent (feat. Pharrell).
9. "Since You Been Gone," Kelly Rowland (feat. Babyface).
10. "Breakaway," Kelly Rowland (feat. Babyface).

**The Billboard 200:** Top 10 (Compiled from a pile of sales reports compiled and provided by Broadcast Data Systems.)

1. "Be As You Are: An Old Blue Chair," K Chesney. BNA.
2. "The Documenta Game. Aftermath.
3. "This Woman," L Curb.
4. "American Idiot," Green Day.
5. "Encore," Eminem (feat. Dr. Dre).
6. "Get Lifted," John Legend.
7. "Crunk Juice," Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz. BME.
8. "Breakaway," Kelly Rowland (feat. Babyface).
9. "Confessions," Usher.
10. "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning," Bright Eyes.

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**Hot Adult Contemporary:** (Compiled from a pile of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems.)

1. "Heaven," Los Lobos.
2. "Breakaway," Kelly Rowland (feat. Babyface).
3. "You'll Think of Me," Urban. Capitol.
4. "In My Daughter's Eyes," Martina McBride. RCA.
5. "She Will Be Loved," Octone.
6. "Daughters," Jolene.
7. "Live Like You Mean It," Tim McGraw. Curb.
8. "Don't Let Him Hear You're Crying," Phil Collins.
9. "I'll Be Around," John Oates. dke.
10. "This Love," Maroon 5.

**Top Gospel Albums:** (Compiled from a pile of sales reports compiled and provided by Broadcast Data Systems.)

1. "WOW Gospel: Artists. Word-Curb.
2. "I Need an Angel," Studdard, J.
3. "Nothing Without You," Smokie Norful. EMI.
4. "Gotta Have G," Various Artists. Integ.
5. "The J Moss Project," Gospo Centric.
6. "Live," Shekinah Ministry. Kingdom.
7. "One Voice," Gabe and the Saints. Unifun.
8. "Live From Jerusalem and New Bree Gospel.
9. "The Best Is Yet to Come," Martha Munizzi. MCA.
10. "I Speak Life," Lawrence & Co. Ver.

**Mainstream Rock:** (Compiled from a pile of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems.)

1. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day.
2. "Burning Bright," Atlantic.
3. "Home," Three.
4. "Scars," Papa Roach.

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**Billboard Hot 100: Top 10**  
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1. "Let Me Love You," Mario. 3rd Street.
  2. "1, 2 Step," Ciara (feat. Missy Elliott). Sho'nuff-MusicLine.
  3. "Soldier," Destiny's Child (feat. T.I. & Lil Wayne). Columbia.
  4. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day. Reprise.
  5. "Lovers and Friends," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Usher & Ludacris). BME.
  6. "How We Do," The Game (feat. 50 Cent). Aftermath/G-Unit/Interscope.
  7. "Disco Inferno," 50 Cent. Shady.
  8. "Drop It Like It's Hot," Snoop Dogg (feat. Pharrell). Doggystyle.
  9. "Since You Been Gone," Kelly Clarkson. RCA.
  10. "Breakaway," Kelly Clarkson. Walt Disney.
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**The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Be As You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
  2. "The Documentary," The Game. Aftermath.
  3. "This Woman," LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
  4. "American Idiot," Green Day. Reprise. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
  5. "Encore," Eminem. Shady. (Platinum)
  6. "Get Lifted," John Legend. Good Music.
  7. "Crunk Juice," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz. BME. (Platinum)
  8. "Breakaway," Kelly Clarkson. RCA.
  9. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace. (Platinum)
  10. "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning," Bright Eyes. Saddle Creek.
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**Hot Adult Contemporary**

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

**Top Gospel Albums**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "WOW Gospel 2005," Various Artists. Word-Curb.
  2. "I Need an Angel," Ruben Studdard. J.
  3. "Nothing Without You," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
  4. "Gotta Have Gospel Vol. 2," Various Artists. Integrity.
  5. "The J Moss Project," J Moss. Gospo Centric.
  6. "Live," Shekinah Glory Ministry. Kingdom.
  7. "One Voice," Gladys Knight and the Saints Unified Voices. Many Roads.
  8. "Live From Another Level," Israel and New Breed. Integrity Gospel.
  9. "The Best Is Yet to Come," Martha Munizzi. Martha Munizzi.
  10. "I Speak Life," Donald Lawrence & Co. Verity.

**Mainstream Rock Tracks**

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day. Reprise.
  2. "Burning Bright," Shinedown. Atlantic.
  3. "Home," Three Days Grace. Jive.
  4. "Scars," Papa Roach. el

5. "If I Die Tomorrow," Motley Crue. Island/DJMG.
6. "Fall to Pieces," Velvet Revolver. RA.
7. "Let Me Go," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
8. "Find the Real," Alter Bridge. Wind-up.
9. "So Far Away," Crossfade. FG.
10. "Getting Away With Murder," Papa Roach. el Tonal.

**Modern Rock Tracks**

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

**Hot Country Singles and Tracks**

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Bless the Broken Road," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
  2. "Mud on the Tires," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
  3. "You're My Better Half," Keith Urban. Capitol.
  4. "When I Think About Cheatin'," Gretchen Wilson. Epic/EMN.
  5. "Nothin' Bout Love Makes Sense," LeAnn Rimes. Asylum-Curb.
  6. "Monday Morning Church," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
  7. "Nothin' to Lose," Josh Gracin. Lyric Street.
  8. "Awful, Beautiful Life," Darryle Worley. Dreamworks.
  9. "Some Beach," Blake Shelton. Warner Bros.
  10. "He Gets That From Me," Reba McEntire. MCA Nashville.
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**Top Country Albums**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Be As You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
  2. "This Woman," LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
  3. "Greatest Hits," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
  4. "Feels Like Today," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
  5. "Here for the Party," Gretchen Wilson. Epic (Nashville). (Platinum)
  6. "Greatest Hits 2," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
  7. "50 Number Ones," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
  8. "Horse of a Different Color," Big & Rich. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
  9. "Live Like You Were Dying," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
  10. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
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**Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "Let Me Love You," Mario. 3rd Street.
  2. "Lovers and Friends," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Usher & Ludacris). BME.
  3. "Soldier," Destiny's Child (feat. T.I. & Lil Wayne). Columbia.
  4. "1, 2 Step," Ciara (feat. Missy Elliott). Sho'nuff-MusicLine.
  5. "How We Do," The Game (feat. 50 Cent). Aftermath/G-Unit/Interscope.
  6. "Disco Inferno," 50 Cent. Shady/Aftermath/Interscope.
  7. "Bring Em Out," T.I. Grand Hustle/Atlantic.
  8. "Drop It Like It's Hot," Snoop Dogg (feat. Pharrell). Doggystyle.
  9. "Truth Is," Fantasia. J.
  10. "Some Cut," Trillville (feat. Cutty). BME.
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**Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "The Documentary," The Game. Aftermath.
  2. "Get Lifted," John Legend. Good Music.
  3. "The Foundation," Geto Boys. Rap-a-Lot.
  4. "Free Yourself," Fantasia. J.

5. "Crunk Juice," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz. BME. (Platinum)
  6. "Urban Legend," T.I. Grand Hustle. (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)
  7. "Encore," Eminem. Shady. (Platinum)
  8. "The Red Light District," Ludacris. Disturbing the Peace. (Platinum)
  9. "Goodies," Ciara. Sho'nuff-MusicLine. (Platinum)
  10. "Destiny Fulfilled," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Platinum)
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**Hot Rap Tracks**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Lovers and Friends," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Usher & Ludacris). BME.
  2. "How We Do," The Game (feat. 50 Cent). Aftermath/G-Unit/Interscope.
  3. "Disco Inferno," 50 Cent. Shady.
  4. "Drop It Like It's Hot," Snoop Dogg (feat. Pharrell). Doggystyle.
  5. "Bring Em Out," T.I. Grand Hustle/Atlantic.
  6. "Karma," Lloyd Banks (feat. Avant). G-Unit/Interscope.
  7. "Get Back," Ludacris. Disturbing the Peace.
  8. "Candy Shop," 50 Cent (feat. Olivia). Shady.
  9. "Some Cut," Trillville (feat. Cutty). BME.
  10. "Wonderful," Ja Rule (feat. R. Kelly & Ashanti). The Inc.
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**Hot Dance Music — Club Play**

- (Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "Killer 2005 (P. Rauhofer/More/DJ Monk/J. Albert Mixes)," Seal. Warner Bros.
  2. "Back to Love," Rachel Panay. Act 2.
  3. "House of Jupiter (Junior/P. Bailey/Boris Mixes)," Casey Stratton. Odyssey.
  4. "Kumbalawe (Roger Sanchez Mixes)," Kumbalawe. Cirque Du Soleil.
  5. "Pop/Ular (Guido/Wayne G/F. Prestal/J. Budz Mixes)," Darren Hayes. Columbia.
  6. "Soldier (Remixes)," Destiny's Child (feat. T.I. & Lil Wayne). Columbia.

7. "The Wonder of It All (Escape/Gomi/Trendroid/I. Pavlin/O. Nissim Mixes)," Kristine W. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
  8. "How Could I Lie (Ralph & E. Baez Mixes)," Angel. Midas.
  9. "Half a Mile Away," Debby Holiday. Nebula 9.
  10. "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy? (Remixes)," Rod Stewart. Warner Bros.
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**Hot Latin Tracks**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Volverte a Ver," Juanes. Surco.
  2. "Porque Es Tan Cruel el Amor," Ricardo Arjona. Sony Discos.
  3. "Hoy Como Ayer," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
  4. "Te Buscaria," Christian Castro. Ariola/BMG Latin.
  5. "El Virus del Amor," Los Tucanes de Tijuana. Universal Latino.
  6. "Todo el Ano," Obie Bermudez. EMI Latin.
  7. "Me Dedique a Perderte," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
  8. "Aire," Intocable. EMI Latin.
  9. "Volvere," K-Paz de La Sierra. Univision.
  10. "Perdidos," Monchy & Alexandra. J&N.
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**Top Latin Albums**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Barrio Fino," Daddy Yankee. El Cartel.
  2. "Cronica de Dos Generos: Recuerdos Con Amor," Bronco/Los Bukis. Fonovisa.
  3. "El Que Habla Con Las Manos," Eitel. VI.
  4. "Chosen Few: El Documental," Various Artists. Chosen Few.
  5. "Mi Sangre," Juanes. Surco.
  6. "15 Duranguenses de Corazon," Various Artists. Disa.
  7. "Mexico En la Piel," Luis Miguel. Warner Latina.
  8. "Parranda Tequilera 2005," Various Artists. Univision.
  9. "Fuego," A.B. Quintanilla III Presents Kumbia Kings. EMI Latin.
  10. "Za Za Za," Grupo Climax. Musart.

**Best sellers — video**

(AP) — Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine.

**Top Music Video Sales**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents: Collision Course," Jay-Z/Linkin Park.
  2. "Greatest Hits," Creed.
  3. "Church in the Wildwood," Bill & Gloria Gaither and Their Homecoming Friends.
  4. "Hymns," Bill & Gloria Gaither and Their Homecoming Friends.
  5. "Anywhere But Home," Evanescence. (Platinum)
  6. "Live at the Greek," Josh Groban.
  7. "Afterglow Live," Sarah McLachlan.
  8. "Live at Donington," AC/DC.
  9. "Crossroads Guitar Festival (2 Disc Set)," Eric Clapton.
  10. "Finally... the First Farewell Tour," Phil Collins.

**Top VHS Rentals**

- (Based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Assn.)
1. "Friday Night Lights," Universal Studios Home Video.
  2. "The Forgotten," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
  3. "Without a Paddle," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  4. "Cellular," New Line Home Entertainment.
  5. "The Village," Touchstone Home Video.
  6. "Catwoman," Warner Home Video.
  7. "Troy," Warner Home Video.
  8. "Collateral," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
  9. "Napoleon Dynamite," FoxVideo.
  10. "Paparazzi," FoxVideo.
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**Top VHS Sales**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "The Land Before Time XI: The Invasion of the Tinysauruses," Universal Studios Home Video.
  2. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  3. "The Village," Touchstone Home Video.
  4. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
  5. "Spider-Man 2," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
  6. "Friday Night Lights," Universal Studios Home Video.

7. "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement," Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
8. "Platinum Series: Abs & Chest of Steel 2000," Warner Home Video.
9. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
10. "Spongebob Squarepants: Home Sweet Pineapple."

**Top DVD Sales**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Friday Night Lights (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
  2. "The Forgotten," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
  3. "Friday Night Lights (Pan & Scan)," Universal Studios Home Video.
  4. "Cellular," New Line Home Entertainment.
  5. "Catwoman (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.
  6. "Catwoman (Pan & Scan)," Warner Home Video.
  7. "Napoleon Dynamite," FoxVideo.
  8. "Aladdin II & III Collection," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  9. "The Village (Widescreen)," Touchstone Home Video.
  10. "The Village (Pan & Scan)," Touchstone Home Video.
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**Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders**

- (Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental charts)
- HOT POP SINGLE:** "Let Me Love You," Mario.
- TOP POP ALBUM:** "Be As You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair," Kenny Chesney.
- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE:** "Let Me Love You," Mario.
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM:** "The Documentary," The Game.
- HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK:** "Bless the Broken Road," Rascal Flatts.
- TOP COUNTRY ALBUM:** "Be As You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair," Kenny Chesney.
- TOP VHS RENTAL:** "Friday Night Lights."
- TOP VHS SALE:** "The Land Before Time XI: The Invasion of the Tinysauruses."
- TOP DVD SALE:** "Friday Night Lights (Widescreen)."
- TOP MUSIC VIDEO:** "MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents: Collision Course," Jay-Z/Linkin Park.

