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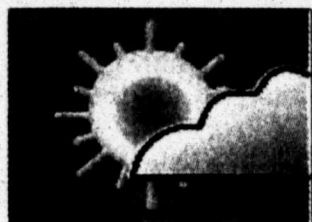
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## WEATHER



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## BRIEFLY

### Entities to close President's Day

Area school bells will ring but most government entities will take a day off Monday for President's Day.

City of Big Spring and all Howard County offices will be celebrating the holiday. That includes the Senior Citizens Center, which in addition to other activities, normally would be holding its AARP Tax-Aide program. Officials noted that citizens can get help preparing their tax returns on Tuesday instead of Monday next week.

The landfill and compost facility will be closed Monday. There will be no sanitation collection.

Federal buildings, such as the Social Security Administration Building and the USDA Agriculture Research Station Building, will be closed.

Mail will be placed in boxes at the post office, but no home delivery will be made on Monday.

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## Painkillers get OK... barely

Panel: Vioxx, Celebrex, Bextra all pose heart risks, but should be available to consumers

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The popular painkillers Celebrex and Bextra are likely to stay on the market, and Vioxx may rejoin them, now that govern-

ment advisers have concluded their benefits outweigh their risks.

The advisers said Friday that people who depend on these drugs should be allowed to keep using them despite risks of heart problems and strokes. They suggested the prescription products carry strong warnings and recommended a long-term study.

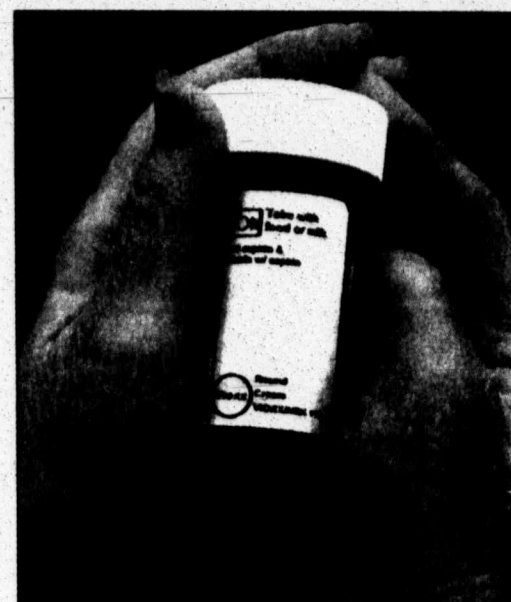
While the Food and Drug Administration isn't required to follow the recommendations of

the advisory groups, it generally does.

Celebrex and Bextra, made by Pfizer Inc., are widely sold and are likely to remain so following the recommendations. The panel voted 31-1 to keep Celebrex on sale and 17-13 with two abstaining for Bextra.

Merck & Co., which pulled Vioxx off the market Sept. 30, has suggested that a positive ruling by the advisers might

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## PROUD MOMMA



Rachelle Smith, left, celebrates with her 11-month-old daughter, Aubrie Smith, after taking first place in the 0-12 month old category during Saturday morning's Relay Rascal Razzmatazz. Also pictured are Priscilla Torres and her 12-month-old daughter, Desirae, who also took part in the competition. The Razzmatazz was sponsored by the Big Spring State Hospital Relay for Life team, Body Mind & Soul.



Bill Holden of Prescott Valley, Ariz., stopped in Big Spring Thursday night, 600 miles into a 2,100-mile walk from Arizona to Chicago. Holden is making the walk to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

## Cubs fan walking across U.S. for juvenile diabetes research

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Whatever mental image one might conjure of a person walking across the country, "Wild Bill" Holden probably wouldn't fit the bill.

Holden is a 56-year-old, gray-headed retired teacher with two bad knees and a love of the Chicago Cubs that edges toward the border of fanaticism. He looks like he would be far more at home cheering on the Cubs from the comfort of his living room couch.

Yet it is his love for one former Cub's plight — plus a desire to help rid the world of a debilitating disease — that has moved

*"What it does to the kids is appalling. It's horrible. It's so destructive. And nobody knows much about it."*

—"Wild Bill" Holden

the former Illinois resident on a 2,100-mile walk from Arizona to Chicago.

Holden arrived in Big Spring late Thursday, 600 miles and about five weeks into his odyssey to help raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. If all holds to plan, he will finish his walk on June

30, just in time to catch his beloved Cubs play Milwaukee at Wrigley Field.

He said he was inspired to take this grand tour on New Year's Eve after receiving a belated Christmas gift from his son — a copy of "This Old Cub," a documentary detailing the struggles of former Chicago third baseman Ron Santo.

Santo was believed to be the first and only major leaguer who played despite being afflicted with juvenile diabetes. The disease eventually cost Santo both of his legs.

"He was just a great

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## Tax-Aide program makes a switch to Tuesday this week

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The AARP Tax-Aide program will take a day off Monday in observance of President's Day, but volunteers are expected to be hard at work crunching numbers once again on Tuesday.

The program, which is designed to help area residents



Hopkins

make sense of the tax laws and forms that seem to get more complicated each year, is normally available each Monday through the April tax deadline, and according to coordinators is a huge help for area taxpayers who can't afford

to pay a tax preparer.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," said Gloria Hopkins, coordinator for the annual effort.

"AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns," she said. "These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Hopkins said area residents

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## Trade Route

### Ports-to-Plains meeting slated here Thursday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents will get a first-hand glimpse of the progress the Ports-to-Plains Corridor has made as the organization prepares to hold a town hall meeting here Thursday.

The meeting, which is slated for 10 a.m. until noon at the Dora Roberts Community Center, will feature several speakers from the Ports-to-Plains group, including one distinguished guest who has a very special stake in the corridor and its funding over the next six years.

"Congressman (Randy) Neugebauer will be there for the meeting," said Virginia Belew. "This project is very important to him as Congress goes to work on coming up with a final transportation bill. The plan they are working on is a six-year plan, and it's very

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Obituaries

Willie Mae Hayes



Willie Mae Hayes, 44, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday morning, Feb. 16, 2005, at her home. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. She was born Sept. 16, 1960, in Corsicana. She lived most of her life in Big Spring, moving to Midland two years ago. She graduated from Big Spring High School and graduated from LVN school at Howard College. She later graduated from Midland College as a Registered Nurse. She was a Baptist. She is survived by her mother, Lola Mae Hayes of Big Spring; father, James Hayes of Abilene; two brothers, James Curtis Hayes Jr. and Anthony Ray Hayes, both of Big Spring; and one stepsister, Tracy Vanderbilt of Princeton, N.C. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Take note

**BIG SPRING WOMEN'S CLUB** will sponsor a free seminar for parents whose children will be participating in the TASK Abstinence program through the high schools in the area from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday in the Trinity Baptist Church annex building, 810 11th Place. Parents with students of any age will benefit from the information at the seminar. Students are welcome whether alone or with their parents.

**LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM AT HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** featuring author Diane Thompson Dale, presenting her book, "Finding Billy, an Internet Odyssey." Lunch is from 11 a.m. until noon Feb. 24, and the presentation is from noon until 1 p.m. Dale will sign books from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. For more information contact the museum at 264-1999.

**VFW POST No. 2013 ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER** is set for 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the post, 500 Driver Road. Dinner, including chili, beans, cornbread and desert, is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Open to the public. Call 393-5715 for more information.

**LOCAL CHEF CHARLIE SANDIFER IS TEACHING A SPECIAL EASTER BRUNCH COOKING CLASS** from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Feb. 26. The cost is \$24. Contact Howard College Continuing Education at 264-5131 to register.

**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.

**THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON** is set to begin at 11:45 a.m. March 1 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The luncheon will feature the State of the City Address by Mayor Russ McEwen. Catered by Great Western Dining, the tickets are \$10 if a ticket is purchased by Feb. 23 and \$15 until Feb. 25. No tickets or reservations will be accepted after Feb. 25. Purchase tickets at the chamber office, 215 W. Third or call 263-7641.

**HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2005-2006** are being accepted. Applications may be obtained from Mike or Jeane Niklasch at 1409 E. Highway 350 or by calling the club president, Dr. Tom Dawson at 267-7911, ext. 216. Application deadline is April 15.

**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.

**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.

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

**BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA** is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit [www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947](http://www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947). For more information about the Buffalo Finna fund-raiser call 267-5050.

Bulletin board

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

**SUNDAY**  
• The Coahoma First Baptist Church is having a blood drive from noon to 4 pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

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

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• A free seminar for parents whose children will be participating in the TASK Abstinence program through the high schools in the area from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church annex building, 810 11th Place, Sponsored by the Big Spring Women's Club. Students are welcome whether alone or with their parents.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

**TUESDAY**  
• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.  
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

**WEDNESDAY**  
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY**  
• Lunch and Learn Program at Hangar 25 Air Museum featuring author Diane Thompson Dale, presenting her book, "Finding Billy, an Internet Odyssey." Lunch is from 11 a.m. until noon, and the presentation is from noon until 1 p.m. Dale will sign books from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. For more information contact the museum at 264-1999.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-6-23-27.  
Number matching five of five: 1.  
Prize per winner: \$38,559.  
Winning tickets sold in: Houston.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-1

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

• **CRYSTAL ANN PEEBLES**, 31, of 1313 Lincoln, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **MARIA RAMOS**, 47, of 1608 Avion, was arrested Saturday and held for the HCSO.

• **CODY WESTON BROWN**, 18, of 2617 Crestline, was arrested Saturday on two local citations and a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **PATRICK KYLE HECKLER**, 27, of 1305 Barnes, was arrested Saturday on a charge of reckless driving.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Third Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- in the 300 block of Tulane.

- in the 1000 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **BURGLARY** was reported in the 800 block of E. Howard Road.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Boykin Road.

Support groups

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Bring a covered dish and a valentine card (no gifts.) For more information call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Weather

Sunday - Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70. West winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Presidents day - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.  
Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.  
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.  
Wednesday - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s.  
Wednesday night - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s.  
Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s.  
Thursday night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s.  
Friday - Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

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important to us because it will give us the direct funding for the Big Spring reliever route and the Ports-to-Plains Corridor to be completed."

Belew said the project, which has been in the works in Big Spring and abroad for several years, hasn't seen many changes locally, with final decisions concerning the corridor and a proposed Big Spring reliever route on the horizon.

"At the local level there haven't been many changes with the project," said Belew. "The consultants are looking at the geological studies and all of the recommendations. The final decisions will be made within the next few weeks."

While Thursday's meeting will bring local residents up to speed on the overall corridor and how it will effect Big Spring, it won't focus on what many area residents see as the key question — whether a reliever route that takes traffic away from the heart of the city is a good idea.

"The local transportation department will hold our own public meeting sometime in March," said Belew. "The meeting this month will cover the overall project, while the meeting in March will be to discuss the local reliever route that will go through Big Spring."

Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves said he's glad to see the meetings, which are also slated for other cities along the corridor, and to be able to get input from the people.

"We are very excited about the town hall meetings and an opportunity to hear from the people in the communities along the corridor," said Reeves. "This will be a great chance for the people in Big Spring to get the latest information about the project."

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is one of 45 congressionally designated high-priority corridors and runs approximately 1,400 miles, from Laredo to Denver, Colo.

Completion of the entire project, which calls for major renovations to nearly half of the route, is expected sometime in 2030.

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

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God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place  
He then looked down upon  
the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were  
suffering  
He knew that you were in pain  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was  
getting rough  
And the hills were hard  
to climb.  
So he closed your weary  
eyelids.  
And whispered  
"Peace be thine"  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
In Memory Of  
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&  
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MISCALCULATIONS



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
This Pontiac was traveling east in the outside lane of FM 700 when a Chevrolet mini-van travelling west on FM 700 turning left struck the driver's side of the vehicle. Police officers at the scene said the driver of the van claimed to have the green turn-arrow, while the driver of the Pontiac claimed the light turned yellow while she was in the intersection. No citations were issued and no injuries were reported, according to officers.

DRUGS

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lead it to consider putting the drug back on sale. But the vote recommending that it be made available to consumers was close, 17-15.

Since Vioxx was removed from the market voluntarily, it remains an approved drug. Merck issued a statement following the vote saying only that it was looking forward to talks with the FDA.

Meeting Chairman Alistair J.J. Wood of Vanderbilt University Medical School said, "The data are very compelling. Vioxx is substantially worse than the others."

Studies varied in the

amount of hazard for each product. Wood indicated there was about a 1 percent increase in risk of heart problems from Celebrex, a seemingly small number that can translate into a lot of problems over the entire population.

The problems didn't occur at the normal dose of 200 milligrams, the panel was told. Only when people began taking 400-milligram doses in a colon polyp study did troubles show up.

The group was unanimous in saying the drugs, known as Cox-2 inhibitors, pose risks of heart trouble. They were critical of the limited data available for Bextra.

Merck shares soared after the announcement and closed up \$3.76, or 13

percent, at \$32.61 on the New York Stock Exchange. Pfizer shares rose \$1.74, or 7 percent, to \$26.80, also on the NYSE.

The advisers suggested changes to the way the drugs are sold, such as placing a "black box" warning on them to alert consumers to potential risks; including more patient information with the drugs; restricting which patients could get them; and possibly banning direct-to-consumer advertising.

Wood said the public must better understand the nature of risk, noting that "people worry about crime and then drive drunk."

Dr. Steven Nissen, medical director of the Cleveland Clinic's heart center, said, "What we

really want is to make sure it's available for patients that need it and is unavailable to patients for whom it's inappropriate."

The advisers noted that other painkillers also have side effects, often leading to stomach problems and bleeding.

"There is a very important need for more information on many of these drugs," including their effects on blood pressure, Dr. Robert Temple, director of medical policy for the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, said.

Happy 6th Birthday  
Dream BIG & REACH  
to the stars!  
I Love You, Mommy!

TAXES

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who plan to take advantage of the program need to be sure to bring their tax information and papers.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms. They also need to bring any forms that show their 2004 earnings and their 2003 tax returns," said Hopkins.

"We also need a Social Security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for

the person filing." Hopkins said Tax-Aide will continue throughout the tax season.

"We'll be doing taxes at the Senior Center from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, and continue each Monday after that at those same times through April 11," said Hopkins. "For those who are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready."

The Senior Center is located at 1901 Simler Drive on the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

For more information on the program and volunteering, contact

Hopkins at 267-6733.

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

Two Coahoma students place

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Two Coahoma High School students placed at the recent University Interscholastic League academic tournament in Stamford.

Callie Paige won second place in editorial writing, the first time she had competed in the event, while Rebecca McEndree placed fifth in persuasive speaking in her first time to compete in the event.

Other CHS students participating at Stamford were Eric Barton, Ryan Green, LaTisha McCartney, William Reilly, Rebeca Rodriguez, Logan Stone, Simon Storlarczyk, Trey Thornton and Chris Weihert.

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Fall prevention program a success for Nurses Unlimited clients

In spite of what the nursery rhyme says, there is no such thing as a "great fall" for seniors. Many live with the idea that falling, or the fear of falling, is a necessary part of the aging process. Sandy Nease, RN, director of Nurses Unlimited's Skilled Care Division, says her company has developed a program to reduce the risk of falling and to empower families with a plan of action when a fall does occur.

"A fall is a very serious thing for a senior," says Nease. "It can result in broken bones, which can mean they may never walk again." Because they understood the serious consequences of a fall, Nurses Unlimited convened a committee to study what they could do to identify those at risk of falling, ways to reduce the risks and how to implement a response plan for when a fall does happen.

The committee, which involved representatives from all of the company's disciplines, spent four months in planning the program. After implementing it last January, Nurses Unlimited saw a one-third reduction in the number of falls by their clients.

The fall prevention program is usually instituted by a call to Nurses Unlimited by a physician, but a family member can request it also. Nurses Unlimited sends an RN to the home to evaluate a number of factors that could contribute to the patient's risk of falling. Some of those factors include the physical environment — are there lots of throw



Nurses Unlimited's fall prevention program enlists the help of their in-house physical therapists when needed. They are Ben Grimes, Diane Easter and Kathy Summers.

tion and with the approval of the patient's physician, Nurses Unlimited sends in place a plan of action. It could involve physical modifications, the help of an RN or an LVN, a Home Health Aide, physical therapist, speech therapist, occupational therapist, social worker or dietician — all disciplines offered directly by Nurses Unlimited.

Because all these disciplines are under one roof, coordination of treatment is easy and requires no extra phone calls by families. Nease stresses that a large part of the program involves training the family members patients themselves. "We give information regarding medications, how to best help the patient, when to call for help and more," she says. "We understand that information itself gives families much peace of mind." Nurses Unlimited can usually implement these services within 48 hours or less. Someone on call has enrolled patients on holidays when the need arose. Reducing the risk of falling is one of the ways Nurses Unlimited helps clients stay safe and well in their own homes longer. If you have a family member who is at risk of falling, call Nurses Unlimited today. Nurses Unlimited provides a wide range of home health services. Call the Skilled Care Division at 558-1700 or 1-800-270-8208.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Big Spring is a community of good neighbors

As residents of Big Spring we are so blessed with an abundance of good things that we sometimes take them for granted. That is really true when it comes to our "good neighbors."

There's absolutely no question that we in Big Spring have good neighbors. Just look around — Big Spring is a community of "good neighbors."

And this year, the Herald wants to feature some of these good neighbors in a special edition to be entitled: "Good Neighbors — Yours, Mine and Ours."

This special edition will feature profiles of our good neighbors in Howard County.

Obviously, the Herald's staff is out finding dozens of people to be featured. But since these are your neighbors, we want you to let us know who you think needs to be featured.

So, if you have a good neighbor, whether personal or work-related, and you'd like to share their praises, nominate them using the form that is being included in the paper today.

Or, you can simply send an e-mail nominating a neighbor to editor@bigspringherald.com. Tell us why they deserve to be featured and be sure to give us your address and telephone number.

We will pick as many people suggested by readers as we can, interview them and include their feature stories in the special edition.

But don't delay. We need your nominations by the end of this month.

And don't be surprised if we call you telling you someone else thinks you're a good neighbor, too.

## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

A dedicated group of nine city employees worked until 2 a.m. Tuesday repairing four large water leaks, and they spent most of that time neck deep in mud.

I realize they get paid to do this work, but few of us are required to do our jobs under such uncomfortable, many times dangerous conditions. Their pay isn't particularly high, but the impact of having no water is tremendous, so their efforts mean a great deal.

Ordinarily these men hear the complaints and criticism. Very rarely do we citizens recognize how important their jobs are to our continued health, well being and comfort.

I believe these men — Justin Denton, Lionel Perez, Andrew Martinez, Ray Bryant, Eli Reyes, Mickey Lopez, Paul Sotelo, Eddie Castillo and Jim Piper — are worthy of a salute.

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## The next speaker: Ante up

If House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert were to announce his retirement, the most likely successor would be somebody given up for dead a few years ago as far as Republican leadership ambitions were concerned: Rep. John Boehner of Ohio.

At age 45 with only four years' experience in Congress, Boehner was named chairman of the House Republican Conference when the GOP took control of the House in the 1994 elections. He lost support from rank-and-file members, partly because of his role in the unsuccessful coup to replace Newt Gingrich as speaker. Boehner was defeated for re-election in 1999 to the fourth-ranking leadership post by then Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, who was considered a more conservative Republican.

Boehner became chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee and slowly worked his way back to the high esteem of his colleagues. House insiders believe that if Hastert suddenly left the speakership, the contentious House Majority Leader Tom DeLay probably would replace him. But if Hastert announces a future retirement date, Boehner would be first in line.

Although Howard Dean's ability to perform on television was boosted in his successful campaign to be Democratic national chairman, he stayed off all major television and radio programs after his election and avoided

reporters generally.

The day before Democratic National Committee members voted, a two-hour "meet and greet" session with candidates for chairman was opened to reporters for the last 20 minutes. But when they entered the meeting room at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Dean was gone.

Dean's staff agreed only reluctantly to allow reporters into a debate Thursday between Dean and neo-conservative national security expert Richard Perle.

Labor sources report that AFL-CIO President John Sweeney is likely to be defeated by John Wilhelm, head of the hotel workers union, if Sweeney seeks a fourth term at the labor organization's convention in July.

The 70-year-old Sweeney, who won the AFL-CIO's top job in 1995 as an insurgent candidate, has been criticized inside the labor movement for lack of success in recruiting new union members. Sweeney's administration has concentrated on political activity but has not reversed the tide of Republican successes.

Teamsters leader James P. Hoffa, who has called for less money to be given to the AFL-CIO by individual unions, is likely to support Wilhelm, 59, in a showdown with Sweeney.

Newly elected Republican Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma is facing the same ethics charges leveled by the same literal-minded staffer that nearly forced him out of the House of Representatives seven years ago.

In 1997, the House Ethics Committee ruled that Dr. Coburn could return weekly to Muskogee,

Okl., to deliver babies despite ethics regulations intended to prevent lawmakers from practicing medicine on the side. Robert L. Walker has moved from the staff of the House to the Senate Ethics Committee and is contending that stiffer Senate regulations prohibit Coburn from practicing the obstetrician's trade.

