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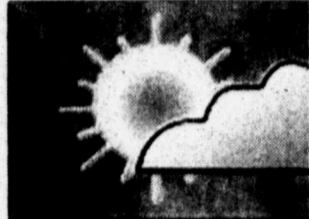
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Hawks win

Howard's Hawks won their Region V Tournament opener Friday over Grayson County, 64-58.

Business

Moore Board

Moore Development For Big Spring Executive Director Kent Sharp explains what the economic development entity is all about.

Thanks from ALON

ALON USA officials held a barbecue lunch Friday to thank employees, contractors and the community on a successful \$20 million turnaround.

Happy 50th!

Citizens Federal Credit Union began as Webb Air Force Base Federal Credit Unit in 1955 with \$110.

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Joint law enforcement building may get second look

□ County-city senior center pact to get a hard look from commissioners. See Page 5A.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to once again discuss the possibility of building a joint law enforcement building for both the sheriff's office and the Big Spring Police Department during their Monday meeting.

The court remained split on whether or not they should give the new jail's building con-

sultant, Edward Spooner, justice director for the HOK Group, the go-ahead to explore the cost and necessary studies to create such a facility.

County Judge Ben Lockhart and Commissioners Gary Simer and Emma Brown all voiced their dissent for the idea during the meeting, while Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker both held out hope for negotiations between the county and city.

Kilgore said commissioners met with officials from the city of Big Spring during the meeting, and while no one has officially voiced a change of mind on the subject, he hopes to see the matter brought up again

"I think a joint law enforcement center is a tremendous opportunity for both the city and the county"



—County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore

Monday.

"There were some slight changes in attitude following the meeting with the people from the city," said Kilgore. "I believe seeing

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Above, several teams participated in Saturday's barbecue cook-off at the Eagle's Lodge. The event, sponsored by the Eagles, the local American Legion Post, the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and the Big Spring Bass Club, was held to help raise funds for the Forsan High School band's proposed trip to Washington, D.C. later this year. At right, Tommy Burt prepares his team's entry for the event.

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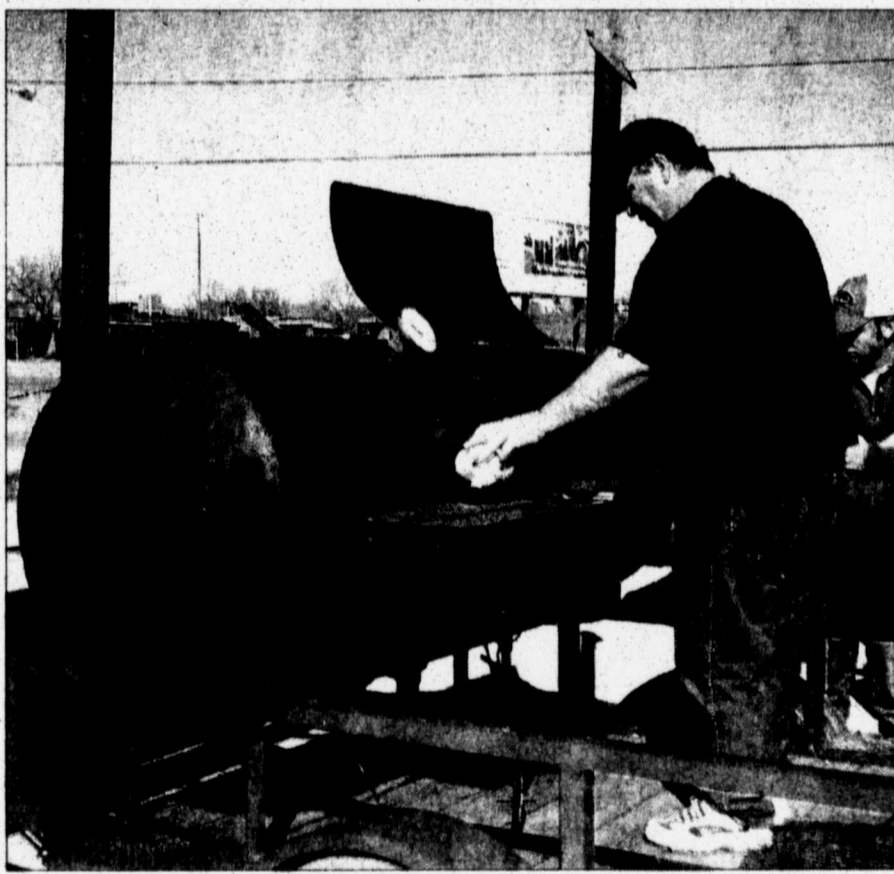
Cooks band together for FHS group

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Ernie Strickland may or may not be a good cook, but he's willing to play the part in order to help his children.

Strickland and cooking partner Tommy Burt were among several cooking teams competing at the Eagle Lodge's barbecue cook-off Saturday to benefit



the Forsan High School Band.

The Eagles partnered with the local American Legion post, the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and the Big Spring Bass Club to help raise funds so the Forsan Band can participate in the Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

The band is currently about halfway to its goal of \$145,000 needed to finance the trip, according to Band Director Jim Rhodes.