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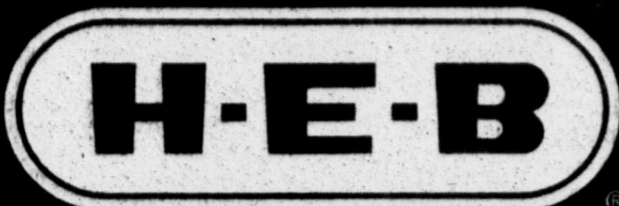
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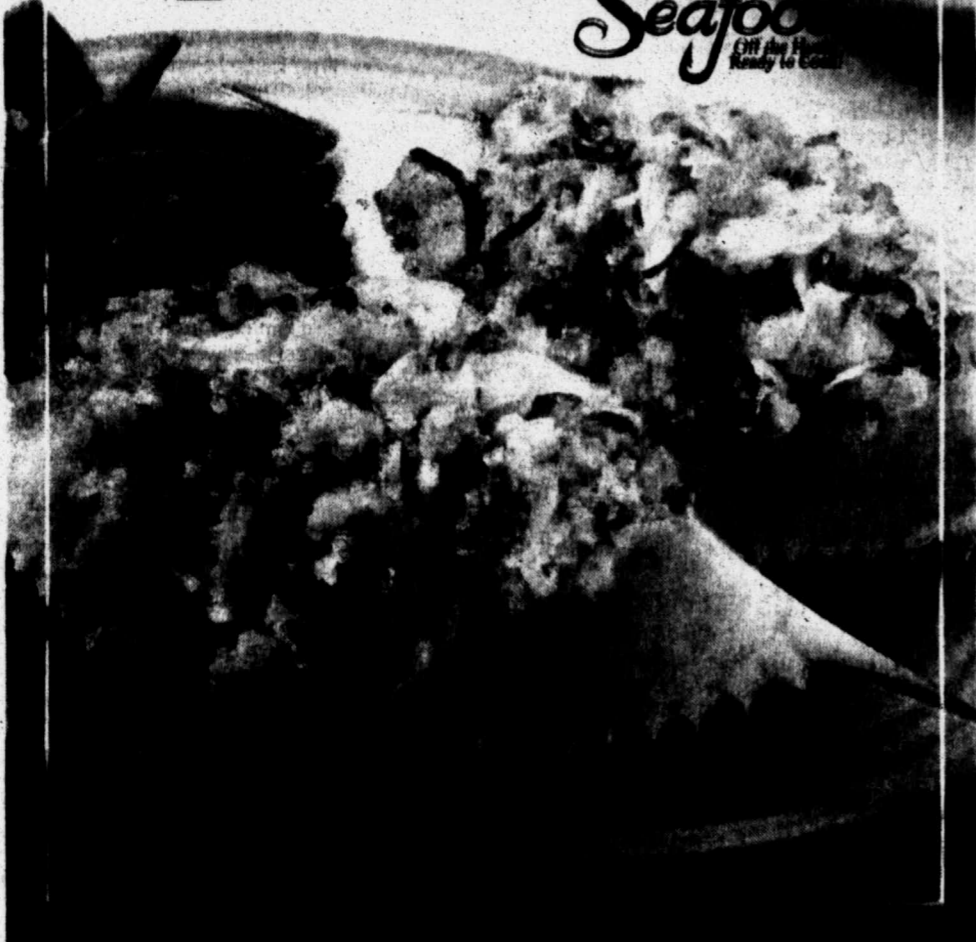
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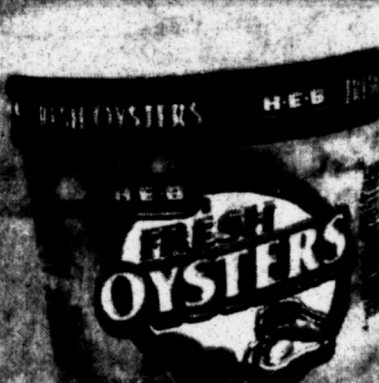
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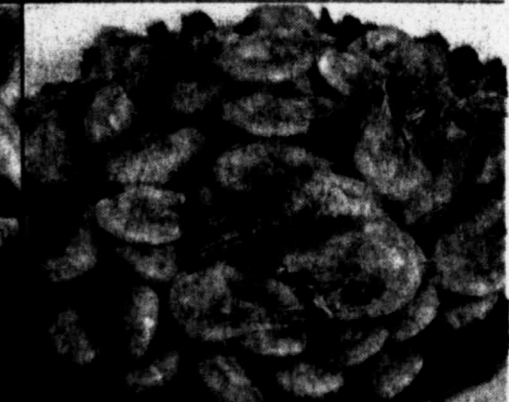
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### IN BRIEF

#### Sportsman Club sets M1 Garand match

The Western Sportsman Club has announced an M1 Garand match will take place Sunday at the Western Sportsman Club range, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

It will be a 30-round match at 200 yards. The cost is \$8 and eligible rifles include the M1 Garand, M1 Carbine and 1903 A3.

There will also have loaner rifles and ammo for people that want to shoot.

For more information, contact Vic Coats at 263-1845.

#### Coahoma's softball 'Alumni Day' set

Coahoma head softball coach Robby Dickenson has announced that the annual Alumni Day softball game will take place Saturday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. at the Coahoma softball field.

The game will feature this year's upcoming team against past Coahoma softball alumni.

For more information, contact Dickenson at the Coahoma ISD at 394-4536.

#### Coahoma to host 'donkey basketball'

The Coahoma PTA will be bringing "donkey basketball" to the high school gym Saturday, Feb. 12 with two teams.

The game will feature students and/or faculty from Coahoma, while the second, which will begin at 7 p.m., will feature members from the sheriff's department, fire department and city of Big Spring.

Advance tickets will be \$5, but spectators can purchase tickets at the door for \$6. Tickets may be purchased at the Coahoma High School, Coahoma Junior High, Coahoma Elementary, chamber of commerce (open during lunch), KBST or by calling Laura at 267-8660 or Neasa at 399-4443.

For more information, contact Laura Martin at 263-8421 or 466-1950.

#### Coahoma LL sets up cleaning day at field

The Coahoma Little League will hold a week-day Saturday cleaning day at the little league field.

All parents of children that will be playing this year are encouraged to help.

For more information, contact Craig Ferguson at 394-4537.

#### Marino, Young lead 'Hall' inductees

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Dan Marino and Steve Young were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Marino, the first of the line, was inducted in 1999.

## Clapp ends short reign as Howard softball coach

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Citing family and community issues, former Howard College head softball coach Derek Clapp resigned recently. A search for a replacement will begin immediately.

"I just wasn't getting enough time to watch my

kids grow up," said Clapp Friday morning.

Clapp has two children, nine-year-old daughter Ashleigh and five-year-old son Garrett, and he wanted to be more a part of their extra-curricular activities.

"Being a coach at the college level doesn't give you a lot of extra time for family and I didn't want that," said Clapp. "My daughter played in 25 softball games last year and I got to see only three of them. She played volley-

ball this past year and I couldn't get to a single match."

Clapp also stated that he wants to be more a part of the Big Spring community.

"I had hoped to be a part of the community more when I first came to Big Spring, but just never had time because coaching takes up lots of time," added Clapp. "Now I will have time to be more involved."

The resignation comes almost one year after

Clapp took Howard to its first-ever national tournament appearance. Last year's team defeated Midland College in back-to-back games to win the Region V Tournament and then advanced to national tournament in Clermont, Fla. The Hawk women lost their first-round game but managed one win while in Florida and finished in the top-eight of the double elimination tournament.

"I want to thank Howard College and the

Big Spring community for all the support that was given to us after the team went to nationals," said Clapp. "I look forward to the continued support as I teach at the school."

Clapp will remain a speech teacher at Howard and be in charge of heading up some administrative duties on campus, as well.

"I will head up the career center here and try

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## Estacado takes out Big Spring

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — A big win over Plainview last Tuesday by Lubbock Estacado was not followed up by a letdown Friday as the Matadors remained one game behind the Bulldogs and Frenship in the District 4-4A race as they defeated Big Spring in Lubbock, 73-37.

Big Spring (6-23, 0-7) trailed 40-17 at halftime as Lubbock Estacado (15-11, 5-2) connected on six-for-eight from behind the arc in quarters two and three before cruising past the Steers on its home-



court.

Junior Kyle Piercefield led Big Spring with 11 points, while senior Justin Green added seven points. Seniors Nathan Teeters and Bobby Newton and junior Kalin Whitehead all finished with five.

Big Spring heads to district leading Plainview Tuesday before hosting rival Lake View next Friday.

## Intimidation hurts Big Spring in loss

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Intimidation ran thick for the Big Spring girls' basketball team Friday as state-ranked Lubbock Estacado handed the Lady Steers their worst loss of the season in a 98-33 rout.

Big Spring finished with 21 turnovers and connected on just 13-of-47 shots from the field and four-of-10 from the foul line.

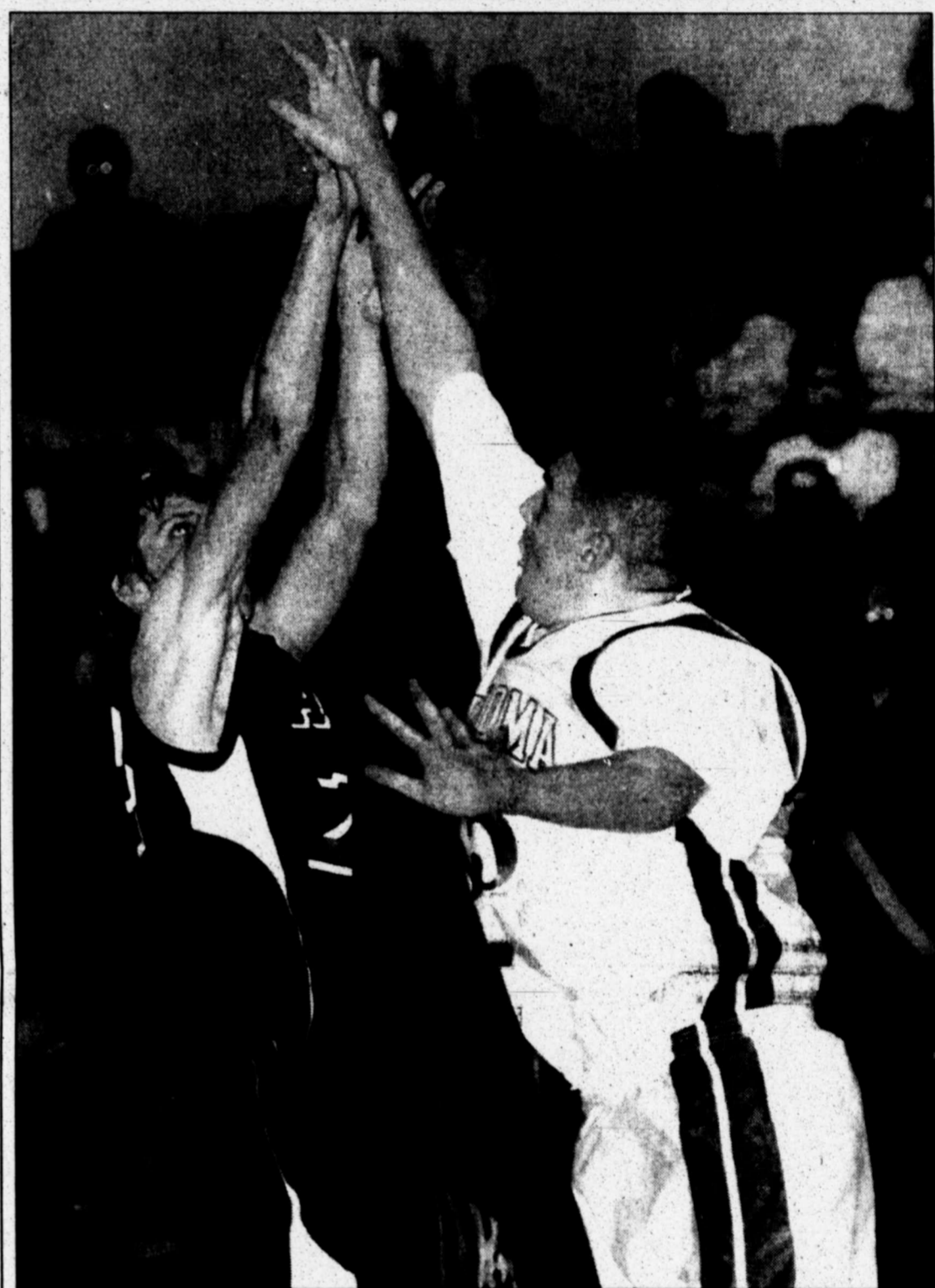
"We were intimidated every time we shot the ball," said Big Spring

coach Tim Van Hecke. "And that was partly because every shot we put up got thrown back in our faces."