A compromise is being sought that would permit Coburn to "wind down" his medical practice, ending it after babies are delivered for his present patients. However, Senate Democratic staffers are talking about forcing Coburn to stop now, threatening the loss of his Senate committee memberships if he does not.

Evangelical leaders are being urged to sign a document that attempts to take a stand on environmentalism by asserting "we are not the owners of creation but its stewards."

The document, already adopted by the National Association of Evangelicals, quotes Genesis that men are summoned by God to "watch over and care for" the earth. It is to be circulated and discussed March 9-10 in Washington at a meeting of the association, which represents 52 denominations. So far, signatories include Chuck Colson, James Dobson and Ted Haggard.

Evangelicals supporting the document say it can help take the environmental issue away from the Left.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## An absolutely horrible budget

Budgets are the guts of government. That's where you find the answer to the first of the three important questions about who runs a society: Who's getting screwed? Who's doing the screwing? And what the hell will they do to us next?

There was a time when reporters actually read budgets to find out what was going on, but the things are so humongous these days, we've given up on that. Consequently, there's usually a bit of a pause after a budget comes out, while we wait to hear from the various special interest groups that study their own section of a budget in minute detail. Then, the screaming from injured parties commences, and the press presumably sits up and takes note of who's screaming loudest.

With President Bush's proposed budget, may it die in committee, no pause is necessary. Read any overview of the proposal, and you can see exactly who's getting screwed: children.

Good Lord, what a nasty document. The cuts are in health care, childcare, Head Start, nutrition programs, food stamps and foster care. Because budgets are such abstract things — add a little here, cut some there, all produced by the Department of Great Big Numbers — it's hard to see what they actually mean to real people's lives.

In fact, that's something I long noticed about George Bush: He really doesn't see connection between government programs and helping people. Promoting the general welfare, one of the six reasons the Constitution gives for having a

government in the first place, is not high on his list. I refer you back to his immortal statement while governor: "No children are going to go hungry in this state. You'd think the governor would have heard if there are pockets of hunger in Texas." He'd been governor for five years at the time.

What this budget means, quite literally, is that more kids will be hungry and malnourished. More kids who get sick will be unable to see a doctor, more kids with diseases will go undiagnosed until they get so sick they have to be carried to the emergency room. More kids who need glasses or hearing aids won't get them, causing them to fall behind in school. More kids will show up to start school without being in the least prepared, and they will remain behind for the rest of their days. Less money for childcare means more kids left alone or in unsafe places with irresponsible or incapable people while their parents work. More kids who are being severely abused will go unnoticed, and fewer of them will find safe foster homes.

I always thought House Majority Leader Tom DeLay should be interested in that last item — he had three foster children, now in their 20s, so he must have some interest in the problem. During his 20 years in Congress, between 3,000 and 4,000 Texas children have died from abuse.

Of course, that's because Texas has such a lousy child "protection" system. We're quite famous for being "low tax, low service." Our abuse-prevention workers carry 74 cases each, the highest in the nation (to meet national accreditation standards, the monthly investigative caseload should be 12 to 15), and cutting the federal foster care budget doesn't help any. Nationwide, about 6,000 kids die every year from child abuse, murder and suicide.

Every now and again, a gross case, like the recently discovered Florida couple who starved and tortured five of their seven children, gets some public attention. (Boy, that was a beauty. The kids were kept in chains in a closet and had their toenails pulled out with pliers, and the 14-year-old twins weighed 36 and 38 pounds.) But it's not enough attention, of course, for any God-fearing, Christian Republican to ever consider voting for taxes (gasp, horrors) to do something about it.

In Texas, whenever there's a budget crunch, the first thing we do is hurt the children — last legislative session, we actually turned down federal money for children's health insurance, leaving almost 170,000 Texas children uninsured, just so the state wouldn't have to put up the matching funds, \$1 for every \$2.60 from the feds. How proud we are to see this fine Texas tradition being exported to Washington by our former governor.

What's really sad is that all this damage is being done to real, living children — not clumps of cells in a petri dish — to save what is, in Washington terms, pennies. Pitiably small sums.

Nothing compared to the \$9.9 billion being squandered on the missile defense boondoggle this year. (Did you notice that the system flunked yet another test this week, at a cost of another \$85 million?) Nothing compared to the two tax breaks in the budget that benefit ONLY the really, really rich — regular folks this time will not even get that little, tiny slice that went to the middle class in the first Bush tax cuts.

But don't get me started. To find out more about Molly Ivins and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# State of City Address March 1

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

As 2005 begins to pick up speed, the direction of Big Spring for the coming year is a major concern for local officials — a concern Mayor Russ McEwen plans to share with area residents during the annual Community Luncheon.



Concienne

The luncheon, which is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature McEwen's "State of the City" address, and is slated for March 1 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum's East Room.

Chamber President Joe Concienne said the luncheon is a chance for residents to take a close look at 2005.

"The chamber sponsors the community luncheon each year," said Concienne. "It's a chance for the mayor to inform the city of what his plans are for the coming year. For the chamber it's a chance to represent our members and try to focus on promoting community and economic development. I think this a perfect chance — for us to promote that through the mayor's state of the city address."

Tickets for the annual luncheon are on sale at the Chamber office, located at 215 W. Third Street, and according to ValVerde, will most likely go quickly.

Tickets are \$10 each if

they are purchased by Feb. 23," said ValVerde. "If purchased after that date through Feb. 25 they are \$15. We want to encourage everyone to come in early and pick up their tickets, or at least call in early and reserve their tickets."

"There won't be any tickets for sale at the door on the day of the luncheon. So make sure you get your tickets before the Feb. 25 cut-off date or give us a call and reserve your tickets."

"The serving line will start at 11:45 a.m. and catering is being provided by Great Western Dining," ValVerde added.

For more information, contact ValVerde at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

## Orchestra tickets on sale

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

Cynthia Bauhof-Williams is the returned guest pianist. She performed with the orchestra in December 2002.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the Big Spring Herald, Blum's Jewelers, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum, the symphony office, 808 Scurry at



Bauhof-Williams

the door. For more information, visit the Web site, www.bigspringsymphony.com or e-mail bssa@bigspringsymphony.com.

saw me walking and said, "What are you doing out there?" I told him I was walking to Chicago," Holden recalled. "And then he says, 'Well, do you want a cup of coffee?' He ended up giving me a tour of his place.

"The hospitality in Texas has been unreal," he said. "I've been having a blast."

Holden gave his knees a rest for a couple of days here before heading East early Sunday. He hopes to average between 10 and 15

miles a day on his journey. Holden, who hopes to raise \$250,000 for the JDRF, said that people can make a donation by going online to www.thisoldcub.com, or by mailing a check to the JDRF, 500 N. Dearborn, Suite 305, Chicago, IL 60610.

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## HOLDEN

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player," Holden said. "He should be in the Hall of Fame."

Holden immediately put the DVD into the player and watched the documentary. Then he watched it again.

And again ...

And again ...

And again ...

"I watched it seven times that night," he says proudly.

The documentary struck a chord with Holden not only because of his admiration for the former player, but for the toll the disease had taken on students he taught at an American Indian reservation in Arizona.

"It's an epidemic for those kids. What it does to the kids is appalling. It's horrible. It's so destructive," he said. "And nobody knows much about it."

Holden immediately came up with the idea of the long walk and, within two weeks, was off and walking from his home in Prescott Valley, Ariz.

There have been some rough times, particularly in dealing with cold weather and finding people to transport his gear to the next stop. But he says those negatives have been more than matched by the friendliness and helpfulness of people he's met along the way.

An incident near Lamesa served to illustrate the reception he's received.

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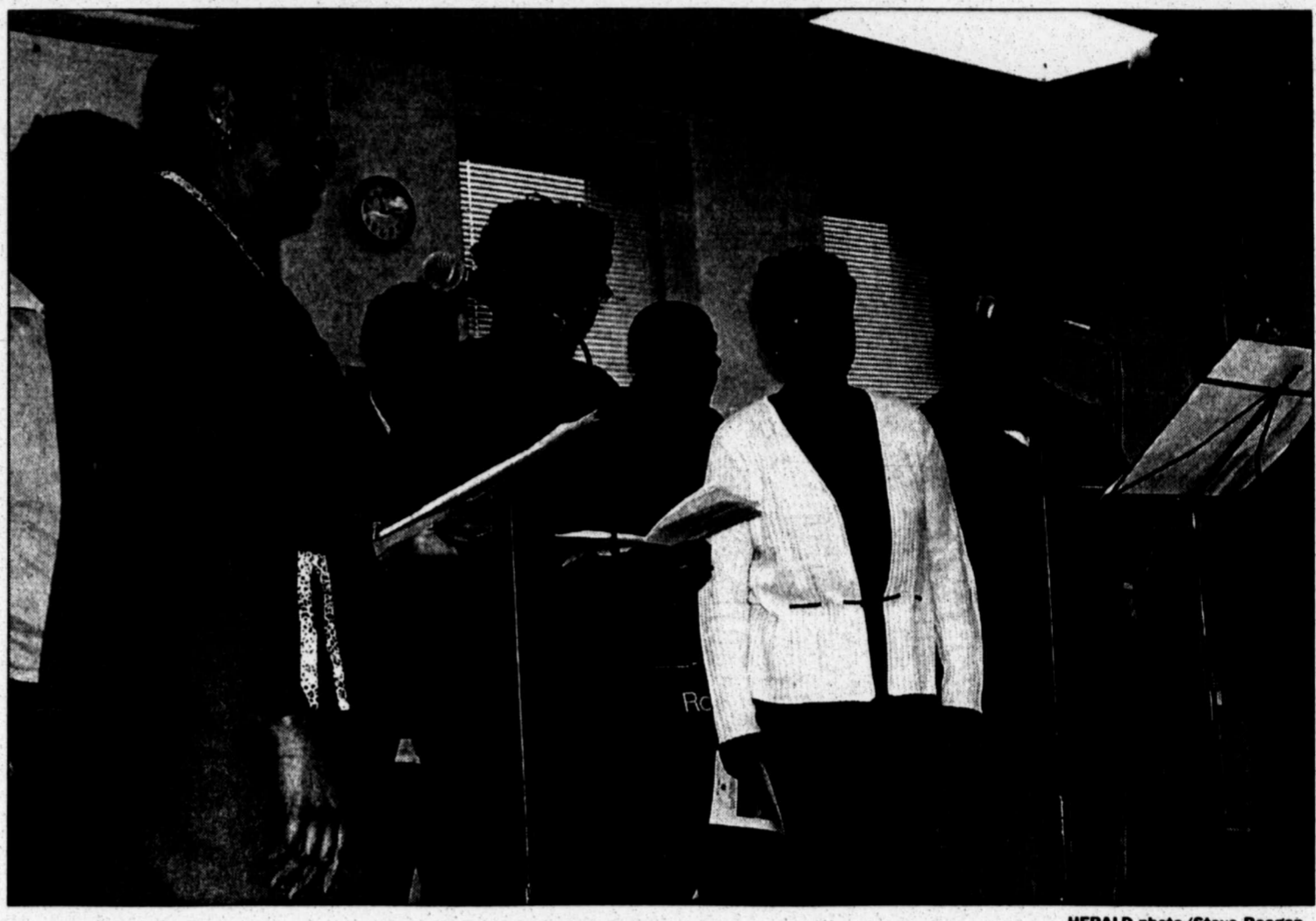
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World news briefs



KRT photo/Paul Assaker

An Iraqi mourns the death of a relative in a bombing of a mosque in Baghdad, Iraq.

Four suicide bombers kill at least six in Iraq on Shiite holy day

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Four suicide bombers blew themselves up in Iraq on Saturday, killing at least six people, as Shiite Muslim worshippers around the country celebrated the holiest day of the year, one day after at least 36 people were killed in a string of attacks.

Saturday's bombings, during the religious festival of Ashoura, came despite stepped-up security around the country. Authorities had hoped to prevent a repeat of last year's attacks during Ashoura in which insurgents killed at least 181 people in twin blasts in Karbala and Baghdad.

On Saturday, a suicide bomber walked into a tent outside a Sunni mosque in western Baghdad and blew himself up, killing at least three people and injuring 10, police captain Hussain al-Ani said. About 50 people were inside the tent attending a funeral.

It was unclear why the attacker blew himself up inside a tent full of Sunnis, set up outside the Fatah Pasha mosque, but similar structures were set up outside Shiite mosques for the Ashoura celebration. Most attacks by insurgents — who are thought to be predominantly Sunni extremists — are aimed at Shiites.

Another suicide bomber who tried to kill a group of Iraqi National Guard troops near a mosque in northwest Baghdad on Saturday detonated prematurely and killed only himself.

A third bomber blew up a car outside an Iraqi National Guard base in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, killing one Iraqi guardsman and wounding another, police Col. Muthafar Shahab said. The suicide bomber also died in the blast, he said.

A fourth suicide bomber blew up his car at an Iraqi army checkpoint in Latifiya, 20 miles south of the capital, killing two Iraqi soldiers, an army officer said on condition of anonymity.

Pyongyang not interested in direct talks with the U.S.

BEIJING (AP) — China's official news agency cited an unnamed North Korean foreign ministry spokesman as saying on Saturday that Pyongyang is not ready to return to six-party nuclear disarmament talks and does not want direct meeting with the United States.

"The DPRK has no justification to take bilateral talks ... on the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula with the United States now," Xinhua quoted the North Korean official as saying. DPRK is an acronym for the North's official name — Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The spokesman said Pyongyang was unwilling to hold direct talks with Washington or join the six-party talks because of the "hostile" U.S. policy toward North Korea and its persistence in trying to topple North Korea's regime, Xinhua said.

Restarting the six-country talks has taken on greater urgency since North Korea last week claimed it is a nuclear power. The talks involve the two Koreas, the United States, China, Russia and Japan.

Bush and Clinton tour grim tsunami sites

BAN NAM KHEM, Thailand (AP) — School children waving American flags welcomed former presidents Bush and Clinton to their dusty fishing village that was devastated by the Dec. 26 Asian tsunami, as the two former leaders began a tour of the region on Saturday.

Bush and Clinton stood in intense tropical heat as two children who lost family members in the tsunami presented them with drawings of the disaster, one showing a giant wave and a rescue helicopter and the other depicting floodwaters sweeping away people, cars and boats.

The two former presidents were asked by the current President Bush, the elder Bush's son, to lead the U.S. effort to provide private aid to the hundreds of thousands of tsunami victims.

"I don't think there's ever been a tragedy that affected the heartbeat of the American people as much as this tsunami has done," the senior Bush said in the shattered village of Ban Nam Khem. "I don't think you can put a limit on it. It's so devastating. They're still finding wreckage, still actually some bodies being recovered."

After arriving on the Thai resort island of Phuket on Saturday, the two men made their way by U.S. military helicopter and then motorcade to Ban Nam Khem. The former political adversaries said their old differences were irrelevant to the task of providing relief.

Man with heart ailment dies after being shocked with Taser

HOUSTON (AP) — A 52-year-old psychiatric patient who had a heart ailment died after Harris County constables shocked him with a stun gun, authorities said.

The two deputies went to the man's mother's home Friday afternoon to serve a mental health commitment warrant, Chief Deputy J.C. Mosier said. They used the Taser after the man resisted their efforts to take him away.

The man continued to struggle with the deputies, but he then started having trouble breathing. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital where he later died.

The deputies knew the man had health problems but were unaware of his heart ailment, Mosier said.

"We would have handled it a lot different if we would have had better information," he said.

Tasers can fire metal barbs from up to 21 feet away that pierce a person's skin. Wires connected to the barbs deliver 50,000 volts into a person for five seconds, paralyzing muscles and often causing a person to fall down.

Police hail Tasers as a non-lethal means of stopping a suspect.

But civil rights advocates say Tasers might be doing more harm than good. Over the past three years, more than 70 people have died in North America after being shocked by Tasers.

Officer who accidentally killed partner receives written reprimand

AUSTIN (AP) — A Central Texas police officer who accidentally struck and killed his partner while pursuing a suspect has received a written reprimand, his attorney said.

Officer Adrian Valdovino had faced possible termination in the Oct. 30 death of Officer Amy Donovan. Valdovino was trying to cut a suspect off with his patrol car when he hit Donovan, who was chasing the suspect on foot.

Valdovino had been on administrative leave but will be allowed to return to work in the next few days, a police department spokesman said.

Donovan was the first female Austin Police Department officer to die in the line of duty.

She and Valdovino had graduated from the police academy in June.

Nicholas Jarmon, the suspect they were chasing, was later arrested and

sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison for cocaine possession.

Jarmon also was charged with evading arrest, but the charge was mistakenly dropped in a plea bargain, Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle said.

Jarmon could have faced up to 20 years in prison if he'd been convicted of evading arrest.

Teacher charged in juvenile sex case found dead

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A Dallas high school teacher accused of trying to solicit sex with a juvenile in an online chat room was found dead of an apparent suicide in a motel room Friday.

A cause of death for Zane Roy Vaughan, 48, was not immediately released but an autopsy had been ordered.

Sgt. Chris Crawford of the Weatherford Police Department said the circumstances and nature of Vaughan's death were consistent with a suicide.

Vaughan was charged with criminal solicitation of a minor with the intent to commit sexual assault after he was caught trying to solicit sex from an officer posing as a 14-year-old girl in an Internet chat room.

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Best sellers — books

AP - Hardcover Fiction

1. "The Broker" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
2. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
4. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (HarperCollins)
5. "Conviction" by Richard North Patterson (Random House)
6. "Survivor in Death" by Nora Roberts, writing as J.D. Robb (Putnam)
7. "I Am Charlotte Simmons" by Tom Wolfe (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
8. "Chainfire" by Terry Goodkind (Tor)
9. "Star Wars: Labyrinth of Evil" by James Luceno (Del Rey/LucasBooks)

10. "Prep" by Curtis Sittenfeld (Random House)

Nonfiction/General

1. "French Women Don't Get Fat" by Mireille Guiliano (Knopf)
2. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
3. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
4. "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed" by Jared Diamond (Viking)
5. "He's Just Not That into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
6. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
7. "102 Minutes: The Untold Story

of the Fight to Survive Inside the Twin Towers" by J. Dwyer and K. Flynn (Times Books)

8. "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court Is Destroying America" by Mark R. Levin (Regnery)
9. "Secrets and Mysteries of the World" by Sylvia Browne (Hay House)
10. "America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction" by the writers of The Daily Show, Jon Stewart (Warner)

Mass Market Paperbacks

1. "The Last Juror" by John Grisham (Dell)
2. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
3. "Dark Secret" by Christine

Feehan (Jovq)

4. "Dean Koontz's Frankenstein: Prodigal Son" by Dean Koontz, Kevin J. Anderson, (Bantam)
5. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "3rd Degree" by James Patterson and Andrew Gross (Warner)
7. "Digital Fortress" by Dan Brown (St. Martin's Press)
8. "Wait Until Midnight" by Amanda Quick (Jove)
9. "High Country" by Nevada Barr (Berkley)
10. "A Death in Vienna" by Daniel Silva (Signet)

Trade Paperbacks

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)

2. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)

3. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
4. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
5. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
6. "Supernanny" by Jo Frost (Hyperion)
7. "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi (Random House)
8. "The Birth of Venus" by Sarah Dunant, (Random House)
9. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
10. "Dreams from My Father" by Barack Obama (Three Rivers Press)

Best sellers — video

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

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. "Live at the Greek," Josh Groban.
  4. "Anywhere But Home," Evanescence, (Platinum)
  5. "Live at Donington," AC/DC.
  6. "Crossroads Guitar Festival (2 Disc Set)," Eric Clapton.
  7. "Afterglow Live," Sarah McLachlan.
  8. "The Best of Pantera: Far Beyond the Great Southern Cowboy's Vulgar Hits," Pantera.
  9. "You Gotta Move," Aerosmith, (Platinum)
  10. "Live at Pompeii: The Director's Cut," Pink Floyd.

Top VHS Rentals

- (Based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Assn.)
1. "The Grudge," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
  2. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
  3. "Shall We Dance," Miramax Home

Entertainment.

4. "Alien Vs. Predator," FoxVideo.
5. "Friday Night Lights," Universal Studios Home Video.
6. "The Forgotten," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
7. "Mr. 3000," Dimension Home Video.
8. "Cellular," New Line Home Entertainment.
9. "Without a Paddle," Paramount Home Entertainment.
10. "Sky Captain & the World of Tomorrow," Paramount Home Entertainment.

Top VHS Sales

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Mulan 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  2. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
  3. "Shall We Dance," Miramax Home Entertainment.
  4. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
  5. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  6. "The Land Before Time XI: The Invasion of the Tinysauruses," Universal Studios Home Video.

7. "Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed," Warner Home Video.

8. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
9. "Balto 3: Wings of Change," Universal Studios Home Video.
10. "Spongebob Squarepants: Home Sweet Pineapple," Paramount Home Entertainment.

Top DVD Sales

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Ray (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
  2. "The Grudge," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
  3. "Ray (Pan & Scan)," Universal Studios Home Video.
  4. "Mulan 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  5. "Shall We Dance (Pan & Scan)," Miramax Home Entertainment.
  6. "Shall We Dance (Widescreen)," Miramax Home Entertainment.
  7. "Alien Vs. Predator (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
  8. "Mr. 3000 (Pan & Scan)," Dimension Home Video.
  9. "Alien Vs. Predator (Pan & Scan)," FoxVideo.
  10. "Mr. 3000 (Widescreen)," Dimension Home Video.

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Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

- (Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental charts)
- POP SINGLE: "Let Me Love You," Mario.
- POP ALBUM: "Seventeen Days," 3 Doors Down.

R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE:

- "Let Me Love You," Mario.
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM: "The Documentary," The Game.
- COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK: "Bless the Broken Road," Rascal Flatts.
- COUNTRY ALBUM: "Be As You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair," Kenny Chesney.
- VHS RENTAL: "The

Grudge."

- VHS SALE: "Mulan 2."
- DVD SALE: "Ray (Widescreen)."
- MUSIC VIDEO: "MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents: Collision Course," Jay-Z/Linkin Park.
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<b>February 21 • Monday</b> • Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm	<b>February 22 • Tuesday</b> • Mall Walking - 8:00 am • Supper Club "Cowboy's" - 5:30 pm
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS  
The moon is void of course, making it a lovely time for loafing. Everyone has the voice of a Type A personality somewhere deep inside that will protest the idea of eating chips and watching the television as if it were in danger of being stolen away at any second.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're an innocent, an urchin on an adventure, face to face with a looming choice. Do you dare to open Door No. 3? You have no idea what you'll encounter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you're searching for a hideout, it's a sign that there's something you need to confront. Instead of weighing the options and thinking about how to play a situation, trust yourself enough to jump in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The temporal nature of this life is profound in your mind. As the Five for Fighting song goes, "I'm 33 for a moment," or 15 or 99. Have the courage to embody your "moment."

CANCER (June 22-July

22). Put on some skates, jump on the trampoline, or plan a trip to the amusement park. Doing something to recapture your youth fills you with joy, health and hope.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Daily rituals are important to your sense of well-being. A balanced life depends on actions you can comfortably repeat. It's probably up to you to preserve the dignity of a tradition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want it bad now, so don't try -- do! As far as that impossibility goes, you'd be surprised at what is really possible when excuses are no longer an option.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're strong now and will remain so if you make a point to shun all pity and sympathy, especially the kind you give yourself. A change in your appearance will bring favorable results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you know what you want (like you do today), almost any path leads to it. Make inquiries. Doors swing open wide. Get out and circulate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). With a peek into someone else's life, you expand your view of your own. You're looking for definable, moral guidelines but will likely discover there's more gray area than you ever imagined.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Dare to disagree. The odd man is not "out"; he's never been more "in." You could be privy to special information or invited into an exclusive situation because you're so different from the rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When people come together for a high-minded cause, it's nothing to take for granted. You'll act in a way to protect the integrity of a group by making sure that all parties are present and accountable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). New information you get today is like the lightning that hit Ben Franklin's key. Sure, it's shocking, but it could be also be turned into something hugely meaningful and useful. Think it over!

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Power Resources, Ltd. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 17411 which would authorize continued operation of the C.R. Wing Cogeneration Facility located at 500 Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of the newspaper.

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### IN BRIEF

#### 2005 Little League to hold signups

Sign-ups for the 2005 Big Spring Little League baseball season is taking place through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Big Spring Mall. Registration will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The league is for anyone ages five through 16 that live within the Big Spring Little League boundaries. Registration is required even if a player has played before, at least one parent or guardian must be present and an original or state-certified copy of child's birth certificate is required.

For more information, contact Chuck Rosenbaum at 263-1792.

#### Class of 2005 to host fund-raiser

The Big Spring class of 2005 will be holding a softball fund-raiser at Cotton Mize Field March 11 and 12.

The entry fee will be \$125 and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. The final day to enter the tournament will be March 9.

For more information, contact J.R. Landin at 264-1198 or Able Rios at 213-2115.

#### Relay For Life sets ragball tournament

The Relay For Life will host a ragball tournament at the Cotton Mize Field Friday and Saturday.

The cost for the tournament is \$10 per person and each must have five males and five females.

For more information, contact John Solis at 432-268-8387 or 432-816-6288.

#### Baseball camp set for middle of March

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will take place Saturday, March 19, at the National League Little League Field off South Highway 87.

The camp is broken into two sessions as the first one takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the second one goes from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Each session is broken down into instruction, practice and play. One session costs \$40, but participants can get both camps for \$60. Participants can save \$10 if registered by March 10.

The first session will cover general instruction on hitting, fielding and throwing, while session two is position instruction involving catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders.

The camp is for anyone ages six through 12 and enrollment is limited. It will be led by Mickey Owen and Bobby Doe.

The camp advises athletes to bring their own glove, cap, baseball pants, baseball shoes and gym shoes.

For more information, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-533-6666.

## Howard takes two from junior varsity squad

• Hawks push record to 9-3 after victories

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team recorded two road wins recently as the Hawks swept the Wayland Baptist junior varsity team Thursday before getting rained out against Lubbock

Christian University Friday.

"We didn't play as well as we could have," said Howard coach Britt Smith. "We got up early and let them back in it and just played to their level."

Howard College 17  
Wayland Baptist JV 9  
Sophomore catcher Jason Anderson hit a



grand slam home run and sophomore Zach Sewell pitched five and a third innings to claim the victory in the Hawks' opening game against the Wayland Baptist JV. The Hawks scored in

every inning except the fifth and got multiple runs in the first, second, fourth, sixth and seventh — including six runs in the sixth inning.

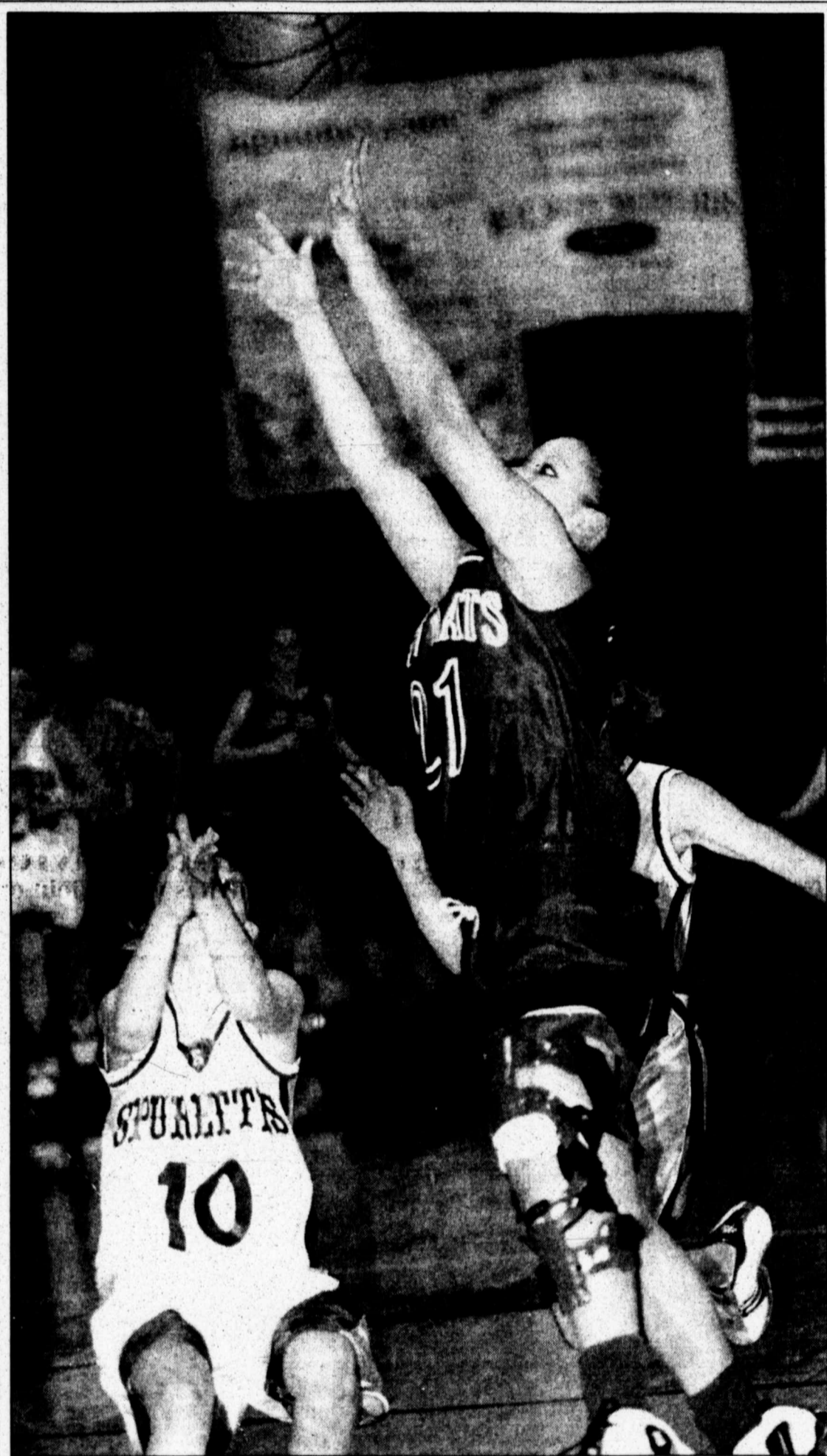
Howard was also helped at the plate by freshman Daman Aaron, who connected on a three-run home run.

Howard College 8  
Wayland Baptist JV 3

The Hawks scored five runs in the fifth and defeated Wayland Baptist in the second game of the doubleheader.

Howard trailed early in the game before Anderson connected on his second home run of the day to tie the score at one in the fourth inning. Anderson also collected a double

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Garden City sophomore Erin Hirt goes up for the layup in the third quarter of the Lady Kats' Area Championship win against Spur Friday at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder. The Lady Kats won the game 38-32 as Hirt finished with 16 points. Garden City will now face Fort Elliot Tuesday in the Regional Quarterfinals.

## MOVIN' ON

• Lady 'Kats down Spur, move on to Class A Regional Quarterfinals

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

SNYDER — Senior Megan Niehues and sophomore Erin Hirt scored 17 and 16 points, respectively, Friday and led the Garden City girl's basketball team to a 38-32 Class A, Division II Area Championship win over Spur (20-10) at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

The victory advances the Lady Kats to the Regional Quarterfinal, which will be played Tuesday against Fort Elliot at a place to be determined. Fort Elliot defeated Happy by one point in overtime Friday.

The game was close throughout as Spur's largest lead was five



points, while the Lady Kats led by eight on two different occasions inside of one minute to go in the game before winning by six. Garden City made 13 of 17 free throws in the fourth quarter, including five of six — all by Hirt and Niehues — with less than a minute on the clock.

"I felt like once we had the lead we could spread it out and get to the line," said Garden City coach Brent Kirkland.

"Once we got to the line the girls did a nice job of hitting the free shots."

Both teams struggled offensively early on in the game.

Kirkland said the Spur zone bothered the Lady Kats a bit.

"We weren't being very patient and we forced things early," he added.

Spur's Kelsey Arnold led the Spurettes with 10 points (eight in first half) before fouling out with 1:59 to go in the game.

"I thought when (Kelsey) fouled out they would have troubles getting into their sets," said Kirkland. "We did a good job of keeping her in front of us in the second half."

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## Lady Steers reach semis at Brewer, despite struggles

• Offense, errors remain concerns for B.S. softball team

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

FORT WORTH — Two wins Friday at the Fort Worth Brewer Tournament moved the Lady Steers' softball team into the semifinals as Big Spring (5-1) shut out Godley and defeated Brock in International extra innings.

The Lady Steers took on Aledo in the championship game Saturday, but final results were unavailable at press time. Big Spring also took on Brewer or Boswell in the championship or third place game, but results of that game were unavailable, as well.

#### Big Spring 6 Godley 0

The Lady Steers took care of business in game one Friday, defeating Godley 6-0 in six innings. The game was called after six innings due to the one hour and 45 minute time limit given to all games.

"We started off slow and I felt we should have scored a few more runs against them," said Big Spring coach Lea Daggett.

Big Spring scored its first run in the first inning as sophomore Amber Sides crossed the plate.

Four more runs crossed the plate in the third inning as the Lady Steers took control with a 4-0 lead. Sides, senior Heather Vassar, senior Alex Watkins and junior Heather Policky all scored in the third inning for Big Spring.

The final run of the game was scored in the sixth inning by senior Chelsea Abner, who went two-for-three on the day with two RBIs.

The six runs were more than enough for Watkins, who pitched all six innings, gave up just one hit and struck out 12, while walking three as she earned her second win of the season.



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Sides finished with two hits and an RBI, while Vassar went two-for-two with a double. Watkins helped her own cause at the plate as she went two-for-three with a double, triple and an RBI.

Policky scored her run in the third after leading off the inning with a walk.

#### Big Spring 2 Brock 1 (eight innings)

Sophomore Katy Abner scored both of Big Spring runs in this game, including the game-winner in the eighth inning as the Lady Steers downed Brock, 2-1.

"We made them look a lot better than they were," said Daggett. "We just aren't hitting the ball very well right now."

Both teams scored their first run in the third inning.

The eighth inning — which in International rules starts with a runner at second base for each team — was full of drama for both teams.

Brock got runners to second and third, but failed to score. Big Spring recorded two outs at home in the inning before Vassar took care of the third and final out at first base.

Big Spring's eighth inning began with Katy Abner on second base. The Lady Steers bunted her over to third and then Vassar's game-winning RBI single sent her across the plate.

Brock's third inning run was assisted by three Big Spring errors as the Lady Steers finished with five errors total in the game.

"The errors really hurt us, but we were able to get a win," said Daggett.

Katy Abner, Sides and Vassar all had two hits at the plate.

Sides added an RBI and two steals, while Katy Abner also stole two bases.

Chelsea Abner (3-0) remained undefeated on the mound with an eight inning, six hit performance. She struck out five, walked one and gave up one unearned run.

Big Spring's home opener will take place Tuesday against Monahans beginning at 4 p.m.

### Basketball playoff matchups

GIRLS	
• Garden City (20-4) vs. Fort Elliot (24-5), Tuesday — location	
BOYS	
• Garden City (13-13) vs. No. 3 Paducah @ Post, Monday 6:30 p.m.	
• Greely (22-3) vs. Ashmore @ Post, Tuesday 6 p.m.	
• Coalinga @ Post, Tuesday 6 p.m.	
• San Angelo @ Post, Tuesday 6 p.m.	

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REGIONALS

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"We gave up too much penetration in the first half and Spur was able to get any shot they wanted. We backed up on the dribble in the second half and didn't let them get to the basket and I felt that was the difference."

The game was tied at the end of the first quarter and Spur grabbed a two point lead at half-time.

Niehues took control in the third quarter to help Garden City recapture the lead. She scored six straight Lady Kat points, including a layup which put Garden City up 25-24 at the end of three.

All 13 of Garden City's fourth quarter points came from the foul line. Hirt went six-for-eight, while Niehues connected on five-for-six. Senior Krystal Sullivan also hit two free throws with 1:36 to play which put the Lady Kats up for good. Niehues' block on Spur's next possession finalized the victory for Garden City (29-4).

"Both Megan and Erin



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Garden City seniors Megan Niehues, left, and Krystal Sullivan hold up the Area Championship trophy Friday after the Lady Kats defeated Spur, 38-32, at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

struggled at times in this game, but they stepped up when we needed them most," said Kirkland. "Krystal also hit some key free throws for us."

Nikki Beaty scored nine points for Spur, while Allison Chastain scored just two points from the foul line in large part to Garden City sophomore Lauren Plagens.

"Lauren did a good job on (Allison) the entire game," said Kirkland. "Lauren is too tall for Allison to post up and Lauren kept Allison in front of her on the outside and didn't let her get good looks."

Two possible locations for the regional quarterfinal game are Floydada and Jayton.

Villarreal advances to semis, Rivera, Paredes lose in semis

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

ODESSA — Three Big Spring seniors reached the semifinals of the Odessa tennis tournament Friday as Veronica

Villarreal got to the final four in girl's singles, while the Nick's — Rivera and Paredes — reached the semis in boy's doubles.



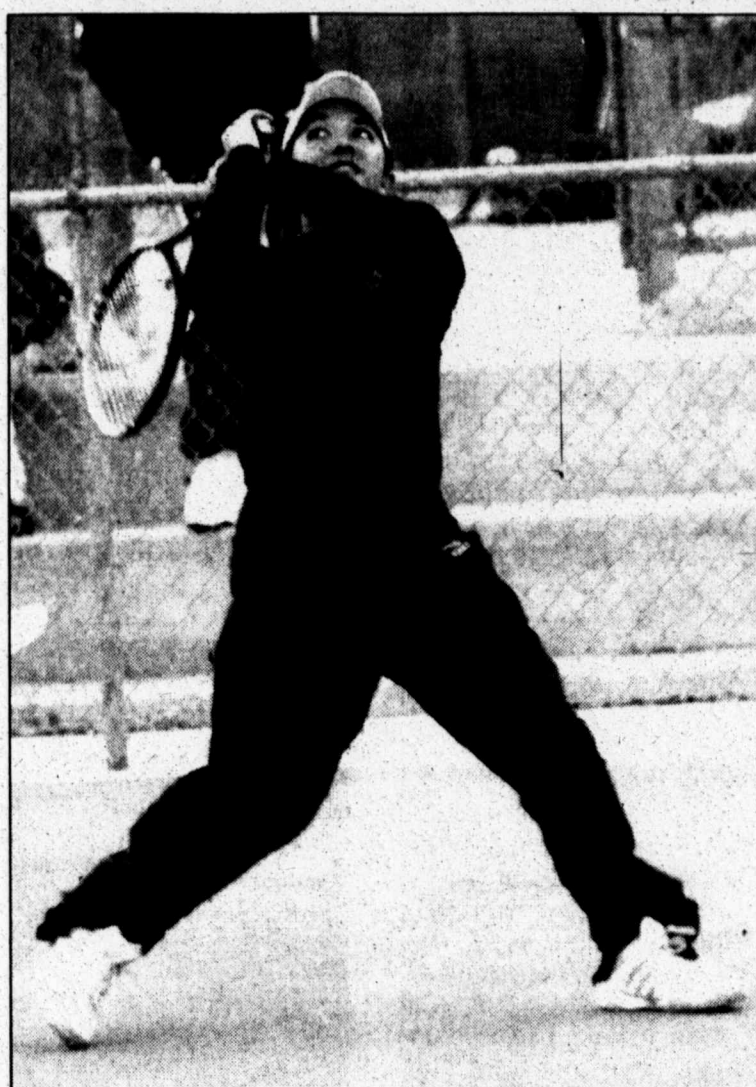
RIVERA



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Villarreal won her first round match in straight sets 6-2, 6-2 and then defeated Michelle Wood of Amarillo High in the quarterfinals. She defeated Wood in three sets 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3. She took on Midland High's Tracy Hughes Saturday in the semifinals, but results were unavailable at press time.

Rivera and Paredes had no trouble in their first and quarterfinal round matches Friday as the senior tandem defeated a team from Midland High 6-4, 6-4 and then took out a doubles squad from Midland Lee in straight sets 6-4, 6-4. They did, however, run into problems in their semifinal match with a team from Odessa Permian as Rivera and Paredes lost in straight sets 4-6, 2-6.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Veronica Villarreal sends a return lob over the net during action at the Big Spring Invitational last weekend. Villarreal advanced to the semifinals of the Odessa Invitational Friday and will take on Midland High's Tracy Hughes Saturday.

The only other Big Spring athletes to win a first round match was the doubles team of sophomore Bryan Juan and senior Jason Vela. The duo won their first match 7-5, 7-5 over a team from Odessa High, but then lost in the quarterfinals to a San Angelo Central team in straight sets 1-6, 0-6.

The two Big Spring

girl's doubles teams both lost in the first round. Natasha Neighbors and Jamie Jordan were defeated in straight sets 4-6, 1-6, while sophomore Reinhilde Robinson and freshman Allison Ward took their opponents to three sets, but still lost a close one 6-0.