While he watched his partner prepare the team's contest

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Police capture suspect in courthouse slayings

□ Body of U.S. customs agent found in Atlanta. Police probe possible tie.

By RUSS BYNUM

Associated Press Writer

DULUTH, GA. — A man accused of killing three people at a courthouse was captured Saturday after taking a woman hostage at an apartment complex and was a suspect in the fatal shooting of an immigration agent hours earlier, officials said.



Nichols

Moloney said Nichols was armed and had a female hostage when he was caught. The woman was not identified by authorities, and it was unclear what relationship she had with Nichols.

Nichols, 33, was taken into federal custody. FBI Spokesman Steve Lazarus said Nichols is a suspect in the courthouse shootings and the fatal shooting of a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent found dead early Saturday.

The agent was discovered shot to death at an upscale townhouse complex, and his blue pickup truck, pistol and badge were missing.

After Nichols' arrest, a crowd of people across the street from

the apartment complex cheered as a black sports utility vehicle drove away, escorted by multiple police cars with lights flashing and sirens on.

The courthouse shootings Friday set off a massive manhunt and created widespread chaos across Atlanta, where schools, restaurants and office buildings locked down amid fears that the suspect might strike again.

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Honky tonkin'

Concert to feature four country stars at coliseum here

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Four country and western music heavyweights are headed to Big Spring, and they plan to bring their own style of "Honkytonk Tailgate" with them.

The Honkytonk Tailgate Party Tour 2005 will be coming to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum March 18, and will feature

country music stars Rhett Akins, Daryl Singleary, David Kersh and Chad Brock. A fifth performer will also perform, but because of contractual obligations, promoters can't announce his participation until just before the show.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at KBST Radio or Lusk's

Western Wear in Midland and Odessa, or by calling 1-800-462-7979 or online at www.centralticketoffice.com. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the concert, while floor seating is \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the concert.

The concert, which is a fundraiser of the West Texas division of Junior Achievement, promises to be a lot of fun for music fans of all ages, according to Stacey Ream, development manager for Junior Achievement, and is an excellent opportunity to support a very worthwhile program.

"Junior Achievement is a worldwide non-profit organization," said Ream. "We teach the economics of

What: Honkytonk Tailgate Party Tour 2005.
Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
When: Friday, March 18.
Tickets: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.
Featuring: Daryl Singleary, David Kersh, Chad Brock and Rhett Akins.

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A sheriff's deputy is loaded into an ambulance outside the Fulton County courthouse after being shot but a gunman who escaped from the courthouse. Police officials said Brian Nichols, 33, who was on trial for rape, shot and killed Judge Rowland Barnes, an unidentified court reporter and a deputy before fleeing.

NICHOLS

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Nichols was being escorted to his retrial on rape and other charges Friday when he allegedly overpowered a court deputy, taking her gun, before killing three people: the judge presiding over his case, a court reporter and a deputy who confronted him as he escaped the courthouse.

The deputy from whom he stole the gun, Cynthia Hall, remained in critical condition Saturday.

He then allegedly pistol-whipped *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reporter Don O'Briant and stole his car. Throughout Friday, police said they were looking for the reporter's green Honda Accord, and highway message boards across the state issued descriptions of the vehicle.

But later that night, the car was found in the parking garage where Nichols stole it. Police said Nichols attempted more hijackings, and it was suspected that Nichols had stolen another vehicle from the same parking garage.

Surveillance tape showed him going to the garage's lowest level, wearing a jacket that CNN said belonged to

O'Briant.

O'Briant wrote in Saturday's *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* that he had just parked his car when a young man pulled beside him and asked for directions to a nearby mall. Before O'Briant could oblige, the man pulled a gun and said, "Give me your keys or I'll kill you," then told him to get in the trunk.

O'Briant refused and started to run.

"I figured it was better to be shot at while I was running than to just stand there and be executed," O'Briant wrote.

The man pistol whipped him as he tried to escape. O'Briant fell, but got up and ran again.

"I scrambled into the street, waiting for the shots to come, but they didn't come," he wrote. "I guess it just wasn't my day to die."

On Friday, carloads of law enforcement officers in riot gear swarmed the buildings and parking lots surrounding the north Atlanta condominiums where Nichols once lived, residents said.

"I've just kept my doors locked," said James Spice, 18, whose home is around the corner. "I always lock up, but I'm just making sure. My mom called and told me to."

At the state Capitol, just

down the street from the site of the shooting, flags flew at half-staff as lawmakers prepared for a rare Saturday session. Legislative leaders had considered canceling their weekend "family day," after the shooting, but decided to go ahead with it.

The killings came less than two weeks after a Chicago federal judge's husband and mother were slain in their home and set off a fresh round of worries about the safety of judges, prosecutors and others involved in the criminal justice system.

On Thursday, the judge and prosecutors in Nichols' case requested extra security after investigators found a shank — or homemade knife — fashioned from a door-knob in each of Nichols' shoes, prosecutor Gayle Abramson said.

District Attorney Paul Howard did not say what measures were taken to beef up security, but Assistant Police Chief Alan Dreher said no other officers assisted Hall with taking Nichols to court.