Estacado (25-6, 9-0) jumped out to a 27-7 lead the first quarter and then grabbed a 40-16 lead at the break. The Lady Matadors didn't let up despite the big lead as they outscored Big Spring (4-20, 0-9) 59-17 in the second half.

"Our defense was good and the score doesn't really reflect how well we played," said Van Hecke. Junior Raegan Ritchey finished with 10 points and nine rebounds to lead the Lady Steers, while junior Carmen Lewis

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma senior Isaac Brewer attempts to alter a shot by Anson's Luke Key Friday during Coahoma's loss to the district-leading Tigers at home. Key finished with a game-high 21 points and 14 rebounds, while Brewer had seven points and 10 rebounds.

## Third quarter hurts 'Dogs

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Coahoma's boys basketball team played with district-leading Anson for three quarters Friday night at home.

However, Coahoma was put away by the Tigers in the third quarter after outscoring the Bulldogs 20-9. Anson (21-7) won the game 64-50 and could very well have wrapped up the district

championship, as well. "The third quarter done us in," said Coahoma coach Kim Nichols. "We got caught at half

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## Anson too strong for Bulldogettes

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Coahoma couldn't get enough shots to fall at home Friday night and lost a District 4-2A game to rival Anson.

The Bulldogettes trailed the entire way in the game. They closed to within three points in the third quarter before Anson pulled away in the fourth, winning 47-39.

"We played hard and battled back on more than one occasion, but we just couldn't get enough shots to fall," said Coahoma coach Sandy Logan. "The defense played well the whole night."

The Lady Tigers used the 3-point shot early in the game to grab the lead in the first quarter. They led 13-2 with two minutes to go in the opening period before Coahoma rolled off six straight points to cut its deficit to 13-8 after the first eight minutes.



Senior Mendy Morgan capped off the period with a buzzing beating put-back.

Anson again pushed its lead to nine early in the second quarter, but Coahoma responded with four straight points to get back to within 17-12. The Bulldogettes would eventually trail 21-16 at half-time.

The two teams played to an even draw in the third quarter. Anson got up by as many as 10 points on two different occasions. Both times, however, Coahoma answered with short runs to remain in the game. The second answer was led by a steal

and layup from freshman Janice Gonzales which cut the Anson lead to six.

"Every time we gave a little, we pulled a little back," said Logan. "We played with a lot of enthusiasm."

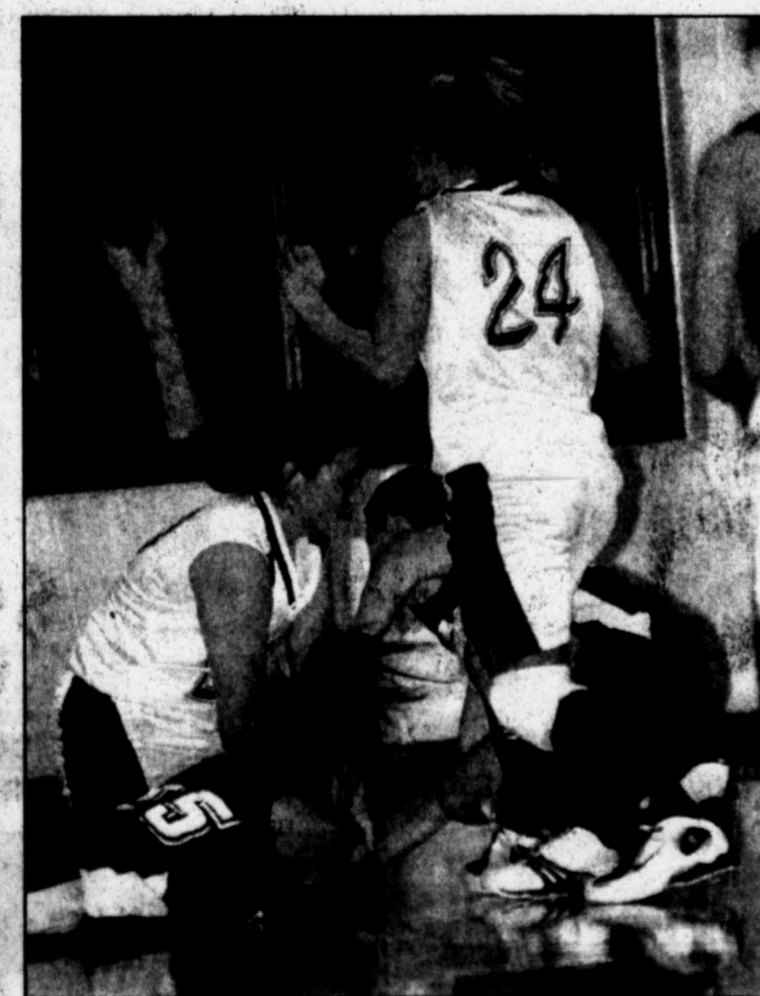
Coahoma cut the Lady Tigers lead to three points with 50 seconds to play in the period but missed two chances on the offensive end to draw closer and that would be as close as they got the rest of the game.

The Bulldogettes trailed by five heading into the final quarter. Anson pushed its lead back to 11 early in the final frame. Coahoma got within nine twice and within seven on one occasion before falling by eight.

Coahoma made just nine-of-19 shots from the foul line.

"Free throws have gotten

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma's Christie Rich, left, battles two Anson players for a loose ball Friday during the Lady Tigers win over the Bulldogettes. Rich finished with six points and eight rebounds. Liz Conley, 24, looks to provide assistance.



# Early lead helps Buffs dominate rival Iraan

• Forsan uses 12-point first quarter lead in rout over rival

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Forsan's boy's basketball team moved into a second place tie in District 8-A Friday with a convincing win over rival Iraan at home. The



Buffaloes jumped out to an 18-6 first quarter lead and then coasted to a 50-34 win. The victory improves the Buffaloes' overall record to 11-15 and moves Forsan up to 3-5 in the district, creating a second place tie with rival McCamey.

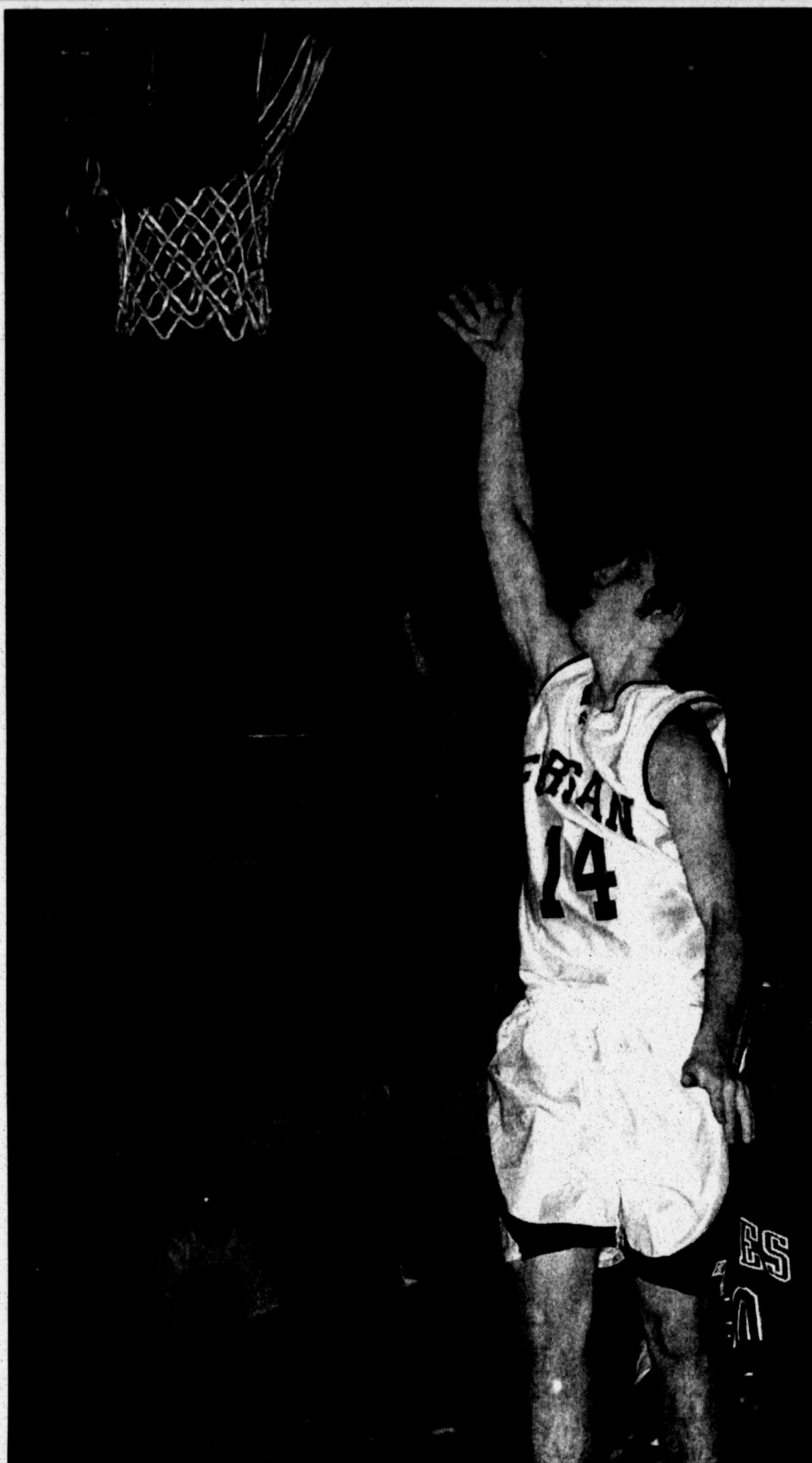
Forsan's 12-point first quarter advantage was followed up by a four-point advantage during the final three quarters.

Iraan drops to 6-16 overall with the loss and 2-6 in the district.

Forsan was led by Tye Baker's 12 points. Adam Bailey and Jeremy Johnson pitched in with 10 and nine points, respectively.

Wink	8-0	17-13
Forsan	3-5	11-15
McCamey	3-5	7-15
Iraan	2-6	6-17

Tuesday: Forsan @ Wink  
McCamey vs. Iraan



Forsan senior Clay Kuykendall scores an easy layup Friday during the Buffaloes' victory over district rival Iraan.

# BULLDOGS

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court a few times and played hard, but just didn't execute and didn't handle Anson's defensive pressure.

"This win for them probably gives them the district title."

Both Anson and Coahoma have three games left, but in order for the second place Bulldogs to move into first place, Anson must lose its final three games and Coahoma must win its final three.

"I think we can win out, but I don't think they will lose all three of theirs," said Nichols.

Anson jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter and led 18-13 after the first eight minutes. Coahoma battled back in the second quarter as an Adrian Abrego and Joe Holguin basket cut the Tigers lead to one at 18-17.

The two team's continued to battle in the quarter. Coahoma tied the game at 29-29 on a putback by backup center Daniel Posey. However, a putback by Anson's Luke Key gave the Tigers the two-point halftime lead.

The six-foot seven-inch Key had 17 points and 10 rebounds at halftime for Anson.

Anson stretched its lead in the third quarter as they went on an 11-0 run and grabbed a 51-36 lead. At one point in the third quarter, Anson held a 35-34 lead.

The Tigers grabbed a 15-point lead with 6:49 to go in the game before eventually winning the contest by 14.

Key finished with 21 points, 14 rebounds and four steals.

"We needed to double down on him, but we didn't want to leave (Devin) Robinson open either," said Nichols. "Isaac



(Brewer) battled him, but he didn't get much help."

Holguin led Coahoma with 12 points, eight rebounds and five steals off the bench.

"He plays good defense and played hard tonight," said Nichols. "He was good off the bench for us."

Brewer finished with seven points and 10 rebounds, while Abrego added eight points, nine rebounds and five assists. Senior Tyler Fowler scored six points and dished out five assists.

Robinson and Elijah Ramos contributed 13 and 10 points, respectively, for Anson.

"All 10 of our guys played hard, but we just didn't shoot the ball well—especially in close," said Nichols. "I don't know what we shot in the game, but I don't think it was very good. That is basketball though."

Nichols and Coahoma will now prepare to travel to Colorado City to take one the arch rival Wolves in hopes of earning a playoff berth.

"They are real quick and play half court man-to-man defense," said Nichols.

The game will start at around 8 p.m.

Anson	7-0	21-7
Coahoma	5-2	18-9
Colorado City	3-4	12-13
Stanton	3-4	12-12
Standard	3-4	13-13
Hawley	0-7	8-21

# Garden City can't find District 7-A road win

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

GAIL — Borden County used an 18-10 fourth quarter advantage to defeat the Garden City boy's basketball team Friday in Gail.

The Bearcats, who remain winless on the road in district play, jumped out to an 11-5 first quarter, but the fourth

quarter deficit sent the Coyotes to the win, 45-37.

Borden County cut into the Bearcats lead in the second quarter before tying the score heading into the final frame.

Senior Chais Goodwin led Garden City (12-15, 6-3) with 13 points.

