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Don't forget!

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will team with piano soloist Cynthia Bauhof-Williams for "An Encore Performance" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Conductor will be Big Spring's Keith Graumann.

Senior driving course offered

A senior citizen driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center March 2-3.

The course will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. each day with a half-hour lunch break.

There is a \$10 fee for books. Most auto insurance companies give a discount on insurance premiums when the course is completed. To register, call the Senior Center at 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35.

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CRAZY FOR COAHOMA



Coahoma fans "burned it up" for their Bulldogs Friday night, who were locked in a Class 2A Area playoff with the Crane Golden Cranes at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. A fourth-quarter rally fell short as the Bulldogs lost the game, 53-50. See Page 1B.

HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

What election?

City council seats draw little interest across the area

Herald Staff Report

Candidates aren't exactly pushing through crowds to reach the city clerk's office and file for the May council elections.

In fact, as of last Thursday, there were still far fewer candidates than spots to be filled.

Historically, filing for city council in Coahoma has never been anything to get in a hurry about and this occasion is obviously no different. Almost two weeks into the filing period, no one has indicated they want to fill the shoes of councilmen Ricky Stone and David Elmore or Mayor Bill Read — including the incumbents themselves.

However, there is still plenty of time. Filing for area council seats ends in just over a week, on March 7.

Incumbents are the only ones who have filed in Big Spring, where District 1 council member Stephanie Horton and District 3 council woman Joanne Staulcup look to serve another term.

In contrast, Stanton has a couple of interested candidates but neither are incumbents. Seeking an at-large seat held by Mark Briseno is Thomas W. Haislip. And gunning for District 4 Councilman Carmen Cazares' post is Steven Jerome Villa. Neither incumbent has filed.

In Forsan, incumbents Mary Gressett and Fred Holguin have filed to retain at-large seats. Jim Alexander's spot on the board is still unspoken for.

Routine items to greet commissioners

Commissioners court convenes at 10 a.m. Monday on the second floor of the county courthouse.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners are slated to meet Monday morning to consider a number of routine items,

including personnel considerations and an appointment to the Senior Citizens Board of Directors.

County Auditor Jackie Olson is expected to present commissioners with invoices and purchase requests, as well as discuss bids office supplies. Olson is also expected to present commissioners with an interlocal agreement between the city of Big Spring and the county concerning

Senior Citizen's Services, as well as make an appointment to the Senior Citizens Board.

Teresa Thomas, County Treasurer, is slated to present personnel considerations, while Drew Mouton, the attorney in charge of the county's delinquent taxes, is also expected to discuss an extension for time to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure.

County Road and Bridge

Administrator Eddy Jameson, along with Commissioner Gary Simer, is also on Monday's agenda, expected to discuss any pipeline crossings or road maintenance in the county, as well as the county's acceptance of a new county road.

County Construction Administrator Phil Furquerson is slated to discuss renovations at

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SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

Parents invited to classrooms for Texas Public Schools Week

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District is inviting parents back to school this week — and no homework is involved.

More than 3,800 BSISD students will help celebrate Texas Public Schools Week Monday through Friday, with observances held at most of the campuses.

Richard Light, director of federal programs for the district, said the aim behind the observances is to help reconnect parents to what's happening in their children's schools.



Light

"Sometimes, parents, through no fault of their own, just don't know what's going on here," Light said. "This is a way to invite the parents to be partners in their children's education."

"We want to showcase, we want to brag, and we just want to show parents what's going on at the schools," he said.

Light said the campuses have put a premium on flexibility in their scheduling to allow parents greater access to activity.

"Our observance used to lean more toward more programs and nightly meetings," he said. "Now, we've more toward visitation during school hours. Over time, we've become more flexible to accommodate parents."

Big Spring High School

held an open house earlier this school year, and will not have any scheduled activities this week, but other campuses have a variety of activities planned.

For instance, Bauer Magnet Elementary students will be inviting their parents to lunch all week, and will dress to different theme every day.

Parents are urged to contact their children's campus for more information.

Coahoma ISD will hold a pancake supper and open house on all three campuses Tuesday evening, Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett said.

The supper, hosted by

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KRT photo/Michael Perez, Philadelphia Inquirer

Bob and Mary Schindler, parents of Terri Schiavo, and a Franciscan monk arrive at the Woodside Hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla. A judge gave Terri Schiavo permission to remove the feeding tube on the brain damaged woman in three weeks. See Page 5A.



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Obituaries

Augusta Clark



Augusta Clark, 77, of Big Spring died at 6:09 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness. A memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

She was born Aug. 19, 1927, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Vincent and Agnes Cianciola. She had been a resident of Big Spring for 21 years, coming from New Port Ritchey, Fla. Mrs. Clark had been a secretary for Husmans Potato Chip Factory in Cincinnati, Ohio. She later worked in housekeeping at Community Hospital in New Port Ritchey, Fla. Mrs. Clark was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and had taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She had also worked with bingo at the church and was active in the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

She is survived by one sister, Jean Lee and her husband Franklin of Big Spring; one brother, James Ponder and his wife Sally of Loveland, Ohio; one aunt, Mary Couthers of New Richmond, Ohio; several nieces and nephews, including Tom Pence, Michael Pence, Tina Harrell, Andrew Schlaupitz, Jason Lee, Jennifer Lee and Connie Mendoza of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie Clark.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Jerry Don "B. B." Paige



Jerry Don "B. B." Paige, 67, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at the Hospice Midland Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 19, 1937, in Childress and married Shirley Chapman Dec. 22, 1956, in Big Spring.

He came to Big Spring with his family in 1938 as an infant and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He attended school in the Knott Community. Jerry worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical for 41 years until retiring in 2000. He loved to be around his grandchildren and enjoyed watching their sporting events. He also enjoyed farming and loved life.

He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Paige of Big Spring; three sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Janet Paige, Gary and Cathy Paige and Donnie and Donna Paige, all of Big Spring; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Annette and David Schofield, Gayla and Russ Padgett and Melissa McCullough, all of Big Spring; four sisters, Bertha Craven, Ruth Steen and Rita Bailey, all of Odessa, and Sue Day of Gardendale; two brothers, Henry Paige of Big Spring and Jim Paige of Mineral Wells; 15 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Gracie Paige; and one sister, Sudie McNew; and an infant brother, Melvin Paige.

The family suggest memorials to the Hospice Midland Inpatient Unit, P. O. Box 2621, Midland 79702 or to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 S. Service Road - I-20, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Rodger Darrell 'Bitty' Mize



Rodger Darrell "Bitty" Mize, 41, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at his residence. Graveside funeral services are 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 16, 1963, in Sweetwater. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital and at the Wood Living Centers for several years.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Wanda and Virgil McGee of Big Spring; two sisters, Starla Ayala and husband, Adrain, and Cindy Mize, all of Big Spring; two nephews and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rodger Mize in 1996. The family suggest memorials to the charity of choice.

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

Tommy C. White

Tommy C. White, 60, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born April 19, 1944, in Big Spring and married Lois Henderson July 23, 1966 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. White retired from Fina after 13 years of service. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a Baptist.

He loved his kids and grandkids and liked collecting and hunting for arrowheads, reading and being a prankster.

Survivors include his wife, Lois White of Coahoma; two sons, James White of Frisco and Tommy R. White of Big Spring; three daughters, Melissa Sharp of Big Spring, Liz Adamson of Coahoma and Lisa Herrington of Big Lake; five brothers, Johnny White and Rommy White, both of Brownwood, James White, Vernon White and Roland White, all of Big Spring; four sisters, Serena Currier of Liberty City, Judy Mann of Big Spring, DeeDee King of Coahoma and Ginger Gossett of Colorado City; 11 grandchildren, T.J., John John, Kory, Shelbi, Nick, Bailey, Kinsey, Devin, Hayden, Jayden and Cayden; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Gideon's International, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721-0133.

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

Paid obituary

Bowden Hampton



Bowden Hampton, Lt. Col. Ret., 87, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, in a local hospital. Memorial services with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 29, 1918, in Paducah, Ky., and lived in Indiana and Michigan until 1942 when he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps Cadets.

He retired as a command pilot with the rank of lieutenant colonel from the United States Air Force after 27 years. He served in Germany, Cambodia, Vietnam and Alaska, receiving numerous medals, including the Air Medal. He made his home in Midland for a few years and was transferred to Webb Air Force Base in 1963. He retired in December 1968 and lived in Big Spring until his death.

He married Monika H. Williams in 1989.

He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Monika H. Hampton; two sons, Jon Allen and Michael Joe; one daughter, Lori Danette; a sister, June; one step-daughter, Marion; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., One Hanover Park, 16633 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 600, Addison 75001.

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

Arthur Wolfe Jr.

Arthur Wolfe Jr., 66, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at his residence. Memorial services are 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dean Thomas, chaplain at the VA Medical Center, officiating.

He was born April 13, 1938, in Fort Wayne, Ind., and married Marcia Irene Miner July 22, 1984, in Wichita, Kan.

He retired from the U.S. Navy and then from civil service Nov. 27, 2004. He moved to Big Spring Dec. 14, 2004, from Oxnard, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia Wolfe of Big Spring; a son, Jayson Wolfe; a daughter, Hellena Wolfe; five step-sons, Alvin Schibbelhut, Troy Schibbelhut and Daniel Schibbelhut, all of Missouri; Ramon Gutierrez of Illinois and Michael Gutierrez of Kansas; a sister, Judy Wolfe of New Haven, Ind.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Brian Wolfe.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, inc are of Lucy Bonner, PO Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Robert Eugene Smith

Robert Eugene Smith, 39, of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in Big Spring. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- KIM STAMBAUGH, 45, 1000 Runnels St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- SYLVIA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 39, 1316 Bluebird St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and failure to identify.
- ASSAULT was reported on the 100 block of N.W. Third St. and the 400 block of Sunset Blvd.
- THEFT was reported on the 400 block of Birdwell Lane and the 100 block of Fourth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- SHOTS FIRED was reported on Piper Road.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 1000 block of Hickory Road and the 6300 block of North I-20 Service Road.
- PHONE HARASSMENT was reported on the 5200 block of E. Midway Road.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued on the 6300 block of North I-20 Service Road.

Take note

□ YOUNGLIFE ROUNDUP BANQUET is set for Monday 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.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southwest in the afternoon.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$112 million Friday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's \$96 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-8-10-30.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-1

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Had I'd known it would have been the last time I'd see you again.
When you left, I would have stayed by your side and held your hand.
But I was wrong and didn't get the chance to tell you how much you mean to me.
Tomorrow is not promised and may never come.
Today may be the last chance for a hug, a kiss or a smile.

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Fraud, hassles may put Net in not-worth-it mode

By JON VAN

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) — Anyone wishing to contact Theresa Lipa can send her a letter or make a phone call. Forget e-mail.

Since her computer began spewing pornography in November, the machine sits unplugged in her Des Plaines, Ill., home.

"It was terrible," said Lipa, a 69-year-old grandmother. She tried everything she could think of to make it stop, "but it just kept coming. So I finally just unplugged it." Then she got a \$75 bill for "entertainment" from the pornographer.

Like millions of casual computer users, Lipa has learned that the Internet has become a dangerous place. Worms, viruses, spyware, spam and an unending string of fraudulent traps lie in wait. One false click, or the failure to install and update security software, can lead to identity theft, bogus bills and crashed computers.

People who want only to check e-mail or buy an airline ticket from their home computer now find they spend more time dodging malevolent software than they ever intended to spend online. Fending off the onslaught poses technical challenges for all but the savviest computer geeks.

"Put a firewall on. Patch this, download that. These are foreign terms to most people," said Joe Stewart, a senior security researcher with LURHQ Corp., a Lombard, Ill.-based computer security firm. "The fixes may be beyond the skill levels of most consumers."

Lipa's decision to unplug her computer may be extreme, but it's understandable. There's growing frustration with a medium that at least some users say has become more trouble than it is worth, according to people in the computer industry.

"There's no question a backlash is coming," said Peter Firstbrook, a communications analyst with MetaGroup. "The Internet is getting as dirty as the real world."

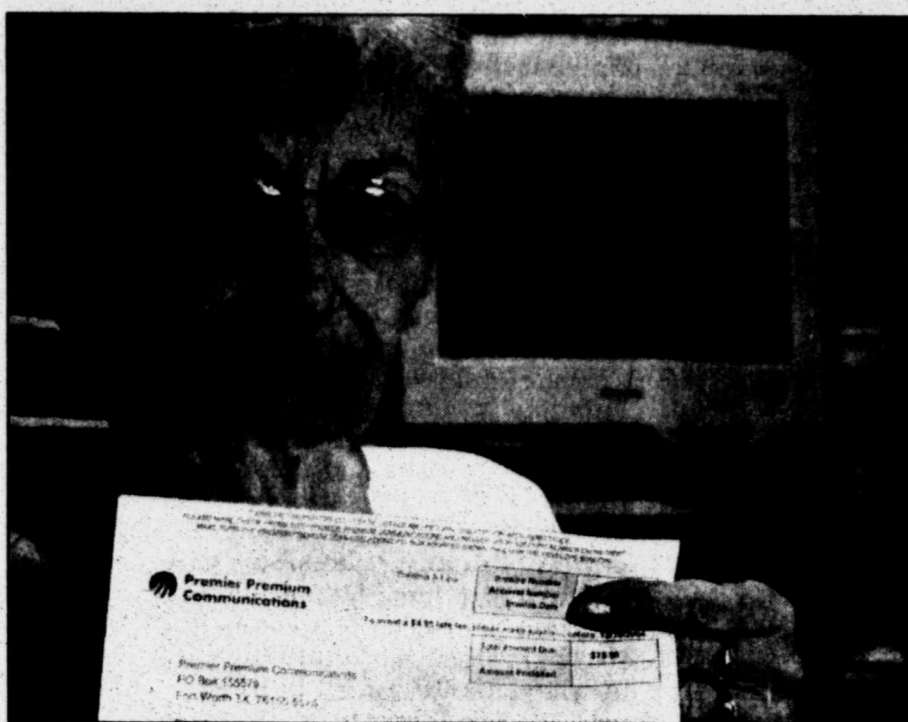
The problem appears to be getting worse. Computer viruses, once the playthings of bored young nerds seeking to impress one another, are now big business for criminals across the globe who automate software attacks to steal credit card numbers and send spam for profit.

In September 2003, computer security firm MessageLabs counted 279 "phishing" e-mails for the month. Phishing refers to a scam that tricks consumers into disclosing financial information, such as a bank account number.

By June 2004, the monthly total was more than 264,000. By November, the phishing messages averaged more than 100,000 a day.

Analysts estimate junk e-mail may cost Internet services as much as \$500 million in network capacity this year.

Giant companies from Microsoft and America



KRP photo/David Trotman-Wilkins, Chicago Tribune
Des Plaines, Ill., resident Theresa Lipa is fed up and angry with the Internet. Lipa was given a computer by her son so she could use e-mail and receive photos of her grandchildren. When her computer began spewing pornography in November 2004, she unplugged it. She holds a bill for \$75 for "entertainment" that she received from an adult site.

Online to AT&T and Yahoo seek to stop the rising tide of malevolent software online, but security experts say consumers should brace themselves for at least another year of trouble.

"Operating system vendors have lost sight of what customers want to do with their computers—e-mail, surf the Web, keep a Christmas list—and have loaded up the operating systems with whiz-bang features most people don't need," said Kevin Kealy, security scientist at AT&T Labs.

"Inevitably, your computer gets infected and crashes," Kealy said. "You take it into the shop where some kid with a nose ring and ponytail tells you it's your fault and charges you a couple hundred bucks to fix it."

The firewalls and antivirus programs required to safeguard computers need regular updates to keep abreast of new viruses, but even consumers who try to keep their protections current can be victimized.

"Even with a broadband connection, you cannot download the patches and fixes fast enough so that your computer won't be infected," Stewart said.

While Microsoft's newest operating systems have improved their built-in virus protection, millions of consumers still use older versions of Windows that are extremely vulnerable.

Operators of networks and e-mail services are working to identify and purge malevolent software before it reaches consumers.

AT&T believes it can identify and remove worms and viruses from its network, Kealy said. The carrier offers security protection to its large

commercial customers and is testing a system it hopes will remove about 80 percent of bad traffic from its network.

That system may be activated by summer, Kealy said. Because an estimated 30 percent of network traffic now consists of viruses, worms and the like, purging them makes for more efficient operations, he said.

"We want to lead by example," Kealy said. "We believe other network operators will also want to improve their efficiencies."

AOL and Yahoo have spam filters and other software intended to prevent infections from reaching their customers.

Internet services acknowledge that fighting spam and other Web pests is a long process.