In the rape case, Nichols was accused of bursting into his ex-girlfriend's home, binding her with duct tape and sexually assaulting her over three days. Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard said Nichols

brought a loaded machine gun into the home and a cooler with food in case he was hungry.

Nichols had been dating the woman for eight years, and she tried to break up with him after he got another woman pregnant, Hazen said. Though he is accused of imprisoning the woman and raping her, Hazen said his client claims she invited him over and they had consensual sex.

Nichols faced a possible life sentence if convicted in his retrial on charges of rape, sodomy, burglary, and false imprisonment, among others. His earlier trial was declared a mistrial on Monday when jurors voted 8-4 for acquittal.

"My guts tell me he faced a greater chance of conviction in the second trial," his attorney, Barry Hazen, told a local television station.

Prosecutor Gayle Abramson said she believes Nichols, who had been jailed since Aug. 23, was certain he would be convicted and was willing to kill to avoid it.

Hazen described his client as a "big, strong guy" with a laid-back personality.

"Even the larger deputies I don't think would be any match for Brian Nichols," Hazen said.

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entry, Strickland was quick to stress that he wasn't expecting to wow anyone with his cooking prowess.

"If you want cooking tips, talk to Tommy," Strickland said with a laugh.

Strickland has a personal stake in the band's quest: Two of his children are band members.

"Tommy and I both like to cook, and we both like to eat," he said. "But we're not here to win. We're just here for the fun, and to help the kids out."

And Strickland had nothing but good things to say about the cook-off's sponsors.

"This is great," he said. "I'm really glad to see all these people who are willing to participate, and help the band out. They are just a great group of people."

While it is not at all certain that the band will raise the needed money, the thought of watching his children march down Congress Avenue on July 4 provides Strickland with more than enough incentive to keep plugging.

"It's going to be a great honor to represent the state of Texas," he said. "What those kids have accomplished in the past number of years is phenomenal."

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Mary Ward, 80, died Wednesday. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM Saturday at the College Park Church of God with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Tybo Jacobs, 17, died Thursday. Funeral Services were at 4:30 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Rozelle Hogue, 87, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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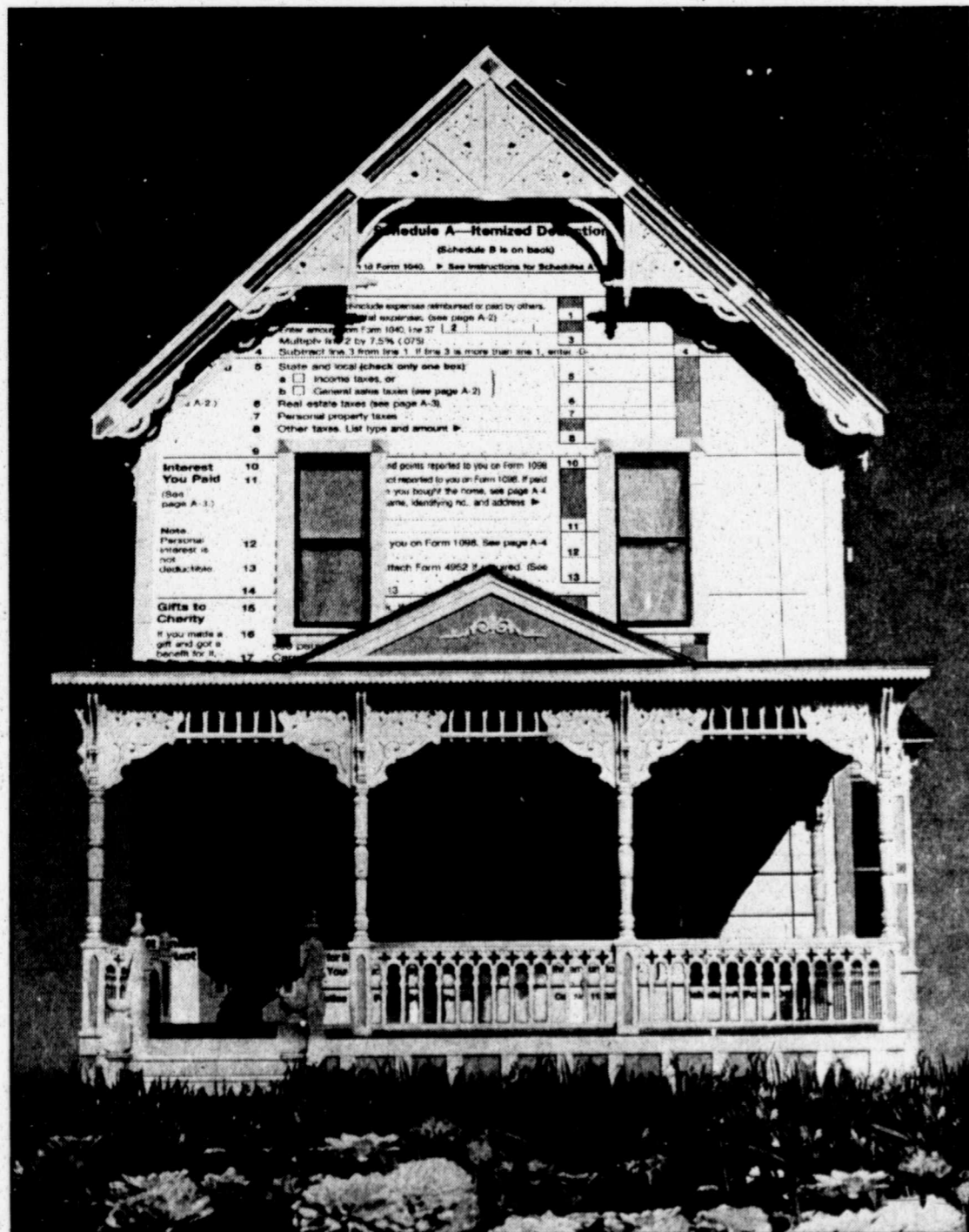
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OUR VIEWS