Sophomore Shaun Maxie hit three 3-pointers and scored 11 points, as well.

# COAHOMA

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us in a few games this year and they definitely got us tonight," said Logan. "Anson's four 3-pointers and our 10 missed free throws were huge factors in the game."

Both teams made 15 2-pointers, but Coahoma didn't connect from behind the arc.

Morgan finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead Coahoma (9-21), which is now tied for third place in the District 4-2A standings with a 4-5 record. Christie Rich added six points and eight rebounds, while Gonzales added eight points. Junior Sterling Gee finished with three steals and five rebounds.

Mirando Damiano led all scorers with 23 points.

Coahoma finished with 22 turnovers, but answered committed 26.

The Bulldogettes travel to rival Colorado City Tuesday and a win could clinch a playoff berth. If Stanon loses to Stamford and Coahoma defeats the Wolves, Coahoma would earn the third and final district playoff spot. Stanton and Coahoma are currently tied for third with identical district records. The two teams split this season.

Anson	8-1	18-9
Stamford	7-2	18-12
Coahoma	4-5	9-17
Hawley	4-5	10-19
Stanton	4-5	12-15
Colorado City	0-9	2-26

# LADY STEERS

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added four points and six rebounds. Seniors Cycely Tuitt and Alex Watkins each finished with seven points, as well.

LaVonda Henderson — a Texas Tech recruit — scored 25 points and hit five 3-pointers. Shaniqua Henderson added 19 points, while Tomisha Martin scored 18.

Big Spring's final game of the season takes place Tuesday at conference rival Plainview.

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# Stanton records two district wins as playoffs near

• Washington's career night leads Buffs, Kendall leads way for Lady Buffaloes

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Michael Washington's career day led the Stanton boys and a fast start in the first and third quarters helped the Stanton girls as both teams recorded wins over rival Colorado City Friday at home.

The Buffaloes won 60-57, while the Lady Buffaloes took out the Lady Wolves, 50-39.



WASHINGTON

### BOYS

Colorado City jumped out to an 18-10 first-quarter lead, but Washington's huge night was too much for the Wolves to overcome.

Washington finished with a game-high 32 points, 11 rebounds, four assists, six steals and two blocks as Stanton outscored Colorado City 50-39 in the final three quarters.

Washington also connected on 14 out of 15 shots from the foul line.

Stanton improves to 12-12 overall with the win as the victory now creates a three-way tie for third place in District 4-2A. Both the Wolves and Buffaloes, along with

Stamford, are 3-4 in the district.

Jeremy Esparza finished with 10 points for Stanton.

Stanton will try to inch closer to a playoff berth Tuesday as the Buffaloes travel to rival Stamford. A win over the Bulldogs and a win by Coahoma over Colorado City would move Stanton into third place by themselves.

The top-three district finishers earn playoff berths. Anson and Coahoma are in first and second place, respectively.

### GIRLS

Stanton's 17-10 first quarter advantage Friday was enough to dominate rival Colorado City (2-27, 0-9) at home.

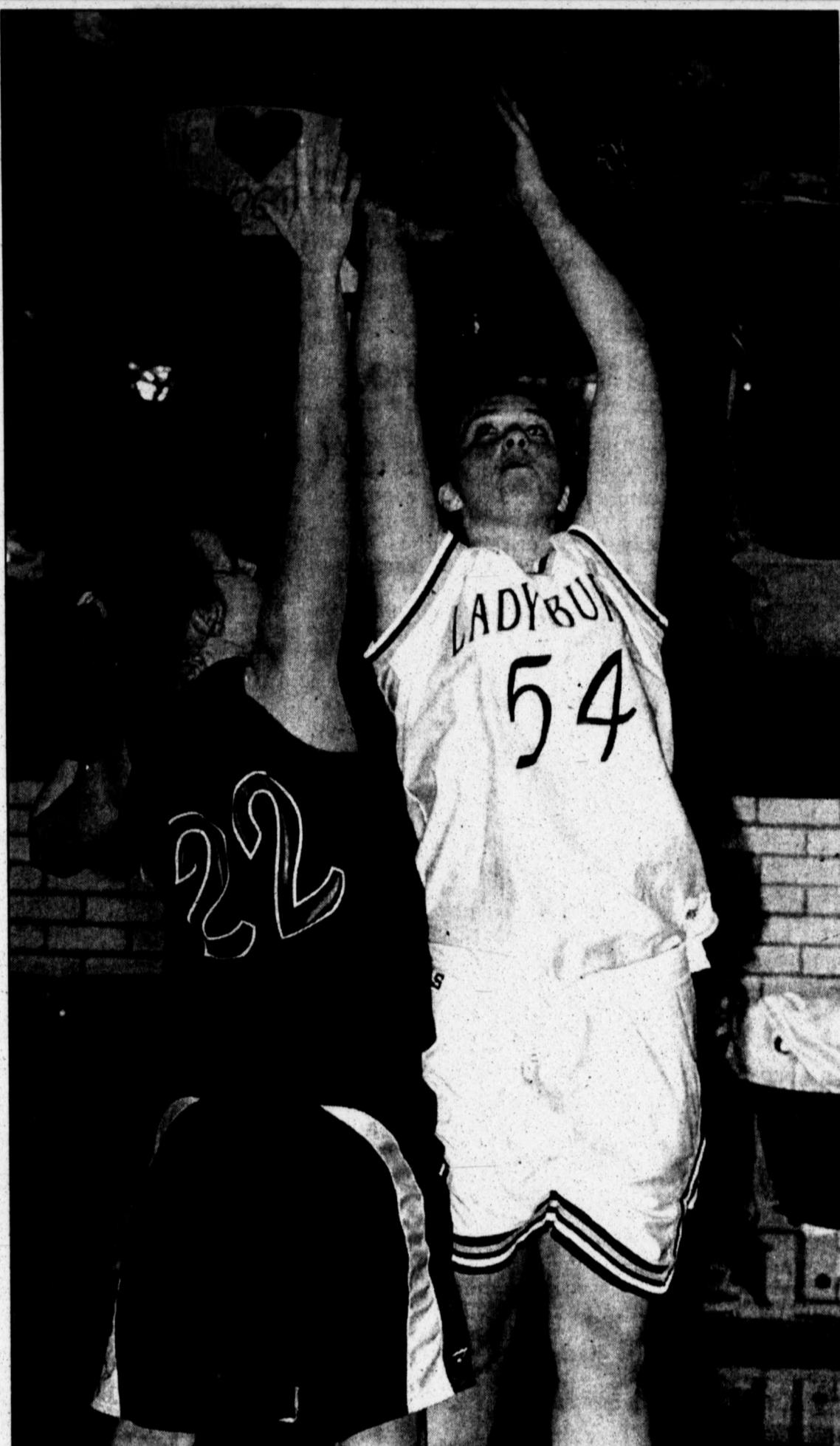
Stanton won the game despite scoring just three points in the second quarter.

They outscored the Wolves 30-22 in the second half after taking a three-point lead at half-time.

Junior Bonnie Kendall led three Stanton players in double figures with 15 points. Freshman Traci Carr scored 11, while Stormie Dugan added 10.

The win moves Stanton into a tie for third place with Coahoma and Hawley.

The Lady Buffaloes travel to second place Stamford Tuesday, while Coahoma travels to Colorado City. Stanton's game against Stamford begins at 6 p.m.



Forsan's Casi Graves goes up for a shot inside against rival Iraan Friday in Forsan. Graves scored 14 points, but the Lady Buffaloes lost, 62-41.

# Becerra's 21 points can't give Forsan win

• Lady Buffaloes drop to 0-9 in District 8-A

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Cynthia Becerra scored 21 points Friday during Forsan's home game against Iraan, but it was all for naught as the Lady Buffaloes dropped to 0-9 in District 8-A action with a 62-41 loss to rival Iraan.

Iraan jumped out to a 12-8 first quarter lead before outscoring Forsan 24-13 in the second quarter.

Forsan managed just four points in the third quarter and trailed 51-25 heading into the final period.

The Lady Buffaloes outscored Iraan 16-11 in the final fourth quarter, but their deficit was much too high to overcome.

Casi Graves added 14 points in a losing cause for Forsan.

Forsan made just eight-of-23 shots from the foul line.

Forsan will travel to Wink Tuesday to take on a district rival beginning at 6:30 p.m.

### District 8-A Standings

McCamey	8-0	22-4
Iraan	6-2	24-5
Wink	2-6	12-15
Forsan	0-8	9-17

Tuesday: Forsan @Wink  
McCamey vs. Iraan

# Grady gets two wins over rival Mustangs

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The Grady boy's basketball team had one of their best shooting nights of the season in their win over rival Sands Friday, while the Lady Wildcats struggled, but still found a way to win.

The Wildcats won easily, 49-26, while the Grady girls narrowly defeated Sands, 37-33.

### BOYS

Grady started slow, but used a 19-6 second quarter advantage to begin what turned out to be a rout of rival Sands.

Freshman Justin Tubb led Grady (19-8, 8-1) with a team-high 16 points as the Wildcats clinched a playoff spot in District 7-A.

Doug Rutledge and Andrew Villa added 10 and eight points, respectively.

### GIRLS

Senior Kelsey Tubb led the Lady Wildcats with 13 points as Grady used a 19-12 fourth quarter advantage to claim victory over Sands.

Grady is currently in third place in District 7-A with two games to go.

# CLAPP

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to get that off the ground," added Clapp.

This year's Howard College softball team began its season this past weekend in Arizona under the direction of interim head coach Cheryl Dickens, who served as Clapp's assistant last season.

"They are in good hands with Coach Dickens," said Clapp. "She has good passion and knowledge of the game."

"I am not yet sure what the team feels about my decision because they are a pretty reserved group off the field. Their reactions are hard to figure out sometimes, but I would assume they are

shocked and some anger might be there, as well. But, to be honest, I really don't know what they are thinking."

Clapp could not rule out coaching in the future, but said he would not coach at the college level for at least 10 years from now.

"I think I will probably want to coach my children's little league and ASA teams, but college coaching is not going to be in my near future," he added.

Last season was Clapp's first and only year as head coach at Howard.

He did serve the three previous years as an assistant, however.

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# New England hopes to start dynasty with 'Super' victory

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl 2005. And 2006. And 2007.

Don't laugh. Both franchises are built to last, as much as any team can last in the topsy-turvy NFL of the salary-cap, free agency era.

Whether the Eagles win their first NFL championship since 1960 on Sunday, or the Patriots become the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years, both will be favorites to win conference titles next season. There is nothing fluky about either franchise.

"We try to use the same formula we use in business," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "And the primary thing is to get good people. And when you get good people who have a long-term commitment and share your vision on how you want to do things, then good things can happen."

Such as dominating the NFL in a period when parity is rampant and 8-8 teams make the playoffs. Not only has Kraft hired the right people — coach Bill Belichick, vice president of player personnel Scott Pioli — but Belichick and Pioli have brought in players who perfectly fit in Foxboro.

That's hardly luck. Sure, they found Tom Brady in the sixth round of the 2000 draft, but they also held onto Brady by keeping four quarter-

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backs that season, the only team to do so, Pioli said. And when Drew Bledsoe got hurt in the second game of 2001, in stepped Brady, who has yet to lose a playoff game.

The Patriots search for a specific kind of player in the draft and, especially, in free agency. They always seem to find them: versatile, unselfish and eager to prove themselves.

"The system is a system that a player has to be selfless, have to be extremely competitive because of the very competitive environment, and it takes a lot of discipline," Pioli said. "When you talk about discipline, it's not about how long their hair is, or how much jewelry they wear. We have certain expectations of guys being in the right place at the right time and doing their job a certain way."

That's also where the versatility comes into play. So star receiver Troy Brown can become a nickel back. Linebackers Willie McGinest, Tedy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel can pop up anywhere on the field. Five receivers fit into the passing game, and Brady seems comfortable throwing to any of them.

When Belichick sought a running back to balance

the offense, the Patriots traded for Corey Dillon, who was labeled a malcontent in Cincinnati. With the Patriots, he set a team rushing record.

New England is facing the possibility of losing clutch kicker Adam Vinatieri, receiver David Patten and starting guard Joe Andruzzi as free agents. And star cornerback Ty Law's 2005 salary cap hit is a prohibitive \$12.5 million.

More likely, as Brady noted, those teammates will stay.

"Anyone who plays on the Pats understands that our goal is a team goal," he said. "You make sacrifices to fit into a general structure of what the team is trying to accomplish."

What the Patriots are trying to accomplish is to equal the Cowboys' three titles in four seasons (1992, '93 and '95) under far more difficult circumstances. Just ask Jimmy Johnson, who coached the first two of those championship teams in Dallas.

"Yeah, I think they are a dynasty since the salary-cap era," Johnson said. "I think the job Bill Belichick has done might be the best coaching job ever in the history of the NFL."

Andy Reid has shown he's a good coach, too, getting the Eagles to four straight NFC title games. They finally got back to the Super Bowl — first time in 24 years — by beating Atlanta last month.

## HOWARD COLLEGE HAWKS

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• The Hawk women's basketball team dropped two more conference games this past week and is now 11-12 overall and 0-5 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC). Howard travels to Midland College Thursday before traveling to Borger Thursday to take on conference rival Frank Phillips.