"Spammers are very sophisticated with ways to fake their identity," said Karen Mahon, a Yahoo spokeswoman.

Identifying spammers requires cooperation among all the operators whose customers originate e-mail, she said.

And customers need to be wary.

LaRue Highsmith received two e-mails that appeared to be from Yahoo, which SBC Communications Inc. delivers with its high-speed Internet connection to his Glenview home.

The e-mails said he must re-enter his account information or his service would cease.

"I called SBC and they said it was a hoax and that I should just delete it," Highsmith said. "I wonder how many customers are being fooled into providing their credit card information?"

Rising online fraud may make consumers more suspicious of the Internet and reluctant to under-

take electronic transactions, said Ragu Gurumurthy, vice president with Boston consultancy Adventis.

"It's a very confusing path ahead for consumers," he said. "It could have a significant impact on e-commerce transactions in the year ahead."

Adding to the problems, consumers are being pushed toward making more transactions online, said Edward Tenner, author of "Why Things Bite Back: Technology and the Revenge of Unintended Consequences."

"Today you'll pay a premium to buy an airline ticket if you don't use a computer," he said. "Consumers face all this maintenance to keep their home computers from being infected. Some experts say you should use two antivirus programs and two spyware programs. That just multiplies the likelihood they'll conflict with each other and crash your computer."

Using a computer these days is "like going to a Disneyland where you know you'll get mugged," said Tom DeFanti, a computer scientist at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

DeFanti said he spends a few hours each week cleaning out the infections that have accumulated in his home computer.

"It's not fun. It's like doing your income tax," he said. "The industry must fix this or people will bail on this technology."

In many cases, customers actually agree to download software that causes advertisements to pop up later. Permission is usually buried in the fine print associated with downloading something else, such as a free screen saver.

"If you do much online shopping, it's unlikely you'll get through the whole process without agreeing to something," said Brian McCarthy, chief operating officer of Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.-based CompTIA, an information technology trade association. "You'd have to study every line on the Web site to see just what all you've agreed to."

While it may be difficult, someone like Theresa Lipa can just unplug the modem and use the computer only to play solitaire.

As it stands, Lipa has no intention of paying the \$75 bill for unwanted pornography, despite threats of escalating late fees, and damage to her credit record. She has reported the incident to the Illinois attorney general and the Des Plaines police.

More reports from other bruised Web surfers could be in the offing.

Convergence of computer technology with Internet-based phones and video means the security headache now plaguing the Web could soon spread to telephones and television, said Bill Hancock, security officer for Savvis Communications, a St. Louis-based information technology company.

"On the Internet right

now you can get mugged on any street corner," said Hancock, "and it will get worse. Soon cell phones will operate with IP addresses. We will go from 850 million PCs on the Internet to another 2 billion cell phones."

"All the viruses and worms and so forth will then attack the phones," he said. "I expect chaos."

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OUR VIEWS

Consider filing to serve your school or city

Filing periods are under way for anyone contemplating whether they would like to serve as a public school trustee, council member or mayor. There is still plenty of time to think it over. The final date for filing throughout the Crossroads area in the May 7 elections is Monday, March 7.

There are plenty of positions up for election, including seats on area school boards, the Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma city councils and the Coahoma mayor's seat.

Our purpose here, however, is not to encourage involvement simply for the sake of having contested races.

No, the decision to seek one of these positions is one that should only be made after a lot of thought. The men and women who serve on these boards help shape the future of our schools and our communities. Their decisions affect each one of us in some way, whether it is the amount of taxes we pay, the services we receive or the quality of education that our children and grandchildren get in the classroom.

They don't teach, coach or put in water lines or fill potholes, but their decisions determine how funds should be allocated to accomplish those tasks.

We've mentioned before, and won't hesitate to add again, that these individuals serve as role models for our communities and schools, representing us not only on the boards they serve, but many times on a broader scale, such as regional service centers and councils of governments.

And finally, before deciding to seek office, a potential representative of the school district or city must decide to work for the good of the entire community. They must be willing to study all sides of an issue and not rush to judgment.

Because of these responsibilities, the decision to seek office as a school board trustee, councilperson or mayor is one that should be made carefully.

Good luck in your decision.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we improve our heavenly intelligence, Lord,
through You and Your word.

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Inside report: Social security test

When Congress returns Monday from its Presidents' Day recess, President

Bush's proposed Social Security revision may face its first tests in the Senate Budget Committee.

The committee expects several amendments to the budget concerning Social Security, some favorable and some unfavorable to the president's desires. The outcome of these test votes may give an early picture of the proposal's overall prospects.

A footnote: Washington's Republican-leaning lobbyists were summoned Thursday to a closed-door Social Security briefing by senior presidential aides Karl Rove and Al Hubbard. The White House is asking for help from the business-oriented lobbyists, who so far have been lukewarm about the issue.

Close friends say it is 50-50 whether Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who will be 72 years old in 2008, will run for the next Republican presidential nomination.

McCain often has said his near-miss campaign in 2000 was one of a kind and it is unlikely that he ever again could "catch lightning in a bottle." However, political adviser Rick Davis has told him there is no front-runner for the 2008 nomination and all signs are favorable to his candidacy.

A footnote: Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, McCain's friend and strong 2000 supporter, has not decided about running himself. In

the coming weeks, he will be testing the waters in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and other presidential primary states.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus are quietly collaborating with conservative Republicans in the House to repeal parts of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance act that restrict funding by non-profit groups.

When Congress adopted McCain-Feingold in 2002, the Black Caucus was split on the issue. Black members of Congress, many of whom represent very poor districts, tend to rely more on funding from non-profit political action committees that are restricted by the act. Rep. William Lacy Clay of Missouri in 2003 expressed regret that he voted for the act and said he cast his vote "under duress" from party leaders.

A footnote: Prominent House Republicans have been soliciting support for the Bush Social Security proposal from several black members of Congress, who have been pressured by Democratic leaders to stand firm. Rep. Harold Ford of Tennessee last year appeared ready to support personal accounts as part of Social Security revision but backed away then under heavy pressure.

Democracy for America, founded last year by Howard Dean after his presidential campaign collapsed, is using an ad attacking the AARP senior citizens organization as a fund-raising device.

USA Next, a conservative senior group that endorses President Bush's Social Security initiative while AARP opposes it, produced an Internet advertisement charging that "the real AARP agenda" supports same-sex marriage and

does not support U.S. troops. USA Next claims the purpose of the ad was to flush out left-wing supporters of AARP.

In an e-mail to its supporters, Democracy for America declared: "USA Next's advertising campaign manages to be both unpatriotic and outrageously bigoted at the same time. It's time to sign the petition to stop the hate speech now." The e-mail concludes with a button for making contributions.

A projection by Polidata, a Republican-oriented political mapping and redistricting firm, shows population trends will make Republican-dominated "Red" states more influential in winning presidential elections and determining control of Congress after the 2010 census.

The new study forecasts that "Red" states will pick up a net six electoral votes, with Florida and Texas gaining three each. The "Blue" states carried by John Kerry, according to Polidata, will lose a net six electoral votes, led by New York's loss of two. Under this distribution of electoral votes, George W. Bush could have been elected last November without carrying Ohio.

This projection points to probable Republican control of the White House and the House of Representatives far into the future. It makes more urgent the contention by Howard Dean, the new Democratic national chairman, that his party needs to do much better in "Red" states.

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Gov. Schwarzenegger: King of the Road

In case you needed proof that Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't your typical California governor, consider his 2005 State of the State address. In the last decade, it has been de rigueur for California politicians to denounce the very suggestion that the state should build more roads, while piously putting their faith in increased "investment" in public transit. But this governor is a realist. "When I first came to California, the roads fascinated me," Schwarzenegger told Sacramento last month. "Californians can't get from place to place on little fairy wings. This is a car-centered state. We need roads."

What is more, the pro-asphalt politician also favors the free market and is throwing his support behind proposals hatched by the libertarian-leaning Reason Foundation to build new freeway lanes with private dollars.

Credit Schwarzenegger for figuring out that lectures on the need for light rail don't serve the public's transportation needs. Like other politicians, Schwarzenegger wants Californians to "spend less time sitting on the freeway" — unlike the rest, however, he understands that the only way to get there is by building more roads and more freeway lanes.

This is progress. In 2001, then-Gov. Gray Davis announced at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Foothill Freeway in Southern California that he was presiding over the state's last freeway ribbon-cutting. His transportation adviser boasted that the era of California highway building was over.

One little problem: Californians forgot to stop driving. Even in the politically correct Bay Area, most people drive to work; only a modest 7.3 percent take public transit

during rush hour, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. I can only figure that Bay Area voters have supported spending on public transit projects because they are deeply committed to the notion that other people should take the bus or BART to work.

And so what happens when the Bay Area population grows by 30 percent, to an expected 8.8 million, by 2030? If there are more people but not more roads, the answer surely will be more gridlock.

The folks at Reason believe that California has to look to the marketplace for relief. Reason backs high-occupancy toll lanes — setting up tolls so that commuters can pay their way onto high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

Schwarzenegger already has signed legislation to put HOT lanes on the Interstate 680 Sunol Grade between Alameda and Santa Clara counties. While detractors dismiss HOTs as "Lexus lanes," the toll lanes relieve congestion in the no-toll lanes as well.

Reason also proposes privately built toll roads, including a toll trucks-only route along Interstates 880 and 580 to span the distance between the Port of Oakland and Tracy, with a route toward the South Bay as well. Be it noted, however, that a Reason report conceded that some state or federal funding probably would be needed to make the project "financeable."

Robert W. Poole is Reason's guru on HOT lanes. Poole finds himself in the odd position of working with state government, even though he is no big fan of government. "I've become more pragmatic over time," he confessed recently. Then again, Poole notes that he remembers that governments built freeways to be "reliable and fast" — and he wants to see that freeways are reliable and fast again.

Marlon Boarnet, a planning professor at the University of California at Irvine, noted that Reason has changed the way experts look at transportation funding. "The state should look to

the private sector when the private sector can fill gaps," Boarnet explained.

The professor then added that the private sector can't fix everything. More people will be using roads that have been aging and need shoring up. It will take public dollars to fix the roads.

But where are those dollars to be found? Even though voters approved Proposition 42, which required that the state spend gas-tax revenue on transportation, Sacramento has been raiding the fund to plug the budget deficit. As consumers buy more fuel-efficient cars, they pay less in gas tax for each mile they drive. Inflation also has eroded the state's 18-cents-per-gallon tax, which hasn't been raised since 1994.

Some Sacramento solons are toying with the idea of putting a meter in all state cars and taxing drivers by the miles driven. Bad idea: It invades people's privacy, lessens the incentive to buy fuel-efficient cars and requires a new mechanism to troll for pennies on the mile.

While the Reason approach works for new projects, Sacramento remains short on funds to pay for maintenance. Schwarzenegger could push for an increase in the state gasoline tax to fund needed road improvements. And he might find that voters would favor a higher gasoline tax if it meant no meters in their cars and no "fairy wings" — or new transit projects that produce empty seats on buses and rails while drivers sit in gridlock in their cars.

It's an old concept, but one reason people elect politicians is so they'll fix the potholes.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

Court clears way for removal of feeding tube in Schiavo case

More legal activity expected in interim

By MITCH STACY

Associated Press Writer

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Lawyers for the parents of Terri Schiavo promised to begin another flurry of legal activity next week after a judge said removal of the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube can take place in three weeks.

Circuit Judge George Greer ruled Friday that Terri Schiavo's husband, Michael, can stop her tube feedings on March 18 at 1 p.m., allowing

him to carry out what he says were his wife's wishes not to be kept alive artificially.

The decision came on the 15th anniversary of Terri Schiavo's collapse, when a chemical imbalance caused her heart to temporarily stop beating and left her severely brain damaged.

The 41-year-old woman's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, were expected to ask an appeals court to block the order from taking effect and file numerous other motions to try to convince the courts to allow the feeding tube to remain.

The Schindlers and their son-in-law have fought each other in court since the late 1990s on

whether Terri Schiavo should live or die. The two sides have battled through scores of opinions and rulings and tens of thousands of pages of filings.

The feud has taken on elements of a soap opera, with allegations that it began as a fight over more than \$1 million awarded to Terri Schiavo in a medical malpractice case that her husband stood to inherit.

Michael Schiavo also has been accused by his in-laws of having a conflict of interest in wanting his wife dead because he has started a new family with another woman.

The Schindlers do not believe their daughter is in a persistent vegetative state as court-

appointed doctors have ruled. On Friday, Greer wrote he no longer wishes to grant delays in the long-running family feud, and that the case must end.

"The court is no longer comfortable granting stays simply upon the filings of new motions," Greer wrote. "There will always be 'new' issues."

Terri Schiavo's parents took the ruling as reason for hope.

"It's a relief, a temporary relief," Terri's father, Bob Schindler, told reporters outside the hospice where his daughter is cared for. "I don't see it as a victory, the victory is when we take Terri home and we get her therapy."

Terri's brother, Bobby

Schindler, said of the judge's order, "It could have been better, it could have been worse. We're pleased we get at least three weeks. But we're disappointed some of our motions have to be heard in that time."

The judge made his decision after pleadings from the Schindlers that they need more time to appeal some legal issues, raise others and pursue additional medical tests that might prove their daughter has more mental capabilities than previously thought.

"We want to put forward the most aggressive defense we can of Terri Schiavo's life," Schindler attorney David Gibbs III said.

Father, grandparents beg for return of missing 9-year-old girl

By MIKE BRANOM

Associated Press Writer

HOMOSASSA, Fla. (AP) — The family of a 9-year-old girl who disappeared from her bedroom pleaded for her return Friday, calling her an "angel" who needs to be home.

The father and grandparents of Jessica Marie Lunsford cried as they described a girl who they say would never run away.

"I want my daughter home," said Mark Lunsford, who discovered the third-grader missing Thursday morning. "If there is anything anybody knows, there are a lot of numbers you can call. Help me find my daughter and bring her home."

More than 100 police

and volunteers, with help from bloodhounds and helicopters, searched the area about 60 miles north of Tampa, including numerous marshes and ponds. The physical search was suspended when darkness fell.

"It amazes me that we haven't uncovered anything to take us in a specific direction," Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said in a late afternoon news conference. "We are turning every rock we can turn and following every lead we can possibly follow."

Jessica lives in the house with her father and his parents. Her father told authorities he had returned Thursday morning from a girlfriend's home and was getting

ready for work when he realized his daughter's alarm clock was sounding and she wasn't there.

The clothes she had laid out for school were still in place and none of her shoes were gone. Dawsey said one item missing from her immaculate room was a doll, which he declined to describe.

Dawsey said Lunsford's story checked out. A national missing child alert was issued but officials stopped short of putting out an Amber Alert. Florida's Amber Plan is activated when there is a detailed vehicle or abductor description to disseminate through broadcasters and highway information signs.

Jessica's grandmother Ruth Lunsford said the

girl is a well-mannered child "who doesn't roam." "When God made Jessie, he made an angel," her grandmother said. "We have always called her Princess."

Mark Lunsford said his daughter had had little contact with her mother, who Dawsey said had been located in Ohio and was being interviewed by the FBI. Michael Brooks, an

FBI spokesman in Cincinnati, would not comment on what the FBI discussed with Angela Bryant but said she had not been arrested or detained.

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Wichita police: BTK serial killer placed under arrest

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Police said Saturday they have arrested a man they believe is the notorious BTK serial killer who terrorized Wichita throughout the 1970s and then resurfaced about a year ago after 25 years of silence.

"The bottom line: BTK is arrested," Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams said at a news conference in Wichita with some of the victims' family members.

BTK investigator Lt. Ken Landwehr identified the suspect as Dennis Rader, a 59-year-old city worker in nearby Park City, who was arrested Friday at his suburban home.

The BTK killer — a self-coined nickname that stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill" — had been linked to eight killings committed between 1974 and 1986. Police said Saturday they have attributed two more slayings to BTK, from 1985 and 1991.

No charges had been filed Saturday. Prosecutor Nola Foulston said that while there is no statute of limitations for homicide, the death penalty would not apply to any crime committed before 1994, when the death penalty was introduced in Kansas.

The BTK killer sent letters to media about the crimes in the 1970s, but stopped for more than two decades before re-establishing contact last March with a letter about an unsolved 1986 killing.

Since then, authorities

said the killer has sent at least eight letters to the media or police, including three packages containing jewelry that police believed may have been taken from BTK's victims. One letter contained the driver's license of victim Nancy Fox.

The new letters sent chills through Wichita, but also rekindled hope that modern forensic science could find some clue that would finally lead police to a killer most thought was dead or safely locked in prison for some other crime.