Commissioners need to rethink stand on project

Our elected officials seem to be listening. And showing a little good sense, too. At least that's the case where Howard County and Big Spring city officials are considering the possibility of working together on a joint law enforcement facility for both the sheriff's office and the police department.

Last week, it appeared as if the commissioners court had decided against a cooperative effort, but just after the end of their special meeting Tuesday, city officials arrived to further discuss the possibility.

And at least two commissioners — Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker — are clearly interested in the prospect. Unfortunately, County Judge Ben Lockhart and Commissioners Gary Simer and Emma Brown have voiced opposition. They seem more interested in the county simply building a new county jail.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen has made it clear the city is interested in involving itself in the project, noting that it "doesn't make any sense in a county our size to have two separate jails."

In fact, it's clear that both taxing entities are living with facilities that are woefully inadequate. What's more, remodeling isn't an option for either of them.

So, as we noted last week, it only makes sense for the two entities to work together in hopes of lightening the load on taxpayers.

Clearly, we believe Judge Lockhart and Commissioners Simer and Brown definitely need to take another look at the possibility of a combined effort — one that would cut the overall cost of providing services.

We all stand to benefit from such cooperation. The reasons for our stance on the subject remain the same. It is going to become increasingly important that city and county officials cooperate whenever the opportunity arises.

Anyone with even a remedial sense of the "real world" knows that the cost of providing government services is always increasing.

And remember, taxes may be restructured or the burden placed at a different level of government, but one thing is certain — all of us must pay the freight.

So, we are pleased county leaders are at least still talking about a move toward what we believe to be solid fiscal responsibility. To our way of thinking, that's a must.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You are the landlord of the most wonderful home we could have. May we search with all our hearts for You.

Amen

Red state, blue state, your state, my state

Rarely has a political concept caught on as quickly as the Red State-Blue State metaphor.

Virtually everyone understands the simple code: Red State means Republican and conservative. Blue State means Democratic and liberal.

But, of course, it means much, much more.

Shortly after Election Day, an anonymous e-mail began circulating around the nation:

"Not to worry. With the Blue States in hand, the Democrats have firm control of 80 percent of the world's fresh water, over 90 percent of our pineapple and lettuce, 93 percent of the artichoke production, 95 percent of American's export quality wines, 90 percent of all cheese production, most of the U.S. low-sulfur coal, all living redwoods, sequoias and condors, all the Ivy and Seven Sister schools, plus Stanford, Cal Tech and MIT. We can live simply but well.

"The Red States, on the other hand, now have to cope with 92 percent of all U.S. mosquitoes, 99 percent of all Southern Baptists, 100 percent of all televangelists.

Rush Limbaugh, Bob Jones University, Clemson and the University of Georgia. A high price to pay for controlling the presidency."

There is something both vaguely amusing and vaguely alarming about this e-mail (comparing Southern Baptists to mosquitoes is certainly uncalled for), but it accepts as fact the notion that there is a great divide in America, a gulf, a polarization, a Red State-Blue State division.

But how divided are we really?

The Red States/Blue State obsession — and I think both politicians and the media are truly obsessed with it — didn't really occur until the presidential election of 2000, the disputed results in Florida and the rare phenomenon of the popular vote winner not winning in the Electoral College and, therefore, not becoming president.

There have long been battleground states, but now, with the acceptance of the Red-Blue concept, many see a chasm: a deeply divided America.

When the Democrats lost the presidency again last year and lost ground in the House and Senate, something akin to panic gripped the party.

Something must be done! The message must be changed! Or maybe not. Maybe it wasn't the message, maybe the Democrats

just needed to get out the vote better, raise even more money and stop letting the other side define them.

But how bad, really, was the Democratic loss? And has an actual, long-term political realignment begun in this country?

In the past, long-term realignments have come at moments of great crisis: The Civil War realigns support to the Republican Party as the party of union, defending the Constitution and anti-slavery. The Great Depression, the worst economic collapse in the history of the modern industrial world, leads to the election of Franklin Roosevelt and his Democratic alliance of labor, blacks and other minorities, some farmers, those on relief and intellectuals.

But has there been another dramatic realignment in the country recently, making the continued election of Republican presidents virtually inevitable? And, if so, what caused it? Sept. 11? A culture gap? Both? More?

Stay tuned.