• The Hawk men's basketball team split two games last week as they defeated Odessa on the road and lost to South Plains at home. The team is currently 18-4 this season and 4-2 in the WJCAC Conference. Howard travels to Midland College Monday before traveling to Borger to take on Frank Phillips next Thursday. Midland and Frank Phillips are tied for second in the conference with Howard.

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### Recipes for Good Fortune

A small plate menu offers something for everyone. And because every dish in the Chinese culture has special significance, the more items served, the more blessings you receive. For example, spicy-sweet prawns promote vitality and happiness, while savory pork ribs indicate wealth and prosperity! This flavorful, multifaceted meal elevates your celebration, starting off your new year with a bang!

### Setting the Scene

- Set tables with red and gold linens for fortuity and success.
- Decorate with paper lanterns; use fresh flowers and bamboo to signify rebirth and growth.
- Place dishes strategically around the room to encourage mingling.
- Greet guests with "Gung Hay Fat Choy," meaning "Wishing you happiness and prosperity!"
- Present guests with tangerines, leaves attached, for luck and abundant joy.

For more about Chinese New Year and other entertaining tips, download Kikkoman's official Chinese New Year Celebration Guide at [www.kikkoman.com](http://www.kikkoman.com).

### Mandarin Pork Back Ribs

Makes 8 appetizer servings

- 3/4 cup orange marmalade, divided
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce, divided
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- 4 cloves garlic, pressed
- 3 pounds pork loin back ribs, cut into 1-rib pieces

Combine 1/2 cup each orange marmalade and soy sauce, sherry and garlic; pour over ribs in large plastic food storage bag. Press air out of bag; close top securely. Turn bag over several times to coat ribs well. Refrigerate 1 hour, turning bag over once. Arrange ribs, meaty side down, in large, shallow foil-lined baking pan; discard marinade. Cover pan with foil and bake at 350°F 40 minutes. Increase oven temperature to 400°F. Discard foil cover from pan. Drain off excess fat; turn ribs over. Combine remaining 1/4 cup orange marmalade and 2 tablespoons soy sauce; brush ribs with half of mixture. Return ribs to oven and bake 10 minutes. Brush ribs with remaining mixture; bake 5 minutes longer.

### Full Moon Pastries

Makes 16 pastries

- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- All-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon five-spice powder
- 1/4 cup Kikkoman Stir-Fry Sauce
- 1/3 cup chopped green onions and tops
- 2 sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 egg, beaten with 1 tablespoon water

Cook pork in hot oil in large skillet over medium-high heat 1 minute. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon flour and five-spice over pork; cook and stir 1 minute, or until pork is just done. Stir in stir-fry sauce. Remove from heat and cool; stir in green onions. On lightly floured surface, roll each pastry sheet into 12-inch square. Using 3-inch cookie cutter, cut each sheet into 16 circles. Brush 16 circles with egg mixture; spoon 1 tablespoon pork mixture evenly onto each circle. Cover filling with remaining circles, pinching edges together to seal. Cut 2 small slits in center of each. Place pastries 2 inches apart on two greased baking sheets. Brush tops with egg mixture. Bake in 400°F oven 12 to 15 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve warm.

\*Pastries can be made and frozen up to 2 weeks. Thaw pastries for 30 minutes; prepare as directed.

### Firecracker Prawns

Makes 8 appetizer servings

- 1/4 cup Kikkoman Teriyaki Marinade & Sauce
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons tomato ketchup
- 1 teaspoon plus 1 tablespoon cornstarch, divided
- 1 red jalapeño pepper
- 1-1/2 pounds (16 to 20 count) extra-large fresh or thawed prawns, peeled and deveined
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 green onions and tops, sliced

Combine first 3 ingredients with 1 teaspoon cornstarch and 1/4 cup water. Cut jalapeño lengthwise in half; discard half of seeds. Chop jalapeño with remaining seeds and combine with shrimp, garlic and remaining 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Stir-fry shrimp in hot oil in wok or large skillet over high heat 2 minutes; remove. Stir teriyaki sauce mixture and pour into same pan. Cook, stirring, until sauce boils and thickens. Stir in shrimp and green onions and cook just to coat with sauce.

### Golden Phoenix Nests

Makes 8 salad cups

- 1 cup diced, cooked chicken breast
- 3/4 cup diced Fuji apple
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced deli ham, cut into 1/2-inch squares
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- Tangy Honey Dressing (recipe below)
- 8 iceberg lettuce leaves, cut into 5-inch circles

Combine chicken, apple, celery, ham and almonds in bowl. Prepare dressing; pour over salad and toss to coat all pieces. Fill lettuce leaves with about 1/3 cup chicken mixture and arrange salad cups on serving platter.

**Tangy Honey Dressing:** Blend 1/3 cup Kikkoman Sweet & Sour Sauce, 2 tablespoons vegetable oil and 1 tablespoon honey.

### Soy-Ginger Dipping Sauce

Combine 1/4 cup Kikkoman Lite Soy Sauce, 1 tablespoon thinly slivered fresh ginger root, 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar and 1 teaspoon Oriental sesame oil. Serve heated frozen potstickers and egg rolls with sauce. Makes 1/3 cup sauce.

### Empress Pink Pear Lanterns

Makes 8 servings

- 8 firm, ripe Bosc or Bartlett pears
- 3 cups white Zinfandel wine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 slices fresh ginger root, each about 1/4 inch thick
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 carton (8 oz.) crème fraiche

Leaving stems attached, core and peel pears. Cut thin slice off bottom of each pear. Combine wine, sugar, ginger and cinnamon in Dutch oven or large saucepan; bring to boil. Add pears. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 15 to 25 minutes, or until pears are tender when tested with toothpick, turning pears over occasionally. Remove pears; cover and chill. Meanwhile, add orange juice to saucepan; bring to boil. Cook until sauce is reduced to 1 cup, about 10 minutes. Remove and discard spices. Pour sauce into bowl; cover and chill. Cut pears in half crosswise. Remove top halves and fill centers with crème fraiche, spreading to edges; replace tops. To serve, spread 2 tablespoons wine sauce onto dessert plates; place pears on sauce.

From top: Mandarin Pork Back Ribs, Full Moon Pastries, Firecracker Prawns, Golden Phoenix Nests, and potstickers and egg rolls served with Soy-Ginger Dipping Sauce



## Anniversary

### Hesters celebrate 50 years

Roy J. and Joy Hester celebrated their 50th anniversary Feb. 5, 2005. They met at Big Spring High School and were married in the First Christian Church of Big Spring.

The Hesters are long-time residents of Big Spring and have two daughters, Brenda Bradshaw of Midland and Kathy Kirkland of San Angelo and six grandchildren. They owned and operated Hester and Robertson Mechanical Contractors until retirement.

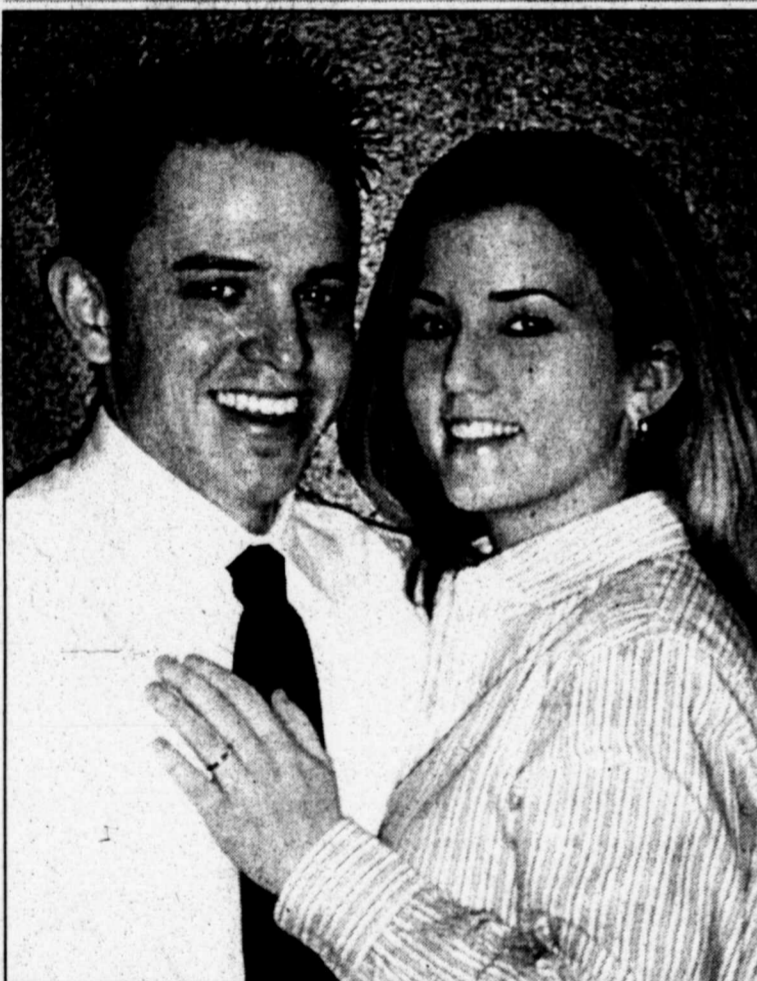
They have been active members of East Fourth Baptist Church and continue serving in various capacities. They have traveled extensively and now own and manage apartments in Big Spring. They enjoy attending their grandchildren's activities in Midland and San Angelo.

They will celebrate their anniversary on a cruise with their family this summer.



Roy J. and Joy Hester's wedding Feb. 5, 1955.

## Engagement



Christina Kay Wallace and Cody Lee Paul

### Wallace, Paul engaged

Christina Kay Wallace of Big Spring and Cody Lee Paul of Hobbs, N.M. will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. April 2, 2005, at Peoples Fellowship Church in Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmy and Patricia Butts of Big Spring and the Rev. Alan and Tonda Wallace of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Elzy and Marcella Davis of Big Spring. She is a graduate of Sterling City High School.

The groom is the son of Richard Paul and Richard and Tina Shoemaker, all of Hobbs, N.M. He is the grandson of Jeanette Paul of Hobbs N.M.

He is a graduate of

Hobbs High School and received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Lubbock Christian University. He is employed by Total Door Service in Lubbock.



Joy and Roy J. Hester

## Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jeffrey Sherrill

### Burton, Sherrill wed

Amanda Nicole Burton of Forsan and Daniel Jeffrey Sherrill of Alamo were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, in Cornerstone Church of Big Spring.

The Rev. Will Tate performed the ceremony.

She is the daughter of Gary and Debbie Burton of Forsan and the granddaughter of W.H. and Doris Burton of Colorado City, Wesley and Tonny Franklin of Big Spring and Jerry and Herlinda Burks of Austin.

He is the son of Audrey Sherrill and the late Jeffrey Sherrill and the grandson of Mattie Baumgartner of Alamo, Carl Baumgartner of Victoria, Nell Bradshaw of Dallas and Word and Patty Sherrill of Boerne.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Gary Burton.

Vocalist and instrumentalists were friends of the couple, Lisa Corso and Angela Tate.

The matron of honor was Susan Zachary. Bridesmaids were Terra Caswell and Crystal Cryer.

The flower girl was Mason Burton and the ring bearer was Mason Hill.

The best man was brother of the groom, James Sherrill. Groomsmen were Wade Hill and Stephen Parks.

## Wedding



Mrs. Richard Craig Jackson

### Pierce, Jackson marry

Cheradyn Pierce and Richard Craig Jackson, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows at 7 p.m. Jan. 29, 2005, at Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock with Adam Pardue, minister of students at Port Neches, performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Loretta Pierce of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Byron and Kathy Pierce and Jimmy and Patsy Gary, all of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Leonard and Cathy Reitzer and the late Manuel (Jack) Jackson, all of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Alice and the late Richard "Dick" Ewing of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents,

Tim and Loretta Pierce. The vocalist was Adam Pardue. Instrumentalists were Heather Dillard on the guitar and Hannah Dillard on the flute.

The maid of honor was Cymberly Pierce, sister of the bride, of Austin. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Bailey and Connie Dawson. The flower girl was Avery Pardue.

The best man was Matthew Dawson. Groomsmen were Louie Ross Jackson and Don Ewing.

The reception coordinator was Cindy McNeely. Servers were Courtney McNeely, Lindsay Scott, Hanna Dillard and Heather Dillard. The guest book attendant was Mariah Dillard.

## Newcomers

- Ted Lewis, wife Lownette, sons Ricky, Mike and Rusty, daughter Stephine and mother, Jeanette, formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich. He is employed by BB&C Trucking Co.
- Jeremiah Roberts and wife, Rebecca, formerly of Midland. He is employed by The Restoration Company.
- Katie Bryant, formerly of Lubbock. She is employed by Identity Hair Salon.
- Jami Womack, formerly of Greenwood. She is employed by Barcelona Apts.
- Elizabeth Merrick and daughter, Penelope, formerly of Temple. She is employed by Comanche Trail Nursing Center.
- Robert Ford, wife, Mary and son, Mikey, formerly of Tulsa, Okla. He is employed by Wal-Mart Super Center.