Thousands of tips poured in, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation conducted hundreds of DNA swabs in connection with the BTK investigation.

A source with knowledge of the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity said surveillance gave police their "first big piece" of recent evidence, leading authorities to a vehicle and the suspect.

One of the victims newly identified by police, 53-year-old Marine Hedge, lived on Rader's street in Park City. She was abducted from her home in 1985, and her body was found eight days later along a dirt road.

Investigators searched Rader's house Friday and seized computer equipment.

"This has not been an easy task," Wichita Mayor Carlos Mayans said Saturday. "Our fine police department has

been, at times, questioned. Their competence was questioned, and their actions were often second-guessed.

"But all the while, these officers were steadfast in their commitment to solve the biggest police case in Wichita's history," Mayans said.

The BTK slayings began in 1974 with the strangulations of Joseph Otero, 38, his wife, Julie, 34, and their two children.

The letters began that same year, with poems and graphic descriptions of the crimes. The killer even called police with details of Fox's 1977 slaying.

When one of his messages, a poem sent to The Wichita Eagle-Beacon in 1978, was mistakenly routed to the classified ads department, BTK sent a letter to KAKE-TV days later complaining: "How many do I have to kill before I get my name in the paper or some national attention?"

Another letter to the newspaper also underscored BTK's need for recognition.

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Both sides rest in Blake murder case, arguments set for next week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The prosecution and defense both rested their cases Friday in the Robert Blake murder trial, clearing the way for closing arguments next week.

"All sides have rested and the case is now concluded," Judge Darlene Schempp told the jury.

The judge said closing arguments will begin Wednesday and the case will be sent to the jury Friday. The extended recess is needed because of jurors' medical appointments.

Blake, 71, is accused of shooting wife Bonny Lee Bakley, 44, to death in May 2001, as she sat in his car parked near a restaurant where they had dined. Blake could face life in prison if convicted.

The prosecution wrapped up its case after calling a writer for the National Enquirer as its last rebuttal witness. The testimony sought to shore up the account of Gary McLarty, one of two former stuntmen who said Blake solicited them to kill his wife.

The stuntmen were attacked by the defense as drug users who suffered from hallucinations and paranoia.

The Enquirer writer, Alan Smith, was called to vouch for the authenticity of an article he wrote quoting Cole McLarty, the son of the stuntman, about the case.

The prosecutor said that in the story Cole McLarty stated that Blake had talked of Bakley and "he didn't like Bonny, didn't approve of her lifestyle and wanted her out of the way."

The story also said Gary McLarty told his son that "he almost threw up when he heard Bonny Bakley was dead" and he thought Blake was behind it.

Smith said all comments attributed to Cole McLarty about his father's contact with Blake regarding Bakley were correct.

Cole McLarty has denied saying many of the comments attributed to him in the story, for which he was paid \$8,000.

The defense established on cross-examination of Smith that the story never said Blake asked Gary McLarty to kill Bakley.

Woman pleads no contest to stalking Catherine Zeta-Jones

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman pleaded no contest Friday to stalking and threatening actress Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Dawnette Knight, 33, entered the plea to one felony count of stalking and three felony counts of making criminal threats. She could face up to five years in prison.

Knight was accused of sending threatening and violent letters to acquaintances of the actress, including her agent and her husband, actor Michael Douglas.

One letter said: "We are going to slice her up like meat on a bone and feed her to the dogs."

Knight, who was arrested June 3 at her Beverly Hills home, allegedly apologized in another letter, claiming she had been in love with Douglas.

Knight also was accused of making four threatening telephone calls to the actress.

Knight's attorney, Richard P. Herman, could not immediately be reached for comment. He has the flu and left for home immediately after court, his office said.

Zeta-Jones' publicist, Cece Yorke, also had no immediate comment.

At Knight's preliminary hearing last year, Zeta-Jones testified that her security was increased dramatically after she learned of the letters.

The actress also said she had a severe anxiety attack after two violent phone calls were made to her hotel in Amsterdam, where she was filming "Ocean's 12."

"I remember at that moment I began to shake and sweat. As the day went on it got progressively worse," she said. "This has affected me and it will affect me the rest of my life."

Judge David Mintz ordered Knight to be evaluated for 90 days by the state Department of Corrections.

WORLD BRIEFS

Abbas pledges to punish militants responsible for suicide blast that killed 4

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian security forces on Saturday arrested two suspected militants in connection with a suicide bombing that killed four Israelis at a Tel Aviv nightclub, acting on orders from Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas to track down and punish those responsible.

Palestinian security officials pointed to the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah, which has been trying to disrupt an informal Mideast truce, as the apparent mastermind of the attack. Abbas hinted at Hezbollah involvement, holding a "third party" responsible for the bombing.

Hezbollah, which is funded by Iran, has hundreds of West Bank gunmen from various Palestinian militant groups on its payroll.

Israel and the United States said Abbas has to act quickly and forcefully — despite his long-standing reluctance to confront militants — if he wants to rescue a fragile Mideast truce.

Abbas met with Cabinet ministers and security chiefs Saturday to discuss a possible response.

Egypt's Mubarak orders election amendment

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Saturday ordered a revision of the country's election laws and said multiple candidates could run in the nation's presidential elections, a scenario Mubarak hasn't faced since taking power in 1981.

The surprise announcement, a response to critics' calls for political reform, comes shortly after historic elections in Iraq and the Palestinian territories, basking that brought a taste of democracy to the region. It also comes amid a sharp dispute with the United States over Egypt's arrest of one of the strongest proponents of multi-candidate elections.

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Vatican says pope will join Sunday prayers

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II will join in Sunday's Angelus prayers from his hospital room but will not read them out or greet the faithful from a window, the Vatican said Saturday as the pope recovered from a throat operation to ease a breathing crisis.

Vatican officials confirmed there were no plans for the 84-year-old pontiff to make a brief appearance at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital during Sunday's blessing, a weekly tradition dear to the pope.

Doctors have advised the pope not to speak for several days as he recovers from surgery to insert a breathing tube in his throat.

Iran, Russia postpone nuclear fuel signing

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran and Russia suddenly postponed on Saturday the signing of a key deal to supply Iran with fuel for its first nuclear reactor, and officials from the two countries were holding new talks, apparently to resolve last-minute differences.

The agreement had been scheduled to be signed Saturday morning. But after hours of delay, Yacoub Jabbarian, an official at Iran's Atomic Energy Agency, told reporters that talks had been prolonged and it was not clear when the signing would take place.

He did not say why the talks had been reopened on the agreement.

Conspired miscarriage tests fairness of law

LUFKIN (AP) — The would-be teen mother arrived by ambulance last May, her womb empty, belly bruised and lips tightly sealed.

The twin fetuses that 16-year-old Erica Basoria carried for five months had slipped into the bathroom toilet while her boyfriend and his family slept. They awoke to her cries and called 911.

Basoria had bruises on her abdomen and wrist, so authorities assumed she had been beaten. Her boyfriend, 18-year-old Gerardo "Jerry" Flores, was charged with murder under the state's new law protecting the unborn.

But it wasn't that simple. Basoria eventually told authorities she had been trying to kill her unborn sons for weeks and finally asked Flores to step on her stomach.

The Texas law, like many others across the nation, bans prosecution of mothers because they have a legal right to end pregnancies. So Basoria can't be charged. That fact has attorneys on both sides questioning a statute that considers one person's crime another person's right.

"How can two people conspire to do something like this and only one of them be punished? How can that be fair?" defense attorney Ryan Deaton said.



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State hospital employees raise funds for tsunami clean-up

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald

Buoyed by President Bush's plea to assist tsunami clean-up efforts, Big Spring State Hospital employees recently raised \$720.60 for the American Red Cross.

"Seeing the devastation of the tsunami on television really touched my heart," BSSH Director of Quality

Management Marilyn Clark said. "In support of our president's plea to corporate America to assist in providing aid to the Tsunami victims, I wanted Big Spring State Hospital to be part of the relief effort."

Clark, who spearheaded the fund-raising initiative, sent the check earlier this month to the American Red Cross Tsunami Relief Program.

"I approached our CEO, Ed Moughon, with the idea of asking our hospital staff to each consider giving \$1 toward a Tsunami Relief Fund which would be forwarded to the American Red Cross," Clark said. "(Moughon) supported this idea and immediately money began to flow into the fund."

The hospital employs more than 550 workers at the psychi-

atric facility serving West Texans with mental illness.

"The American Red Cross is leading the effort to assist the region and its people, who were affected by the deadly tsunami that roared along the coast of the Indian Ocean on Dec. 26.

"Our employees are very compassionate, empathic, and quick to respond when there is a need," Clark said. "It's these

very traits that fuels the state hospital's reputation as being one of the finest hospitals in the state where patients are assured quality care and the opportunity to partner with staff to learn to manage their illnesses and return to a productive life in the community.

"This is what makes BSSH such a wonderful place to work."

Speech and Debate Team qualifies three for national tourney

By **CLINT ADAMS**

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School Speech and Debate Team continued its winning ways by qualifying three students for the National Forensic League National Tournament.

Logan Churchwell, Corey Green and Manoj Thangam all placed in the top of their divisions to advance.

Big Spring competed against Class 5A high schools such as Amarillo, Amarillo Tascosa, Midland Lee and Abilene High School as well as 4A schools like Hereford and Friendship for the chance to attend the national tournament.

The results are not unusual for the Steer Speech and Debate Team — the team qualified five

people for nationals in 2004. Of those, Thangam placed fifth out of 145 students in impromptu speaking.

"We went last year," said Green, a senior, "and didn't know what to expect. This year we have a better understanding and we hope to advance farther."

The National Forensic League is a non-partisan, non-profit educational honor society founded in 1925 by Bruno E. Jacob at Ripon College. Its purpose is to encourage and motivate high school students to participate in and become proficient in the forensic arts: Debate, public speaking, and interpretation.

The National Speech Tournament has been held continuously since 1931 (except during World War II).

COUNTY

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the county library and courthouse.

And as the case has been for the last two months, discussion concerning a new county jail facility is also on the meeting agenda.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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

SCHOOLS

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the Lions Club, will be held at the elementary cafeteria from 5-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.50, with pre-school children eating for free.

Open house times for the campuses are: Elementary, 5:30 p.m.; junior high, 6 p.m.; and high school, 6:30 p.m.

Bennett said that specific Coahoma Elementary activities include an "Around the World"

event, in which sixth-grade social studies students will wear costumes and serve food from various countries.

Also, each elementary class will showcase books they've recently read, Bennett said.

Forsan ISD has no specific observances planned for Public School Week, officials said.

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

Kiwanis pancake feast is Friday

The Big Spring Kiwanis Club's 60th Pancake Supper will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in the Howard College cafe-

teria. The all-you-can-eat meal includes pancakes, sausage, bacon and a drink for \$5 per person.

Benefit to help Forsan school band

A benefit barbecue cook-off for the Forsan band trip to Washington, D.C. is set for March 12 at 703 W. Third. Categories are brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans.

Cooking will begin early that morning and judging will be at 1 p.m. Dining begins at 1 p.m. also.

Registration is \$10 per category and plates are \$5 per person. Cooks may register now by calling 263-6862.

The event is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188, the American legion Post 506, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossoacks MC and the Big Spring Bass Club.

Castelle to perform Wednesday

Belgian singer Nancy Castele will be performing a free community concert at 7 p.m.

Wednesday in the Dora Roberts Community Center Lake Room. The public is invited

Cost-share funds signup date March 18

Special to the Herald

The deadline for producers in Howard County to sign up for 2005 cost-share funds through the Senate Bill 503 Water Quality Program is March 18.

These funds are primarily used to develop and improve irrigation practices. This program also ensures proper nutrient and pest management practices are applied to

enable agricultural operations to meet state water quality standards. Practices suitable to meet water quality goals and eligible cost-share in Howard County include drip irrigation or converting an existing irrigation systems to a more efficient system.

The advantage of participating in this programs is that if a producer develops and maintains a site specific water quality

management plan through the local Howard Soil and Water Conservation District and the plan is certified by the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board, the producer will be in compliance with state water quality law. They are also exempt from other state regulatory processes regarding nonpoint source discharge of pollutants.

A water quality management plan includes appro-

priate land treatment practices, production measures, technologies of any combination to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement.

For more information or to make an application, contact the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District at (432) 267-1871, ext. 3, or come by the USDA Service Center in Big Spring.

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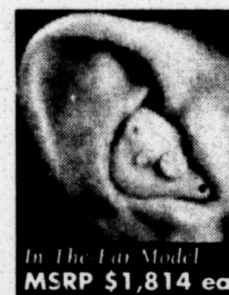
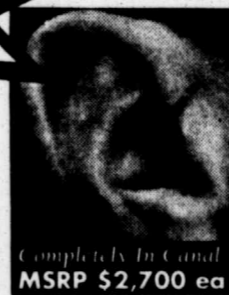
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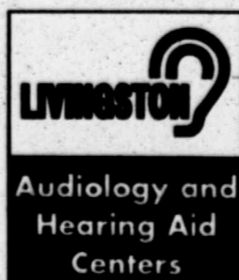
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3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
5. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (HarperCollins)
6. "The Forgotten Man" by Robert Crais (Doubleday)
7. "Survivor in Death" by Nora Roberts, writing as J.D. Robb (Putnam)
8. "The Da Vinci Code: Special Illustrated Edition" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)

9. "Blood Memory" by Greg Iles (Scribner)
10. "I Am Charlotte Simmons" by Tom Wolfe (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Bob Greene's Total Body Makeover: An Accelerated Program of Exercise and Nutrition for Maximum Results in Minimum Time" by Bob Greene (Simon & Schuster) (NF-H)
2. "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" by Jose Canseco (ReganBooks)
3. "French Women Don't Get Fat" by Mireille Guiliano (Knopf)
4. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
5. "Blink: The Power of Thinking

- Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
6. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
 7. "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court Is Destroying America" by Mark R. Levin (Regnery)
 8. "He's Just Not That into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
 9. "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed" by Jared Diamond (Viking)
 10. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

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

3. "Dean Koontz's Frankenstein: Prodigal Son" by Dean Koontz, Kevin J. Anderson, (Bantam)
4. "3rd Degree" by James Patterson and Andrew Gross (Warner)
5. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
7. "Dark Secret" by Christine Feehan (Jove)
8. "Wait Until Midnight" by Amanda Quick (Jove)
9. "The Calhouns: Catherine, Amanda and Lilah" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
10. "Visions in Death" by J.D. Robb (Berkley)

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. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
4. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
5. "The Birth of Venus" by Sarah Dunant, (Random House)
6. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
7. "Supernanny" by Jo Frost (Hyperion)
8. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
9. "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
10. "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson (Vintage)

Best sellers — video

By The Associated Press

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

Top Kid Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Mulan 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "Aloha Scooby-Doo," Warner Home Video.
3. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Blues Clues _ Blues Room: It's Hug Day," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "The Land Before Time XI: The Invasion of the Tinysauruses," Universal Studios Home Video.
6. "Spongebob Squarepants: Home Sweet Pineapple," Paramount Home Entertainment.
7. "Dora the Explorer: Silly Fiesta," Paramount Home Entertainment.
8. "Dora the Explorer: Dora's Fairytale Adventure," Paramount Home Entertainment.
9. "Dora the Explorer: Rhymes and Riddles," Paramount Home Entertainment.
10. "Dora the Explorer: City of Lost Toys," Paramount Home Entertainment.

Top VHS Rentals

(Based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Assn.)

1. "The Notebook," New Line Home Entertainment.
2. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
3. "The Grudge," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
4. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "Shall We Dance," Miramax Home Entertainment.
6. "Friday Night Lights," Universal Studios Home



Rachel McAdams in New Line Cinema's "The Notebook."

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7. "The Forgotten," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
 8. "Mr. 3000," Dimension Home Video.
 9. "Cellular," New Line Home Entertainment.
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6. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
7. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
8. "Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed," Warner Home Video.
9. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
10. "Blues Clues _ Blues Room: It's Hug Day," Paramount Home Entertainment.