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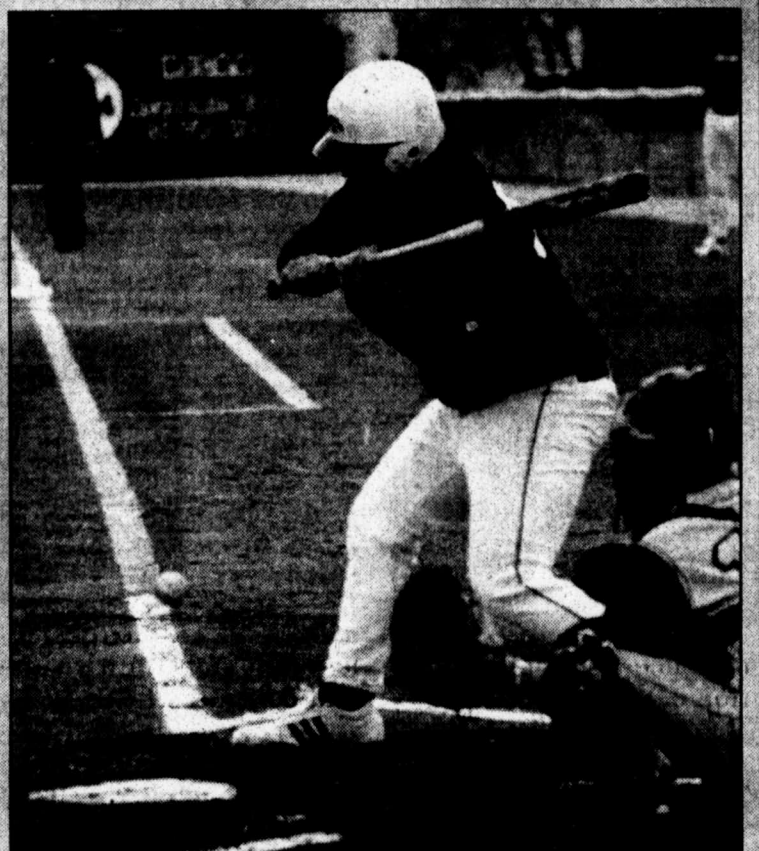
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against Wayland Baptist, as well.

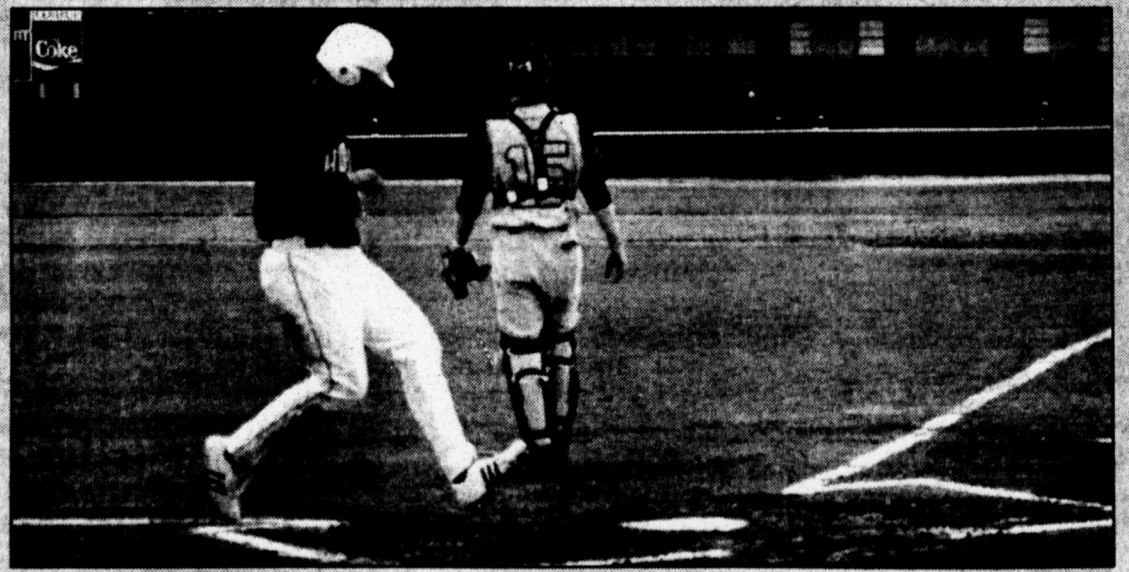
Freshman Scotty Moore collected the win on the mound as he pitched four and two-thirds innings. Freshman Michael Martin entered the game in the sixth inning with the bases loaded and struck out three of the four batters he faced in earning the save.

Smith said the Hawks will "make-up" their game with the Lubbock Christian JV, but a time and date have not yet been determined.

Howard (9-3) hosted the Wayland Baptist JV Saturday in a double-header but final scores were unavailable at press time.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard College's Will Basom takes a pitch Saturday at Jack Barber Field during game one of a doubleheader. The Hawks led 3-0 after two innings, but final results were unavailable at press time.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard's Darby Brown crosses the plate in the second inning as the Hawks built a 3-0 lead after two innings Saturday at Jack Barber Field. Brown knocked in Howard's first two runs after smashing a double to the centerfield fence. Final results of both games were unavailable at press time.

Bruschi to re-evaluate NFL career

By JAY LINDSAY

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — Former NHL player Brian Mullen is one of the few pro athletes who has a sense of what New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi is going through. Mullen, like Bruschi, suffered a mild stroke, his coming in 1993. The former New York Islander made a comeback attempt two years later after undergoing surgery to correct the heart problem that caused his stroke, but eventually decided to retire.

One of the team's most popular players, the 31-year-old Bruschi was released Friday from Massachusetts General Hospital after spending two days there recovering from a mild stroke.

He waved and smiled but didn't comment to reporters as he stepped into a waiting sports utility vehicle and drove off. Experts say his return

will depend on the stroke's cause and severity.

Doctors pointed to Bruschi's quick release from the hospital, along

with reports that he was walking and talking normally a day after the stroke, as hopeful signs that he may be able to continue his career.



courtesy photo  
The Big Spring Bass Club has started its 2005 season. From left: Gary Gillihan (2004 men's angler of the year), Glenda Gillihan (2004 women's angler of the year), Robbe Crenshaw (women's big bass for 2004), Matt Stokes (2004 youth big bass of the year) and Joe Richter (2004 youth angler of the year and big bass of the year). The club stands for educational and charitable purposes and promotes conservation of fish and game. Their first tournament of the year will take place at Lake Amistad next Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact Gary Burt at 267-8560 or Mark McMahon at 267-5175.

Wildcats win practice game with Dell City

• Cougars force OT at buzzer, can't find win column in extra period

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Grady Wildcats shot poorly from the foul

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# One more try?

By IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — The greatest save in NHL history might come at the bargaining table.

Just three days after the season was called off because of the protracted lockout, the NHL and the players' association restarted talks at 9 a.m. Saturday at an undisclosed location in New York.

"It's the right thing," New Jersey Devils president Lou Lamoriello said Friday night. "I've always said that you should do it as quickly as you possibly can and not let any time go by."

The union denied online reports Friday night that an agreement had been reached on a \$45 million salary cap. An NHLPA spokesman told The Associated Press in an e-mail that the report was "absolutely false."

On Wednesday, commissioner Gary Bettman canceled the season, saying it was too late to play any semblance of a schedule.

That made the NHL the first major North American sports league to lose a full season to a labor dispute.

Or did it? "I think the timing has always been to get an agreement so that we can play," said Lamoriello, who has taken part in previous negotiations. "Right now, it's still getting an agreement, and then if we get an agreement, then can we play?"

"I think it's a little different than it was before." In a statement released Friday night, the players' association said the NHL made the offer late Thursday night to get together.

There was no immediate word on who took part in the meeting, but rumors were rampant that Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux were very much involved in the process.

"The way everything has transpired, nothing surprises me," said Lamoriello, who declined to say whether he would be in attendance.

There hadn't been any official contact between the NHL and the players' association since Tuesday night — when the sides traded what they said were final offers.

All proposals were rejected, and Bettman canceled the season Wednesday at a news conference that was scheduled two days earlier.

"I don't think anything

was premature. It was a necessity," Lamoriello said. "It didn't appear to be going anywhere and there was too much jockeying going on."

"Right now, there's a chance of people getting down to possibly getting this done."

Bettman said in a letter to NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow on Tuesday that the league's salary-cap proposal of \$42.5 million was as far as he could go and that there was no time or flexibility for negotiation.

Goodenow sent a letter back, proposing a soft cap at \$49 million that could be exceeded by as much as 10 percent by teams twice during the course of the six-year deal.

It appeared there was momentum toward reaching a deal and the season had a chance to be saved, because the sides were only \$6.5 million apart on their cap numbers.

But talking ceased after each side sent two letters to the other on Tuesday night.

"A lot of players, owners, managers saw how close the two negotiating teams got to a deal and I think people are just exploring if that can be explored any more," agent Pat Morris said Friday. "I don't know if it'll have a successful conclusion."

There were big breakthroughs Monday in Niagara Falls, N.Y., when the NHL agreed to drop its demand that player costs be linked to league revenues, and the union, in turn, came off its steadfast opposition to a salary cap.

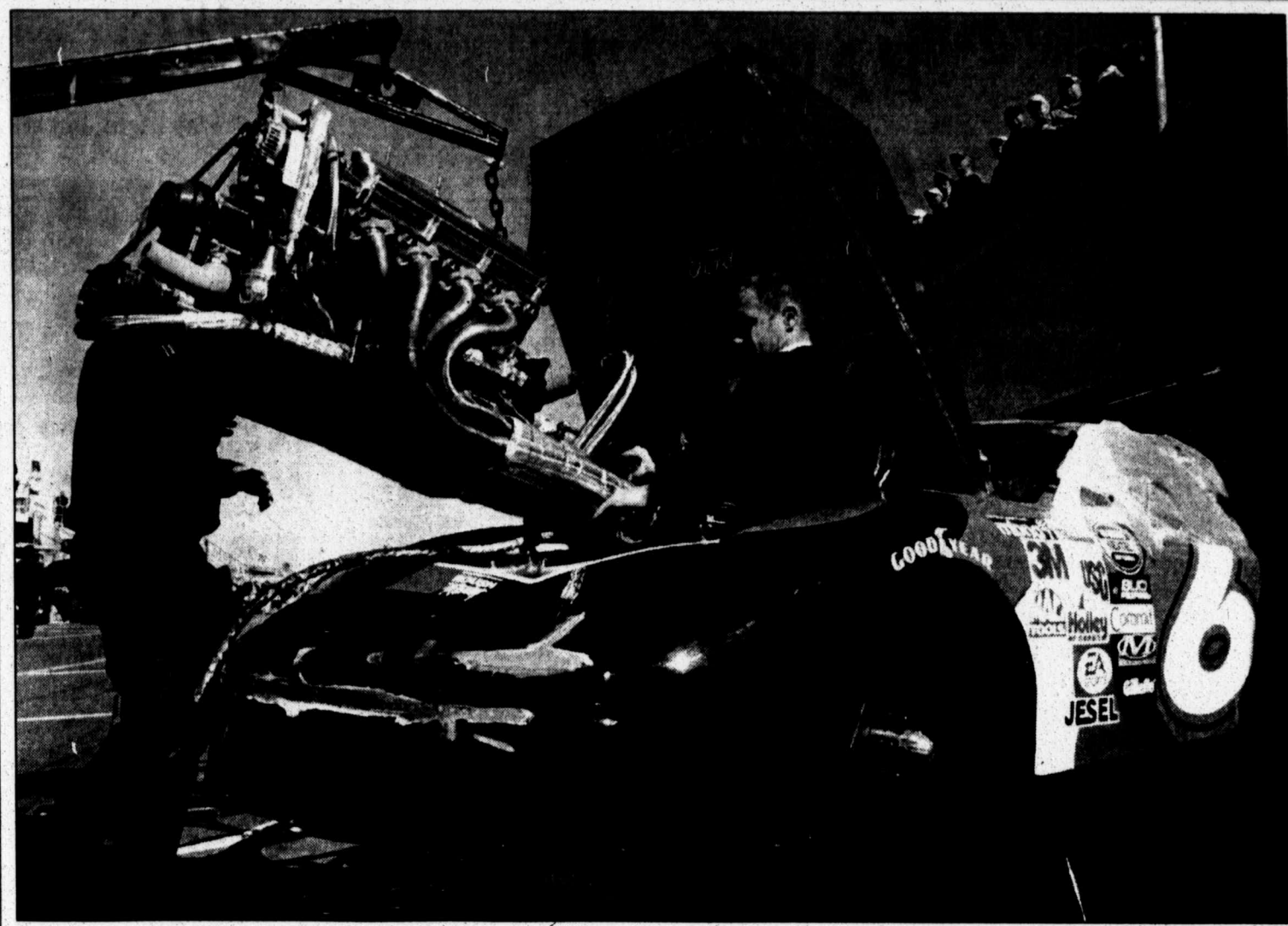
"We got through the philosophical end of it, so there's a better chance, but I think there is still a lot of work that has to be done," Lamoriello said.

Bettman said the NHL couldn't afford the union's final proposal and said if all 30 teams spent \$49 million on player costs, then more money would be paid out to players than last season.

The commissioner said that teams lost more than \$1.8 billion over 10 years, the last time a collective bargaining agreement was reached.

NHL clubs claim to have lost \$273 million in 2002-03 and \$224 million last season.

Bettman said a deal would have to be in the drafting stages by the end of last weekend if there was going to be time to play a 28-game season and a standard 16-team post-season.



Mark Martin's pit crew puts an engine into his race car during Nextel Cup practice at Daytona International Speedway Friday. Martin's car was heavily damaged in a wreck during Thursday's Gatorade Duel race.

# Popovich not impressed about all-star honor

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer

Gregg Popovich is not exactly thrilled to be coaching the Western Conference team in the All-Star game, and on this subject — as with many others — he isn't afraid to say how he feels.

There isn't a whole lot of phoniness to the league's second-most tenured coach, a former military man who spent part of the Cold War in the U.S. Air Force and spent eight years after that — living in a dorm during one season — honing his craft at Division III Pomona-Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif.

A gray-haired basket-

ball lifer with a ruddy face and a worldly vision, he is not one to indulge in the bacchanal of self-promotion that the NBA showcases once a year.

"When I first came into the league about 15 years ago, I went to one, and that showed me I'd never need to go again," he said.

The league's showcase event is traditionally a weekend of extravagance, star worship and scene making that runs counter to everything Popovich is about. Equal parts sports psychologist and strategist, Popovich has no patience for the promotion of glitz over grit.

He'll be in Denver to perform the chore that his team, the San Antonio

Spurs, forced him into by having the West's best record through games of Feb. 6. But he'll also be lamenting the lost leisure time he spends secluded with his wife of 29 years, Erin, each February.

"Every year we go away for four days, and I spend no more than an hour and a half on work stuff," Popovich said. "I had dinner reservations, I had the movies underlined, all the independent movies that are showing in San Francisco."

Instead, Popovich will submit himself to the endless demands on his time and countless tests of his patience that the All-Star weekend entails.

This, after all, is a man

who finds pleasure in reading a Russian mystery novel or updating himself on the Ukrainian political crisis rather than checking out whose retro jersey seems to be the most popular among the throngs of fans filling the streets of Denver.

A former captain of the Armed Forces team that toured the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe on goodwill missions in the mid-1970s, Popovich still can conduct a casual conversation in Russian and is as unique a character as anyone in NBA coaching circles.

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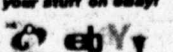
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• The Hawk women's basketball team does not play Monday, but returns home to take on Odessa College Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 6 p.m.

• The Hawk men's basketball team travels to Roswell, N.M. to take on the New Mexico Military Institute Monday before returning home to take on Odessa College Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 8 p.m.

• The Hawk baseball team will play three games against Johnson County Community College next Saturday and Sunday in Big Spring. Saturday's doubleheader begins at 12 p.m., while Sunday's game starts at 11 a.m.

• The Hawk softball team hosts Western Texas College at 1 p.m. Wednesday before traveling to El Paso Community College Saturday.

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GRADY

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line Friday night, but still managed to find a win against Dell City in a Class A playoff practice game.

The Wildcats shot 10-for-28 from the free throw line and weather a



HIRTH

buzzer-beating 3-pointer to defeat the Cougars in overtime, 62-60.

Dell City (19-9) led 17-14 after the first quarter, but Grady closed to within two points at halftime. Grady pulled ahead going into the final quarter after outscoring the Cougars 10-7 in third frame.

The final frame was taken by Dell City 14-13, including a 3-pointer that dropped through the basket as time expired.

The Wildcats outscored Dell City by two points in

overtime, but could have clinched the game in the fourth quarter, but couldn't make shots from the foul line.

Senior Ben Hirth led Grady (22-8) with 19 points, while freshman Justin Tubb and Clay Mitchell added 16. Mitchell also hit three 3-pointers.

Grady — the defending Class A, Division II champions — will travel to Post Tuesday to take on Aspermont in the bi-district round of the playoffs. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

BIG SPRING

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4, 4-6, 5-7.

The other girl's singles player for Big Spring was senior Alex Garipey. She

was defeated by Midland Lee's Sureena Weir in straight sets 2-6, 2-6.

Big Spring's No. 1 boy's player — Roshan Shroff

— and Ainham Ngheim were both in action Friday in singles and both were defeated. Shroff

lost his match to Adam Rivera of Midland Lee 1-6, 5-7, while Ngheim lost to Permian's Michael Pettus in straight sets 0-6, 0-6.

The tournament continued Saturday, but final results were unavailable at press time.



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# Black History Month

## Civil rights movement's roots grounded in Clarendon County, S.C.

CLARENDON COUNTY, S.C. — In Clarendon County, the schoolchildren walked. Two miles or four miles or nine. Before dawn and on sweaty afternoons, always looking out for the buses, where the whites seemed to have an endless supply of bottle caps to throw.

They walked because that's the way it was. They were black, and the county would pay nothing for their school transportation. And when their parents finally collected enough cash to buy a bus the whites had junked, it kept breaking down. So they asked the chairman of the school board for help.

His response: "We ain't got no money to buy a bus for your n----- children."

This time, for the first time, they fought back.

Fifty years ago, in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the U.S. Supreme Court declared segregated schools "inherently unequal." That case was a consolidation of five school desegregation cases from across the country. The first of those was *Briggs v. Elliott* — 20 South Carolinians backed by a hundred more, led by a minister who went searching for a school bus.

"It all began in Clarendon County," says Vernon Burton, professor of history at the University of Illinois. "When people think of the civil rights movement, they think about the cities. But it really began in this rural area. We think of the marches, but it really began out there." Like any parents, Clarendon County's blacks wanted better for their children, but black schools offered little promise of that. Books were held together by tape, tables were boards placed on chairs. In 1950, Clarendon had three times as many black students as white, but white students got 60 percent of educational funds.

But in the 1940s, changing all of that seemed too much for blacks to imagine. Instead, they began with something smaller. A bus.

The Rev. Joseph Armstrong "J.A." De Laine was a slender and quiet man, with black glasses much more severe than he. A teacher and preacher at Clarendon schools and churches, De Laine was one of the county's few educated men, a window to the world for his congregation, many of whom couldn't read.

Thus the reverend was a respected man and he lived an exemplary life. He helped illiterate parents fill out forms for their children. He drove the sick to doctors in Columbia, S.C., and helped pay the bills. "He always wore a suit," said youngest son, B.B. De Laine, "but when he talked in the field with folks, he always bent over and helped them pick cotton."

One day in June 1947, De Laine attended a session at Columbia's Allen University to hear

Ed Hinton, the state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. On that day, Hinton railed against the state of black education in South Carolina, and he suggested that whites surely wanted to keep it that way. Acquiring buses for blacks, he said, was a place for change to begin. He challenged anyone to find a man, a plaintiff, who would lend his name to a bus complaint.

That week, J.A. De Laine drove out to Davis Station, a small Clarendon community where farmers had purchased a broken-down bus and where school officials had refused to pay even for gas. De Laine spoke to Levi Pearson, a farmer whose children had walked eight miles to the Scott's Branch High School in Summerton.

Pearson agreed to sue, but in June 1948, Pearson v. Clarendon County was dismissed on a technicality: Pearson's farm straddled the line between a school district where he paid his taxes and another where his children attended school. He was declared to have no legal standing in the case. That fall, Pearson's line of credit was shut off by white fertilizer suppliers.

Undeterred, De Laine and Pearson led a group of eight Clarendon residents the next spring to Columbia, where they met with attorney Thurgood Marshall, a legend-in-making with the national NAACP. They told a reluctant Marshall they wanted to aim higher — for equal school facilities. Marshall told them he expected to find a school equality case elsewhere.

By November 1949, 107 Clarendon parents and children had signed a petition asking for "educational advantages and facilities equal in all respects to that which is provided for whites." At the top of the list were Harry and Eliza Briggs, who had opened their home so people could quietly sign.

The Briggses also were among the first to suffer. Harry Briggs was fired from his job as a gas station worker. Eliza Briggs lost her job as a hotel maid. Soon, Nathaniel's father moved to Miami to work at a gas station and send money home. Two years later, his family followed, leaving behind all that wouldn't fit in a car.