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5:00 pm - Readings & Ashes

7:00 pm - Full Liturgy & Ashes



Stations of the Cross - will be held Fridays at 6 pm  
Two Fridays at each church

IHM, Feb. 11th & 18th Sacred Heart, Feb. 25th & March 4th  
St. Thomas, March 11th & 18th

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Births



Dylan Blake  
Douglass Cloud

Dylan Blake Douglass Cloud, a boy, was born Jan. 27, 2005, at 11:48 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. His parents are Erin Richey and Kenneth Cloud. His grandparents are Shane and Angie Skaggs, Jackie Richey and Blake and Linda Cloud, all from Big Spring.

was 21 inches long. Her parents are Amanda and Paul Foresyth of Midland. Her grandparents are Myndi and Nick Smith and Deanna and Jimmy Foresyth. Her great-grandparents are Jewel Bettes and Billye and Hank Smith. She was welcome home by Breanna Jewell Foresyth.

Kaisza Marie Woodruff, a girl, was born Jan. 27, 2005, at 3:22 a.m. weighing 5 pounds, 10.9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Roxanne Flores and Jesse Lendell Woodruff Jr. Her grandparents are Sheila Marie and the late Jesse Woodruff. She was welcomed home by Luxie Lynn Evans.

Theresa Ann Montgomery, a girl, was born Jan. 27, 2005, at 9:59 p.m. weighing 7 pounds and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Anthony Montgomery and Ginger Fugute. Her grandparents are Steve and Cindy James and Terry and the late Terri Montgomery.

Eli Moses Cobos, a boy, was born Jan. 27, 2005, at 11:56 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. His parents are Gerald and Diana Cobos of Knott. His grandparents are Joe and Ernestina Renteria Jr. of Knott and Elouise Cobos of Bryan.

Joshua Aiden Torres, a boy, was born Jan. 29, 2005, at 12:15 a.m. His parents are Johnny Torres and Gloria Gallardo of Pearsall. His grandparents are Edward R. and Gloria C. Gallardo, Pete Torres and the late Juanita Benavides. He was welcomed home by Branden, Ryan, Christopher and Ryland.



Israel Michael Hernandez

Israel Michael Hernandez, a boy, was born Jan. 16, 2005, at 8:23 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. His parents are Israel Hernandez and Amber Rowland of Fort Collins, Colo. His grandparents are Lynn and A.J. Rowland of Fort Collins, Colo., Eddie Hernandez of Denver and Sylvia Hernandez of Big Spring.

Erin McKenna Foresyth, a girl, was born Jan. 28, 2005, at 8:18 weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and

In the military

Army Spec. Cruz H. Martinez

Army Spec. Cruz H. Martinez has been named soldier of the quarter.

Selection was based on his exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other specific achievements and notable accomplishments. Martinez is a traffic

investigator assigned to the 34th Military Police Detachment, Fort Knox, Ky.

He is the son of Elizabeth C. Hernandez of Knott. His wife, Rebecca, is the daughter of Patricia Garza of Big Spring.

The specialist is a 2002 graduate of Sands High School, Ackerly.

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Who's Who

Angelo State Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2004 fall semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo include the following from the Big Spring area: Stuart Len Beall, management; William Bryan Beck, studio art; Connie Solley Booth, art/secondary certification; Haley R. Butts, biology; Sarah Renee Carman, pre-pharmacy; Garrett W. Cornett, English/secondary certification; David Lee Daniel, kinesiology; Codi Marie Graves, government and psychology; Jessica Dane Gulley, art/secondary certification; Michael Allen Hadley, applies physics; Annette S. Henry, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Allison P. Jansa, business; Kaci Lyn Moody, kinesiology; Jennifer Marie Morgan, mathematics/secondary certification; Tiffany B. Paige, communication; Camilla Xan Painter, communication; Jason Wesley Pribyla, biology; Jessica Ray, mathematics/secondary certification; Ashley Cecile Richardson, studio art;

Daryl Dan Richardson, music; Joy E. Shaw, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Karen Lea Sterling, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Melissa Ann Strain, kinesiology; Christopher Ryan Vela, biochemistry; Derek William Wash, management; Jeremy Blake White, management; and Chelsea Michelle Wood, mathematics/secondary certification.

Amanda Sheedy

Amanda M. Sheedy has been named to the Dean's List at Sam Houston University.

The Dean's list at Sam Houston consists of all full-time students having grade point averages of 3.5 and above. A perfect record (A) averages 4.0.

Kortney Cheyenne Kemper

Kortney Cheyenne Kemper has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Midwestern State University.

To make the President's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hour with no grade lower

than an A (4.0).



Samantha Newton

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Samantha Newton from Big Spring has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2004 semester at Angelo State University. Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours. She is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School and is majoring in kinesiology.

She is the daughter of Debbie and Steve Newton of Big Spring. She is the

granddaughter of Polly and the late Buster Sisson and Leola and the late Lindall Newton, all of Big Spring.

Regi S. Roberts

Degrees were officially conferred on 454 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises on Dec. 10 at WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 342 baccalaureate and 112 master's degrees.

Regi S. Roberts of Coahoma was among the degree recipients. He was awarded a bachelor of science degree in social sciences.

Big Spring Symphony performance set

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra presents, "An Encore Performance" at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Visit the Web site, www.bigspringssymphony.com or e-mail bssa@bigspringssymphony.com.

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken strips, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Large baked potato, chili, sour cream, broccoli and cheese, soup, milk, crackers, pie.

WEDNESDAY-Beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, milk, fruit.

THURSDAY-Stew, salad, cornbread, milk, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Meatloaf, potatoes, blackeyed peas, cornbread, milk, fruit salad.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Oatmeal, ham, apple juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Donuts, sausage, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Pancake, sausage, orange juice, syrup, milk.

THURSDAY-Scrambled eggs, sausage, grape juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Waffles, sausage, syrup, juice, milk.

LUNCH MONDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oranges, milk.

TUESDAY-Smothered steak or McRibs, creamed potatoes, corn, bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos or burrito, pinto beans, salad, chocolate cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Baked ham or chili dog, green beans, macaroni, apple cobbler,

bread, milk. FRIDAY-Green enchiladas or corndogs, ranch beans, mixed fruit, milk.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Breakfast pizza, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Eggs, toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Muffins, juice, milk.

LUNCH MONDAY-Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, applesauce, crackers, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken quesadillas, pinto beans, mixed fruit, Spanish rice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-BBQ sandwich, chips, apple wedge, corn, milk.

THURSDAY-Pizza, garden salad, pineapple slices, milk.

FRIDAY-Fish nuggets, mac and cheese, peas, pears, milk.

SANDS CISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Peanut butter sandwiches

TUESDAY-Pancake and sausage

WEDNESDAY-Poptarts

THURSDAY-Peanut butter sandwiches

FRIDAY-Muffins

LUNCH MONDAY-Baked potatoes w/chili and cheese, pint beans, crackers, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Baked ham, potato salad, ranch style beans, pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Rice and chicken soup with potatoes, grilled cheese sandwiches, chips, crackers, cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Burritos, salad, corn, fruit, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.

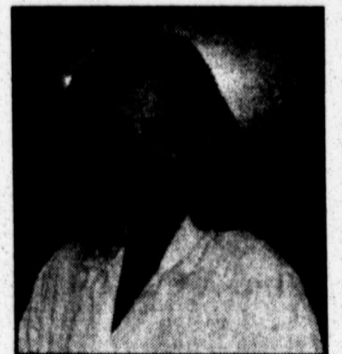
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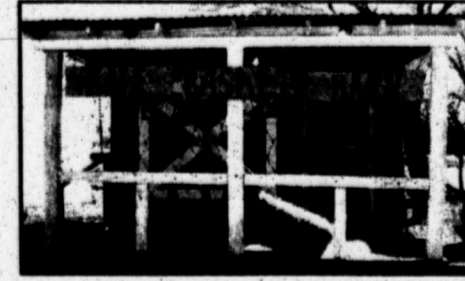
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**Lost in corporate America**  
*Big companies should mend their ways*

Sometimes I feel like Rip Van Winkle.

You know, when you wake up and the world seems to have changed a lot and you feel like you've missed something important.

What I mean is, I can remember how companies went to the nth degree to look after their customers and now it seems we are not important any more or not as important.

Things here always had the feel of a real hometown, Oh, I guess we still do, with most of the local stores and all. What I am talking about are those really big companies. The one that have gotten too big for their corporate britches.

I remember being able to go down to the local gas company and electric company when you had a problem and you could talk to a real live person.

In a way this sounds silly, until you wake up and find them all moved out of town. I am not really sure just where they went.

One way to find out is to call them on the phone. Nope! That ain't gonna happen.

I found that out the other day when I was helping a couple of folks when they had trouble with their bill.

Called the big "monster" and as usual, you have to listen for about five minutes, push the buttons on the phone and hope you went to the right place.

Why can't they say right from the get go push 'zero' to get a real live person. Noooo! You listen, push one for blah, blah, blah, two for blah, blah etc.

Once I got to talking with them I found you can't get anything accomplished. Know why?

Well, it's a call center. For some things call centers are OK but for stuff like this I want to talk to a live person that can help me.

Not one that just says "it's our policy." Hey! Someone wrote the policy, let me talk to him or her.

Can't do that, it's not our policy to get you hooked up to someone to help you.

I recall when it was local, you could talk to an employee and they might be able to work things out for you. This one person I was helping was paying their bill the next day and their service was cut off.

Then the company wanted a ridiculous amount of money to have the service restored. They eventually went to another service provider for about half the price.

I have heard through the grapevine the new service provider was a subsidiary. Ahhhh! There's the hook!

I know change is inevitable and most

times change is really good, but when customers suffer because of this I wonder was this change worth it to us?

It's kind of sad, I think, when change comes in like this. People lose their jobs, have to retrain or reeducate themselves and collect their lives and rebuild.

And in the mean time, customers are still busy pushing buttons on the telephones trying to find someone to help them.

I suppose the pendulum has swung the other way. I guess big companies are tired of being cheated out of their money by deadbeats and now it's come to bite us.

Maybe this is better, but I still say the old ways to help a good customer was to be there for them. There are more service providers in town, perhaps that is where things began to change.

Well, I still think customers deserve better! Hey! What's the deal with having to go to the many different convenient stores or grocery stores to pay an electric or gas bill?

Hmmmm. That may be another story for another time.

*Burr Lea Settles Jr., former fire marshal for Big Spring, writes this column for the Big Spring Herald.*



BURR LEA SETTLES JR.

**Book Reviews**

**Finding Billy**

Hangar 25 Air Museum, in conjunction with the Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Senior Circle program, will host author Diana Thompson Dale at the Senior Circle Lunch and Learn program at the air museum Feb. 24.

Dale will speak about her book, "Finding Billy: An Internet Odyssey," and will be available to sign copies sold through the Hangar 25 Air Museum Gift Shop.

"Finding Billy" tells how Dale used the Internet to find her uncle, A P-38 fighter pilot, who disappeared on a 1944 mission over northern Italy.

While searching the Internet to find some of the men who had served with her uncle overseas, Dale came across a 1952 memo that suggested the government knew the location of 2nd Lt. William Wisner's crash site.

But they had never told the family, and Billy's mother, Ida Wisner of Dallas, died in 1976 still wondering where her son was.

In 2000, with the help of total strangers in six foreign countries, Dale did what her grandmother could not.

"Finding Billy" juxtaposes Dale's cyber search with her grandmother's tireless quest for answers to tell a story of history,

mystery, discovery and loss.

Today, only about 300 of the 78,400 American servicemen listed as Missing in Action from World War II have ever been found.

"Finding Billy" tells how one person, with a lot of help from new friends, was able to beat those odds.

**Grape Man of Texas**

"Grape Man of Texas," the first biography of Thomas v. Munson, Texas who saved the world's grape crops from the scourge of phylloxera more than 100 years ago, has won the prestigious Gourmand International Award as the best wine history book published in the English language in 2004, according to Virginia Messer, publisher at Eakin Press in Austin.

The new book by Sherrie S. McLeRoy and Roy E. Renfro has also been named one of the six finalists by Gourmand International of Madrid, Spain, for the annual Gourmand Best in the World Award, which will be awarded in Obrero, Sweden Friday.

"Grape Man of Texas" chronicles the life and work of internationally-known Texas horticulturist Thomas Volney Munson. Working from his North Texas base, Munson not only devel-

oped more than 300 new grape varieties suited for the American south and southwest, but also gained worldwide acclaim for his winning fight against the deadly phylloxera epidemic of the late 19th century which almost wiped out the world's grape production.

His solution involved grafting vinifera onto certain native Texas rootstocks and it earned him the Chevalier du Merite Agricole in the French Legion of Honor.

The 288-page, full-color book highlights vintage photographs and documentation of Munson's life and work.

**Santa Apache**

Widespread notions of brutal, blood-thirsty figures have propagated the collective image of Native Americans as ruthless, vicious, war-mongering people.

Oleta Stewart Toliver attempts to refute that claim and recapture the true spirit of the Indian people during the turbulent 18th century, which is the time frame for her new adventure novel, "Santa Apache."

Set against the backdrop of the rugged deserts and majestic mountains of Santa Fe, N.M. and it's surrounding pueblos, "Santa Apache" tells the story of MeiLi, an Apache girl whose peaceful life is interrupted when she is

abducted, raped and forced into slavery following her coming of age ceremony.