Top DVD Sales

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 2. "Shark Tale (Pan & Scan)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 3. "The Notebook," New Line Home Entertainment.
 4. "Ray (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
 5. "Mulan 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
 6. "Ray (Pan & Scan)," Universal Studios Home Video.
 7. "The Grudge," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
 8. "Shall We Dance (Pan & Scan)," Miramax Home Entertainment.
 9. "Napoleon Dynamite," FoxVideo.
 10. "Shall We Dance (Widescreen)," Miramax Home Entertainment.
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Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

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- HOT POP SINGLE:
"Candy Shop," 50 Cent (feat. Olivia).
- TOP POP ALBUM:
"Genius Loves Company," Ray Charles.
- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE:
"Let Me Love You," Mario.
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM:
"The Documentary," The Game.
- HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK:
"Bless the Broken Road," Rascal Flatts.
- TOP COUNTRY ALBUM:
"Be As You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair," Kenny Chesney.
- TOP VHS RENTAL:
"The Notebook."
- TOP VHS SALE:
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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.
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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 the second two is position instruction involving catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders.
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Basketball playoffs set for Coliseum

Howard College will host two Boys Class 3A regional quarterfinal championship games on Tuesday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

At 6 p.m., the Merkel Badgers face the Levelland Lobos, while Abilene Wylie and Seminole face off at 8 p.m.

College plans sports promotion

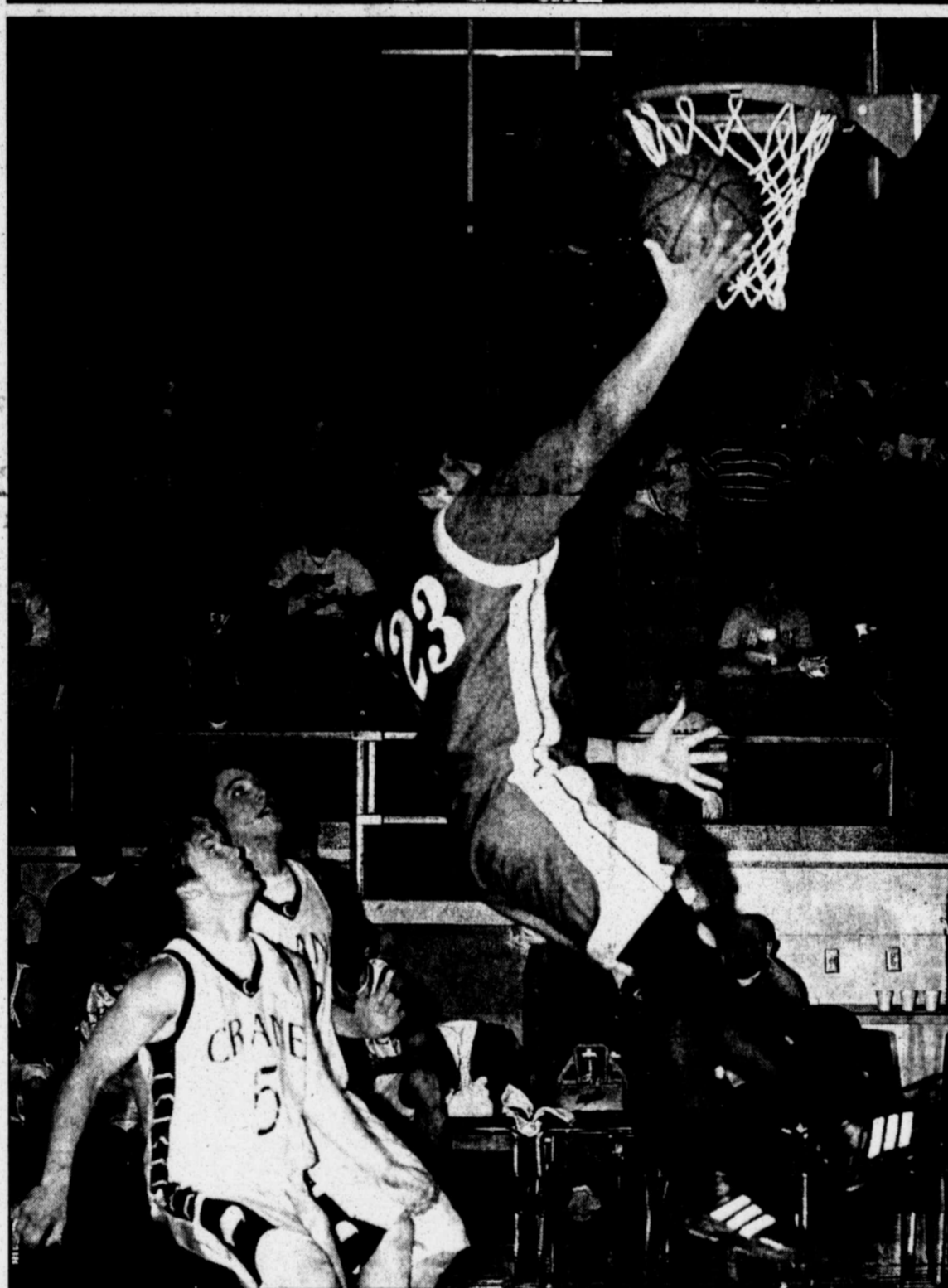
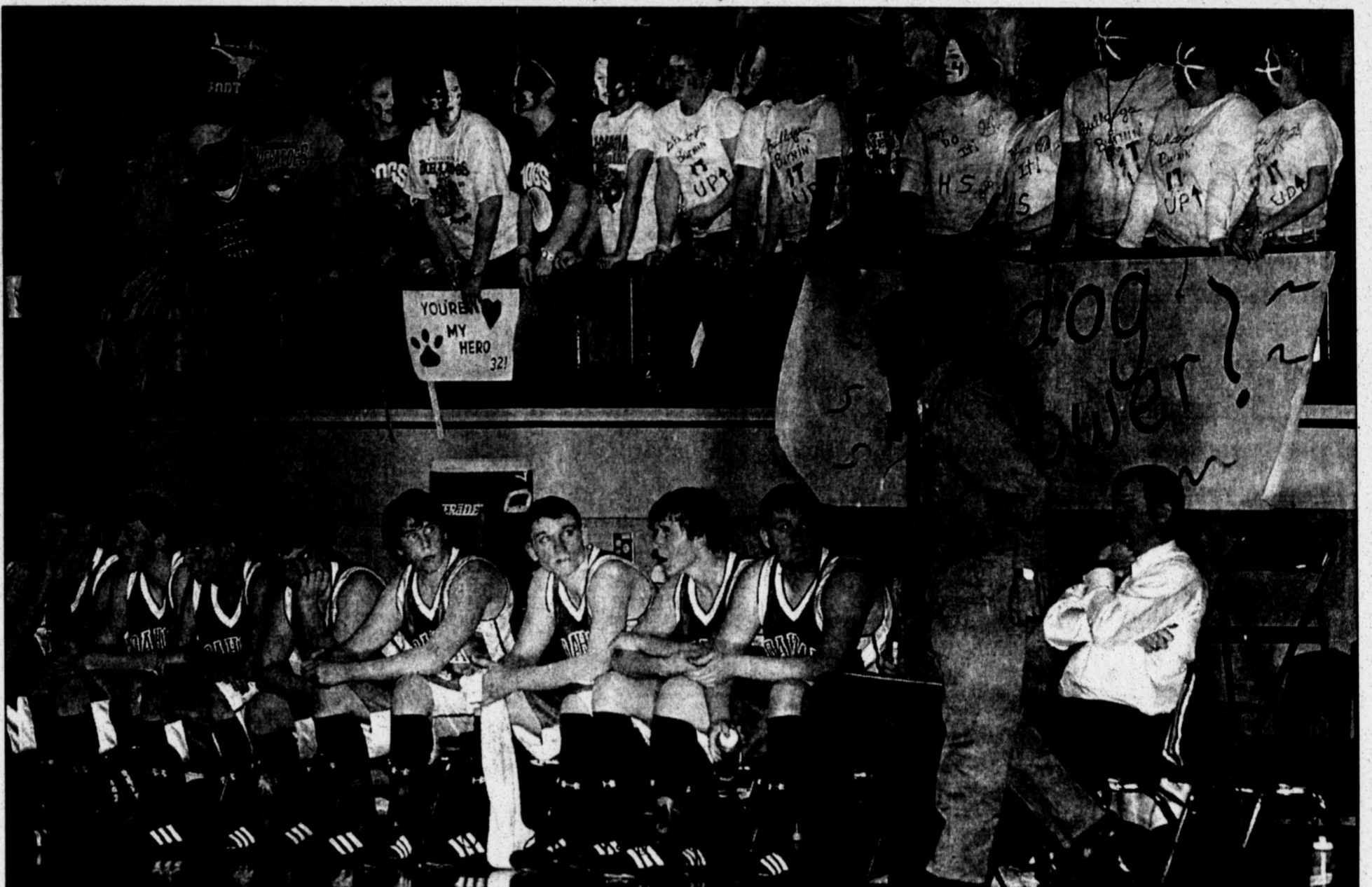
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Above, Coahoma's Adrian Abrego (23) attempts a layup during the Bulldogs' Class 2A Area basketball playoff game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday night. At top, Head Coach Kim Nichols shouts instructions as fans watch the action.

'Dogs' rally falls short

Coahoma drops 53-50 decision to Crane in Class 2A playoff game

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For the Coahoma Bulldogs, it was a matter of having to overcome one too many cold streaks.

A disastrous third quarter proved to be the dagger in the heart of the Bulldogs' playoff dreams, as they dropped a 53-50 decision to the Crane Golden Cranes in Class 2A Area playoff action at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday night.

The Bulldogs had started the game on a cold note — the Golden Cranes raced out to a quick 8-0 lead — but had rallied to take a 29-26 lead into intermission.

Coahoma's second cold streak, however, proved insurmountable.

The pivotal third quarter was all the more painful for the 'Dogs in that they controlled the action for much of the rest of the game. But in those fateful eight minutes, Coahoma's faithful watched the halftime lead

disintegrate into a 15-point deficit, a disadvantage the Bulldogs were not quite able to overcome.

The reason for the drastic turnaround was simple: Coahoma's shots quit falling. The Bulldogs converted only one of seven shots from the field and a pair of Tyler Murpy free throws in the third quarter. Also, they turned the ball over eight times during that time.

"We just came out cold (after halftime), and we couldn't hit anything," Coahoma Head Coach Kim Nichols said. "But there's a lot of fight in these guys. They never gave up."

Indeed, despite facing a 48-33 deficit heading into the final quarter, the Bulldogs shook off the effects of the frosty third and mounted a comeback that almost turned the game in their favor.

First, Nichols switched the Bulldogs' defensive

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BSHS swimmers settle for consolation finals

Hughey misses final by eyelash; relay team 15th in preliminaries

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

AUSTIN — Big Spring's three-time state qualifier Jessica Hughey was just .35 seconds away from the pivotal eighth place, but had to settle for 10th and a trip to the consolation final in the 100 breaststroke during the University Interscholastic League State Swimming and Diving Championships at the Texas Swimming Center here Friday.

Big Spring's 400-meter

relay team of junior Daniel Pike, seniors Scott Thomas and Todd Seber and sophomore Ryan Hughey also settled for the consolation final Saturday as their time of 3:35 earned them a 15th-place finish.

Jessica Hughey swam a personal best 1:11.80, but just missed a trip into Saturday's championship final heat.

"I dropped my time and the race for eighth was close," said Hughey, who can finish as high as ninth in Saturday's consolation final. "I had one bad turn and that is what I have to work on for Saturday."

The Steer relay team was 11 seconds better than 16th place Alice, but turns and the experience

of swimming at state for the first time caught up with the swimmers.

"The kids were extremely nervous today," said Big Spring coach Casey Pacheco, who guided five swimmers to state in just his first year as head coach. "We pushed it hard today, but we are going to have to push it harder (Saturday). The guys have to work their turns more and Jessica just needs to perfect her swim."

"Her turns are very sketchy and she short-stroked it."

Brittany Sacco of Dallas Highland Park and Stephanie Martin of Dallas Wilson were the top finishers in the 100 breaststroke. Sacco swam a 1:06.15, while Martin

pushed her way to a 1:08.35.

The difference in the 100 breaststroke among finishers six through 10 was just .72 seconds.

"I still think I can break the school record Saturday," said Jessica, who currently owns school records in the backstroke and freestyle events.

Big Spring's 100 breaststroke record is 1:09.90.

The boy's 400 relay was tight at the top end of the event. Texarkana won the preliminary race with a 3:18.12, but Frisco finished with a 3:18.13 and Rosenberg Lamar Consolidated was just .05 seconds behind with a 3:18.17.

"It was a new experience for us and we did the

best we could, but the competition here is awesome," said Ryan Hughey. "We busted, but pretty much got whipped today."

Pike was not happy with Friday's swim, but said there is always a chance for redemption Saturday.

"We did not swim our best (Friday)," said Pike. "(Saturday) we are going to have fun and hopefully go out with a bang."

"The pool seemed to have little different set-up than we are used to, but I guarantee we will swim better (Saturday)."

The state swim began at 4 p.m. Saturday and final results were not available at press time.

See Monday's issue of the Herald for final results.

Coahoma

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scheme, abandoning the zone for a full-court press. The effects were almost instantaneous, and the Crane offense that blistered Coahoma for 22 points in the third quarter sputtered to a virtual halt, managing only seven points in the final eight minutes.

"What a great group of kids. I don't know what other people's expectations were for them, but our expectations were pretty high — and they met them."

**Coahoma
Head Coach
Kim Nichols**

"We decided to jump into the press and try to change the speed of the game — and it did. I guess we should have gone with it sooner," Nichols admitted.

On the offensive end, the Bulldogs got leading scorer Isaac Brewer re-involved in matters. Brewer, who led all scorers with 21 points, was shut out in the third quarter, but

reasserted himself with a vengeance down the stretch.

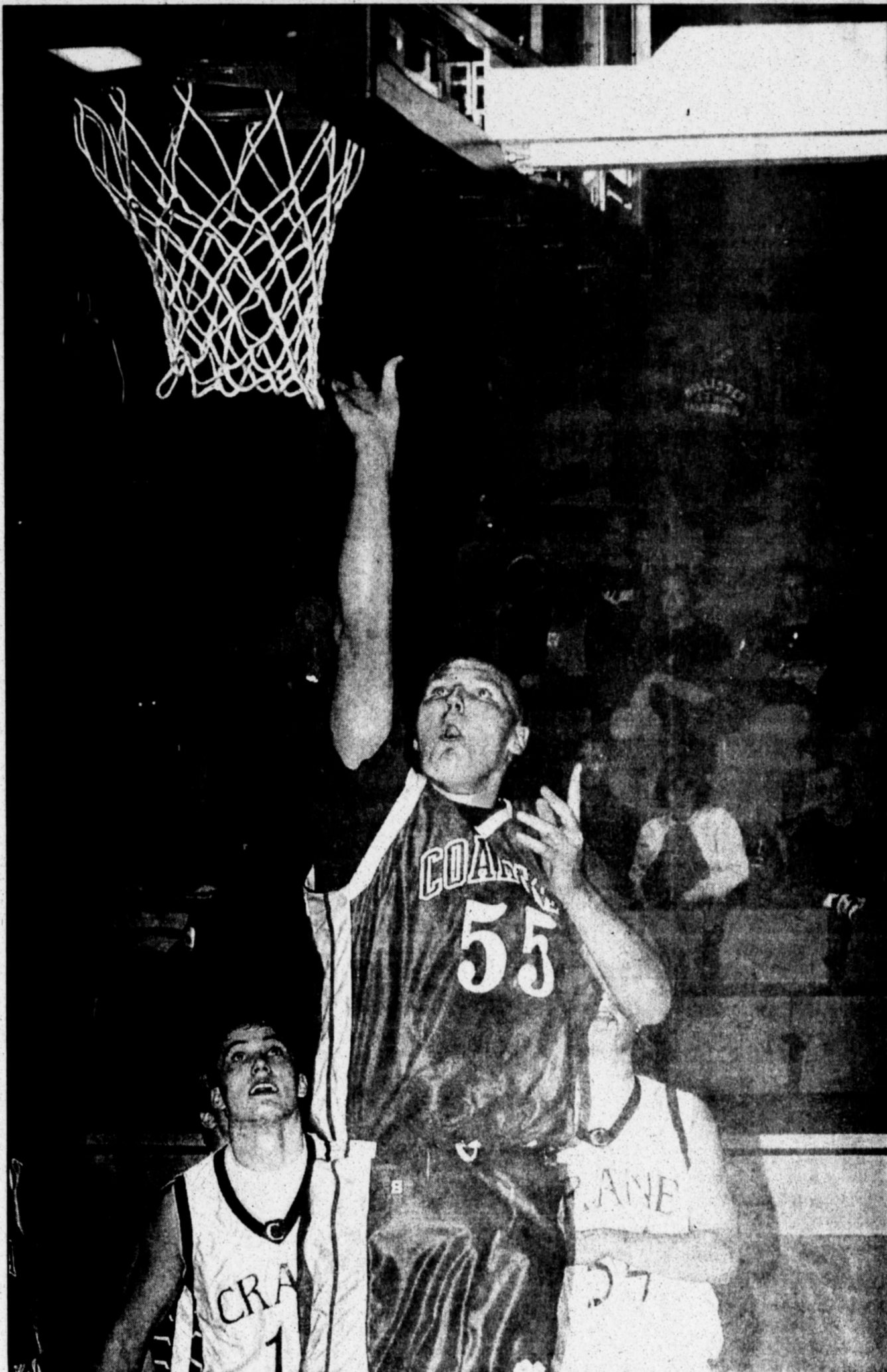
The 6-foot-9 senior served noticed that the 'Dogs weren't quite dead when he nailed a three-pointer from the top of the circle with 5:20 remaining to cut the deficit to 10 points. He then added a pair of short-range jumpers to a Murphy free throw and a Clint Walker basket to bring Coahoma to within six points of the lead at the two-minute mark.