Whites called such retribution "the squeeze." Others on the petition lost their jobs, including J.A. De Laine, who was fired from his teaching position. Mortgages and credit lines were called in without warning. Reverdy Wells, a plaintiff



Joe Elliott, a descendant of the defendant in the *Briggs v. Elliott* desegregation case, stands in front of his old family plantation in Summerton, S.C. Elliott welcomes the changes his grandfather fought.



Liberty Hill was typical of the threadbare schools for blacks in Clarendon County, S.C., in the early 1940s.

signer and one of Scott's Branch's brightest, learned that his transcript had been altered to include "F's" before it was sent to Temple University. He was not admitted.

In late 1949, *Briggs v. Elliott* was filed in U.S. District Court in Charleston, S.C. Plaintiffs asked for equal educational opportunities for black children.

But in the pre-trial hearing, District Judge J. Waties Waring posed a question to Marshall: Why were the plaintiffs suing for equality when that, in theory, was what they had under the "separate but equal" standard. Was enforcement all they wanted?

No, said Marshall, he also was raising indirectly the idea of desegregation.

The judge told him to refile his case asking specifically for that. It was a remarkable request, especially from a white judge. *Briggs v. Elliott* became the first case to address the concept of school desegregation.

On May 28, 1951, arguments for *Briggs* began in Charleston. Right away, the state stunned the plaintiffs by conceding that Clarendon's school facilities were substandard. But, said attorney Robert Figg, the state legislature had passed a sales tax to finance new buildings and equipment at the underserved schools.

On June 21, 1951, Judges John Parker and George Bell Timmerman handed the plaintiffs a defeat, ordering the state only to make black facilities equal. Waring dissented, saying that "segregation in education can never produce equality." For that, Waring became an outcast in Charleston's white social circles and eventually moved to New York.

In Clarendon, the *Briggs* defeat was expected, but it was not without benefit. "It resulted in better facilities," remembers B.B. DeLaine. "From one year to the next we went



*Briggs v. Elliott* plaintiffs and their supporters are shown in this undated photograph. The plaintiffs, who sued for equal educational opportunities for black children, suffered financial retribution in what whites called "The Squeeze." Although the plaintiffs lost in U.S. District Court, their suit was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it became part of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

from no school buses to 32 school buses. But most people were smart enough to know there were still inequities.

*Briggs* was appealed immediately to the Supreme Court, which sent it back to District Court in 1952 for a report on the progress made toward equalizing school facilities. By the time the case came back to the Supreme Court later that year, four other desegregation cases were waiting.

The five cases were to be argued together, the justices decided, and the consolidation would be named *Brown v. Board of Education*, after one of the five, a Kansas case.

On May 17, 1954, from the Supreme Court:

"In the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

"My father was in orbit," says B.B. De Laine. "I'm not sure he had come to the conclusion the Supreme Court was ready to overturn. I don't know whether he had faith in the nine people who sat on the court then."

In Clarendon, blacks were hopeful but quiet. "Blacks wouldn't dare go out and have a public celebration over that," B.B. De Laine says.

Indeed, after the Supreme Court added teeth to the ruling with its "deliberate speed" plan the next year, retribution began in earnest. By then, J.A. De Laine had been transferred to an AME



KRT Photo/Courtesy of the De Laine Family/The Levine Museum of the South The Rev. Joseph Armstrong "J.A." De Laine, shown in this undated photo, was one of Clarendon County's few educated men, a window to the world for his congregation, many of whom couldn't read in South Carolina.



KRT Photo/Courtesy South Carolina State Archives The Levine Museum of the South

church in Lake City, S.C.; his home in Summerton burned soon after as firefighters watched, claiming the home was 20 feet outside town limits.

In Lake City, rocks were thrown through the De Laine home, and threats came in the mail. The family was unaware that black men had taken to secretly guarding the house at night. Inside, the De Laines hung a gun over every door, not unusual for blacks waiting for the Ku Klux Klan to ride through at night.

On Oct. 1, a group of about 25 men gathered across the street from De Laine's house, dug a hole for a cross and burned it that night. Three days later, De Laine's church burned.

Finally, late in the night Oct. 10, De Laine heard gunshots outside his home. Ten minutes later, a car pulled to the front of his driveway and two more shots came from it. De Laine fired back, marking the car as he said the county sheriff had instructed him to.

News reports later said that two in the car suffered minor wounds. De Laine fled first to Florence, then to Charlotte, where his sister, Ophelia, was attending Johnson C. Smith University. Eventually, he landed in New York City.

Authorities in South Carolina issued a warrant for his arrest, but the U.S. Department of Justice refused to enforce the fugitive act because De Laine had immediately informed the FBI of his

whereabouts. Eventually, South Carolina Gov. George Bell Timmerman declined to extradite him. "South Carolina," he said, "is well rid of this professional agitator."

J.A. De Laine took a teaching position in Buffalo, N.Y., and chartered the De Laine-Waring AME Church there in 1956. He kept in touch with South Carolina friends and former parishioners, and he spoke and raised money for their continuing efforts toward desegregation, which came slowly in Clarendon and throughout the South.

"It was traumatic for him," oldest son Joseph De Laine says. "It was traumatic because his entire persona was South Carolina. The people there, he was just rooted in them. To leave and to have to go somewhere else; it was hard to adapt."

De Laine frequently commented on two things to his family: First, he didn't want to die in New York. Also, he hoped that Clarendon's desegregation efforts wouldn't be forgotten.

He retired to Charlotte in 1971 and asked to return to South Carolina, but one of the Lake City men involved in the 1955 shooting refused to drop charges. De Laine did, however, sit in the back of a college class his son B.B. taught at North Carolina A&T, and he proudly and quietly counted the whites sitting among the blacks.

De Laine died in 1974. By Peter St. Onge (KRT)

## Engagement

### Haddad, Beitler engaged

Dr. and Mrs. Rudy Haddad of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Mary Katherine (Maggie) to John Paul Beitler, son of J. Paul and Penny P. Beitler of Winnetka, Ill.

She is the granddaughter of Marguerite and the late Dr. Issa Haddad of Big Spring and the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ottaka of New York.

He is the grandson of Norma and the late Fred Powers of Sun City, Fla., and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Beitler Sr.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School. She attended Southern Methodist University and graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry with a minor in psychology. She

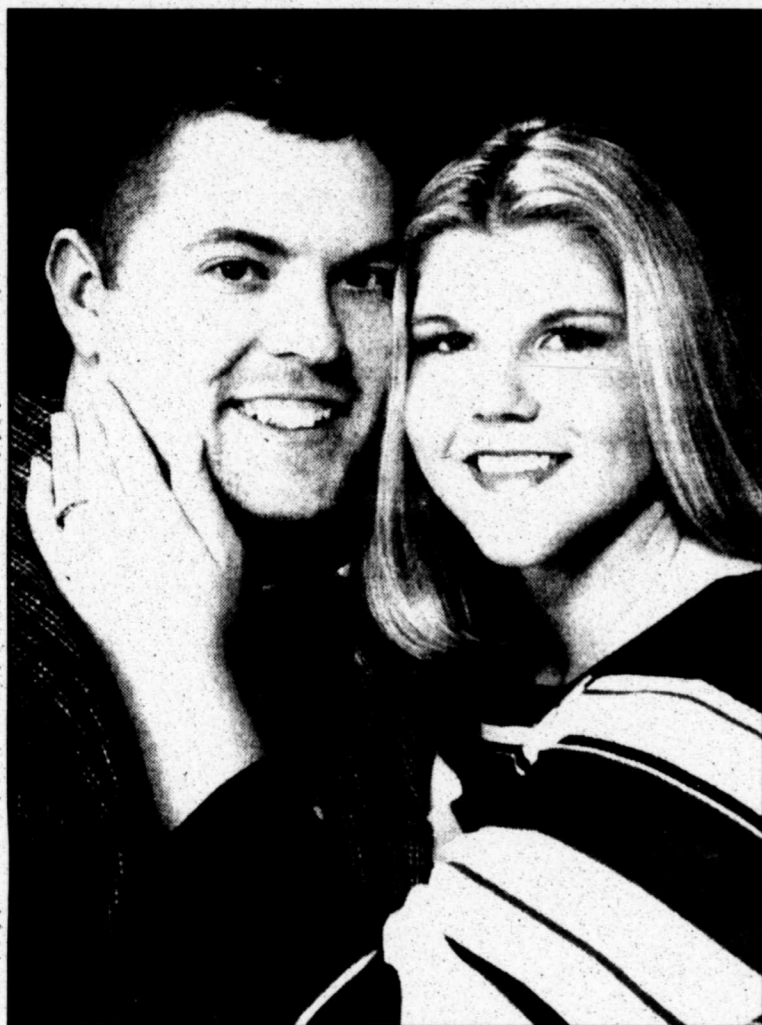
is presently pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology at Illinois School of Professional Psychology in Chicago.

The future groom is a 1997 graduate of New Trier High School and a 2001 graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He graduated with a double major in history and philosophy. He is employed as a real estate broker at the Beitler Companies Commercial Real Estate firm in Chicago.

A white tie and tails wedding is planned for May 28, 2005, at the Perkins Chapel on the campus of Southern Methodist University. The reception will follow at the Belo Mansion in Dallas. They will then make their home in Chicago, Ill.



John Paul Beitler and Maggie Haddad



Cody James Cottingham and Chelsea Dawn Shults

### Shults, Cottingham to wed

Chelsea Dawn Shults of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring and Cody James Cottingham of Abilene, formerly of Munday, will exchange wedding vows March 9, 2005, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

The bride is the daughter of Ronald and Cheryl Shults and the granddaughter of Billie and Aliene Shults and the late E. Roy and Venice Cawthron, all of Big Spring.

She is a graduate of Forsan High School and a graduate of Howard College, where she received an associate degree in applied science

in dental hygiene. She is employed as a dental hygienist for Dr. Keith Savage, DDS in Abilene.

The groom is the son of Carol Cottingham of Lubbock and Jim Cottingham of Munday. He is the grandson of Violet and the late Orville Sharp of Hart and the late Glen and Erlene Miller of Roosevelt, Okla.

He is a graduate of Munday High School and a graduate of Texas State Technical College, where he received an airplane and powerplant license. He is employed by American Eagle Airlines in Abilene.

## Births

David Lynn Tidwell, a boy, was born Jan. 31, 2005, at 5:56 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Gary and Patricia Tidwell. His grandparents are David and Elizabeth Nance of

Spring. She was welcomed home by brother, Sean.



David Lynn Tidwell



Rachel Michelle Herrera

Hobbs, N.M., Don and Carolyn Tidwell of Sweetwater and Marion Teague of Sweetwater. His great-grandparents are Robert and Clara Pollard of Watts, Okla.

Zada Rose Reyes, a girl, was born Feb. 11, 2005, at 9:37 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Rachael Alvarado and Salvador Reyes. Her grandparents are Jaime and Cecelia Alvarado of Garden City and Miguel and Graciela Reyes of Big

Rachel Michelle Herrera, a girl, was born Feb. 11, 2005, at 8:37 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Robert Juan and Linda H. Herrera. Her grandparents are Jacinto S. and Dora C. Hilario of Big Spring and Juan M. and Olga A. Herrera of Coahoma.

She was welcomed home by sister, Faith Charlotte Herrera.

## Menus

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Ham and cheese sandwich, potato soup, lettuce and tomatoes, milk, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Stew, salad, cornbread, milk, cake.

THURSDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, garlic bread, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

sausage on a stick, juice, syrup, fruit cups, milk.

LUNCH MONDAY-Spaghetti or BBQ beef on bun/pickle, corn, bread, orange, milk.

TUESDAY-Nacho Grande, pinto beans, mixed fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Lasagna or burritos, salad, finger rolls, pineapple, milk.

THURSDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, bananas, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger pockets or corn dogs, potato salad, apples, milk.

### COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Eggs, sausage burritos, apple juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Sweetened rice, ham, grape juice, milk.

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

THURSDAY-Oatmeal, ham, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Pancakes,

### FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Pizza, salad, pineapple slices, milk.

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## Who's Who



Herald photo/Troy Hyde

Keith Stone, Forsan High School principal, presents Forsan senior Levi Johnson with a certificate proclaiming Johnson's finalist standing in the Merit Scholarship competition of 2005 while his parents, LaDonna and Randy Johnson observe. The award was granted for Johnson's demonstrating through distinguished performance and high potential for future academic accomplishment.

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### Symphony tickets

The Big Spring Herald has tickets to be given away for the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's presentation of "An Encore Performance" at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Municipal Auditorium.

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To receive two free tickets to the concert, call 263-7331, ext. 236 at 11 a.m. Monday-Friday.



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# Anniversary

## Caffeys celebrate 50-year wedding anniversary

Woodie and Darlene Caffey of Stanton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children.

The event is from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Stanton.

Woodie was born in Anson and the former Darlene Bristow was born in Rotan.

They met in Ackerly and were married Feb. 20, 1955, in Ackerly.

The couple have six

children, Lynn Caffey, Darla Prorise, Jana Randles, Ronna Thompson, David Caffey and Jason Caffey.

They have 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The couple have lived in Texas and Oklahoma during their married life.

Woodie is a retired farmer and rancher and coach. Darlene is a retired secretary and business teacher.

They are affiliated with First Baptist Church in Stanton.



Mr. and Mrs. Darlene and Woodie Caffey



Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Caffey in 1955

## Blassingames celebrate 50 years

Joe and Venita Blassingame of Big Spring celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 5, 2005. An outdoor event is planned later.

Joe was born in Mitchell County and graduated from Ackerly High School in 1953. The former Venita Hogg was born in Dawson County and graduated from Ackerly High School in 1952.

They began dating the summer of 1951 and dated throughout high school. Their first date was to a movie and the Sky-View Drive Inn theater in Lamesa.

They were married Feb. 5, 1955, by the late Rev. J. Roy Haynes, in the bride's parent's home in Ackerly. Their attendants were Paul and Bobbie Webb, Joe's sister.

The couple have two children, Eddy Blassingame and his wife, Joyce of Big Spring and

Melissa Brooks and her husband, Marty of Coahoma.

They have one grandson, Collin McMillan of Coahoma.

The couple have lived in Howard County most of their married life. They lived in San Antonio and Ozark, Ala., during Joe's stay in the Army. Joe is retired from the United States Postal Service and Venita is retired from Fina Oil and Chemical Company.

They are affiliated with the Baptist Temple Church in Big Spring. Joe and Venita are avid sports fans and they especially enjoy watching their grandson, Collin play baseball and participate in junior livestock shows.

Their comments on their 50 years of marriage, "It takes trust and respect for each other and belief in God to make a good marriage."



Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Venita Blassingame



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blassingame in 1955

## Menu

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**TUESDAY**-Chicken and noodles, peas, peaches, crackers, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Buffalo burger, French fries, mixed fruit, lettuce, tomato, pickle, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Chicken salad, sandwich, pickle spears, orange smiles, chips, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Spaghetti, French bread, green beans, mixed fruit, milk.

### SANDS CISD

**BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**-Nutri bars

**TUESDAY**-Pancakes and sausage

**WEDNESDAY**-Muffins

**THURSDAY**-Cinnamon rolls

**FRIDAY**-Biscuit and gravy

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY**-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oven fries, fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, peaches, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Tacos, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cheese, pears, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Chicken

nuggets, sliced potatoes, peas and carrots, apple sauce, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Spaghetti w/meat, batter bread, corn, fruit, milk.

### WESTBROOK ISD

**BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**-Oatmeal, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Scrambled eggs, Texas toast, cereal, juice, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Assorted cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Blueberry muffins, cereal, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY**-Nachos w/meat and cheese, peppers, salad, ranch beans, pear halves, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, strawberry yogurt, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Beef stew with vegetables, peanut butter or pimento cheese sandwiches, crackers, sugar cookies, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Cheeseburgers, vegetable fixings, French

fries, oranges, milk.

### BIG SPRING ISD

**BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**-Ham and egg bar, pears, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Cereal, sausage link, juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-French toast stick, syrup, yogurt, pineapple, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Cereal, strawberry bar, juice, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Pancake on stick, syrup, mixed fruit, milk.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY**-Rib sandwich, coleslaw, ranch style beans, peaches milk.

**TUESDAY**-Pig in blanket, baby carrots, black-eyed peas, pears, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, spiced apples, wheat roll, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Mex jambayla, salad, corn, orange wedges, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Cheeseburger, salad, French fries, pinto beans, pineapple upside down cake, milk.

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Consumers should stop wearing the boots immediately and return them to the nearest Target store for a full refund. They can call Target at 1-800-821-8684 for more information.

#### Bush signs law sending multistate class-action suits to federal court

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday signed a bill that he says will curtail multimillion-dollar class action lawsuits against companies and help end "the lawsuit culture in our country."

The legislation aims to discourage class action lawsuits by having federal judges take them away from state courts. It was a victory for conservatives who hope it will lead to other lawsuit limits and for businesses that have complained for decades that state judges and juries have been too generous to plaintiffs.

The president has described class action suits, in which a single person or a small group

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### West Texans join forces to advance wind energy

Special to the Herald

The second session of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium will be held at noon Friday at The Center on the campus of Texas State Technical College-West Texas near Sweetwater.

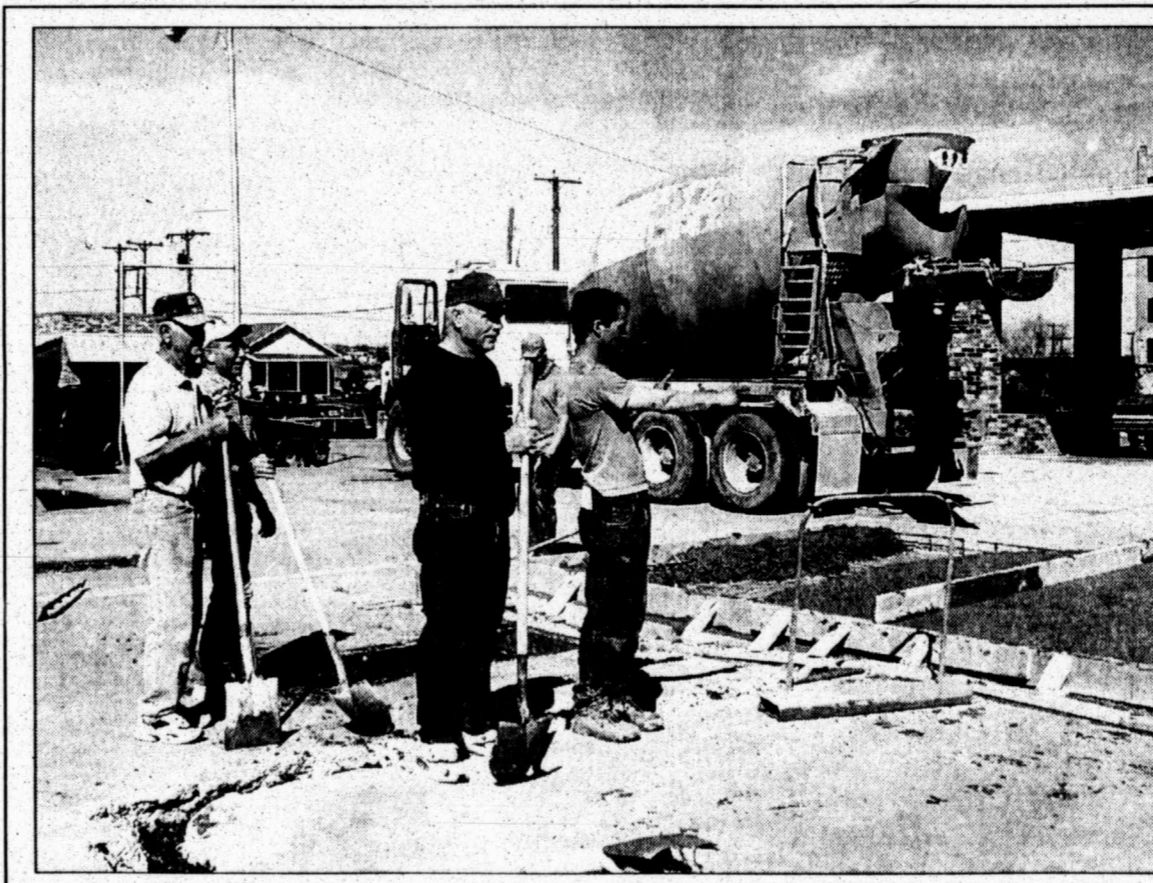
The luncheon will be \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. The February session will feature a panel discussion on legislative action at the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress. Interested persons are requested to RSVP at 325-236-9499 if they plan to attend.

Only four foreign coun-

tries produce more wind energy than West Texas, and the region is projected to contain more than 25 percent of U.S. wind energy production this year. The rapidly expanding industry provides job creation and tax base growth for West Texas, and the outlook is strong for coming decades.

The objectives of the regional wind energy efforts include regional economic development, education, job training and legislative action.