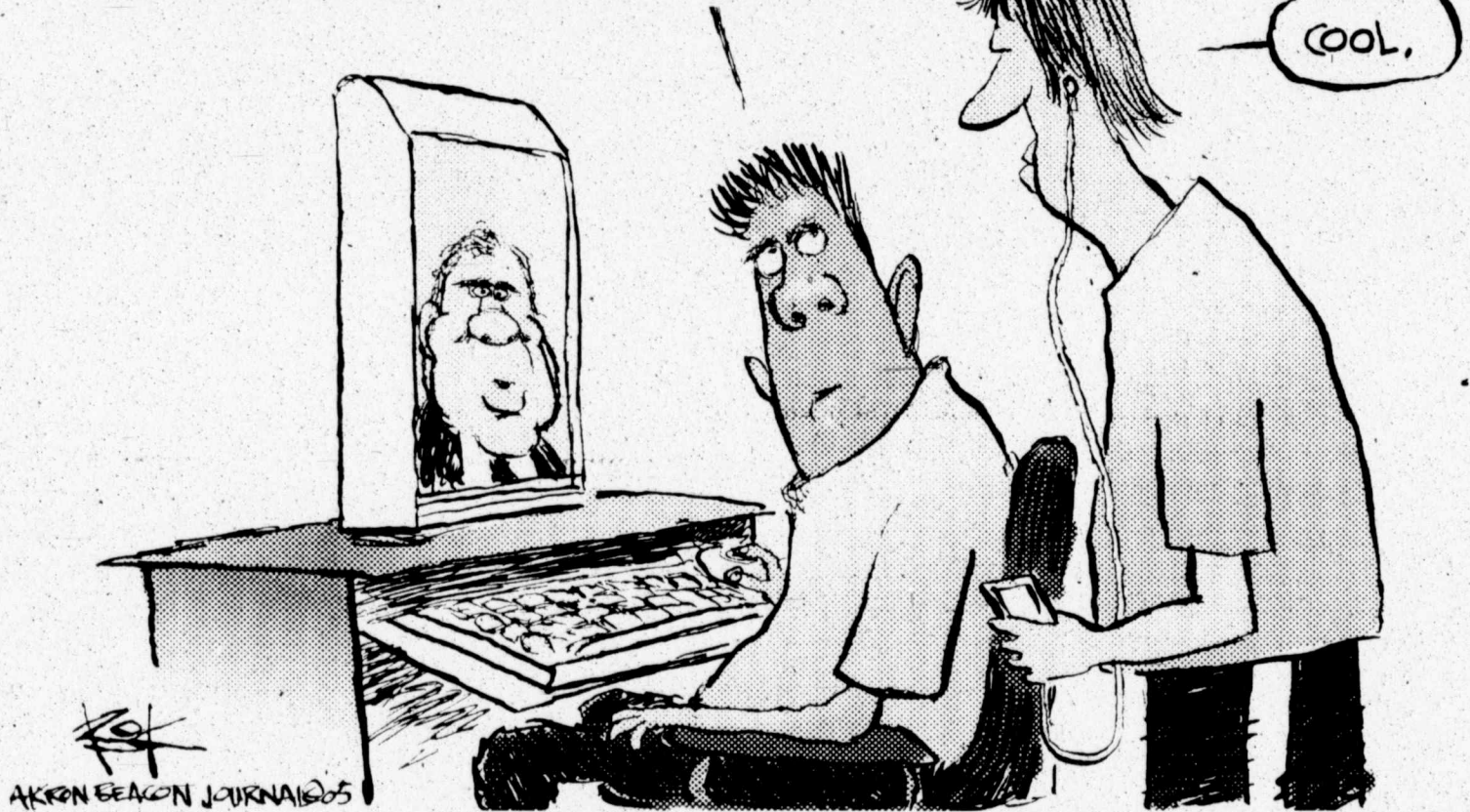
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Inside report: Jeb for vice-president?

Nationally prominent Republicans are talking to each other about the possibility of getting Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to accept the vice-presidential nomination in 2008 since he has ruled out running for president that year.

Bush probably would be the front-runner for the party's next presidential nomination if he only had a different last name. GOP politicians agree that five Bush presidential nominations out of the last six campaigns would be one too many for the country to take. But second place on the ticket might be acceptable to voters.

A footnote: Florida Republican leaders still hope that Bush might change his mind about not running against Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson's bid for a second term in 2006. Nelson is considered vulnerable, but no strong Florida Republican has indicated an interest in running against him.

The new deputy secretary of state, Robert Zoellick, has met four times this year with his counterpart at the Defense Department, Deputy Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. That quadruples the number of meetings between Wolfowitz and Zoellick's predecessor at State, Richard Armitage, during the past four years.

The lone meeting between the State and Defense deputies was a one-on-one luncheon at the State Department hosted by Armitage.

Wolfowitz failed in efforts for a return meal at the Pentagon. This year Zoellick met with Wolfowitz once even before Zoellick was confirmed by the Senate.

Wolfowitz and Armitage both served in the Reagan administration's Defense Department as assistant secretaries. But during George W. Bush's first term, they disagreed on broad strategy questions — including the attack on Iraq.

While Sen. Trent Lott has not decided whether to seek re-election from Mississippi in 2006, he is seriously considering an attempt to win back the post of Republican leader that he lost two years ago, if he does run.