Baskets by Brewer and Joe Holguin trimmed the deficit even further, but the Bulldogs rally simply ran out of time, and a desperation court-length shot at the buzzer by Brewer missed the mark.

Crane (19-10) advances to meet Tuscola Jim Ned in the regional quarterfinals, while Coahoma, which advanced to the area round for the first time since 1997, ends its season with a 17-11 record.

"What a great group of kids," Nichols said of his team. "I don't know what other people's expectations were for them, but our expectations were pretty high — and they met them."

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Coahoma's Isaac Brewer (55) scores two of his game-high 21 points during the Bulldogs' Class 2A Area playoff game against Crane Friday night.

Golfers stand 15th in Midland

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The Big Spring boy's golf team were tied for 15th after the first round of Division II play at the Tall City Invitational in Midland Friday.

The Invitational is broken down in three divisions; Big Spring competed in Division II at the Greentree Country Club Friday.

The Steers, who are tied with Amarillo Caprock, entered Saturday's competition with a team score of 370.

Junior Chance Cain led Big Spring with a first round 78, while sophomore Ryan Tannehill added a 96.

Midland Lee's 'B' team led Division II after first-round action after shooting a 297. They have the tournament's lead, also, as Stuart Sutter shot an opening-round 68.

Big Spring's district rival Frenship is currently in fifth place after shooting a first round 315. Jake Mahan is in a tie for fourth place after shooting a

74. Andrews' Bryce Horton is currently tied for seventh with a first round 75.

The Tall City Invitational continued Saturday, but final results were unavailable at press time.

Big Spring Country Club's 4-person scramble has been rescheduled for March 5-6. Call 432-267-5354 for more details.

Rain wrecks weekend tournaments

Friday's rains postponed a number of activities Big Spring High School athletic teams were involved in. Among them were the Tall City Classic tennis tournament and the West Texas Classic at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

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In all cases, play was to resume Saturday, weather permitting.

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Spring training

Giants owner saddened by thought of Bonds' achievements being thought of as tainted

By the Associated Press

San Francisco Giants owner Peter Magowan realizes that Barry Bonds' accomplishments might not be regarded as highly because of the steroid scandal.

"It saddens me. I'm sure it saddens Barry," Magowan said Friday. "But I don't think it's going to affect his performance, or the performance of the team. We lived under this cloud all of last year, and we did fine under that kind of adversity. He did fine under that kind of adversity."

Magowan wasn't in town for Bonds' contentious session with the media Tuesday, but read about it while in Europe and wished his superstar had been less combative.

"I would have said some things maybe a little differently," Magowan said, during a quick visit to the team's spring training home in Scottsdale, Ariz. "But we have to remember this is a free country. People have a right to say what they think. I'm not the one under that kind of pressure and scrutiny that he was."

Bonds was defiant in his first public comments since his grand jury testimony was leaked to the San Francisco Chronicle and reported in December.

According to the Chronicle, Bonds testified to a grand jury in December 2003 that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer who was indicted in a steroid-distribution ring, but said he didn't know if they were steroids. Prosecutors believe the substances were two steroids at the center of the BALCO scandal.

The 40-year-old Bonds enters the season with 703 homers, trailing only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) on the career list.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling felt fine one day after throwing off a mound for the first time since his November ankle surgery.

Schilling, who had the torn sheath that surrounds his right ankle tendon repaired, threw 47 pitches on Thursday and is to throw off a mound again on Saturday. Manager Terry Francona said Schilling felt "no ill effects."

Pitcher Wade Miller, signed as a free agent during the offseason, threw 180-foot tosses for the second day in a row, putting him ahead of his manager's expectations.

"He's pushing getting to the mound," Francona said. "I don't think any of us quite thought he'd be ready to do that yet."

In Vero Beach, Fla., Eric Gagne's sprained knee ligament didn't keep the Los Angeles Dodgers' closer from working out Friday.

Gagne hurt his left knee Thursday during the Dodgers' first full-squad workout of spring training. He was diagnosed afterward as having sustained a mild sprain, and

an MRI exam Friday confirmed the diagnosis.

"It's better today," Gagne said following his workout on an elliptical machine and before the exam. "It's not sharp pain. I did about an hour of cardio today. I know it's not (serious). I'm not a doctor, but I feel better today. I'm walking on it — no swelling."

In Tampa, Fla., Randy Johnson's scheduled batting practice session was pushed back one day to Saturday by the New York Yankees to line him up for his first spring training start next week.

Johnson slightly injured his left calf earlier this week, which kept him out of some conditioning drills. Johnson said he could have thrown Friday.

"Age is starting to set in now ... they're giving me an extra day," the 41-year-old Johnson joked. "I could go out and do it today if they wanted to. Everything is fine. The calf is fine. As little as it is, not a whole lot of muscle to pull there."

Johnson is slated to start the Yankees' spring training opener against Pittsburgh on Thursday and the regular-season opener April 3 against Boston.

In Jupiter, Fla., St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Rick Ankiel threw to hitters for the first time in spring training. Ankiel survived a brief scare last fall when, while pitching in Puerto Rico, he felt a twinge of pain in the elbow and was sent home.

"It seems to be completely healed," Ankiel said. "No pain. I came home and took some medicine, took some time off, and eased back into it."

Ankiel arrived in 2000 at age 19 with a mid-90s fastball and a nasty curve. He won 11 games and averaged more than a strikeout per inning before epic wildness and an elbow injury derailed his career for nearly three seasons.

Ankiel appeared in five late-season games last year and earned his first victory since early in the 2001 season.

In Mesa, Ariz., Kerry Wood will make his third straight opening day start for the Cubs, manager Dusty Baker said Friday.

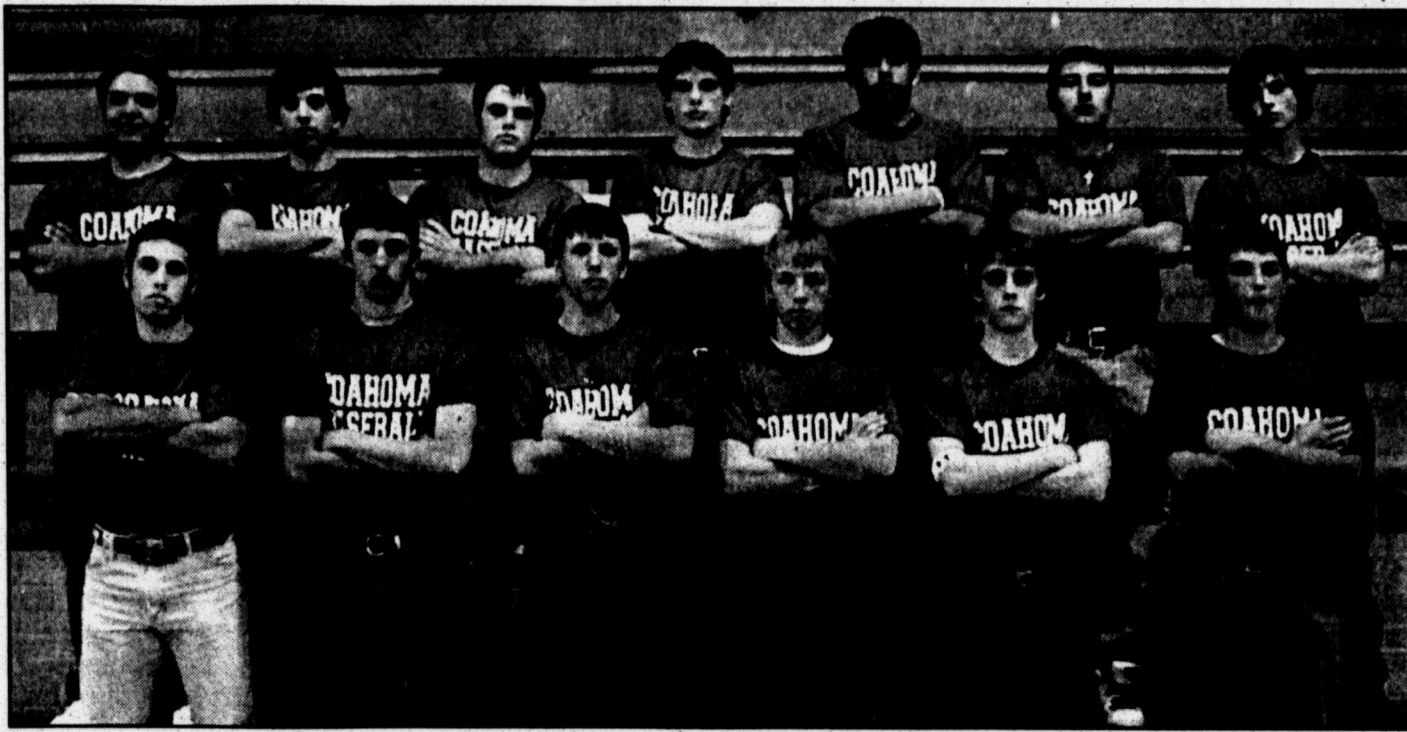
The 27-year-old right-hander will be on the mound in Arizona against the Diamondbacks on April 4.

"We've got five guys, in my opinion, who could be opening-day starters," Wood said Friday. "Once you get 2-3 weeks into it with rainouts and days off, whatever, everybody's mixed up. It is an honor, though."

Wood, 8-9 with a 3.72 ERA last year, was on the disabled list from May 7 until July 11 because of a strained right triceps. For his career, the hard-thrower is 67-50 with a 3.63 ERA and 1,209 strikeouts in 1,043 innings pitched.

"It felt great; everything went well," Wood said after throwing live batting practice Friday. "I ended up throwing about 28 pitches. It's nice to see hitters."

COAHOMA



2005 Bulldog Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Feb. 24-26	Greenwood Tourney	Midland	TBA
March 1	Sonora	Here	5:30
March 3-5	Sweetwater Tourney	Sweetwater	TBA
March 8	Kermit	Kermit	1:00
March 10-12	Snyder Tourney	Snyder	TBA
March 15	Crane	Crane	7:00
March 22	Midland Christian	Midland (FAB)	6:00
March 25	*Stamford	Stamford	4:00
March 29	*Colorado City	Colorado City	7:00

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2005 Lady Bulldog Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM	SITE	TIME
Feb. 24-26-7AM-Sat	Midland Tournament	JV-V	(T)	TBA
March 1	Greenwood	V	(T)	4:30
March 3-5-7AM-Sat	Snyder Tournament	V	(T)	TBA
March 7	Snyder	JV-V	(T)	5/7:00
March 9-12	Arlington Tournament	V	(N. Richland Hills)	TBA
March 15	Big Spring	JV-V	(T)	4/6:00
March 18	Andrews	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00
March 22	Midland Lee	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00
March 25	*Stamford	V	(T)	6:30
March 29	*Colorado City	JV-V	(T)	5/7:00

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Cowboys have plenty to do this offseason

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — When the NFL offseason gets rolling this week, the Dallas Cowboys will have a lot going for them: Plenty of room under the salary cap, two first-round draft picks and the hope they can still draw players who want to wear a star on their helmet and play for Bill Parcells.

The problem is that Dallas has plenty of needs, too.

After falling from 10-6 to 6-10, the Cowboys have prime jobs available in the secondary and on both lines. They may need linebackers, too, especially if Parcells decides to change to a 3-4 defense. They'd also would like to upgrade the offense with a big-play receiver and a backup running back.

And that lengthy wish list comes after already filling one vital spot this past week, when they signed Drew Bledsoe as their starting quarterback.

The Bledsoe signing is a clear indication that owner Jerry Jones is letting Parcells do things his way in what might be the 63-year-old coach's last big push in the NFL.

Parcells has two years left on his contract, but it's conceivable that if Dallas flops again he won't return in 2006. That adds to the intrigue of this offseason, making the stakes even higher than usual.

The coach who once declared he wanted to buy the groceries if he was going to be doing the

cooking will be taking a fat wallet to the NFL's version of the supermarket. Free agents can be signed and trades can be made starting Wednesday, and Parcells has at his disposal roughly \$15 million under the salary cap and the 11th and 20th picks in next month's draft.

Parcells also knows he has to make up for a poor showing last offseason, when he opted to be cautious with Jones' money. The Cowboys could have used several players he didn't sign and many that he brought in didn't pan out — Dallas already cut its top signee of 2004, defensive end Marcellus Wiley.

"We'll be more aggressive in free agency than we were last year," Jones said, adding that they were passive last time around because "we just didn't see the value."

The Cowboys were so weak in so many areas last season that the front office might have a hard time deciding where to begin. They'll probably go with defense, but that leads to the question of what to fix first, the front or the back? Then there's the dilemma of deciding what to address through free agency and what to target in the draft.

An overriding question is how the Cowboys will line up. Jones said it might depend on who they add.

"We all know a big player with speed, very aggressive — a playmaker — is good in any scheme," Jones said. "I think it is possible at the



Drew Bledsoe will be reunited with Coach Bill Parcells in Dallas this season.

end of free agency and the draft, if we just didn't get a player or players who fit that, it would impact whether you go to a 3-4 or a 4-3."

Dallas also must decide soon whether veterans Dexter Coakley and La'Roi Glover will have a role. Both would get hefty checks just for being on the roster on Wednesday.

Coakley, who is due \$500,000, is likely to be cut because Parcells doesn't like small linebackers, especially expensive, aging ones, regardless of how fast and dependable they've been. Glover, who would get \$1 million, just made his fifth straight Pro Bowl but acknowledges he'd be a bad fit as the nose tackle on a three-man line.

Regardless of how the front seven lines up, the Cowboys desperately need starters at cornerback and safety to play opposite Roy Williams and

Terence Newman. Parcells steered clear of adding anyone last year. He probably won't make that mistake again, especially with Jones noting "there's more numbers of players there this year."

On the other side of the ball, Dallas has enough skilled players for Parcells to woo Bledsoe by uncharacteristically bragging about "some of the offensive firepower that's here."

"He shared with me that he really felt like this offense had a chance to be very, very good," Bledsoe said.

However, the Cowboys still will be after a deep threat, probably in the draft, and another running back to ease the load on Julius Jones. They may also look for a versatile, third-down type if they're concerned about Richie Anderson returning from a neck injury.

To really get the most out of the sack-prone Bledsoe, Dallas will need to improve its offensive line. The right side needs the most work, but the left side isn't as firm as it might seem.

Parcells has hinted about moving Flozell Adams over from left tackle and replacing him with second-round pick

Jacob Rogers, but that would be a risk considering Rogers wasn't able to make it onto the field at right tackle last season. Larry Allen also is no longer the rock he once was at left guard and his cap figure of more than \$6.5 million is the club's highest.

Stubborn and proud, Parcells wants to go out a winner. He's certainly motivated to prove that last season was a fluke, not his resurrecting debut season. He'd also love to win a third Super Bowl, which would give him as many as his former assistant, Bill Belichick; it also would be Parcells' first without Belichick on his staff.

But any talk of a championship is farfetched for a team that last won a playoff game in 1996. Even a division title seems like a stretch,

mainly because Philadelphia still plays in the East.

A more realistic goal would be returning to the playoffs, then hoping Parcells comes back to try finishing the climb in 2006.

Jones, however, is ever the optimist and believes he can celebrate the 10th season since his last Super Bowl with a return trip.

"The system we're in in the NFL today, one of the encouraging aspects of it from our standpoint is that teams that didn't do very well in one year can turn around and contend the next year," he said. "That has impacted my philosophy, my plan, and our organization's plan as to how to build a contending team."

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Was \$9,995 **Must Go Price \$5,995**

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Was \$17,995 **Must Go Price \$10,995**

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Gold Star
Mothers of
1961.

Joe Smith, left, discusses the Gold Star Mother memorabilia his mother saved with Vietnam Memorial Committee member Jerry Groves and Don Boling and Gold Star Mother Ginger Metcalf.