To reach TSTC-West Texas, take Exit 240 off Interstate 20, four miles west of Sweetwater.



### NEW LOT

87 Auto Sales owners Clay and Lee Harris are expanding their business in Big Spring by adding a new show lot on the corner of Second and Gregg Street. This will make the fourth lot for the 33-year-old business which also boasts a lot in Midland. Foundation for the office building was poured Tuesday afternoon. Pictured from left are Gerald Harris Sr., Clay and Lee Harris and Andy Kilgore. The lot is expected to open in April.

HERALD photo

### New Jersey: Blockbuster's new late fee policy violates consumer laws

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The state of New Jersey claims Blockbuster Inc., the nation's largest movie-rental chain, has violated the state's consumer protection laws with its new policy on late fees.

In a lawsuit filed Friday, the state charged that Blockbuster failed to disclose key terms in the policy, including that overdue rentals are automatically converted to a sale on the eighth day after the due date.

The state is seeking restitution for customers whose overdue rentals were converted to a sale. It also wants compensa-

tion for people who were charged late fees by stores that were not participating in the new policy, but that failed to make that obvious.

State Attorney General Peter C. Harvey on Friday called the company's advertising and marketing "deceptive." He said state investigators began visiting dozens of the 170 Blockbuster stores in New Jersey even before receiving a complaint, and found that employees gave misleading or erroneous information on the policy.

To date, one aggrieved consumer has

contacted the state, Harvey said, adding, "We will be flooded with complaints from people who will tell us this is their experience, too."

The lawsuit was filed in state Superior Court in Trenton.

In a statement, the Dallas-based chain said it has "taken a number of very thorough steps to let customers know how our new program works. Blockbuster has trained store employees on how to effectively communicate the program to customers, both on the sales floor and at checkout."

The stores also have free brochures explaining the program, the company said.

Blockbuster eliminated late fees on games and movies starting Jan. 1, although customers who miss a one-week grace period will be billed for buying the item or charged a \$1.25 restocking fee. The company said due dates at its 4,600 U.S. stores would remain one week for games and two days or one week for movies.

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### FCI witnesses restructuring in several employment areas

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

Best wishes and congratulations highlighted the menu during a recent quarterly Community Relations Board meeting of the Federal Correctional Institution.

Michael Cross, FCI employee services manager, said a restructuring of prison personnel will eliminate some positions but expand the workforce in other areas.

"My department was downsized from six employees to three. We currently have five, but as two of those people leave, we will not replace

them," Cross said.

He said the focus is being placed on expanding the number of positions that places employees in direct contact with inmates and downsizing those departments that are purely administrative.

"This past year was a banner year for us and we received several superior reviews. We have done so well we have people promoting out of here. When it came down to streamlining, we were already there, so we stand to gain some positions in the outcome," said FCI Big Spring Warden Joseph Haro.

Transferring to

Washington D.C. into the Federal Bureau of Prisons central office is Dr. Bill Wood, who has served as the chief psychologist for both inmates and personnel.

Audie Sherrod, who is on his second tour of service with FCI Big Spring, has been promoted to warden of two facilities in Englewood, Colo. He is vacating an assistant warden position, which will not be filled.

"My family and I have very strong ties to this community; my daughter was born here and she is a Big Spring girl. We consider this home," Sherrod said.

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Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

FCI Big Spring employees, from left, Audie Sherrod, who has been promoted to warden of two federal prisons in Englewood, Colo., Patti Meeks, who retired from the system after nearly 23 years as warden's secretary, FCI Big Spring Warden Joseph Haro and Dr. Bill Wood, psychologist who is moving to Washington D.C. to take a position within the bureau's central office, were all honored at a recent community relations board meeting.

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 Javier Alcantar, 1513 Scurry, Big Spring  
 Lisa Aleman, 306 W. First St., Big Spring  
 Colt Arnold, 4505 Cloudcroft, Midland  
 Lorie Avina, 603 Steakley Dr., Big Spring  
 Kirrie Bhuiyan, 538 Westover, No. 257, Big Spring  
 S. Breckenridge, 1700 Donley, Big Spring  
 Chad Brown, 3901 Ave. D, Snyder  
 Douglas Brown, 205 W. 14th, Monahans  
 Maria Campos, 751 Agua Pasada, El Paso  
 Wayne Carpenter, 3766 Patriot Dr. No. 10, Abilene  
 Storm Chandler, 309 N. Bryan, Garden City  
 Mary Clem, 10911 Woodmeadow, Dallas  
 Andrea Coxey, P.O. Box 1042, Sterling City  
 James Ditto, 501 W. 17th St., Big Spring  
 Johnnie Lou Dry, Box 156, Longview  
 Kathi Duke, 337 Greenbow, Summerville, Ga.  
 Doyle Edmondson, 505 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring  
 Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels, Coahoma  
 Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Dr., El Paso  
 Christopher George, 215 S. Third St. No. 30, Laramie, Wyo.  
 Frank Gibbs, 1102 Hwy. 176, Big Spring  
 Katherine Gladhill, CR 7670, Lubbock  
 Billy Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah, Hobbs, N.M.  
 Martha Graham, 2135 Mossy Creek Dr., San Antonio  
 Timothy Hansen, 1310 Park Dr., Big Spring  
 Jeremy Harman, 6713 E. Robinson Rd., Big Spring  
 Charles Henricks, 3710 Connally St., Big Spring  
 Erin Hernandez, 2901 Runnels, Fort Worth  
 John Hernandez, 4405 N. Garfield, Midland  
 Roman Hines, 901 Baylor, Big Spring  
 Irene Hinojosa, 3910 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring  
 Sharon Jones, 1311 W. Second, Big Spring  
 Jonathan Jarrell, 2804 Williams Rd., Big Spring  
 Mae Jennings, 1904 E. 25th St., Big Spring  
 Tricia Jernigan, 4715 W. Wadley Ave., Midland  
 Danny Johnson, 2601 N. Lynn, Lamesa  
 Kori Johnson, 1107 Goliad, Big Spring  
 Erica Johnston, 3100 Caldera Blvd., Midland  
 Donald Jones, 3205 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring  
 Andres Juarez, Rt. 3 Box 389, Big Spring  
 Ryan Kendrick, 1425 E. Sixth St. No. 34, Big Spring  
 Randy Key, 20964 S. Hwy. 277, Christoval  
 Robert Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs, N.M.  
 Jonathan Lanham, 3708 28th St., Lubbock  
 Anissa Lerna, 109 S. Sixth, Coahoma  
 Diana Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, Brownfield  
 Tracy Martin, 3198 Fruitland Farm Ct., San Angelo  
 Judy Mata, 6309 E. Midway Rd., Big Spring  
 Ernest Meza, 1902 N. Midland Dr., Midland  
 Linda Molina, 1545 Locust, Colorado City  
 Dabry Montez, 103 N. 18th, Lamesa  
 Brisio Moreno, 1330 Powell, Mesquite  
 Esiquel Moreno, 508 S.E. First St., Andrews  
 Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Cove, Cedar Park  
 Dandra Ortega, 2300 Camp Dr., Midland  
 Erica Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big Spring  
 Javier Payen, 604 Elgin St., Big Spring  
 Elva Perkins, 2414 N. Anderson Rd., Big Spring  
 Zachery Phillips, 1300 Parker, Odessa  
 Lori Ann Pichon, 65159 Sylve St., Lacombe, La.  
 Nina Powell, 76 Hwy. 103 East, Lufkin  
 Karla Quimby, 1005 W. Debaca, Hobbs, N.M.  
 Salome Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring  
 Mercie Robles, 3702 Hamilton, Big Spring  
 Evel Rodriguez, 3402 Lancaster,

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 Vero Rodriguez, 2609 Wasson, Big Spring  
 Jennifer Roth, 2630 Dow, Big Spring  
 Debra Ruth, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring  
 Linda Salgado, 607 Caylor, Big Spring  
 Wallace Shifflett, 6901 Tumbleweed Dr., Odessa  
 Alexander Silva, 915 Red River St., no city given  
 Cory Smith, 2101 E. Ninth St., Odessa  
 Allen Stanford, 774 E. Eighth, Colorado City  
 Karen Stearns, 613 Glenn, San Angelo  
 Stephan Street, 2611 Ryan Pl., Fort Worth  
 Tonya Taylor, 406 Goliad St., Big Spring  
 Tracy Thompson, 8406 S. Interstate 20, Big Spring  
 Terry Travathan, 1003 CR 175, Colorado City  
 Jacob Unser, Co. Rd. 402, Seminole N. Westmoreland, 2615 Chanute, Big Spring  
 George Williams, 907 E. Interstate 20, Big Spring  
 Richard Wren, 3303 91st St., Lubbock  
 David Yanez, 1410 17th St., Lubbock  
 Anthony Yates, 1807 1/2 Johnson, Big Spring  
 Jan Zeigenbein, 9413 University, Odessa  
 S. Zhang, 1201 Gregg St., Big Spring

**Marriage Licenses:**  
 Israel Aguirre III, 19, and Valerie Ann Rios, 18, both of Big Spring  
 Curtis Wade Ciemmer, 34, of Westbrook, and Elizabeth Norwood Stowers, 36, of Big Spring  
 Jeffery Scott Walling, 34, and Johnna Dee Miller, 29, both of Big Spring  
 Jose Carlos Escobedo, 25, and Lorell Gonzales, 24, both of Big Spring

**District Filings:**  
 Cynthia Diann Pritchard vs. Michael Berline Pritchard Jr., divorce  
 Ricky D. Hicks vs. Samantha Y. Hicks, divorce  
 Justin Kaczyc vs. Dana Lockhart Kaczyc, divorce  
 Fidencio Cadena Jr. vs. Severa Villareal Cadena, divorce  
 Dorothy Pauline Olivas vs. Daniel Olivas, divorce  
 Olivia Fernandez vs. Mike Storen and Mary Storen, individually and DBA TNT Barbecue, injury or damages - other  
 Leah Lynn Franks vs. Daniel Lee Bedwell, injury or damages with a motor vehicle

**Warranty deeds:**  
 Grantor: Jimmy Robert Lee and Donna Marie Lee  
 Grantee: Swartz and Brough Inc.  
 Property: The S/50 feet of the E/140 feet of Block 1, Hathcock Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 8, 2005

Grantor: Stephen Lynn Sawyer and Sheryl Ann Tarlton  
 Grantee: Chad Lyons and Ginger Lyons  
 Property: Lot 14, Block 16, Kentwood Unit No. 2  
 Date Filed: Feb. 9, 2005

Grantor: LaVerne Powell  
 Grantee: Tommy Coates and Julie Coates  
 Property: The S/75 feet of Lots 1 through 3 and all of Lots 4 and 5, Block 5, Original Town of Big Spring  
 Date Filed: Feb. 9, 2005

Grantor: Patsy Hodel  
 Grantee: Kay Johnson and Karen Peachey  
 Property: Lot 7, Block 1, McEwen Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 9, 2005

Grantor: Leslie Lloyd  
 Grantee: John Lewis  
 Property: The N43 feet of Lot 5 and the S/49.5 feet of Lot 6, Block 17, Cedar Crest  
 Date Filed: Feb. 10, 2005

Grantor: Starla Mendoza  
 Grantee: Marilyn Mendez  
 Property: Lots 7 and 8, Block 7, Boydston Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Clyde McMahon Jr. and Beverly McMahon  
 Grantee: Andrew G. Sachar  
 Property: Lot 9, Block 13, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
 Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Verline Kelley  
 Grantee: Troy Koenig  
 Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Belvue Addition; Lot 4, Block 30, Cole and

Strayhorn Addition; Lot 7, Block 33, Cole and Strayhorn Addition; Lots 5 and 6, Block 17, Cole and Strayhorn; Lot 24, Block 5, Douglas Addition; Lot 3, Block 73, Original Town of Big Spring; Lots 4 and 5, Block 35, College Heights; Lot 3, Block 1, Haydon Addition; Lot 10, Block A, Merrick Greene; Lots 11 and 12, Block 7, Washington Place; the N/50 feet of the SW/4 of Block 43, College Heights; Lot 8, Block 6, Central Park Addition; Lot 1, Block 1, Piner Heights Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Verline Kelley  
 Grantee: Troy Koenig  
 Property: Four tracts of land out of the Fairview Heights Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Verline Kelley  
 Grantee: Troy Koenig  
 Property: Lot 6, Block 19, R.D. Matthews Subdivision  
 Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Frank Robert Peters, Mark Phillip Peters and Mary Elizabeth Peters  
 Grantee: Michael Hall and Barbara Hall  
 Property: The S/2 of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 64, Original Town of Big Spring  
 Date Filed:

Grantor: Ward R. Ingham and David R. Ingham  
 Grantee: Sam H. Knight and T. Lou Knight  
 Property: A 4.7 acre tract out of Section 1, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
 Date Filed: Feb. 14, 2005

Grantor: James R. Clements and Leslie A. Clements  
 Grantee: Patrick J. Groshong and Tara Suzanne Groshong  
 Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 21, North Park Hill  
 Date Filed: Feb. 14, 2005

Grantor: William A. Gregory  
 Grantee: Eddy Gonzales and Lori Gonzales  
 Property: Lot 2, Block 14, Saunders Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 15, 2005

Grantor: Ignacio Perez and Gloria Perez  
 Grantee: Iglesia Evangelica Cristiana Espiritual  
 Property: Three tracts of land out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
 Date Filed: Feb. 15, 2005

Grantor: Trustees of the Big Spring District of the United Methodist Church  
 Grantee: Cornerstone Church of Big Spring  
 Property: Lots 3-8, Block 6, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 15, 2005

Warranty deeds with vendors lein:  
 Grantor: Cathy LeAnn Richardson Carthel and Russell Carthel  
 Grantee: Brent A. Raney and Annette P. Raney  
 Property: Lot 6, Block 5, North Belvue Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 7, 2005

Grantor: Randy Gambrell and Melanie Gambrell  
 Grantee: Traci Myrick and Chad Peterson  
 Property: Three tracts of land out of the NE/4 of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
 Date Filed: Feb. 8, 2005

Grantor: Strickland and Knight Equipment Co.  
 Grantee: Annette A. Ceniza  
 Property: Lot 2, Block 3, Highland Caprock Subdivision  
 Date Filed: Feb. 9, 2005

Grantor: Kralyn Race Thomas  
 Grantee: Matt Lawdermilk and Megan Lawdermilk  
 Property: Lot 35, Block 26, College Park Estates  
 Date Filed: Jan. 31, 2005

Grantor: Henry Franco and Lisa Franco  
 Grantee: Hector Morin and Cynthia Hernandez  
 Property: Lot 3, Block 2, Capehart Addition  
 Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Verline Kelley  
 Grantee: Troy Koenig  
 Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Earles Addition  
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Also honored at the meeting was Patti Meeks, warden's secretary, who retired from the bureau after nearly 23 years of service.

Those attending the community meeting included Rey Villarreal, assistant superintendent for Big Spring Independent School District, Brian Jensen,

fire chief of the Big Spring Fire Department, Rick Grove, deputy chief for the BSFD, Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Susanne Reed, Big Spring Herald publisher, Terry Hanson, Howard College executive director for correctional studies, Dr. Wilfredo Rodriguez, chief of staff for the VA Medical Center, and Lonnie Smith, chief of the Big Spring Police Department.

Also, from FCI, John Ybarra, executive assistant; Wayne Huffman, supervisor of industry and education; John Clinton, chief correctional supervisor; John O'Brien, inmate systems manager; and Trevino Tapia, associate warden attended.

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FEES

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Additionally, about half of 1,100 Blockbuster stores that are operated by franchisees are participating in the program, company spokesman Randy Hargrove said.

Harvey, however, said some stores displayed signs touting "The end of

late fees" but were not participating.

Hargrove said that only franchise stores have the option not to participate. "I'd love to be able to know which stores he was talking about to see if he was accurate," he said.

Renters who keep the movies or games beyond the grace period will be charged for purchasing the DVD or tape at Blockbuster's full retail

price, minus the rental fee, the company said.

If they return the movie or game in the next 30 days, they will get a refund for the purchase but will be charged a restocking fee of \$1.25, the company said.

Blockbuster shares rose 5 cents to \$9.13 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Its shares are up from a 52-week low of \$6.50 last fall.

BRIEFS

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can represent the interests of thousands in court, as often frivolous. He said greedy lawyers have taken advantage of the state class action suit system by filing cases in places where they know they can win big-dollar verdicts.

"This bill helps fix the system," Bush said in the East Room of the White House, surrounded by Democratic and Republican lawmakers for his first bill-signing ceremony of the year. "Congress has done its duty."

Under the legislation Bush signed, class-action suits seeking \$5 million or more would be heard in state court only if the primary defendant and more than one-third of the plaintiffs are from the same state. If fewer than one-third of the plaintiffs are from the same state as the primary defendant, and more than \$5 million is at stake, the case would go to federal court.

Businesses failed to get the measure to apply to suits already in the courts.

The bill also would limit lawyers' fees in settlements where plaintiffs get discounts on products instead of financial settlements. The measure links the fees to the coupon's redemption rate or the actual hours spent working on a case.

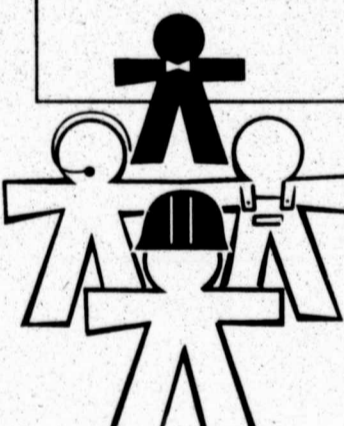
Former Boeing executive gets 4 months in prison

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A former top executive at Boeing Corp. was sentenced to four months in prison Friday for illegally negotiating a \$250,000-a-year job for an Air Force procurement officer who was overseeing a potential multi-billion-dollar contract for the company.

Michael Sears pleaded guilty in November to a single count of aiding and abetting illegal employment negotiations when he contacted Darleen Druyun about a job in 2002 at the same time she held sway over a lucrative contract sought by Boeing.

Sears, the company's former chief financial officer, apologized Friday to the Air Force, the Department of Defense and U.S. citizens.

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**Profile, 2005**  
 Sunday, March 27

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Consumers should stop wearing the boots immediately and return them to the nearest Target store for a full refund. They can call Target at 1-800-821-8684 for more information.

### Bush signs law sending multistate class-action suits to federal court

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday signed a bill that he says will curtail multimillion-dollar class action lawsuits against companies and help end "the lawsuit culture in our country."

The legislation aims to discourage class action lawsuits by having federal judges take them away from state courts. It was a victory for conservatives who hope it will lead to other lawsuit limits and for businesses that have complained for decades that state judges and juries have been too generous to plaintiffs.

The president has described class action suits, in which a single person or a small group

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## West Texans join forces to advance wind energy

Special to the Herald

The second session of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium will be held at noon Friday at The Center on the campus of Texas State Technical College-West Texas near Sweetwater.

The luncheon will be \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. The February session will feature a panel discussion on legislative action at the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress. Interested persons are requested to RSVP at 325-236-9499 if they plan to attend. Only four foreign coun-

tries produce more wind energy than West Texas, and the region is projected to contain more than 25 percent of U.S. wind energy production this year. The rapidly expanding industry provides job creation and tax base growth for West Texas, and the outlook is strong for coming decades.

The objectives of the regional wind energy efforts include regional economic development, education, job training and legislative action.

To reach TSTC-West Texas, take Exit 240 off Interstate 20, four miles west of Sweetwater.



## NEW LOT

87 Auto Sales owners Clay and Lee Harris are expanding their business in Big Spring by adding a new show lot on the corner of Second and Gregg Street. This will make the fourth lot for the 33-year-old business which also boasts a lot in Midland. Foundation for the office building was poured Tuesday afternoon. Pictured from left are Gerald Harris Sr., Clay and Lee Harris and Andy Kilgora. The lot is expected to open in April.

HERALD photo

## New Jersey: Blockbuster's new late fee policy violates consumer laws

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The state of New Jersey claims Blockbuster Inc., the nation's largest movie-rental chain, has violated the state's consumer protection laws with its new policy on late fees.

In a lawsuit filed Friday, the state charged that Blockbuster failed to disclose key terms in the policy, including that overdue rentals are automatically converted to a sale on the eighth day after the due date.

The state is seeking restitution for customers whose overdue rentals were converted to a sale. It also wants compensa-

tion for people who were charged late fees by stores that were not participating in the new policy, but that failed to make that obvious.

State Attorney General Peter C. Harvey on Friday called the company's advertising and marketing "deceptive." He said state investigators began visiting dozens of the 170 Blockbuster stores in New Jersey even before receiving a complaint, and found that employees gave misleading or erroneous information on the policy.

To date, one aggrieved consumer has

contacted the state, Harvey said, adding, "We will be flooded with complaints from people who will tell us this is their experience, too."

The lawsuit was filed in state Superior Court in Trenton.