Lott was forced to resign the leadership when opposition snowballed in reaction to his praise of Strom Thurmond's pro-segregation 1948 presidential campaign. He has recently been prowling the Senate floor, engaging in friendly chats with fellow Republicans.

Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee, who replaced Lott, is not running for re-election in 2006 under self-imposed term limits. Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the current assistant leader, would have a clear path to succeed Frist unless Lott opposes him.

A "Time to Go Joe" website in its first 10 days raised \$25,905 to find a candidate to defeat Sen. Joseph Lieberman for the Democratic nomination to the Senate from Connecticut next year.

The site, featuring pictures of President Bush giving Lieberman his famous embrace at the recent State of the Union address, lists the times this year in which he

visited with Republicans. That includes support of Condoleezza Rice for secretary of state and Alberto Gonzales for attorney general, and backing for tort reform and bankruptcy reform.

"He is a DINO (Democrat in Name Only)," the site says of the party's 2000 vice-presidential nominee, "and is as much a part of the Bush administration as Dick Cheney."

Conservatives who had contributed generously to the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) were stunned at the think tank's recent black-tie banquet to hear left-wing social views expressed by Peruvian writer and political thinker Mario Vargas Llosa.

Accepting AEI's annual award, Vargas supported "liberals like me who are agnostics as well as supporters of the separation between church and state and defenders of the decriminalization of abortion and gay marriage." He said that what "was called fascism and communism" in the past, now "is known as nationalism and religious fundamentalism."

Starting with Gerald R. Ford in 1977, the AEI's annual award has gone mainly to conservatives such as Robert Bork, Ronald Reagan, Antonin Scalia, Thomas Sowell, Irving Kristol, Richard Cheney, George Will and Clarence Thomas. Last year it was won by conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer.

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By THOMAS J.

Staff Writer

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Commissioners to address senior center pact Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As Howard County commissioners continue negotiations with the city of Big Spring for the possible construction of a joint law enforcement center, it appears yet another building needs the attention of both agencies — the Spring City Senior Citizen Center.

According to commissioner Jerry Kilgore, the Senior Center and the 30-year-old agreement between the city and county for upkeep and management of the building will be discussed during the court's

Monday meeting.

"There are a lot of questions that have to be answered at this point about the center," said Kilgore. "It's on the Airpark, so the building belongs to the city. We have to try to come to some sort of agreement on what responsibilities each entity will take care of."

"An agreement between the city and county was signed sometime in the 1970s, and we're going to have to look at that agreement and update it. We want to get these things down and concrete."

Also on Monday's agenda is a presentation by County Auditor

Jackie Olson, who is expected to present commissioners with invoices, purchase requests and several items up for bid, including a loader for the county's road and bridge administration, a pickup for the sheriff's office and fire service for the courthouse elevator.

A presentation of the county's comprehensive annual financial report is also on the agenda, to be presented by CPA Kenneth Boothe of Boothe, Vassar and Company.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to present personnel considerations, a payroll report and a request to

go out on bid for a depository for the county.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson is also expected to speak during the meeting, presenting pipeline crossings, road maintenance and permission to go out on bid for asphalt and aggregate.

Sheriff Dale Walker is expected to make a profile report during the meeting, while DPS Sgt. Jason Hester will present a radar contract for commissioners to consider.

County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom is also expected to appear to

discuss the bond for her office, while Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman will offer a presentation on office furniture for her office.

County Construction Administrator Phil Furqueron is slated to discuss renovations at 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 to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, on the second floor of the courthouse.

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that the police chief (Lonnie Smith) and the sheriff (Dale Walker) working together on this had an effect. Eventually, I believe it's going to have to come down to a vote, which could happen as soon as the upcoming meeting.

"I think a joint law enforcement center is a tremendous opportunity for both the city and the county. The city is in a position where the police building is just too small, and remodeling isn't a viable option. I think it makes sense for us to look at this."

Kilgore said he expects more talks between the city and county on the subject to spawn a more

detailed plan, which would map out the cost of leasing space to the city and the needs of both law enforcement agencies.

Spooner said he's still at least a week from being able to pin-point the county's needs when it comes to inmate population, but did say he expects his recommendation to fall between 150 and 200 beds, part of a two-tiered approach to building the new facility.

"We need to do an analysis of the existing staff and project both the sheriff's office staff and the potential inmates housed in two major milestones, projected out at a 10 year period and a 20-year period," said Spooner. "The 10-year window for building a new facility is feasible. The 20-year window is really advisable."

"If you build a facility and you have to keep adding on to it, at the end of the additions the total cost of the project is more than if you built it all from day one. One of the strategies we've talked about is if you build for more than just Howard County's needs in Phase 1, anticipating where you'll be in 20 years, there's the ability to rent dead space to other agencies — whether it's immigration or the U.S. Marshals — that will pay for that additional space. I think that's a very viable alternative, and that's what I would recommend."

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

CONCERT

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life. JA uses hands on experiences to help young people understand the economics of everyday life. It's a partnership between businesses and educators, and it's brings the real world to the students, opening their minds to their potential.