Gold Star Mothers

Memorabilia finds home

Through the generosity of a former Big Spring resident, Joe H. Smith, the Vietnam Memorial Committee members see expansion in their future with the addition of historic memorabilia from the Gold Star Mothers.

"My mother was a founding member of the Gold Star Mothers organization in Big Spring. I was going through my sister's closets after she died and I found all these scrapbooks from when the Big Spring chapter of the Gold Star Mothers was founded that my mother had kept," Smith said.

Two memorial committee members, Jerry Groves and Don Boling, along with Gold Star mother Ginger Metcalf, whose son, USMC Lance Cpl. Chad Metcalf Bales was killed in Ash Hahn serving in the War in Iraq in April 2003, met with Smith Monday.

"We are very appreciative of this donation to the Vietnam Memorial Committee. Our Gold Star Mothers mean a great deal to us and we have tremendous respect for the Gold Star Mothers," said Groves.

In fact, committee members have already begun plans for how to best display the three volumes of memorabilia donated by Smith.

"These will be well taken care of and given the respect they deserve. This will be a great benefit to the memorial," Boling said.

Plans are to place the chapter artifacts into glass display cases at the Sparenburg Building in downtown Big Spring until suitable cases are built for the memorial site, Boling said.

"When we built the memorial we left a place at the back of the patio with expansion in mind," Groves said.

Donations will be accepted to help with the cost of building the display cases, memorial committee members said, and Smith volunteered to be the first person to donate funds toward the project.

White said his mother helped found the Gold Star Mothers Big Spring Chapter in 1950 after his older brother, Travis Lee Smith, 18, was killed in Germany, just

three weeks before the end of World War II.

"I remember coming home and finding these chatty women in our house. The Gold Star Mothers were good-hearted, great, very sweet women," Smith said.

His mother, Annie M. Smith (1907-1992) moved from their home on Scurry Street to Collinsville after his father died in 1986. His sister, Ann Kimbrough, who died in December of 2004, had kept the scrap books for his mother in a closet in her home. Smith found them when he began sorting her things.

Joe Smith was the youngest of four children born to Annie M. and Herbert L. Smith, founding families of Howard County. He had two sisters, Kimbrough and Betty Priest Jones, and he was 16 years younger than his brother Travis, he said.

"My mom had an identical twin sister, Ruth Proctor, of Midland, who baby-sat Pres. Bush's twin daughters when they lived in Midland. In fact, I played with the president of the United States in the sand in Midland when I was about 8 or 9 and he was about 5," Smith said.

Smith's cousin, Mike Proctor was "best buddies" with Bush when they were preschoolers, he said. He recalls when Pres. Bush's father, George Bush Sr., was vice-president and he came to Midland to visit his son, who lived across the streets from Ruth Proctor.

"They sent the girls to stay with my aunt and a Secret Service agent came with them. My aunt was very dramatic and she was just beside herself because there was a man hanging around her house who had a gun," Smith said.

He also recalls an escapade that garnered him ill-favor with the Bush family when he and the other boys decided to build a swimming pool in the dry, dusty ground on one side of the Bush's home. The hole they dug yielded an unsightly pit in the lawn, as well as created large amounts of red mud tracked into the home.

"I was not very welcome after that, as I was the oldest of the group," he said.

Mike Proctor became a medic in the U.S. Army and served two tours in Vietnam, he said.

"Mike received a football scholarship to Rice University and then he became career

military," he said. Smith's roots in Howard County actually go back to the turn of the century, when his dad's parents, James W. and Eva Smith, moved from Comanche County to Howard County.

His grandfather owned a furniture store where he bought and sold new and used appliances and guns. He was also involved in real estate in Howard County, Smith said.

"This was a frontier boom town then, about 1913," Smith said.

Joe's father, Herbert, also owned businesses in Howard County, including Pugs Liquor Store from 1950-1975, when he retired. The original building of the store was moved to Sand Springs near the Salem Road exit and is still standing, he said.

His father also farmed cotton on the Garden City Highway and Smith continues to keep the farm operating, with the assistance of Kim Denton.

"We still raise cotton and mesquite trees and prickly pear," he said. The family also owns land in New Mexico.

"And I remember playing baseball on the field before the Big Spring Herald was here," he said.

His uncle, James Howard Smith, was an editor of *El Rodeo*, the Big Spring High School newspaper, and he designed the first BSHS class ring, he said.

"He was a mechanical engineer, and you can tell that from the ring design," Smith said.

His mother's family originally hailed from Tuscaloosa, Ala., and relocated to Midland in 1910, where her father was a First Baptist minister. She had five brothers and two sisters. She married Smith's father in 1922 when she was 16.

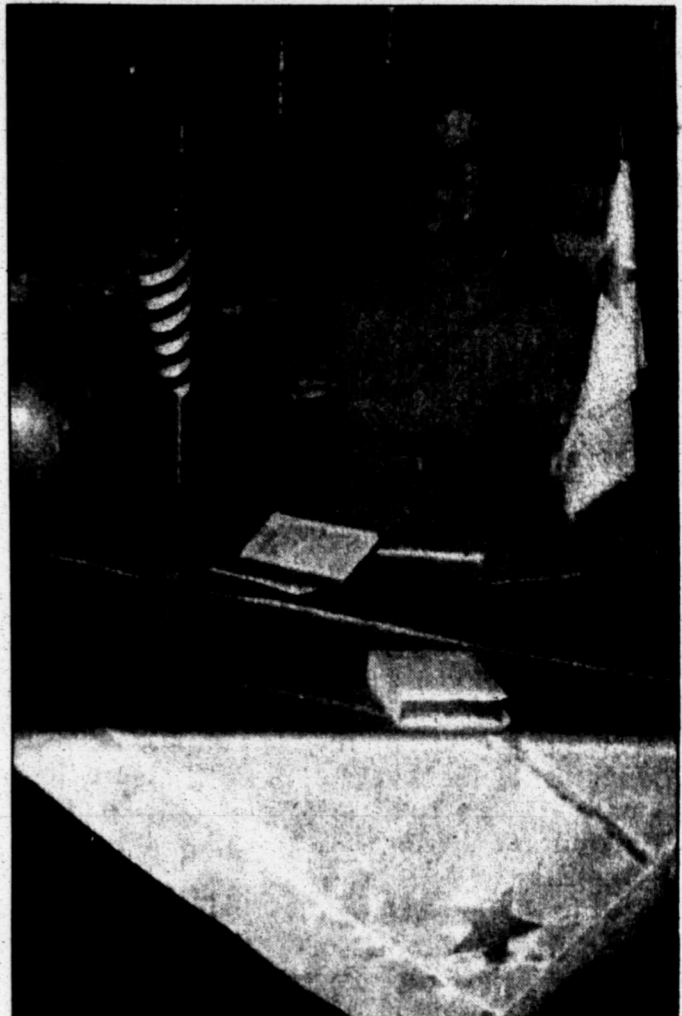
Today, Smith lives in Houston and has his own business, Petrophysics Inc., a geological group, he said. He visits Howard County as often as possible and he looks toward his own retirement in a few years.

"Nothing would make my mother happier than knowing that her Gold Star Mother's material is being displayed here in Big Spring," Smith said.

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JOE H. SMITH



Courtesy photo
Mrs. Annie M. Smith, former president of Gold Star Mothers Big Spring Chapter.

God's Loan to a Mother

I'll lend you for a little time
A child of mine," He said,
"For you to love the child while he lives
And mourn for when he's dead.
It may be six or seven years, or
Twenty-two or three.
But will you, 'till I call call him back,
Take care of him for me?
He'll bring his charm to gladden you
And shall his stay be brief,
You'll have his lovely memories
As solace for your Grief.
I cannot promise he will stay
Since all from earth return,
But there are lessons taught down there
I want it is child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over
In my search for teachers true
And from the throngs that crowd life's lands,
I've selected you.
Now, will you give him all your love
Nor think the labor vain
Nor hate me when I come to call
To take him back again?"
I fancied that I heard them say
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done
For all the joy thy child shall bring
The risk of grief we'll run.
We'll shelter him with tenderness
We'll love him while we may
And for the happiness we've known
Forever grateful stay;
But shall the angels call for him
Much sooner than we've planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes
And try to understand."

Printed in a Gold Star Mothers brochure Oct. 29, 1969

What was saved

The three photo albums of Gold Star Mothers Big Spring Chapter donated by Joe Smith to the Vietnam Memorial Committee have varying types of scrapbook material.

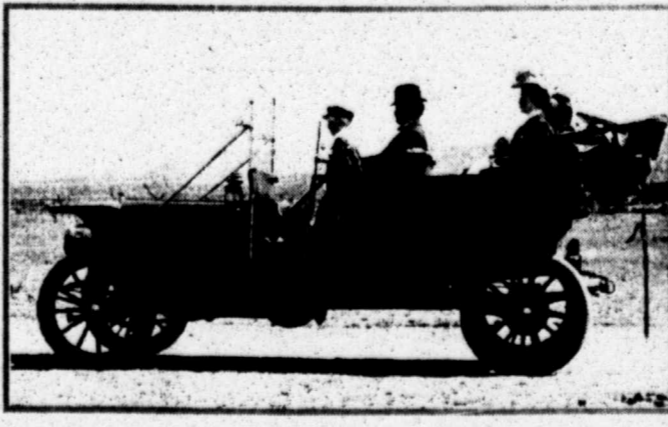
Included are thank you notes and letters of sympathy. Also, agendas and brochures from various Gold Star Mothers conventions, and even a few menus from their local meetings are found with the pages.

Veteran's Day celebrations are some of the newspaper clippings saved and pasted onto the pages of the scrap book. Also, weathered and faded napkins, name tags and

a Big Spring chamber of commerce brochure naming various agricultural and industrial spots in the county, including Webb Air Force base, that looks like it was printed in the 1960s, were saved.

Other items within the volumes include obituaries of some of the Gold Star Mothers, Mother's Day cards, poems and recipes and Valentine's Day cards, officers installation and other newspaper clippings about chapter activities.

The scrapbooks span more than four decades, from the 1950s through the early 1980s.



Courtesy photo
This early 1900s photo, taken in Howard County, is of Joe Smith's grandfather, James W. Smith, the driver of this early-model Ford, his father, Herbert Smith, standing, his grandmother, Eva Smith, James Howard Smith, his uncle, and barely visible, his great-grandmother, Elizabeth Schraeder.



Courtesy photo
Pres. George W. and Laura Bush with their twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna, about 1984. This photo was given to Joe Smith's aunt, Ruth Proctor, who lived across the street from the first family in Midland and was a babysitter for the twins.

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Engagement



Natalie Nicole Hilario and Shawn Lee Bose

Hilario, Bose to wed

Natalie Nicole Hilario of Midland and Shawn Lee Bose of Honesdale, Penn., are engaged to be married April 23, 2005, in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bobby and Amanda Porras of Midland and Arthur and Diane Hilario of Lamesa.

She is the granddaughter of Belia Landin of Midland and the late Macedonio Landin Sr.,

Elvira Hilario of Big Spring and the late Jose M. Hilario Sr., and Joe and Luisa Porras of Big Spring.

The groom-elect is the son of Kevin and Amie Bose of Honesdale, Penn., and Judy Jo and Jung of San Jose, Calif.

He is the grandson of Dreena and Tom McGinn of Alamogordo, N.M.

Births

Baylee Nicole Gard, a girl, was born Feb. 17, 2005, at 12:30 p.m., weighing 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Eric and Meeghan Gard of Gillette, Wyo.

Her grandparents are Vonda and Wayne York of Snyder, Judy and Jay Jarmes of Big Spring and Vicki and Kenneth Gard

of Buffalo, Wyo. Great-grandparents are and Nell and the late Tracy L. Kupper, Jo Posey of Big Lake, Leo Gard of Longview and Doris Gard of Rapid City, S.D.

She was welcomed home by her brother, Brock Allen.

Nikolas Perry White, a boy, was born Jan. 11, 2005, weighing 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18 inches long.

His parents are Veronica Darrow and Dalton White. His grandparents are Marsha Darrow and Charlene and Perry White. He was welcomed home by Baley, Dusta and Colton White.

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk, cornbread, fruit.

TUESDAY-Ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli & cheese, salad, milk, rolls fruit salad.

WEDNESDAY-Smothered steak, macaroni & cheese, blackeyed peas, salad, milk, rolls, pudding.

THURSDAY-Cheeseburgers, French fries, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, milk, buns, pie.

FRIDAY-Roast beef, potatoes, peas, carrots, rolls, milk, fruit salad.

BIG SPRING ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Cereal, donut, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Sausage biscuits, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Cereal, sliced ham, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Blueberry muffin, pears, milk.

FRIDAY-Cereal, cheese bite, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Sausage wrap, fresh veggies, potato rounds, apricots, tortilla, milk.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/sauce, salad, corn on cob, Jello w/mixed fruit, garlic roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, rosy apple sauce, wheat roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Beef chalu-pa, border beans, mandarin oranges, strawberry banana bar, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, pickles, carrot sticks, pudding cup, milk.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Muffins, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Pizza, garden

salad, pineapple slices, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken taco casserole, orange smiles, garden salad, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Grilled ham & cheese, chips, mixed fruit, coleslaw, milk.

THURSDAY-Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, peaches, Spanish rice, milk.

FRIDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas, pears, rolls, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST

Monday-Holiday Tuesday-Assorted cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday-Pancakes pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday-Sausage, bacon, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.

Friday-Oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Monday-Holiday

Tuesday-Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli

w/ceese, biscuits, honey,

milk. Wednesday-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, okra, black-eyed peas, Jello, garlic bread, milk.

Thursday-Tacos w/cheese, salsa, tossed salad, Spanish rice, peaches, milk.

Friday-Barbecue on bun, nacho cheese chips, pickle spears, corn, cherry cups, milk.

SANDS ISD

BREAKFAST

Tuesday-Pancake on a stick.

Wednesday-Donuts.

Thursday-Hot pockets.

Friday-Muffins

LUNCH

Tuesday-Stir-fry chick-

en, broccoli and carrots,

rice, squash, peas, crack-

ers, orange, milk.

Wednesday-Enchilada

casserole, pinto beans,

cornbread, salad, fruit,

milk.

Thursday-Chicken

nuggets, sliced potatoes,

peas, carrots, applesauce,

rolls, milk.

Friday-Lunchables.

A Tribute

It was about 38 years ago when I was granted the privilege of full time work at Byron's Storage & Transfer. Back then, Webb Air Force Base was in full swing, Big Spring seemed to be growing and so much was going on, at least through my eyes.



BURR LEA SETTLES JR.

My father had worked as a truck driver all his life. Dad started working for his father and then Kyle Grey Transfer bought him out.

Sometime later Dad went to work for Neel's Transfer and Storage. He worked there for a short time and following an incident there he went to work at Byron's Storage & Transfer.

Dad used to tell me stories of what he loved about the moving industry and later he hauled cattle, sheep and the like during World War II. One of the things he loved was the big rigs he drove.

The feel of the engine, the smell of the burning diesel as it came out of the exhaust and the sense of fulfillment in the job he performed.

I was looking forward to working at Byron's since I was 17. I had gone to Byron himself and asked to work for him. He said "sure," then found out I was only 17.

He said "Sorry son, come back when you are 18. Insurance won't allow me to hire you until then."

When I turned 18, I

was there on his door step and he put me to work. At my young age, I had a lot to learn about the moving business and like most young fellas I had my mind on the "fairer sex."

Byron was a hustler. He spent most of his working hours out visiting with folks about moving anything under the sun it seemed.

Once I had a date with a gal who lived in Knott. It was about a 20-minute drive and I had to get all spruced up prior to making the drive. The time was 15 till five, quitting time.

You could almost set your watch by him. If he had a job it was about that time he would come around and set us up for one more job before quitting.

I snuck off out the back way when he came in the front way. Made my date in plenty of time.

However, the next day at work Byron called me into his office and asked me what happened to me the day before. It was then I learned a valuable lesson from that man.

This was customary of folks in those days. You worked for your money. You earned a fair amount of money for a fair amount of work. You stayed and worked until there was no work to be done.

In the years to come, I honored that commitment. There were plenty of nights we worked until midnight or longer unloading furniture. All in all, it was the most enjoyable time of my life working at Byron's Storage and Transfer.

The work was hard. We had no modern

equipment like they do nowadays. But we had a good time working and we belonged to a family.

I was in Vietnam when Mr. Byron Neel passed away. When I was discharged from the Army, I went to work for Mrs. Neel. Her son-in-law, T.A. Camp, was the manager and I worked as hard for him as I did for Byron.

I had the opportunity to progress to driving the trucks, learning how to hook up to a flatbed truck, hooking up the brake airlines and lights. Backing up the trailer at Cosden was a trick and after a while I got really good doing it.