After two years of mistreatment and starvation, endured only with the help of visions of her dear grandmother and medicine-woman mother, MeiLi is saved by Don Carlos de Vega, a Spaniard who accepts her way of life, but also teaches her the lessons of his own culture.

As MeiLi continues to use the healing powers from her past to save the lives of Don Carlos' family, she comes to be respected and accepted into their circle.

An even more official bond is created through her tumultuous marriage to Diego, the youngest son of Don Carlos.

Their son, Toyah, who is raised in the Indian-Hispanic ways, represents the merger of two powerful cultures.

"Santa Apache" serves as an accurate historical representation of the strength and intelligence of one Apache maiden's journey through life.

With two children and two grandchildren, Toliver and her husband, Coke, divide their time between Texas and New Mexico. "Santa Apache" is her second book.

For more information, look at the Web site [www.Indiansandmore.com](http://www.Indiansandmore.com).



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Despite being idle since May 2002, Solitaire officials say the the facility will be turning out manufactured homes in the future — they just aren't sure when.

## Solitaire: Still on track?

Company officials say factory will reopen, but no one knows when

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Despite several projected start-up dates made public more than a year ago, the doors to Solitaire Homes' Big Spring plant have yet to reopen — and company officials say there's no solid date set at this time.

Solitaire General Manager Garland Gandy said this week the company still plans to re-open the facility, but as for when — that's still up in the air.

"I've talked to the president of the company about this several times and he assures me that we will reopen the Big Spring plant," said Gandy. "I'm still living in Big Spring and I don't have any plans of moving, so it's not a matter of if we reopen, just when we will reopen."

Solitaire Homes shut down its Big Spring location in May 2002, laying off approximately 160

employees after a fire ripped through one of the plant's production areas.

In January 2004 Gandy said a federally ordered mediation between

**"All of the plans we talked about in January are still in the works. We just don't know when."**



Garland Gandy

Solitaire and its insurance provider, who refused to cover the \$1.5 million cost of repairs caused by the fire, hadn't met their "expectations," but it had reached a point to allow them to not only reopen, but to expand.

"We'll be adding on to the operation," Gandy explained in a *Herald* article in January 2004. "We're

adding 22,500 square feet to the east of the facility, which will mean we can keep an additional two houses in production compared to what we were doing before the fire.

"The additional space will help us increase our production and meet the growing need for our product. Since the Big Spring facility was closed, we've lost a great deal of money because we simply can't keep up with the demand."

Gandy said all of the plans to "expand" the plant are still on track, minus the comfort of a projected reopening date.

"All of the plans we talked about in January are still in the works," said Gandy. "We just don't know when."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

## Big Spring native earns Lifetime Achievement Award

Special to the Herald

Dr. Freddie C. White, head of the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia, was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at a ceremony in Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 7.



White

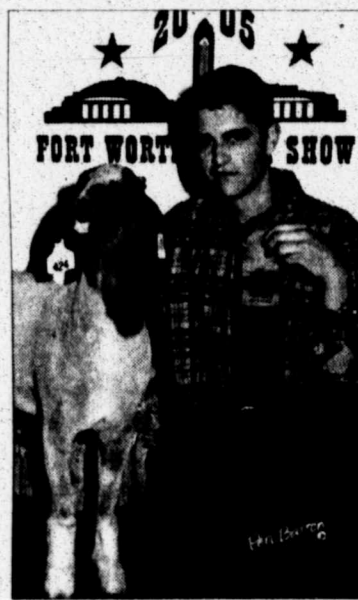
The award recognized Dr. White's 33 years of outstanding contributions to research, teaching and administration in agricultural economics at the University of Georgia. Dr. White is a 1963 graduate of Big Spring High School and is married to the former Sherry Stevens, also a Big Spring High School graduate.

Dr. White is the son of F.W. and Ola White (both deceased), and Sherry is the daughter of J.L. and Jean Stevens.

## Garden City youth exhibits first place heavy weight goat

Cade Halfmann, a 4-H member from Garden City, exhibited a first place heavy weight Wether goat in the Junior Wether Goat Show at the 2005 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth Jan. 30.

The stock show's Junior Division this year hosted 10,068 entries by Texas youth as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums exceeded \$83,966.



## Extension, college partner on business development program

SAN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension and Howard College at Big Spring are partnering in a pilot project to provide area-wide business development assistance throughout the Howard College service area.

The program area encompasses Concho, Dawson, Glass-

cock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Martin, Menard, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green counties.

David Bradford, a Howard College staff member, will work the program full-time. His office will be at the Texas

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## Top dressing and weed control suggestions in wheat

In general, the Texas Panhandle and South Plains wheat crop has gotten off to an excellent start.

In some fields wheat has not grown as much as growers would have preferred, but this will likely change as soon as weather conditions become more favorable. For the most part, fall and winter rain and snow has replenished subsoil moisture to levels that should give the region the potential for an excellent wheat yield, assuming spring weather conditions are not drastically different from our long term average.

Two negatives that

have resulted in our wet fall and winter weather conditions are an abundance of winter weeds, especially mustard weeds, and loss of nitrogen from the soil likely from leaching. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research has shown that one uncontrolled tansy mustard weed per square foot can reduce dryland wheat yield by 10 percent. These weeds should be controlled while they are small and have not had a chance to use up valuable soil moisture that will be needed by the wheat crop this spring. Mustards that have grown out of the rosette stage and are beginning to bolt in order to flower are much more difficult to control. Also, lower rates of herbicide can be used to control small weeds compared to larger

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O'Reilly's Auto Parts Manager Jerry Shrum, third from right, prepares to cut the ribbon to commemorate the grand opening of the store Thursday morning. Others on the front row include, from left, Shann Thomas, Chamber Ambassador Jo Anne Hyer, Teresa Birdwell, Chamber Executive Director Debbye Valverde, and Chamber Ambassador Tito Arenclbia.

## Farm Bureau celebrates Food Check-Out Day

America's farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world, which creates affordable prices at the marketplace for American consumers. As a result the Howard County Farm Bureau is celebrating Monday, Feb. 7, as a Food Check-Out Day.

According to the latest statistics compiled by the

Agriculture Department's (USDA) Economic Research Service, American families spend approximately 10 percent of their disposable income for food. Applying the 10 percent statistic to the calendar year shows the average household will have earned enough income for its annual food supply in about 40 days. The posi-

tive message is glaringly visible when you consider Tax Freedom Day is not celebrated until mid April — about two months later — to commemorate when the average household will earn enough money to pay for local, federal and state taxes.

"I find it amazing the American people can pay their

yearly food supply about two months earlier than it would take them to satisfy their tax burden," said Mike Moates, president of the Howard County Farm Bureau. "Not only is America's food supply the world's safest, but it's also the most affordable. As food producers, we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford

to buy the food they need, but we are proud of the role Texas farmers play in making our food supply more affordable for all."

Thanks to modern framing techniques such as biotechnology, global positioning satellites and conservation tillage,

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**PUBLIC RECORDS**

**Hot Checks/Warrants Issued:**  
 Javier Alcantar, 1513 Scurry Street, Big Spring  
 Lisa B. Aleman, 306 W. First Street, Stanton  
 Roseann Arcidez, 325 Tanglewood, Midland  
 Colt Arnold, 4505 Cloudfcroft, Midland  
 Lorie Avina, 603 Steakley, Big Spring  
 Kerrie Lea Bhuiyan, 538 Westover Road Apt. 257, Big Spring  
 Stephanie Breckenridge, 1700 Donley, Big Spring  
 Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, Snyder  
 Douglas Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th Street, Monahans  
 Maria Campos, 751 Agua Pesada, El Paso  
 Wayne V. Carpenter, 3766 Patriot Drive No. 10, Abilene  
 Stormi Dale Chandler, 309 N. Bryan/217 N. Bryan, Garden City  
 Mart R. Clem, 10911 Wood Meadow, Dallas  
 Andrea Coxey, PO Box 1042, Sterling City  
 Anna Martina Cruz, 2516 Chanute, Big Spring  
 James Ditto, 501 W. 17th Street Box 11, Big Spring  
 Johnnie Lou Dry, RR 11 Box 156, Longview  
 Kathi Duke, 337 Greeson Street, Summerville, Ga.  
 Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels or PO Box 715, Coahoma  
 Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Drive, El Paso  
 Christopher George, 215 S. Third Street Apt. 30, Laramie  
 Frank Gibbs, 1102 Highway 176, Big Spring  
 Billy J. Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah Road, Hobbs, N.M.  
 Martha Graham, 2135 Mossy Creek Drive, San Antonio  
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 Jeremy Royce Harman, 6713 E. Roobinson, Stanton  
 Charles Henricks, 3710 Connally Street, Big Spring  
 Erin Jean Hernandez, 2901 Runnels, Big Spring  
 John A. Hernandez, 4405 N. Garfield, Apt. 1002, Midland  
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 Sharon Annette James, 1311 W. Second Street, Big Spring  
 Jonathan Jarrell, 2804 Williams Road, Big Spring  
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 Danny Ray Johnson, 2601 N. Lynn, Lamesa  
 Erica Marie Letnex Johnston, 3100 Caldera Blvd Apt. 2314, Midland  
 Donald Lee Jowers, 3205 E. 11th Place, Big Spring  
 Andrea Lee Juarez, Rt. 3 Box 389, Big Spring  
 Ryan Kendrick, 1425 E. Sixth, Apt. 34, Big Spring  
 Robert P. Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs N.M.  
 Jonathan Lee Lanham, 3708 28th Street, Lubbock  
 Diana Marie Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, Brownfield  
 Tracy Martin, 3198 Fruitland Farm Ct., San Angelo  
 Judy Mata, 6309 E. Midway Road, Big Spring  
 Vaughn Lee Medina, 4000 W. Highway 80, Big Spring  
 Ernest Meza, 1902 N. Midland Drive, Midland  
 Linda Michelle Molina, 1545 Locust, Colorado City  
 Debra Montez, 103 N. 18th Street, Lamesa  
 Brigido Moreno, 1330 Powell, Mesquite  
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 Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Cove, Cedar Park  
 Dandra C. Ortega, 2300 Camp Dr. Apt. 1, Midland  
 Erica Elaine Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big Spring  
 Javier Payen, 604 Elgin Street, Big Spring  
 Elva L. Perkins, 2414 N. Anderson Road, Big Spring  
 Zachery L. Phillips, 1300 Parker, Odessa  
 Lori Ann Pichon, 62159 Sylve Street, Lacombe, La.  
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 Mercie Robles, 3702 Hamilton, Big Spring  
 Evelyn Rodriguez, PO Box 2942 or 5402 Lancaster, Odessa  
 Veronica Rodriguez, 2609 Wasson Road Apt. 9, Big Spring  
 Jennifer A. Roth, 2630 Dow, Big Spring  
 Debra Ruth, 1311 Mobile Street, Big Spring  
 Wally Shifflet, 6901 Tumbleweed No. 5, Odessa  
 Alexandra Silva, 2700 Ave. G, Snyder  
 Cory Smith, 2101 E. Ninth Street, Odessa  
 Allen Stanford, 774 E. 8th Street, Colorado City  
 Karen Stearns, 613 Glenn Apt. 133, San Angelo  
 Stephanie B. Street, 2611 Ryan Pl. Dr., Fort Worth  
 Tonya Conner Taylor, 406 Gollad, Big Spring  
 Tracy J. Thompson, 8406 S. Service Road, Big Spring  
 Terri Lynn Ward Trevathan, 1003-2 County Road 402, Seminole  
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 Georgianna Williams, 907 E. 1-20 Apt. 24, Big Spring  
 Richard Wren Jr., 3303 91st Street, Lubbock  
 David Yanez, 2507 Gunter, Big

Spring  
 Anthony Yates, 1807 1/2 Johnson, Big Spring  
 James Dean Zeigenbein, 9413 University, Odessa  
 Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg Street, Big Spring

**County Court Decisions:**  
**Probated Judgment:** Diego Gardea, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
**Probated Judgment:** Franklin Kyle Casey, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
**Probated Judgment:** Zack Monroe Turman, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$750 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
**Judgment and Sentence:** David Arguello Jr., criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
**Probated Judgment:** Ruben Mata Muniz, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
**Probated Judgment:** Ronnie Lee Bell, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

**District Filings:**  
 Anna Mears vs. Billy Mears, divorce.  
 James Pineda vs. Donna Renee Pineda, divorce.  
 Karla Ann Cervantez vs. Edward Moron Cervantez, divorce.  
 Veronica Salgado vs. Billy Joe Salgado, divorce.  
 Melissa Ann Kukoly-Newsom vs. Shane Lee Newsom, divorce.  
 Tina Maria Renteria vs. David James Renteria, divorce.  
 Jack Birdwell and Sharon Kay Birdwell vs. Chase Manhattan Mortgage, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Owen Federal Bank vs. David Yanez and Linda Yanez, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Hubert Rowden vs. Albert Deanda dba Albert's Upholstery, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Horace E. Tubb vs. Charles Rhoades, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Big Spring Hospital Corp. dba Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. John M. Sanders, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Citizen's Federal Credit Union vs. Burl Knox and Shirleen Knox, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Eugene Marquer vs. Harford Ind. School District and Arthur Rodriguez, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
 Jimmy Wayne McCullough, 43, and Kathleen Sue Rose, 31, both of Big Spring.  
 Ben Garza Jr., 26, and Elizabeth Reyna Flores, 20, both of Big Spring.  
 Paul Irving Hagland Jr., 37, and Marie Yvonne Hargrove, 43, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty deeds:**  
 Grantor: Gary L. Slocum  
 Grantee: Victor Munoz and Rosalinda Munoz  
 Property: A tract of land in Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
 Date Filed: Jan. 26, 2005