In a statement, the Dallas-based chain said it has "taken a number of very thorough steps to let customers know how our new program works. Blockbuster has trained store employees on how to effectively communicate the program to customers, both on the sales floor and at checkout."

The stores also have free brochures explaining the program, the company said.

Blockbuster eliminated late fees on games and movies starting Jan. 1, although customers who miss a one-week grace period will be billed for buying the item or charged a \$1.25 restocking fee. The company said due dates at its 4,600 U.S. stores would remain one week for games and two days or one week for movies.

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## FCI witnesses restructuring in several employment areas

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

Best wishes and congratulations highlighted the menu during a recent quarterly Community Relations Board meeting of the Federal Correctional Institution.

Michael Cross, FCI employee services manager, said a restructuring of prison personnel will eliminate some positions but expand the workforce in

them," Cross said. He said the focus is being placed on expanding the number of positions that places employees in direct contact with inmates and downsizing those departments that are purely administrative.

"This past year was a banner year for us and we received several superior reviews. We have done so well we have people promoting out of here. When it came down to streamlining, we were already there, so we stand to gain some positions in the outcome," said FCI Big Spring Warden Joseph Haro.

Transferring to

Washington D.C. into the Federal Bureau of Prisons central office is Dr. Bill Wood, who has served as the chief psychologist for both inmates and personnel.

Audie Sherrod, who is on his second tour of service with FCI Big Spring, has been promoted to warden of two facilities in Englewood, Colo. He is vacating an assistant warden position, which will not be filled.

"My family and I have very strong ties to this community; my daughter was born here and she is a Big Spring girl. We consider this home," Sherrod

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Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

FCI Big Spring employees, from left, Audie Sherrod, who has been promoted to warden of two federal prisons in Englewood, Colo., Patti Meeks, who retired from the system after nearly 23 years as warden's secretary, FCI Big Spring Warden Joseph Haro and Dr. Bill Wood, psychologist who is moving to Washington D.C. to take a position within the bureau's central office, were all honored at a recent community relations board meeting.

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**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Hot Checks/Warrants Issued:**  
Javier Alcantar, 1513 Scurry, Big Spring  
Lisa Aleman, 306 W. First St., Big Spring  
Colt Arnold, 4505 Cloudcroft, Midland  
Lorie Avina, 603 Steakley Dr., Big Spring  
Kirrie Bhuiyan, 538 Westover, No. 257, Big Spring  
S. Breckenridge, 1700 Donley, Big Spring  
Chad Brown, 3901 Ave. D, Snyder  
Douglas Brown, 205 W. 14th, Monahans  
Maria Campos, 751 Agua Pasada, El Paso  
Wayne Carpenter, 3766 Patriot Dr. No. 10, Abilene  
Storm Chandler, 309 N. Bryan, Garden City  
Mary Clem, 10911 Woodmeadow, Dallas  
Andrea Coxey, P.O. Box 1042, Sterling City  
James Ditto, 501 W. 17th St., Big Spring  
Johnnie Lou Dry, Box 156, Longview  
Kathi Duke, 337 Greenbow, Sumnerville, Ga.  
Doyle Edmondson, 505 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring  
Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels, Coahoma  
Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Dr., El Paso  
Christopher George, 215 S. Third St. No. 30, Laramie, Wyo.  
Frank Gibbs, 1102 Hwy. 176, Big Spring  
Katherine Gladhill, CR 7670, Lubbock  
Billy Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah, Hobbs, N.M.  
Martha Graham, 2135 Mossy Creek Dr., San Antonio  
Timothy Hansen, 1310 Park Dr., Big Spring  
Jeremy Harman, 6713 E. Robinson Rd., Big Spring  
Charles Henricks, 3710 Connally St., Big Spring  
Erin Hernandez, 2901 Runnels, Fort Worth  
John Hernandez, 4405 N. Garfield, Midland  
Roman Hines, 901 Baylor, Big Spring  
Irene Hinojosa, 3910 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring  
Sharon Jones, 1311 W. Second, Big Spring  
Jonathan Jarrell, 2804 Williams Rd., Big Spring  
Mae Jennings, 1904 E. 25th St., Big Spring  
Tricia Jernigan, 4715 W. Wadley Ave., Midland  
Danny Johnson, 2601 N. Lynn, Lamesa  
Kori Johnson, 1107 Goliad, Big Spring  
Erica Johnston, 3100 Caldera Blvd., Midland  
Donald Jones, 3205 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring  
Andres Juarez, Rt. 3 Box 389, Big Spring  
Ryan Kendrick, 1425 E. Sixth St. No. 34, Big Spring  
Randy Key, 20964 S. Hwy. 277, Christoval  
Robert Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs, N.M.  
Jonathan Lanham, 3708 28th St., Lubbock  
Anissa Lerna, 109 S. Sixth, Coahoma  
Diana Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, Brownfield  
Tracy Martin, 3198 Fruitland Farm Ct., San Angelo  
Judy Mata, 6309 E. Midway Rd., Big Spring  
Ernest Meza, 1902 N. Midland Dr., Midland  
Linda Molina, 1545 Locust, Colorado City  
Debra Montez, 103 N. 18th, Lamesa  
Brisito Moreno, 1330 Powell, Mesquite  
Esiquel Moreno, 508 S.E. First St., Andrews  
Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Cove, Cedar Park  
Dandra Ortega, 2300 Camp Dr., Midland  
Erica Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big Spring  
Javier Payen, 604 Elgin St., Big Spring  
Elva Perkins, 2414 N. Anderson Rd., Big Spring  
Zachery Phillips, 1300 Parker, Odessa  
Lori Ann Pichon, 65159 Sylve St., Lacombe, La.  
Nina Powell, 76 Hwy. 103 East, Lufkin  
Karla Quimby, 1005 W. Debaca, Hobbs, N.M.  
Salome Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring  
Mercie Robles, 3702 Hamilton, Big Spring  
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Jennifer Roth, 2630 Dow, Big Spring  
Debra Ruth, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring  
Linda Saigado, 607 Caylor, Big Spring  
Wallace Shifflett, 6901 Tumbleweed Dr., Odessa  
Alexander Silva, 915 Fed River St., no city given  
Cory Smith, 2101 E. Ninth St., Odessa  
Allen Stanford, 774 E. Eighth, Colorado City  
Karen Stearns, 613 Glenn, San Angelo  
Stephan Street, 2611 Ryan Pl., Fort Worth  
Tonya Taylor, 406 Goliad St., Big Spring  
Tracy Thompson, 8406 S. Interstate 20, Big Spring  
Terry Travathan, 1003 CR 175, Colorado City  
Jacob Unser, Co. Rd. 402, Seminole N. Westmoreland, 2615 Chanute, Big Spring  
George Williams, 907 E. Interstate 20, Big Spring  
Richard Wren, 3303 91st St., Lubbock  
David Yanez, 1410 17th St., Lubbock  
Anthony Yates, 1807 1/2 Johnson, Big Spring  
Jan Zeigenbein, 9413 University, Odessa  
S. Zhang, 1201 Gregg St., Big Spring

**Marriage Licenses:**  
Israel Aguirre III, 19, and Valerie Ann Rios, 18, both of Big Spring.  
Curtis Wade Clemmer, 34, of Westbrook, and Elizabeth Norwood Stowers, 36, of Big Spring.  
Jeffery Scott Walling, 34, and Johnna Dee Miller, 29, both of Big Spring.  
Jose Carlos Escobedo, 25, and Lorell Gonzales, 24, both of Big Spring.

**District Filings:**  
Cynthia Diann Pritchard vs. Michael Berline Pritchard Jr., divorce.  
Ricky D. Hicks vs. Samantha Y. Hicks, divorce.  
Justin Kaczyc vs. Dana Lockhart Kaczyc, divorce.  
Fidencio Cadena Jr. vs. Severa Villareal Cadena, divorce.  
Dorothy Pauline Olivas vs. Daniel Olivas, divorce.  
Olivia Fernandez vs. Mike Storen and Mary Storen, individually and DBA TNT Barbecue, injury or damages - other.  
Leah Lynn Franks vs. Daniel Lee Bedwell, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.

**Warranty deeds:**  
Grantor: Jimmy Robert Lee and Donna Marie Lee  
Grantee: Swartz and Brough Inc.  
Property: The S/50 feet of the E/140 feet of Block 1, Hathcock Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 8, 2005

Grantor: Stephen Lynn Sawyer and Sheryl Ann Tarlton  
Grantee: Chad Lyons and Ginger Lyons  
Property: Lot 14, Block 16, Kentwood Unit No. 2  
Date Filed: Feb. 9, 2005

Grantor: LaVerne Powell  
Grantee: Tommy Coates and Julie Coates  
Property: The S/75 feet of Lots 1 through 3 and all of Lots 4 and 5, Block 5, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date Filed: Feb. 9, 2005

Grantor: Patsy Hodel  
Grantee: Kay Johnson and Karen Peachey  
Property: Lot 7, Block 1, McEwen Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 9, 2005

Grantor: Leslie Lloyd  
Grantee: John Lewis  
Property: The N/43 feet of Lot 5 and the S/49.5 feet of Lot 6, Block 17, Cedar Crest  
Date Filed: Feb. 10, 2005

Grantor: Starla Mendoza  
Grantee: Marilyn Mendez  
Property: Lots 7 and 8, Block 7, Boydston Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Clyde McMahon Jr. and Beverly McMahon  
Grantee: Andrew G. Sachar  
Property: Lot 9, Block 13, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Verline Kelley  
Grantee: Troy Koenig  
Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Belvue Addition; Lot 4, Block 30, Cole and

Strayhorn Addition; Lot 7, Block 33, Cole and Strayhorn Addition; Lots 5 and 6, Block 17, Cole and Strayhorn; Lot 24, Block 5, Douglas Addition; Lot 3, Block 73, Original Town of Big Spring; Lots 4 and 5, Block 35, College Heights; Lot 3, Block 1, Hayden Addition; Lot 10, Block A, Merrick Greene; Lots 11 and 12, Block 7, Washington Place; the N/50 feet of the SW/4 of Block 43, College Heights; Lot 8, Block 6, Central Park Addition; Lot 1, Block 1, Piner Heights Addition.  
Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Verline Kelley  
Grantee: Troy Koenig  
Property: Four tracts of land out of the Fairview Heights Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Verline Kelley  
Grantee: Troy Koenig  
Property: Lot 6, Block 19, R.D. Matthews Subdivision  
Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Frank Robert Peters, Mark Phillip Peters and Mary Elizabeth Peters  
Grantee: Michael Hall and Barbara Hall  
Property: The S/2 of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 64, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date Filed:

Grantor: Ward R. Ingham and David R. Ingham  
Grantee: Sam H. Knight and T. Lou Knight  
Property: A 4.7 acre tract out of Section 1, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Feb. 14, 2005

Grantor: James R. Clements and Leslie A. Clements  
Grantee: Patrick J. Groshong and Tara Suzanne Groshong  
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 21, North Park Hill  
Date Filed: Feb. 14, 2005

Grantor: William A. Gregory  
Grantee: Eddy Gonzales and Lori Gonzales  
Property: Lot 2, Block 14, Saunders Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 15, 2005

Grantor: Ig nacio Perez and Gloria Perez  
Grantee: Iglacia Evangelica Cristiana Espiritual  
Property: Three tracts of land out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Feb. 15, 2005

Grantor: Trustees of the Big Spring District of the United Methodist Church  
Grantee: Cornerstone Church of Big Spring  
Property: Lots 3-8, Block 6, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 15, 2005

**Warranty deeds with vendors in:**  
Grantor: Cathy LeAnn Richardson Carthel and Russell Carthel  
Grantee: Brent A. Raney and Annette P. Raney  
Property: Lot 6, Block 5, North Belvue Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 7, 2005

Grantor: Randy Gambrell and Melanie Gambrell  
Grantee: Traci Myrick and Chad Pederson  
Property: Three tracts of land out of the NE/4 of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Feb. 8, 2005

Grantor: Strickland and Knight Equipment Co.  
Grantee: Annelise A. Canzsa  
Property: Lot 2, Block 3, Highland Caprock Subdivision  
Date Filed: Feb. 9, 2005

Grantor: Kralyn Rece Thomas  
Grantee: Matt Lawdermilk and Megan Lawdermilk  
Property: Lot 35, Block 26, College Park Estates  
Date Filed: Jan. 31, 2005

Grantor: Henry Franco and Lisa Franco  
Grantee: Hector Morin and Cynthia Hernandez  
Property: Lot 3, Block 2, Capehart Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

Grantor: Verline Kelley  
Grantee: Troy Koenig  
Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Earles Addition  
Date Filed: Feb. 11, 2005

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Also honored at the meeting was Patti Meeks, warden's secretary, who retired from the bureau after nearly 23 years of service. Those attending the community meeting included Rey Villarreal, assistant superintendent for Big Spring Independent School District, Brian Jensen,

fire chief of the Big Spring Fire Department, Rick Grove, deputy chief for the BSFD, Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Susanne Reed, Big Spring Herald publisher, Terry Hanson, Howard College executive director for correctional studies, Dr. Wilfredo Rodriguez, chief of staff for the VA Medical Center; and Lonnie Smith, chief of the Big Spring Police Department.

Also, from FCI, John Ybarra, executive assistant; Wayne Huffman, supervisor of industry and education; John Clinton, chief correctional supervisor; John O'Brien, inmate systems manager; and Trevino Tapia, associate warden attended.

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**FEEES**

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Additionally, about half of 1,100 Blockbuster stores that are operated by franchisees are participating in the program, company spokesman Randy Hargrove said. Harvey, however, said some stores displayed signs touting "The end of

late fees" but were not participating.

Hargrove said that only franchise stores have the option not to participate. "I'd love to be able to know which stores he was talking about to see if he was accurate," he said.

Renters who keep the movies or games beyond the grace period will be charged for purchasing the DVD or tape at Blockbuster's full retail

price, minus the rental fee, the company said. If they return the movie or game in the next 30 days, they will get a refund for the purchase but will be charged a restocking fee of \$1.25, the company said.

Blockbuster shares rose 5 cents to \$9.13 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Its shares are up from a 52-week low of \$6.50 last fall.

**BRIEFS**

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can represent the interests of thousands in court, as often frivolous. He said greedy lawyers have taken advantage of the state class action suit system by filing cases in places where they know they can win big-dollar verdicts.

"This bill helps fix the system," Bush said in the East Room of the White House, surrounded by Democratic and Republican lawmakers for his first bill-signing ceremony of the year. "Congress has done its duty."

Under the legislation Bush signed, class-action suits seeking \$5 million or more would be heard in state court only if the primary defendant and more than one-third of the plaintiffs are from the same state. If fewer than one-third of the plaintiffs are from the same state as the primary defendant, and more than \$5 million is at stake, the case would go to federal court.

Businesses failed to get the measure to apply to suits already in the courts.

The bill also would limit lawyers' fees in settlements where plaintiffs get discounts on products instead of financial settlements. The measure links the fees to the coupon's redemption rate or the actual hours spent working on a case.

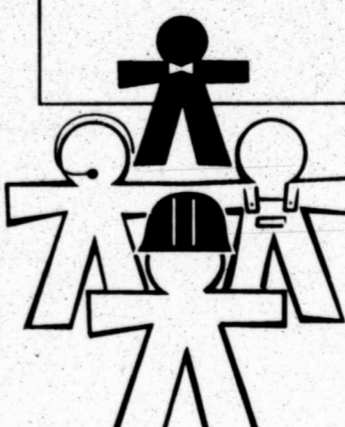
**Former Boeing executive gets 4 months in prison**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A former top executive at Boeing Corp. was sentenced to four months in prison Friday for illegally negotiating a \$250,000-a-year job for an Air Force procurement officer who was overseeing a potential multi-billion-dollar contract for the company.

Michael Sears pleaded guilty in November to a single count of aiding and abetting illegal employment negotiations when he contacted Darleen Druyun about a job in 2002 at the same time she held sway over a lucrative contract sought by Boeing.

Sears, the company's former chief financial officer, apologized Friday to the Air Force, the Department of Defense and U.S. citizens.

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### Help Wanted

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### Help Wanted

**CITY OF Big Spring** is taking applications for Heavy Equipment Operator (this is a temporary position). Apply at the Personnel Department, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call (432)264-2346. The City of Big Spring is EOE. Applications may also be obtained from website: www.ci.big-spring.tx.us.

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**HEAD NURSERY** worker needed, 15-20 hours per month. Must be 21 or older. College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane. Pick up application at Church Office, Mon.-Fri., 8:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00.

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**The Texas Department of Transportation has the following job open:**

**JOB TITLE:** Material/Process Inspector III  
**SALARY:** \$2036.00 - 2851.00 per month  
**LOCATION:** 1301 NH 350, Big Spring, Texas  
**JOB VACANCY NUMBER:** 7534  
**CLOSING DATE:** 02/28/2005

Application and a copy of the Job Vacancy Notice may be picked up at the TxDOT Office at 1301 NH 350, Big Spring, Texas or any other TxDOT office or the TxDOT website www.dot.state.tx.us. Completed applications may be mailed to TxDOT, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604 or returned to any TxDOT Office.

"An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job may call the phone number of the Human Resources Office (325) 676-6817.

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**The Texas Department of Transportation has the following job open:**

**JOB TITLE:** Transportation Maintenance Tech II  
**SALARY:** \$9.35 - 12.34 per hour  
**LOCATION:** 1301 NH 350, Big Spring, Texas  
**JOB VACANCY NUMBER:** 7479  
**CLOSING DATE:** 02/28/2005

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**Auction**  
Farm Equipment - Real Estate  
Tuesday, February 22, 2005... Sale time 9:37AM  
Located: Stanton, Texas - Coop Gin Yard north side of gin yard on US Hwy 84  
Stanton Coop Gin Yard is located south side of Stanton at intersection of US Hwy 84 and FM Hwy 400.  
R&N Heinrich - Owners  
We are retiring and will sell the following at public auction.  
For more information call 806-777-7630 or James G. Cruce, Ash Marketing 806-296-5050  
No other consignments - Please - Not many misc. items. Please be on time.