Eventually, I worked my way into office manager.

I worked with T.A. Camp for many more years, until the pending closure of Webb AFB forced me to leave them for the Big Spring Fire Department. But even then, for a while, I worked part-time on my days off from the fire department.

I hated to leave, but I have many fond memories. These memories have come up again recently with the passing of Mr. T.A. Camp, my old boss.

I remember him as a hard worker and reminiscent of Mr. Byron Neel, himself.

I am glad to have been a part of their lives, as it taught me many things for the years to come.

As I close I pray for the Lord's blessing of comfort on those that knew T.A. — he will be missed.

Burr Lea Settles Jr. is the former Big Spring Fire Marshal.

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Anniversary

Fryars celebrate 50th anniversary by renewing marriage vows

James and Bo Fryar of Coahoma celebrate 50 years of married and invite their friends to share in the renewing of their marriage vows at 5:30 p.m. March 5 in the Coahoma Church of Christ. A reception will follow.

The celebration is hosted by the couples' children and grandchildren.

He was born in Coahoma in 1934 and she was born in Cameron in 1936. They were introduced by when friends after Bo Buchanan moved to Big Spring from Beaumont when she was a high school sophomore.

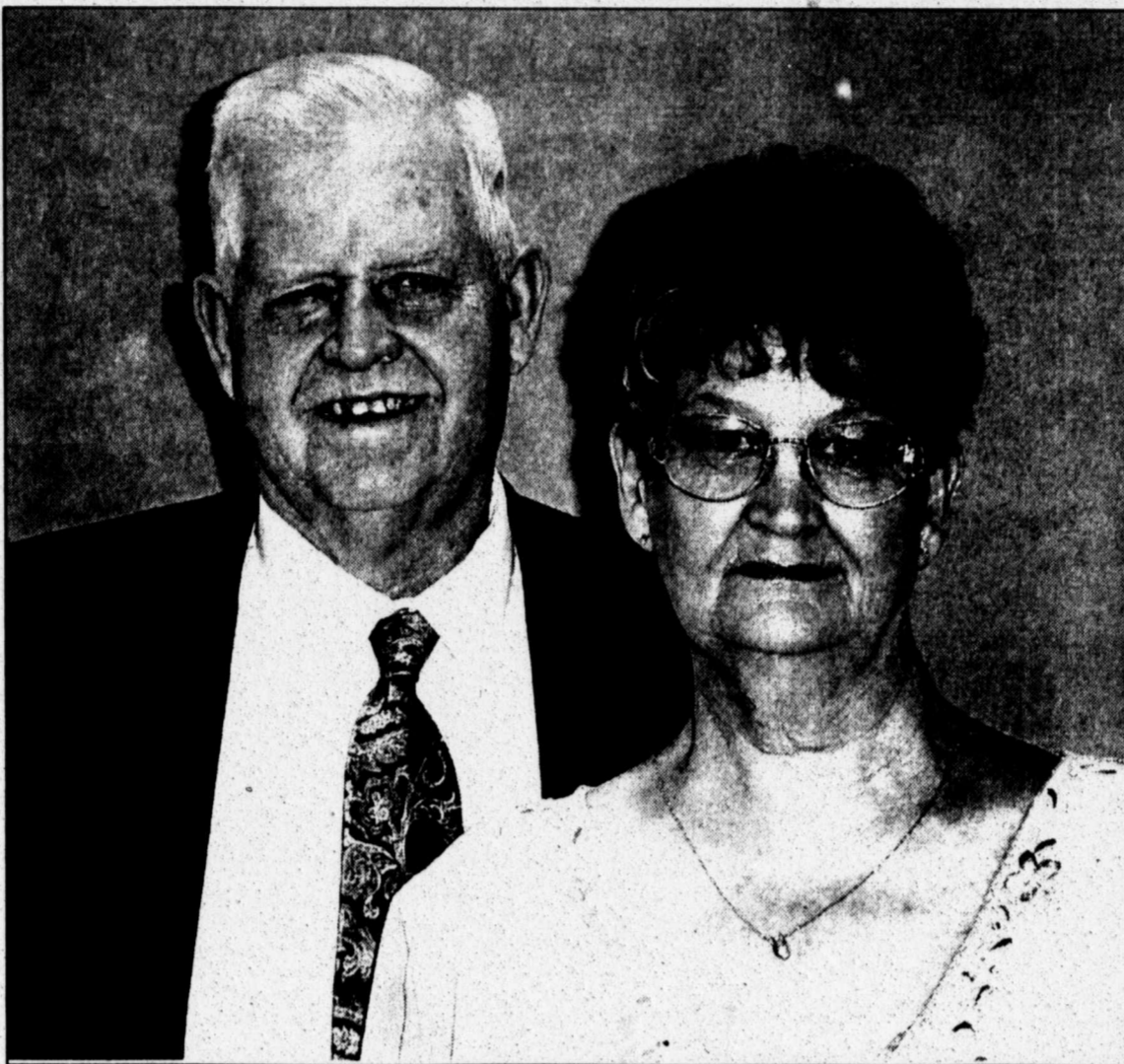
They were married March 3, 1955, in Bo's parent's home in Hobbs, N.M.

Their children are Patricia and Larry Bennett of Coahoma, Bobby and Maleah Fryar if Early, Cindy and Kenny Fryrear of Midland and Fay and Dee Parks of Brady.

The have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

James is a retired farmer and is a member of the Mustang Draw Wood Carvers.

Bo is a retired teacher from Coahoma and



Mr. and Mrs. James and Bo Fryar today and in 1955



Forsan independent school districts.

She is a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, and the 1941 Study Club.

They enjoy traveling, woodcarving, playing games and their grandchildren.

They have lived in Coahoma and Big Spring

during their marriage.

When asked about the success of their marriage they replied, "Keep Christ at the center of your marriage."

Castele to perform free concert Wednesday

Nancy Castele, a Universal musical recording artist and songwriter from Belgium and Nashville, is scheduled to perform a free concert Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and she will begin performing at 7:30 p.m.

According to the Universal Music Publishing Web site, Castele was born and raised in Kortrijk, a small city located in the west of Belgium.

At the age of 12, she attended the Conservatory in Kortrijk where four nights a week she studied music, and soon began performing with a five-piece band.

All through high school, she was the lead singer of numerous bands performing in Belgium, Holland, France and Germany.

Nancy began writing songs at the age of 17. In 1998, she signed her first publishing deal to Starspan Limited in Ireland.

Nancy traveled to Nashville, Tenn., at the age of 20. She fell in love with Nashville's music instantly. She soon began writing songs with some of Nashville's top songwriters including Rob Crosby, Kostas, Philip White and Don Goodman.

In 2000, Warner Brothers Music/Benelux signed Nancy to a recording deal.

Her first single "All In One You," written by Nancy and Craig Karp, was a hit on the Dutch pop charts.

In October 2002, Nancy signed with Universal Music Publishing Group Nashville.



Courtesy Nancy Castele publicity photo

YoungLife Round-Up Banquet scheduled

YoungLife, a non-profit Christian organization for high school students, has a Round-Up Banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Monday in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Round-Up provides

community members an opportunity to enjoy a catered barbecue dinner while learning about the work that takes place during YoungLife club.

For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call leader Shelly Warren at 264-1234.

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Comanche Trail Park Nursing Home, 3200 Parkway, hosted the first Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event of the year on Thursday. About 70 people attended, including Lezlie Kurklin, pictured left, Comanche Trail director of rehabilitation; Nancy Farek, Skilled Healthcare regional marketing director; and Monte Hengst, Skilled Healthcare regional director. Skilled Healthcare owns Comanche Trail Park Nursing Home.

Wal-Mart workers at Colorado shop reject union representation

By JON SARCHÉ

Associated Press Writer
LOVELAND, Colo. (AP) — Nearly 20 Wal-Mart workers voted against union representation Friday, rejecting a proposal that would have established the first union inside any of the retailer's stores in the country.

A spokesman for the United Food and Commercial Workers who announced the 17-1 vote said the group will ask the National Labor Relations Board throw out the results, saying no union member was allowed to observe the election at a Wal-Mart Tire & Lube Express.

The spokesman, Dave Minshall, said Wal-Mart

"Many of our associates are former union members — they know better than anyone that the only guarantee a union can make is that it will cost the members money..."

added employees to the unit to dilute the strength of union supporters.

Wal-Mart had objected to even holding the vote, saying the Tire & Lube Express was not a stand-alone operation but only a department of the larger

store. "Many of our associates are former union members — they know better than anyone that the only guarantee a union can make is that it will cost the members money — and that is why they continue to reject the UFCW," Terry Srsen, Wal-Mart vice president for labor relations, said in a written statement after the Colorado vote.

The vote by workers in Loveland was supervised by the regional office of the National Labor Relations Board, which rejected an appeal by company executives to prevent it.

Christi Gallagher, a

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Texas Brigades seek adult camp leaders

Do you love the outdoors and working with young people? Consider becoming a Texas Brigades adult volunteer this summer.

The Texas Brigades are educational programs that focus on specific game animals to teach young people about wildlife conservation. The camps are the Bobwhite Brigades (quail), Buckskin Brigades (deer), Feathered Forces Brigade (quail and turkey) and the Bass Brigade (large-mouth bass).

"Our adult leaders come with a variety of backgrounds and levels of expertise," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist and originator of the camps. "They're not expected to be experts in wildlife management, though some are. They just have to like kids and appreciate the value of hard work."

"We've had everyone

from housewives to neurosurgeons work at the camps, and they all leave with a much greater appreciation of conservation and the talents of our young people. Their 'tour of duty' is physically exhausting, but mentally rejuvenating."

Each camp is four and a half days of intense, interactive learning taught by the state's top wildlife and natural resource professionals, Rollins said. The camps, now in their 13th year, have an enrollment of 30 youth each.

This year the camps are scheduled for:
— June 4-8: Bass Brigade, 2nd Battalion, McKinney Roughs, Bastrop;

— June 12-16: South Texas Buckskin Brigade, 6th Battalion, La Bandera Ranch, Carrizo Springs;

— June 18-22: Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, 13th Battalion, Krooked River Lodge, Lueders;

— June 26-30: South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, 8th Battalion, 74 Ranch, Pleasanton;

— July 17-21: North Texas Buckskin Brigade, 4th Battalion, Stasney's Cook Ranch, Albany, and
— July 24-28: Feathered Forces, 8th Battalion,

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TOMMY YEATER



The Canadian Smart Fortwo has a 40 horsepower engine and gets 56 miles per gallon. It is shown here at the 2005 Chicago Auto Show.

Fortwo: Tiny Smart car makes Mini Cooper appear maxed out

By RICK POPELY
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Chicagoan Wally Roche was all smiles after his husky, 6-foot-2-inch frame emerged from a tiny Smart convertible at the Chicago Auto Show.

"I really like small cars, and this would be great," said Roche, who was surprised by how easily he fit in the two-seat Fortwo.

At 98 inches long, the Fortwo is nearly 4 feet shorter than a Mini Cooper and a little more than half the size of the Toyota Camry, a midsize sedan. Though it looks like a giant has squeezed

it, this squat car is one of the surprise hits at this year's auto show.

It's also one of the most economical cars on display. The Smart Fortwo, available in Canada since October, has a diesel, 40-horsepower engine that averages 56 miles per gallon — about the same as a Toyota Prius hybrid. Its top speed is about 80 mph.

By almost all measures, the car is an American marketer's dream.

The Fortwo's distinctive styles have made them fashion statements in Europe where drivers can change colors with removable composite body parts. And the vehi-

cles carry hip model names like pure, pulse and passion and are painted in colors that go by "lite white," "phat red" and "jack black."

Given all that and consumer buzz at the show, one might think it was only a matter of time before Roche and others would soon be able to walk into showrooms and drive one home.

Think again. Plans to bring the brand to the United States are in danger of being scuttled by parent DaimlerChrysler.

"It's not just launching a car," said Julia Knittel, Smart USA communications manager from the

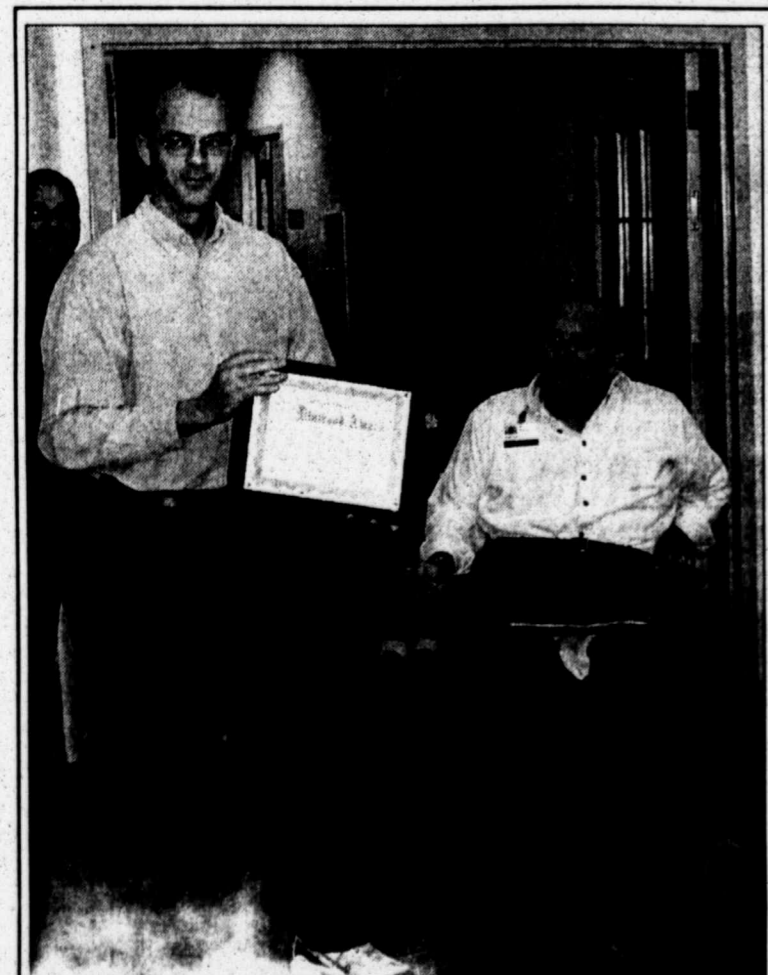
company's Montvale, N.J., headquarters. "It's a business decision."

Among the company's concerns is that the car may be too small for the big car-loving American public, which still craves fast cars, large sport-utility vehicles and heavy pick-ups.

Some at the auto show feared that dueling for an expressway lane in the Smart car could get dicey.

"I wouldn't want my family to get one of these," said Don Murphy of Batavia, Ill., at Smart's exhibit. "Safety is my concern."

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Curtis Hoagland, physical therapist at the State Veterans Home, receives the Diamond Award from Guy Bell, director of social services, during a brief ceremony. The Diamond award is presented to employees for outstanding service.

Mary Kay consultant Cynthia Pack sits behind the wheel of a new Pontiac Vibe awarded to her by the cosmetics company recently. Pack earned the car by registering more than \$18,000 in sales over a four-month period. Pack's team members are, from left, Patsy Henderson, Brandi Stewart, Judy Hernandez, Lisa Acosta, Stacey Averette and Sonja Bravo.

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Judgment and Sentence: Selestino Hernandez III, failure to identify - give false/fictitious information, \$261 court costs, 25 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Stephen E. Loveless, driving while intoxicated, \$251 court costs, \$750 fine, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Kevin Duane Rutledge, criminal trespass, \$311 court costs, \$500 fine, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: John Henry Chappell, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$276 court costs, \$1,500 fine, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Steve Hannabass, theft - more than \$500 less than \$1,500 by check, \$331 court costs, \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Gregorio E. Arenivaz, driving while intoxicated, \$276 court costs, \$1,500 fine, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Joshua Gibson, making alcoholic beverages available to a minor, \$261 court costs, \$500 fine, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Nathan Cole Hannum, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

District Filings:
Lisa Gale Hanke Gamble vs. Earl Perry Hanke, divorce.
David Sellers vs. Lora Sellers, divorce.
Rebecca Grisham vs. Andrew Grisham, divorce.
Bobby Powell vs. Elisha Sue Toler, injury or damages with a vehicle.
Earl E. Cunningham vs. Arrow Financial Services, accounts, notes and contracts.

Marriage Licenses:
David Wayne Schofield, 47, and Jerry Annette Paige, 44, both of Big Spring.