"We provide curriculum to a volunteer who we train. The curriculum comes in the form of a briefcase and they go in to teach between five and six 45-minute lessons. When they open that briefcase up, they have everything they need. They have a guide that walks them through the lessons, handouts for the students — everything they need to bring the lesson to life for the students."

Ream, who has spent time volunteering in classrooms for the JA program, said his first experience was with a second-grade class that shot his plans full of holes — doughnut holes, that is.

"When I first began volunteering with JA, I went into a second-grade class to teach them about mass production and unit production," said Ream. "They got to make doughnuts — little paper doughnuts, and they mix the ingredients by putting stickers on the back. There are stickers for eggs, flour, milk — and then they turn them over and get to color it to make it whatever flavor doughnut they want."

"In the unit production phase they are all just doing it on their own. Then we showed them that in mass production there's just one kid

punching them out, one kid putting on the milk, one kid coloring — and at the end, there's quality control. We talked about quality of the product, and how each person gets paid."

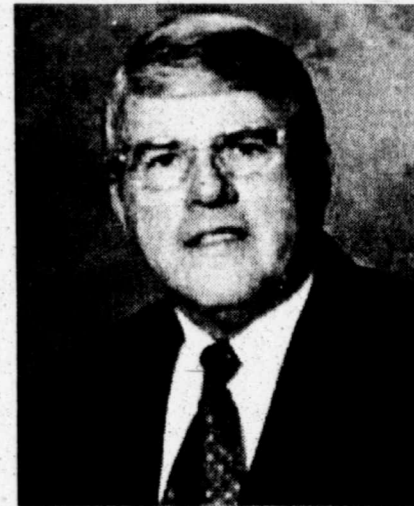
Ream said a great deal of attention is given to keeping students in school through the program, and while many students may see the volunteer-driven lessons as "play time," it can leave a lasting impression.

For more information on the concert, contact Ream at 432-682-4966 or e-mail him at sream@swbell.net. More information on the Junior Achievement program can be found online at www.ja.org.

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Amazon.com founder's space venture has West Texas county abuzz

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

VAN HORN — Even skeptical locals, who've become wary over the years of city slickers with big ideas for their town, perked up when Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos made his pitch — a spaceport for commercial travel into space.

Bezos flew into this West Texas town a few weeks ago to tell key leaders how he planned to use his newly acquired 165,000 acres of desolate ranch land. He also gave his only interview so far on the spaceport to the Van Horn Advocate, the weekly newspaper Larry Simpson runs from the back of his Radio Shack store.

"He walked in and said: 'Hi, I'm Jeff Bezos,' and sat down right in that chair there," Simpson said, pointing to spot in his small cluttered office.

Over the next 30 to 40 minutes, Simpson said Bezos told him the goal of his venture — known as Blue Origin — was to send a spaceship into orbit that launches and lands vertically, like a rocket.

"He told me their first spacecraft is going to carry three people up to the edge of space and back," Simpson said. "But ultimately, his thing is space colonization."

Bezos, 41, was accompanied by Rob Meyerson, Blue Origin's program manager, whose history includes stints as a manager on the space shuttle emergency return vehicle project and lead aerody-

namics engineer developing the shuttle's parachute landing system.

"NASA has been most helpful, as we have been the recipient of their years of experience," Bezos told the newspaper.

He said Blue Origin would first build basic structures at the Texas site, such as an engine test stand, fuel and water tanks and an office building, then begin flight tests in six to seven years, Simpson said.

Blue Origin was incorporated in September 2000 in Washington, according to the Washington Secretary of State's office. He said most of its initial research and development would be done in Seattle, where Bezos and his companies are based.

Bezos has said nothing else publicly about his project, and did not grant an interview request made by The Associated Press.

Blue Origin spokesman Bruce Hicks, based in Houston, said there was "not much to see or tell" and that the project "won't go anywhere any time soon." He provided a four-paragraph news release and a company fact sheet, which included Blue Origin's mission statement — to "facilitate an enduring human presence in space."

Bezos, whose Amazon.com is one of the Internet's largest retailers, isn't the only high-tech billionaire with stars in his eyes and ties to Texas, where Bezos attended elementary school for three years in

Houston while his stepfather was an engineer at Exxon.

SpaceX, started by PayPal founder Elon Musk, plans to launch and deploy a military satellite this year using a rocket. The California-based company has conducted much of its testing in McGregor, Texas, near the Fort Hood military base.

John Carmack, who made a fortune on "Doom" and "Quake" through his video game company ID Software, owns Armadillo Aerospace based in suburban Dallas. The venture also hopes to launch its own brand of space rockets.

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen spent \$20 million to fund the SpaceShipOne rocket plane that last fall successfully reached the edge of space and returned. It was dropped from beneath a flying craft and landed like a plane. (The NASA space shuttle, which takes off vertically, also lands like a plane.)

Winning the space race takes talented people, and Blue Origin's Web site lists several job ads for engineers — "highly qualified and dedicated individuals ... among the most technically gifted in his or her field."

That's a tall order for the 3,000 or so residents of Van Horn, many of whom believe the biggest thing to happen in recent years was construction of a new truck stop on Interstate 10.