- Tractors - Front-end loader**  
1-2002 John Deere 7810 Diesel Tractor  
1-1999 John Deere 7810 Diesel Tractor  
1-1998 John Deere 7810 Diesel Tractor  
1-1995 John Deere 7800 Diesel Tractor  
1-1979 John Deere 4230 Diesel Tractor  
1-1974 John Deere 4430 Diesel Tractor  
1-1969 John Deere 4020 Diesel Tractor W.F.  
1-John Deere 158 Hyd. Front End Loader  
1-John Deere F.E. Loader HayBale
- Irrigation**  
1-Large lot P.V.C. gated ir. pipe  
1-1/2" aluminum pipe
- John Harvest Equipment**  
1-1998 John Deere 4440 Diesel Tractor  
1-1998 John Deere 4240 Diesel Tractor  
2-Big 12 Cotton Module Builders  
1-Sam Stevens Cotton Boll Buggy  
1-Catwell Crustbuster Cotton Boll Buggy Packer
- Sprayers - Tanks - Trailers**  
1-8 row, 3pt. Directional Hooded Sprayer  
1-Custom built, 8 row, 3pt. Chemical Incorporator
- Chemical Incorporator**  
1-8 row, 3pt. Directional Hooded Sprayer  
1-Custom built, 8 row, 3pt. Chemical Incorporator
- Implements**  
1-John Deere 1710, 8 row  
1-John Deere 7300, 8 row  
1-John Deere 7120, 8 row  
1-Sam Stevens 3 pt. 17 row  
1-John Deere 955 - 6 bottom switch plow  
1-John Deere, 9 row 3 pt. lister  
1-John Deere, 3 pt. 18 row  
1-John Deere 9 row, 3 pt.  
1-John Deere 220  
1-John Deere  
1-John Deere 520, 3 pt.  
1-Hamby, 3 pt., 8 row  
1-Hamby, 9 row  
1-Hamby, 3 pt., 8 row  
1-Hamby D.T., 17 shank  
1-Custom built, 3pt. 8 row
- Tractor & Tool Makeups**  
2-John Deere CAT III, 3 pt. quick hitch  
1-large lot shanks - clamps - spacers - gauge wheels and other toolbar makeups  
1-lot tires & wheels  
1-lot 2 1/4" toolbars - various lengths  
1-Wyle 8 row sunflower combine header
- Other**  
1-RAC 3 pt. 8 row  
1-Olson Mfg. 60 ft. Spray Boom  
1-Big 12, 4 wheel, flatbed trailer w/1000 gal. water nurse tank  
1-1000 Gal Water Nurse Tank on 4 wheel trailer chassis  
1-Twin 200 gal. Tractor mount, side mount, spray rig - pump  
1-set twin 200 gal. sprayer tanks  
1-3pt 200 gal. Spray rig - pump  
1-17 shank, 3 pt. Chisel  
1-Big Ox, 3 pt.  
1-Rhino 3 pt. 8 blade  
1-John Deere 71 Flex  
1-Serve 2 row  
1-S.M. 3 pt. 16" box blade  
1-12' x 12' wheel loader  
1-3 pt. V. Discs  
1-S.M. 3 pt. 4 row sweep plow

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**AUCTION**  
Saturday, February 26, 2005... Sale Time 9:37 A.M.  
Located: Snyder, Texas  
5 Miles West on U.S. Hwy 180 (To Union Blinker Light)  
then 2 miles South on F.M. Hwy 1609 then 1 3/4 miles West on F.M. Hwy. 1607  
David Shifflet & Neighbors - OWNERS  
For More Information Call: David (325) 207-3214; (325) 573-8862 or James G. Cruce (806) 296-5050  
The Following will be sold at public auction...  
Limited Consignments of Larger Items Welcome - Please Call First

- TRACTORS-LOADERS**  
1-1996 Ford New Holland 8340 Diesel Tractor - MFWD - Canopy - 18 4x38 Rubber - 14 8x28 Front Rubber, 3pt. Triple Hyd.  
1-1993 Case - IH 495 Diesel Utility Tractor - 3 cyl. D.Eng. - WF. - Roll Guard - Low Hours - S.H. - Fenders - 14 8x28 Rubber (JEU027531)  
1-1981 John Deere 4440 Diesel Tractor SG-AC-Hy. - Radio WF. - Ws. - DH-20 8x38 Rubber - 1500 hrs. on Eng. - GM-DQR-DM  
1-EZ-ON Hyd. Front End Loader-Big Cyl. - 17 Reach Bucket-Hay Forks-Self Leveling-Quick Tach Model 2135  
1-1982 John Deere 4240 Diesel Tractor - WF. - W.T. - D.H. - Canopy - 18 4x38 Rubber  
1-1974 Ford 3000 Diesel Tractor - WF. 3 cyl. D. Engine - Roll Guard 13 8x28 Rubber (SN C439074)  
1-1985 International 5288 Diesel Tractor 200 - Bad Fire Damage 80% (200 Hours on Engine Overhaul when Burned)  
1-1974 Massey Ferguson 135 Diesel Tractor WF. - Fenders - 3 cyl. D. Engine - 13 8x28 Rubber  
1-1975 Ford 5000 Diesel Tractor - WF. - Fenders - Roll Guard Canopy - 13 8x28 Rubber  
1-1976 Ford 4100 Diesel Tractor - WF. - Fenders - Roll Guard Canopy - 13 8x28 Rubber  
1-1969 John Deere 4010 LPG Tractor - WF. - S.H. - 16 9x34 Rubber  
1-1960 Farmall 560 Diesel Tractor-WF. - T.A.L. - P.D. - 15 5x38 Rubber-S.H. ENGINES  
4 - Caterpillar 3116 Turbo Diesel Engines 170 HP - Factory Stands - Safety Control Panels - No Clutch  
2 - Caterpillar 3306 Turbo Diesel Engines 225 HP - Factory Stands - Safety Control Panels  
2 - Caterpillar 3408 Turbo Diesel Engines 225 HP - Factory Stands - Safety Control Panels  
2 - John Deere 619 Co. In. Diesel Engine - 325 HP - Stands - Control Panels (Above Engines that have Radiators will be started)  
2 - Duetz 30yl. Diesel Air Cooled Eng. 1 - Hercules 6 cyl. Flathead J.C. Combine Engine  
1 - John Deere 40yl. Ind. Diesel Engine  
1 - Ford 439, 60yl. Truck Engine (Hole in Block)  
**IRRIGATION CENTER PIVOT**  
1 - 2 Tower Irrigation Center Pivot System Covers 12.3 Acres  
200 Bags Delamated Cotton Seed  
250 Plus Bags Red Top Cane Seed 84%
- TRAILER TANKS**  
1-Gooseneck 6x24 Stock Trailer TA - FMC  
1-Gooseneck 6x20 Stock Trailer TA - FMC  
1-Gooseneck 6x16 Stock Trailer TA - FMC  
1-500 Gallon 200W W.P. Propane Tanks  
1-250 Gallon Fuel Tank on Skids  
1-Truck Axle Trailer (was water Tr. - No Tank  
2-Slammer Pickup Propane Tanks  
1-Gas Top Tank  
**DITCH WICH-SKID LOADER-FORKLIFT**  
1-Ditch Wich R-40 Tractor - Wisconsin  
1-AC Engine - Trencher - Dozer - Backhoe Attachment - (SN401541)  
1-Toyota, 5000L, Forklift, 4cyl. Diesel Engine - (Injection Pump Bad)  
1-Case 1530B, Skid Loader Wisconsin 4cyl. AC Engine  
**COMBINES-COTTON STRIPPERS-ROW CROP HEADER**  
2-1974 John Deere 6600 Diesel Combines  
1-1977 John Deere 482 Gas Cotton Stripper  
2 Row  
1-John Deere 653 - 8 Row, 30" Row Crop Header  
**EQUIPMENT (BIG TRACTOR)**  
1-Hamby 8 Row, 3pt. Disc Lister - DSB - LTM  
-GW - Coulters  
1-Hamby 8 Row, 3pt. - Kolling Rowweeder  
-DSB - LT - GW - w/Skip Row Extensions  
1-Brown Bros. 9 Row Lister - DTB - Hyd.  
1-Fowles Bros. 9 Row Lister - DTB - Hyd.  
1-9 Row, 3pt., Lister - Hyd. FW - 4x4 & 2  
1/4 Bar  
1-John Deere 220 - 26FL Tandem Disc Plow Hyd. FW  
1-Miller 14FL Offset Disc Plow  
2-John Deere 400-30 Rotary Hoes 1FW  
1-Speed King, 36" DT Field Cultivator FW Spring Shank - Spring Loaded  
1-International 28" DT Field Cultivator FW  
1-3pt. 15 Shank, Coil Shank, Chisel - Sweep Plow  
1-Case 16FL, DT Chisel - Sweep Plow H.C.  
1-John Deere, 2 Row, 401 Series Planter - 4 Row Bar  
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1-Ferguson 3pt. 6FL Chisel Sweep Plow - S.L.  
1-Ferguson 3pt. 2 Row Cultivator  
1-3pt., 6FL, Box Blade Det Scraper  
1-Atlas 500, 3pt., 6FL, Tandem Disc Plow  
1-Scalped Disc F&B - N.N.  
1-Muratori, M2-6, 3pt., 6 FL, Shredder  
1-Pittsburg, 3pt., 6FL, Straddle  
1-Bush Hog, 3pt., 6 FL, Shredder  
1-3pt. 2 Row Kraling Plow  
**PUMP JACKS-WINDMILL PARTS-CEMENT MIXERS-PUMPS**  
2-Small Oil Field or Water Pump Jacks  
1-Lot Windmill Gearboxes - Parts - Aeromotor Dempster  
1-8FL. Miniature Oil Dennis (Decorative)  
1-Water Pump w/ 110 Brass Pipe  
1-Lot Windmill Working Tools  
1-Gas Motor  
1-1/2 Yard Cement Mixer w/ Electric Motor  
3-Homelite 2-3" Centrifugal Pumps - Gas Motors  
**VEHICLES**  
1-1984 Chevrolet Dually Crew Cab - 454 Eng. A/T - R - H - AC - Bucket Seats - Console - Reg. Bed  
1-1983 Ford F-150 Pickup - 380 Eng. - 4sp - 9FL, Flatbed  
1-1994 Chevrolet SA Weich Truck - 4cyl. - 4sp. - Tulsa Wind - Gin Poles  
**SHOP EQUIPMENT**  
1-Campbell Hausfeld 305 H.P. Portable Air Compressor  
1-Chevy Pickler Hyd. Floor Jack  
1-8FL. Overhead Scaffold on Casters  
1-Fisher Pipe & Cable Locator  
1-Set Ridged Threaders, up to 4"  
1-Lot Pipe Benders  
1-Simpler House Jack  
1-Lot Pipe Wrenches & Tonges  
1-Motor Turret Stand  
1-Small Band Saw  
1-Abrasive Cut Off Saw  
1-8FL. Metal Toolbox  
1-Radial Arm Saw  
1-Craftman Airless Paint Gun  
1-Set Battery Jumper Cables  
1-lot Items too Numerous to Mention
- TRACTOR & TOOL MAKEUPS**  
1-John Deere, 10 Hole, 18 4x38 Tires & Chisel  
1-John Deere Cat III, 3pt. Quick Hitch  
1-Lot John Deere Cat III, 3pt. Quick Hitch  
1-Lot 1x3" Shanks & Clamps  
1-Lot John Deere Cab Filters  
1-J.D. Tractor Weights F&B  
1-Lot Hydraulic Cylinders  
1-14FL, 3pt. 2 1/4" D. Toolbar  
3-Sam Stevens Ind. Row Diskers  
1-Powder Rooter Cattle Head Gate  
1-Lot Used Disc  
**HAY-LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT**  
1-Kneeb Pop-up Hay Bale Loader  
1-David Ezzie Pickup Mount Hyd. Bale Movers  
1-Lot John Deere Cattle Head Gate  
1-Pickup Mount Ranga Cube Feeder  
1-Electric Fence Charger  
**PARTS**  
1-Lot Truck Parts for Mack - Kenworth Freight Liner - Cummins Engines-Starters-Generators-Alternators-Batts-Hoses-Filters-Hubs-Brakes-Drums  
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1-Lot Radiators for Ford & Chevrolet  
1-Lot D-6 Caterpillar Parts-Track Rollers-Oil Pan-P.T.O. Etc.  
1-D-6 Cab Door  
1-Road Ranger Sap, Truck Trans.  
1-Ford Pickup Automatic Transmission  
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1-Murray 18 H.P. - 42" Riding Lawn Mower  
1-Used White Land Transat & Target  
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1-Lot PVC Pipe 1"-112"-2'-200-150 P.S.I.  
1-1 H.P. Submersible Pump  
1-1/2 H.P. Submersible Pump  
1-Lot Small Electric Motors(440-3phase)  
1-Lot Electric Wiring  
1-Gas Powered Chainsaw  
1-Gas Powered Weedeater  
2-Chain Saw  
1-3/4 Gal. Fuel Transfer Pump  
1-Antique Frasco  
1-Collectible Metered Gas Pump  
1-Parking Lot Paint Striper  
1-Lot Wood Pans Window Units  
1-Large Lot Tires & Wheels  
1-Skidoo Tracker  
1-Jgloo, 10 Gal. Water Cooler  
1-Lot Smech Blocks & Pulleys  
1-Lot Barrel Pumps  
1-Lot Chain Hooks  
1-Set Curb & Gutter Trowels  
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**AUCTION**  
Monday, February 21... 10:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: Lamesa, TX. At the intersection of US 87 and US 180, Go 21 miles West on US 180. Sale Site is 1 1/2 miles west of old Mesa Gin. OR From Seminole, TX Go 19 miles east on US 180.  
**ALVIN RILEY - OWNER**  
**TRACTORS / HARVEST:** '78 Case 1570, '73 Int. 1466, '63 Int. Farmall 706, '62 Case 830, AC 870 Stripper  
**EQUIPMENT:** Approx. 40 Pieces assorted farm equipment  
**LIVESTOCK:** 12 Year old Bay Gelding, Saddles, Horse Tack, 2-Stock Trailers, and More  
**VEHICLES / TRAILERS:** '86 Ford Pu, '82 Chevy PU, '61 GMC Truck, 2-Int. K-7 Truck, 14 Cotton Trailers, and more  
**PLUS:** Tanks, Shop Tools and misc.  
CONTACT: Quality Auctioneers, Inc. (806) 866-4646, James Fullwood, (806) 787-8101  
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**REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
Tuesday, February 22... 11:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: Anton, TX (Hockley Co.) From Anton, TX, Go 5 Miles NW on US 84 to old gin on north side of road. Then, 3 miles south on Black Top to NE corner of farm.  
**ALVIN RILEY - OWNER**  
**OVERVIEW OF REAL ESTATE:** Approx. 177 acres including approx. 153 acres Cultivated land, 23 acres Pasture. No improvements or minerals.  
**GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS:** 3 Years CRP payments remaining at approx. \$5,000/year.  
**TAX INFO:** Hockley Co. Tx Office. ACCT#: R15369  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION, TERMS OF AUCTION, ETC:** Quality Auctioneers, Inc. (806) 866-4646, James Fullwood, Broker #018140 (806) 787-8101, Charles Macha, Auctioneer #6911 (806) 893-7151.  
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**AUCTION**  
Thursday, February 24... 10:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Stanton, TX (Martin Co.) 32 Miles south on Texas 137, 12 miles west on 2401 to Midkiff, TX. Then 1/2 mile south on 2301 to Midkiff Coop Gin Yard.  
**SW FARMS - OWNER**  
**TRACTORS/MODULE/VEHICLES:** '84 Case 2394, '82 Case 2390, BH Module Builder, 2000 3/4 Chev. PU w/Utility Bed, '95 3/4 Chev. PU, '86 2 Ton Chev. Truck w/new motor, winch, and 5th wheel  
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**ACROSS**  
1 Secure  
5 Scottish landowner  
10 Cookery paste  
14 Canadian pop singer  
15 Precise  
17 Genesis name  
18 Seeing that  
19 Designer Schiaparelli  
20 Some marsupials  
21 Crowd sound  
22 Small particle: Abbr.  
23 Vital  
24 "favors the prepared mind"  
25 Spot near the Acropolis  
27 Composer Janáček  
29 Article written by Freud  
30 Brando had it  
34 Be mindful of  
38 Track equipment  
39 S.A. country  
42 Cubic Rubik  
43 Long lunches  
44 Guineapig relative  
46 Bldg. unit  
48 Panhandle setting: Abbr.  
49 "See ya!"

**DOWN**  
1 Diving gear  
2 Parallel  
3 Downhill place  
4 River of Kenya  
5 French wine valley  
6 Hector  
7 "Make \_\_\_" (Picard's command)  
8 Greek letters  
9 Brooklynese article  
10 Café order  
11 Under control  
12 Medium setting  
13 Shing of white  
16 In demand  
23 Skilled choppers  
24 RNA triplet  
26 Cong.  
27 Blame on members  
28 "... saw Elba"  
31 Complicate

**32 Forked-tailed flier**  
**33 Homeowner's pymt.**  
**35 Slapstick**  
**36 Doctor's instrument**  
**37 Paraphrased**  
**39 Layered minerals**  
**40 Fixed**  
**41 Shed tears**  
**45 Restrict**  
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**47 How a French dance begins?**  
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**51 Directional starter**  
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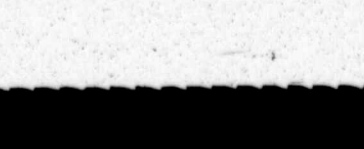
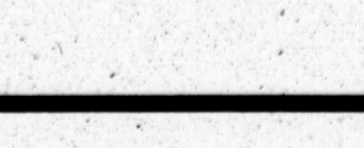
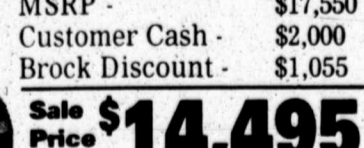
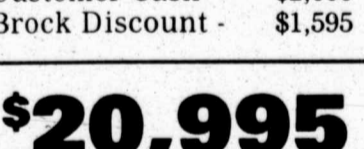
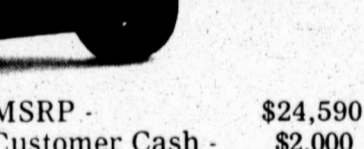
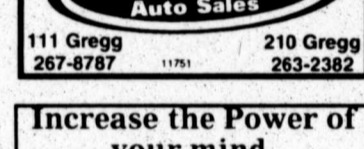
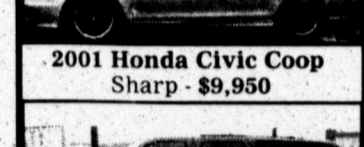
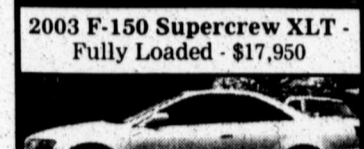
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RESIDENTIAL HOME OWNERS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

1. All residential homeowners who acquired their home in 2005, must file an exemption form with the Appraisal District to be granted the exemption for 2005, even if they purchased a home with a homestead exemption from the previous owner.  
2. If neither spouse is receiving an over-65 exemption and either spouse turned 65 years of age during the year, you can qualify for the over-65 exemption, BUT YOU MUST APPLY with the Appraisal District. A person over 65 years of age may transfer their homestead exemption when he moves to another homestead.  
3. If neither spouse is receiving an exemption for FICA disability and either spouse became disabled, you can qualify for a disability homestead exemption BUT YOU MUST APPLY with the Appraisal District.  
4. All residential homeowners who received an exemption, homestead, over-65 or disable exemption for 2004, the District will carry the exemption(s) forward without application. You need only apply if you fall in one of the above 3 categories.

Keith Toomire Chief Appraiser Howard County Appraisal District #4455 February 13 & 20, 2005

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HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2004 EXEMPTIONS AND VALUATION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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If the veteran's percent of disability has changed, he needs to reapply. Also, the surviving spouse of a veteran who died in 2004, has to re-apply to be eligible for the exemption.

AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNERS

Property owners who have applied under articles VIII 1-D or VIII 1-D-1 (Texas Constitution) for ag-use valuation in 2004 or prior years need not re-apply.

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Property owners who have not applied for ag-use valuation in prior years should file an application before April 1, 2005.

PERSONS, CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Having one or more of the following exemptions must apply for the exemption annually.

1. Solar and wind powered energy devices exemption
  2. Cemetery exemption
  3. Historic site exemption
  4. Miscellaneous (under Sec. 11.23 State Comptroller's Tax Code)
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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL**  
 PERMIT NO. WQ0010723001  
**APPLICATION.** City of Coahoma, P.O. Box 420, Coahoma, Texas, 79511, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ0010723001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 86,800 gallons per day via irrigation on 195 acres. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located adjacent to the west side of Farm-to-Market Road 820, approximately 1.2 miles south of the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 820 in Howard County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 3, 2004. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the City of Coahoma, City Hall, 122 North First Street, Coahoma, Texas.  
 The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review of the application, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if re-

quested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.  
**Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.**  
**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.**  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.  
 A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.  
**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following:** (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing," (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.  
 If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.  
**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ, Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.  
**INFORMATION** Written public comments and requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Further information may also be obtained from Power Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 2700, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or by calling Mr. Bob Priebe, Maintenance Manager at (432)263-8468.  
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ing the public comment period and not withdrawn. **The TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**  
**MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be included and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.  
**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Further information may also be obtained from the City of Coahoma at the address stated above or by calling John Wayne Metcalf at 432-394-4287.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Pursuant to the provisions of the State Property Tax Code, Section 33.06 styled:  
**DEFERRED COLLECTIONS OF CERTAIN TAXES**  
 (a) An individual is entitled to defer or abate a suit to collect a delinquent tax if he is 65 or older; or disabled Person and he owns or occupies as a residence homestead the property on which the tax subject to the suit is delinquent.  
 (b) To obtain a deferral, an individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District in which the property is located an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. The Chief Appraiser shall notify each taxing unit participating in the District of the filing. After an affidavit is filed under this subsection, a taxing unit may not file suit to collect delinquent taxes on the property until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.  
 (c) To obtain an abatement, the individual must file in the court in which suit is pending an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. If no controversy affidavit is filed by the taxing unit filing suit or if, after a hearing the court finds the individual is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the suit until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.  
 (d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest continue to accrue

at a rate of 8% per year during the period collections of taxes is deferred.  
**(e) NEW LAW ENACTED BY 97 LEGISLATURE SENATE BILL 841 SEC. 33.065: DEFER PAYING TAXES ON THAT PART OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THEIR HOMES THAT IS MORE THAN 5% ABOVE THE PRECEDING YEARS APPRAISED VALUE, EXCLUDES THE VALUE OF ANY IMPROVEMENT ADDED.**  
 Applications Forms are available at:  
 Howard County Appraisal District  
 Courthouse Annex, 315 Main Street  
 P.O. Box 1151  
 Big Spring, TX 79721-1151  
 Authorized by 1989 Texas Law Section 33.06  
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**Legals**  
**NO. 44033**  
**IN THE INTEREST OF BABY BOY CAMPBELL A CHILD IN THE DISTRICT COURT 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS**  
 To UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondent and to all whom it may concern:  
 You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the

expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of KELTON UTAH GASTON, Jr. and TERESA (OWENS) GASTON, Petitioners, was filed in the 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, on February 8, 2005 against UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondent, numbered 44033 and entitled "In the Interest of BABY BOY CAMPBELL, a child." The suit requests the termination of the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL**  
 PERMIT NO. 17411  
**APPLICATION.** Power Resources, Ltd. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 17411 which would authorize continued operation of the C.R. Wing Cogeneration Facility locate at 500 Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter.  
 The TCEQ received this application of December 06, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Public Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.  
 The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.  
 After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compli-

ance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.  
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