BRIGADE

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Pineywoods Conservation Center, Lufkin.
The camps are sponsored by Extension in cooperation with Texas A&M University, Stephen F. Austin University, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, National Turkey Federation, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Deer Association, Lower Colorado River Authority, individuals, community organizations and businesses.
"Many of our leaders will attend a single camp and be so impressed with the program that they want to continue to serve on the respective camp's steering committee," Rollins said. "We take that as the ultimate compliment."
Application forms and information for both youths and adult leaders are available at www.texasbrigades.org.
For more information, contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576.
Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

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spokeswoman for the world's largest retailer, said the company's employees "have very open communication with their managers and they don't feel like a third party would in any way benefit that relationship."
Workers at the Wal-Mart about 50 miles north of Denver said the tire shop has a separate entrance and is situated at the end of the building.
In recent years, the UFCW has targeted Tire & Lube Express shops nationwide as its best possible chance to bring unions to the retailer, but previous elections have been unsuccessful.
Earlier this month, the company said it would close a store in Quebec because of what company officials called "unreasonable demands" by workers trying to negotiate the first-ever union contract with the retailer.
In 2000, 11 workers at the meatpacking department in a Wal-Mart in Jacksonville, Texas, voted to be represented by the UFCW. Shortly afterward, Wal-Mart eliminated the position companywide, insisting the move was not related to the election.
The Bentonville, Ark.-based chain, has more than 5,100 locations worldwide.
In trading Friday morning, Wal-Mart shares fell 35 cents to \$51.11 on the New York Stock Exchange - near its 52-week low of \$51.08.

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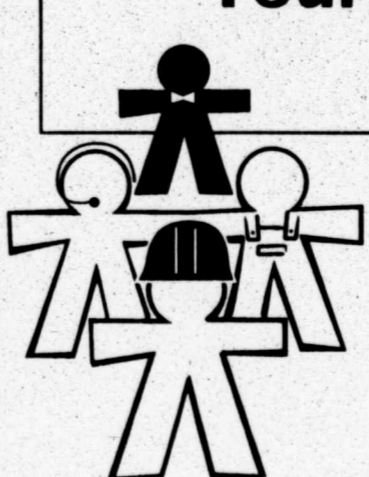
Murphy even shrugged off assurances by a Smart representative that the cars will pass government crash tests. "I don't care. I'd like something bigger and better."
Smart, a unit of DaimlerChrysler's Mercedes-Benz division, has sold in Europe since 1999 but has yet to turn a profit, which only adds to the uncertainty about an eventual U.S. launch.
Since entering Canada in October, the company has sold about 1,200 at a base price of about \$13,400 in U.S. dollars.
Though it had hoped to launch a larger SUV called the Formore in the United States,

DaimlerChrysler also has shelved those plans for the moment.
"We are re-examining the financial viability of the Formore," Chairman Jurgen Schrempp said in mid-February in a conference call, when he acknowledged that Smart caused a "significant" drag on 2004 earnings.
DaimlerChrysler expects to announce new U.S. plans in April.
Still, Roche is among consumers rooting for Smart and the Fortwo, whose petite dimensions would be a good fit for the city driving he does.
His current car is a 1988 Honda Accord that often can't squeeze into parking spaces.
"It sounds like a silly thing, but I'm always looking for a place to park. It's a half-hour of

my day," said Roche.
Smart began as a joint venture of Swatch, the watch company, and Mercedes-Benz in 1994. DaimlerChrysler later became sole owner of Smart and Mercedes.
Sales in other countries are primarily in urban areas, where size and fuel economy are priorities.
At the Smart exhibit, product specialist Danny Pardo was upbeat, telling visitors that cars would be available in the United States at "the end of '06 for the '07 model year" and that prices would start "below \$15,000" for the rear-engine Fortwo.
But Smart USA's Knittel later said: "That's news to me. I don't think they know more than we do."
Smart has not decided on models, pricing or even whether the brand

will be sold here, Knittel said.

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Sunday, March 27

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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 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 suit:

BABY BOY CAMPBELL
December 15, 2004
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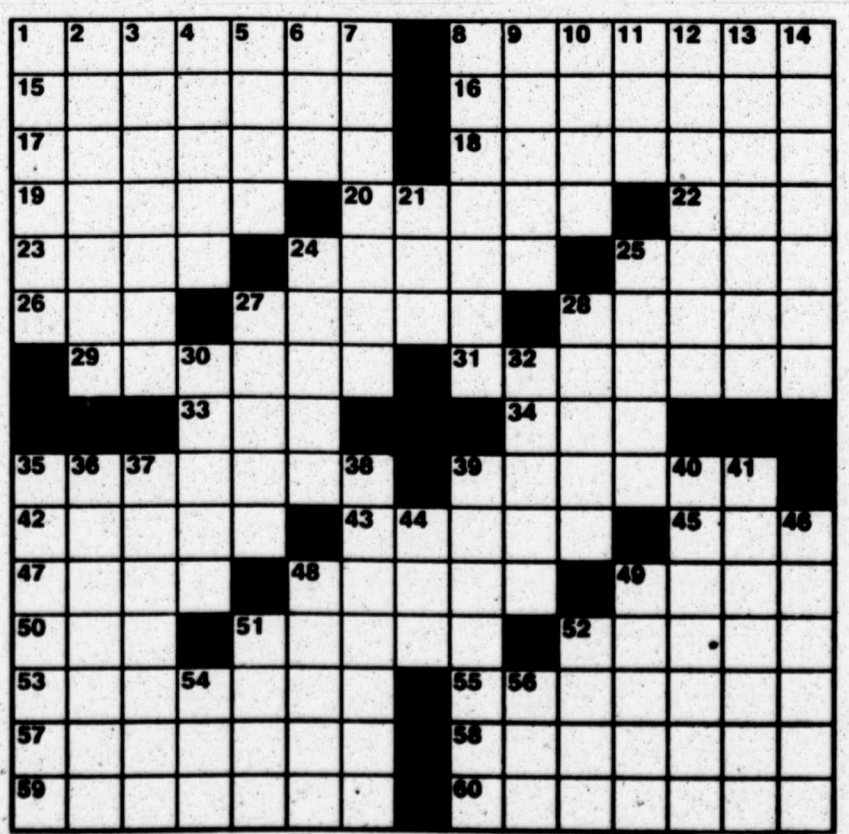
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| 15 Tiara | 59 Wire sources | 12 Cheer up | 40 Emulate |
| 16 Queen of Henry II | 60 Used no power | 13 In particular | 41 Witty retort |
| 17 Gas or water | DOWN | 14 Prepares to perform | 44 Puffin relative |
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon and Jupiter are in artistic Libra, the sign of aesthetic genius.

Cosmic Pisces energy emphasizes the inner resources needed to create. The novelist John Steinbeck, born on this day in 1902, said this about creativity: "Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon, you have a dozen."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Dropping some outmoded idea about who you are is lucky! Model your actions after the extremely well-mannered. It will widen your circle of friends and colleagues and get you invited to the places everyone wants to be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You wake up with no plans, no agenda either mental or written, and no

idea what the day will bring. Is this the recipe for adventure or disaster? Team up with a Sagittarius, and it's definitely the former.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your excellent taste guides others. Why is it your job to point out the glaringly obvious or inexcusably bad? Because it just is. So state your piece quickly, like someone pulling off a bandage, and move on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are supersensitive to all the many forces at work that affect you. When someone disrupts your mission or infringes on your rights, tell them in the moment what they are doing instead of storing up resentment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're back to the feeling that you don't quite know yourself well enough to move forward in life. A hint for self-knowledge: Your actions reflect your personal policy, which is either unconscious or conscious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Get physical. Taking

on a big cleaning project has Zen benefits. It's remarkable what a little hard work can do for your body, soul and spirit. Your love life revs up as a result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone wants to feel secure—it's a basic human need. But in some area, you are using the idea of security as a weapon to suffocate your dream. Don't wait until things are perfect to move ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The world responds kindly to your honesty and appreciates your lack of pretense. Because you're so open, you're physically a bit vulnerable now. Fight germs by washing your hands often.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your social mores are challenged as you endure someone's bad dinner party or thoughtless comment. Rising above the situation will bring you the admiration of one who matters to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You're not alone in your pursuit, or at least you don't have to be. Family members want to help you, but you have to ask—and then inspire, cajole and cheer them on. With teamwork, you get the job done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sure, you're a dreamer. But shouldn't a firmly entrenched goal include a crystal-clear image of what you want to be? Live in that image for a few hours, and you'll bring your dormant or struggling desire back to life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Control issues come to the fore. You'll find yourself vexed by someone's inadequacy, but it would be the height of rudeness to correct your offender. Just be double sure that you are not a perpetrator of a similar offense.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: According to Greek myth, one day, the goddess Aphrodite and her son, Eros, were walking along a riverbank when they

sensed the presence of an evil, monstrous god called Typhon. They escaped his wrath by diving into the river, where they took the form of fishes. They are now immortalized as Northern Fish and the Western Fish of Pisces. The symbol of fish has been used in countless cultures as an icon of salvation, and astrology incorporates this association as well. The fish offer deliverance, recovery and healing—but this offering doesn't come free. Just as Aphrodite and Eros had to plunge into the river to save themselves, the promise of Pisces comes with the caveat that we must take initiative to dive into the sea of our emotions in order to find our salvation. This week, the Pisces influence is strong with the sun, Mercury, Venus and Uranus transiting this introspective part of the sky. The stars invite us to react to the "monsters" and "evils" of the world by going into ourselves to examine our part in that evil. By facing the shad-

ows of such monsters in ourselves, we can escape any peril that can be caused by the outside world.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The life of Elizabeth Taylor becomes increasingly private as she advances in years. Pisces people find comfort and peace in solitude or with one or two other people and can often miraculously bounce back from difficult illness or grave disappointment after a period of monastic-like seclusion. Taylor's Sagittarian ascendant suggests a striking difference between her public and private personas.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife and I were raised Christian, and growing up, we attended church off and on. We've been married for 10 years, and although we do not go to church, we have instilled our values and beliefs in our children.

Our daughter recently asked us what religion we are. My wife and I both looked at each other and said, "I don't know." We have had many discussions in the past about our beliefs and have come to the conclusion that we are not really "Christian." After much research, we discovered that we identify more with the Jewish faith. We have since contacted a rabbi and are talking about attending synagogue services.

We are not being irrational about this. We've talked about our beliefs for years. We just never really pinpointed which religion felt right until our daughter asked us. Our problem is, how do we explain this to our parents? I don't think they will understand our decision. — Soon-to-Be California Jews

Dear California: Your parents may never understand your decision, because religious belief and observance are intensely personal. However, if you discuss with them the research you have done and the reasons behind your conversion, they might be able to accept it.

Keep in mind that your parents may see this not as a religious choice, but as a complete rejection of them and the way they raised you. Try to be sensitive to that possibility and reassure them that it was their values which led you, in this direction, and that your newfound faith will not cause a rift.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently celebrated our 25th anniversary. I'm the eldest of five siblings and the only one still married to my original spouse. My siblings are all in their second or third marriages.

Each time one of my siblings remarried, my parents gave them a very generous monetary gift. However, for this big anniversary, they sent us only a greeting card.

We feel slighted. We are both professionals, have no children and are comfortable financially, so money is not the issue. But they didn't offer to



KATHY MITCHELL
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commemorate the day by taking us to dinner or doing anything special. Do we have to get divorced to get their attention?

I'm sure my parents have no idea how upset we are. Should we broach the subject or suffer in silence? We find ourselves avoiding them because of the hurt. What do you suggest? — Silver Anniversary

Dear Silver: You should speak up, otherwise this small tear could turn into a large chasm. This has nothing to do with your siblings, for whom your parents would naturally want to give gifts when they marry. However, 25 years together is quite an accomplishment these days, and it would have been nice if the occasion had been marked with more celebration. You cannot demand that your

parents buy you a gift or take you to dinner. That is up to them. But you can let them know how you feel.

Dear Annie: Our office recently had a party, and everyone was asked to bring home-baked cookies. As I bit into my assistant's contribution, I almost gagged. It tasted and smelled of cigarette smoke. Other co-workers had the same response. We all ended up discreetly throwing those cookies away.

I don't want to hurt my secretary's feelings, but I cannot eat food from her kitchen. Why don't smokers realize that smoking while cooking transfers the foul smell to the food? How should I handle this? — Make My Cookies Smoke-Free

Dear Cookies: You don't have to "handle" it. The party's over, and you are not obligated to eat your secretary's food. Treat this incident as if she were a lousy cook. Say nothing. And for any smokers reading this, take the hint.

Dear Annie: I am an elderly bachelor and I have one sister, so I asked her to take care of my funeral arrangements when I go. I stressed repeatedly that that is all I want her to do. I set up arrangements to pay for everything.

Since then, my sister

has repeatedly done everything I have asked her not to do. She has taken it upon herself to sign for my mail and call my doctors without asking. She criticizes my friends and other family members, and is rude, arrogant, controlling and greedy. Her own children won't talk to her.

I am totally capable of looking after myself. I thought that she had changed after all these years, but I was wrong. I have tried talking to her, but nothing sinks in. Consequently, I am going to have to change all the arrangements I made regarding the funeral, will, etc., which I hate to do, but I guess I have no choice. My sister is driving me up the wall. What do you think I should do? — Sam in Fargo, N.D.

Dear Sam: Do you have a close friend, perhaps a lawyer or a banker, who can take care of these details for you? If so, arrange it and inform your busybody sister that she will no longer be troubled with these issues because you have removed her from the process. This may be extra work for you, but it will be worth it. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I read with great interest the letter from "Tired of Breathing Through My Mouth," who

said his wife emitted an unusual scent. Consulting her physician was excellent advice, but the odor could be from a change in laundry detergent or fabric softener.

My father was an immaculate man but started smelling very strange. After some detective work, we found out that my mother had changed from her regular fabric softener to a cheaper one. It seems that his natural body scent, combined with the new softener, was worse than a skunk in a patch of stinkweed. After rewashing his entire wardrobe, Dad was back to his sweet-smelling self. — Cheap Isn't Everything

Dear Cheap: Thanks for the suggestion. Here are a few more:

From Diamondhead, Miss.: I'm a retired chemist and can tell him his wife's odor is probably from her hairspray, mousse or makeup. I've noticed a similar smell on my wife and several other women in elevators and in church. As a test, his wife should wash her hair thoroughly and not put anything in it for a couple of days.

Taji, Iraq: For years, my wife told me I had this "cheap salami" smell. I tried many things, including internal breath and body odor remedies, but nothing worked. When I

came home on leave from Iraq, she joked that the trip had been good for me, because I no longer smelled like cheap salami. The next day, we went to our favorite deli, where I ordered my usual pastrami on rye. Within hours, the smell was back. It turned out to be the fennel seeds in the rye bread. I now eat only wheat, and the smell is gone for good.

Watertown, Wis.: My odor problem was caused by using body powder that contained baking soda. When I switched to a pure talcum powder, the odor (sort of like stale crackers) went away.

Burbank, Calif.: After I changed my brand of facial moisturizer, my husband commented that I smelled so much better. I wish he had said something earlier.

Midwest: I'm willing to bet this woman is taking "odor-free" garlic pills. Both a friend of mine and my mother started smelling, to me, rather offensive. One day, I saw garlic pills at my friend's house and asked her about them. This is how I finally figured out why Mom smelled. They are both odor-free now.

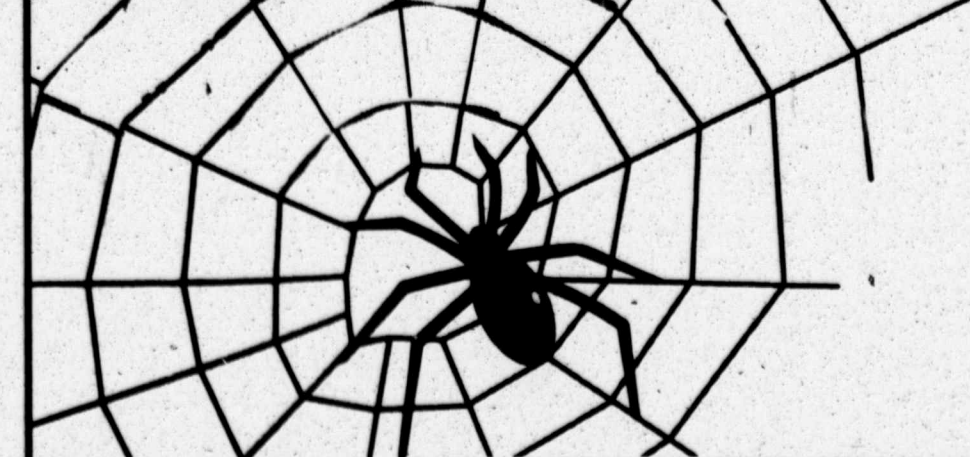
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