Grantor: Zonetta Moore  
 Grantee: Flynn V. Long Jr. and Frances Kay Long  
 Property: Lot 2, Block 1, Highland South No. 1 West  
 Date Filed: Jan. 26, 2005

Grantor: Lisa Emerson  
 Grantee: Scott Emerson  
 Property: Lot 10, Block 6, Stanford Park Addition  
 Date Filed: Jan. 27, 2005

Grantor: Sonora M. Honey  
 Grantee: Janice Grifford  
 Property: Lot 3, Block 89, Original Town of Big Spring  
 Date Filed: Jan. 27, 2005

Grantor: Marie Alberteen Stornolo  
 Grantee: Albert Pettus  
 Property: Lot 5, Block 17, McDowell Heights  
 Date Filed: Jan. 27, 2005

Grantor: Richard Lynn Read and Jerry Don Read  
 Grantee: William Harold Oliver and Gwendolyn Kay Oliver  
 Property: The W70 feet of Lot 13, Block 4, May Thixton Addition  
 Date Filed: Jan. 27, 2005

Grantor: Phyllis Jeanette Gregory  
 Grantee: Susan Ella Myers  
 Property: The E/62 feet of Lot 7 and the W/30 feet of Lot 6, Block 3, Edwards Heights  
 Date Filed: Jan. 27, 2005

**Warranty deeds with vendors in:**  
 Grantor: Albert C. Pettus  
 Grantee: Robert Perez Sr. and Amberlee M. Perez  
 Property: Lot 5, Block 17, McDowell Heights  
 Date Filed: Jan. 27, 2005

Grantor: Johnny Lee Palmer and Mary Palmer  
 Grantee: Larry S. Gutierrez  
 Property: E/2 feet of Lot 4 and W/56 feet of Lot 5, Block 2, Monticello Addition  
 Date Filed: Jan. 27, 2005

**CHECK-OUT**

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America's farmers and ranchers are producing more food on fewer acres. There are 2.13 million farms dotting America's rural landscape. About 99 percent of U.S. farms are operated by individuals, family partnerships or family corporations. And American agriculture provides jobs for 17 percent of the

U.S. population. Farmers and ranchers only receive 19 cents out of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home. The rest goes for cost beyond the farm gate: Wages and materials for production, processing, marketing, transportation and distribution. The percent of income spent for food has declined over the last 34 years. In 1970, Food Check-Out Day would have been 14 days late. Moates said he hopes Americans

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**PARTNERS**

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A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center on U.S. Highway 87 north of San Angelo. Bradford will be working with Extension agents in the participating counties through August 2005.

He will be available to meet with individuals who are considering starting a new business or expanding an existing one. He will also be a source of information for groups interested in community and economic development. Bradford has experience as a business owner-operator. He has worked in

business and economics in higher education for more than 20 years. He was a field director for 32 counties with the University Business Center at East Central Oklahoma State University. Most recently, he led the Workforce Education /Training Division at Howard College's San Angelo campus.

Bradford has a master of business administration degree in management and has certificates from the Texas A&M and University of Oklahoma Industrial Development Institutes. For more information, contact Bradford at (325) 653-4576.

**WHEAT**

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weeds. Many of the herbicides labeled for use in wheat, including 2,4-D, will be very effective on small mustard weeds. In choosing which herbicide to use consider how much residual effect is needed, and which crop will be planted on the land following the wheat. Use the herbicide with as long of a residual as can be tolerated considering the crop rotation plan. A list of herbicides labeled for wheat, along with their residual and crop rotation restrictions, can be found in the agronomy sections of the Amarillo and Lubbock Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station web sites. Wheat foliage may appear light green when growth occurs during cool, cloudy weather. If this yellow-green color persists after several days of sunshine, it is


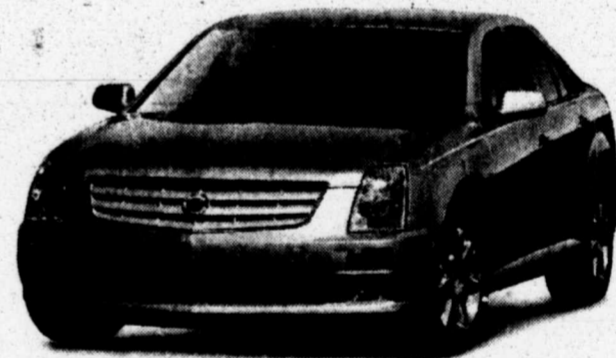


likely due to inadequate nitrogen. The presence of vigorous darker green wheat droppings and urine spots is added evidence that nitrogen is deficient. Also, nitrogen deficient wheat will generally have yellow older leaves as the plant transfers nitrogen to younger growing leaves. If both weeds are present and nitrogen is needed, consider applying herbicide and fertilizer together in order to save on application costs. Some wheat diseases, particularly wheat streak mosaic and the "high plains disease," can produce yellowing symptoms that may be confused for nitrogen deficiency. A closer look at the leaves reveals an irregular mosaic or mottled pattern of yellowish and normal green if these diseases are present. Quite often the disease symptoms will be worse in the southwest corner of the field where the disease carrying wheat curl mite

is carried to the wheat by prevailing winds. The presence of volunteer wheat or CRP grass in the vicinity of the initial outbreak will aid in the confirmation of the diagnosis. The rule of thumb for determining wheat nitrogen need is 1.5 lbs of nitrogen per bushel of expected yield. For example, a 35 bushel wheat crop that has not been grazed, will require 52.5 pounds of nitrogen for the entire growing season. In the absence of a soil test, dryland wheat exhibiting nitrogen deficiency symptoms in the late winter or early spring should be fertilized with 30 to 40 lbs of nitrogen. Likewise irrigated wheat fields should be fertilized with 60 lbs of nitrogen with additional nitrogen applied in the irrigation water as needed, depending on the yield goal and previous rate of nitrogen applied. Ideally the nitrogen should be applied two weeks prior to wheat

jointing. This will hopefully improve the chances of the nitrogen moving into the soil where the roots can pick up the nitrogen when the wheat begins its rapid growth during the jointing phase. This is also just prior to when the wheat plant will begin to form the wheat head and potential kernel numbers per head is determined. Research has shown that there is very little benefit to grain yield when nitrogen is applied after the second joint (node) is visible on the wheat plant. Any nitrogen added after this time may benefit grain protein, but will have little effect on yield. Leaf burn from liquid nitrogen application is often a concern with growers. Leaf burn can be minimized by applying nitrogen while temperatures are cool. Even if leaf burn occurs it will have little effect on final grain yield.

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2000 Ford Mustang, V-6, green convertible, automatic, fully loaded, dual pipe, after market tail light. One owner. 40,000 miles. Very nice ride!

2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser Limited. Silver, fully loaded with power sunroof. 64,900 miles. \$10,900.

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2002 Dodge Neon SE, power windows, power doors, locks, AM/FM CD. Still under factory warranty. \$6,900.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 7, OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 6-146 (A), (B) AND (F); INCREASING ANNUAL GREEN FEES AND REVISIONS TWILIGHT DISCOUNT RATES AT THE COMANCHE TRAIL GOLF COURSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR PUBLICATION.  
TAMI MATTHEWS  
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY  
#4443 January 30 & February 6, 2005.

CITY OF BIG SPRING  
PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:  
The owner of Block 5, Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Highland Park Addition, located at Locust and 11th Place, 1103 East 11th Place has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a restaurant.  
#4453 February 6 & 7, 2005

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Mars enters Capricorn, a detached and cool placement for this hotheaded planet. It's not wise to rush forward to battle without a strategy, and Mars in Capricorn helps evolve ingenious plans. In the weeks to come, employ class approaches to obtain your goals. Respect the hierarchy of organizations, and that hierarchy will respect you.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're feeling grounded and attracted to anyone confident enough to drop all pretension. Even the Rockefellers of the world are hailing cabs, so anyone playing

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high and mighty doesn't have a chance with you!  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The Beatles wrote it, and you believe it: "All you need is love — love is all you need." Now, if you could only convince that certain someone who keeps nagging you for money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everything is fine except for the sneaking suspicion you're becoming indistinct — just another face in the crowd. What will you do to set yourself apart this time? Something custom made just for you will do the trick. Splurge!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People around you are getting too confusing and frankly a little more riled up than the situation calls for. The winning idea is also a simple one. Step back, and get an objective look at things before giving an opinion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not your job to fix the world, as much as you'd like to help. Besides, if you're neglecting your own needs, you're really no help at all! Balance your philanthropy with thorough and attentive self-care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Delegating is always hard for you because nobody does it quite like you can. But today, it will be downright impossible, so don't even try. Wake up early, stay up late, and fall in love with the do-it-yourself process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be welcomed into someone's home or taken into someone's confidence. It's so interesting to observe first hand how others are living! Be aware that you are a trusted individual, and do nothing to compromise that trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People who are overly emotional drive you nuts. That's why when you're hit with a surge of intense feeling this afternoon, it's particularly unnerving. Just know that the world will be compassionate — you don't have to hold back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You make a correct choice and ding-ding — the big winner's bell goes off! Confetti falls from the sky! Well, not really, but there's nothing like the feeling of certain-

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you get from being right!  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're probably not giving yourself due credit. When you feel you haven't done enough, perhaps the thing to do is ask around. Parents or older relatives can be a fine gauge of your progress. Make the phone call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's one thing to be attracted to what's shiny and new, and quite another to be rendered helpless by the attraction. Be strong now. Don't be like the moth that beats itself against the light bulb.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Energy comes from being near the hub of the action. Go where the inspiration is thick! You'll know you're getting something important out of the experience when your thoughts are so loud you can't hear your mouth.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Many ancient cultures followed a calendar based in both lunar and solar events, and according to those calendars, this is a week of New Year's celebrations. The first of these is Mardi Gras, whose evolution is believed to have sprung from pre-Christian traditions of spring rites and revelries. Then, Wednesday ushers in the Chinese New Year of the Rooster, and Thursday brings the Islamic New Year. The Aquarian philosophy of "one for all and all for one" is alive and well now, but it manifests in a subtle way. You may think you're doing something for yourself when in fact your action benefits others nicely. And giving yourself over to the common good only produces more rewards for you. Mars moves into Capricorn on Sunday and will be transiting through this rational earth sign until March 20. It's a rather cool and down-to-earth placement for the warrior planet. Strategy and thoughtful action is favored. The more smarts and mental power you can put behind your work, the more likely you are to succeed in your efforts. During this period, full days of planning will go into activities that play out in a few hours, but it's all worth it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: I recently attended a party to celebrate the homespun CD release for one of Natalie Cole's background singers. There was speculation whether Cole would attend, as her schedule was crazy and the party was in a rough neighborhood to boot. But in true Aquarian form, she arrived smiling, hid her Hummer in the garage and mingled for hours. Aquarian people prize their friendships highly.

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0010-INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until 2:00 pm, Tuesday, February 24th, for supply and delivery of the following items:

- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
- Ivie System (SCADA)
- Equipment Purchase

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, telephone (432)267-6341. Inquiries regarding equipment specifications are to be directed to Chris Wingert, tele-

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phone (432)267-6341.  
A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Colorado River Municipal Water District in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if bid is selected, the Bidder will, comply with the terms set forth in the Proposal and Special Conditions.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will notify the successful bidder (s) by issuing a Purchase Order within thirty (30) after the bid date. No bid may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days after date on which bids are opened.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
John W. Grant, General Manager  
#4427 January 23 & February 6, 2005.

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NOTIFICATION

Sealed proposals, address to Sandra Waggoner, Assistance Superintendent for Business, Big Spring Independent School District, Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 for "Electrical Upgrades At Bauer, Goliad And Washington Schools" will be received up to and no later than 2:00 pm local time, February 22, 2005. At this time all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Quoters may obtain complete sets of Contract Documents at the Big Spring ISD Maintenance Office, 3600 East 11th Place, Ext., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

As set forth in the Texas Education Code, Section 44.031(b) the following Criteria may be used to determine the award of the contract:

- Price
  - The qualification and reputation of proposer.
  - Quality of the contractor's proposal.
  - The extent to which the goods or service meeting the school district's needs.
  - The Proposer's past relationship with the school district.
  - The technical aspects of goods and services in the proposal.
  - The total long-term cost to the District to acquire the goods or services.
  - Any other relevant factors that a private business entity would consider in selecting a vendor.
- The Big Spring Independent School District has the right to reject any or all bids.  
#4439 January 30 & February 6, 2005

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DAVID LEE NEWTON, Deceased, were issued on January 26, 2005, in Cause No. P-13238, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: JEAN NEWTON.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o: Representative, Estate of DAVID LEE NEWTON  
1409 WEST CR 32  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
DATED the 3rd day of February, 2005.  
#4451 February 6, 2005.

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