About 120 miles east of

El Paso, Van Horn primarily is a rest stop for travelers along I-10, the nation's southernmost cross-country highway. About 50 miles to the north is Guadalupe Mountains National Park, which contains many of the highest mountains in Texas, including the signature 8,085-foot El Capitan. It can be seen from a distance on Bezos' property amid desert and cattle-grazing terrain and salt lake beds.

Broadway, Van Horn's main street which parallels the freeway, is dotted with long-abandoned businesses, many of them flat-roofed adobe-style buildings, and two vehicles waiting at the street's lone stop light constitute a traffic jam.

Bill Talley, whose Van Horn Pharmacy is the only place to get a prescription filled within a 90-mile radius, said he was surprised by Bezos' project but was withholding judgment until he knew more. His wife, Mary, was more blunt.

"We're used to it," she said of "exploiters" who have raised residents' hopes and then fled.

More than a decade ago,

some businessmen touted a mica mining venture that created a buzz but went nowhere. Fields along I-10 heading east toward Midland and Odessa are littered with rusting oil field equipment, monuments to the oil industry crash of the 1980s.

"We've had gentlemen come in here to change the world," said John Conoly, 76, the Culberson

County judge for the past 30 years. "And nothing ever came of it."

But Bezos is different, Conoly said.

"After meeting and visiting with him, I have every confidence in the world he will do what he says he will do," the judge said. "I know he's going to have some of the best minds for this project. He doesn't do things halfway or second class."



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State, private company sign transportation contract

By NATALIE GOTT

AUSTIN (AP) — Planning for the first phase of a massive transportation project that will include tollways, railroads and utility lines was given the green light after state officials signed an agreement Friday with a private contractor.

The agreement is another step forward for Gov. Rick Perry's Trans Texas Corridor. The first element of the plan will include a 600-mile traffic and trade route from Oklahoma to Mexico that will run parallel to Interstate 35.

Under the agreement, Cintra-Zachry will create a development plan that will include a list of specific transportation facilities that could be developed, an overall project schedule and a financial plan. The development plan will be completed in 12 to 15 months, and then state officials must approve it, the governor's office said.

"This development agreement is a significant step toward a better, more reliable transportation system that will move commuters and cargo faster, safer and create greater economic oppor-

tunities for our families, employers," Perry said. Cintra, a Madrid, Spain-based company, is one of the world's largest private transportation developers.

Cintra-Zachry previously has said it would spend \$6 billion for a toll road between Dallas and San Antonio by 2010. In exchange for building and operating it as a toll road, the company will pay the state \$1.2 billion, which can be used to fund road improvements or high-speed and commuter rail projects, the Texas Department of Transportation said.

Bush to name close adviser to help with U.S. overseas image

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will nominate one of his closest longtime advisers to a key State Department post in an effort to help repair the United States' image abroad, especially in the Arab world, a senior administration official said Saturday.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the announcement that Bush has selected Karen Hughes to be undersecretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs will be made early next week, possibly as early as Monday.

The position requires Senate confirmation.

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Suspect in murder case found

HOUSTON (AP) — A man with a criminal record was charged with trying to kill a woman in-law last week in Harris County.

Philip Lee Mosser was arrested last week on a charge of murder. Mosser, who was 20 miles north of Houston, was charged with the murder of a woman.

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He also failed to appear in court Wednesday, prosecutor Brewer said.

An employee of the office testified that he saw the man at the home at about 10 p.m. returned, Scardino said. The Mosser family was going through a reconciliation at the time.

Report: Money tribe, gambling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leader Tom DeLay's wife, several million dollars from an Indian gaming company reported Saturday.

Not long after the House of Representatives in killing gaming company and tribe.

DeLay, R-Texas, said the wife of the National Center for Profit Organizations Jack Abramowitz two of his clients, Indians and eLottery to cover the travel.

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Texas news briefs

Suspect in murder-for-hire case found shot to death

HOUSTON (AP) — A wealthy businessman charged with trying to hire a hit man to kill his wife and sister-in-law has been found shot to death in Montgomery County.

Philip Lee Mosser, 37, of Spring, was released from jail last week after his bail was lowered from \$1 million to \$150,000, court records show.

Mosser, who was facing trial for solicitation of capital murder, was found dead Thursday in Willis, about 20 miles north of the Houston suburb of Spring, Harris County Assistant District Attorney John Brewer said. Willis police are investigating the shooting.

Mosser was arrested by Houston police Jan. 5 after he was accused of seeking to hire a hit man to kill his wife, Cynthia Mosser, 31, and her sister in a carjacking and robbery, investigators said. Police say Mosser agreed to pay \$40,000 for the crime in conversations with an undercover officer.

Mosser was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday, but he did not show up. His lawyer, Katherine Scardino, said he told her that he had gotten the court dates confused.

He also failed to appear for a bond forfeiture hearing Wednesday, prompting the judge to forfeit the bond, Brewer said.

An employee with the county's pretrial services office testified at the forfeiture hearing that Mosser's electronic ankle monitor indicated he had left his home at about 10:45 a.m. Tuesday and had not returned, Scardino said.

The Mossers — who have three small children — were going through a divorce but were talking about reconciling at the time of Philip Mosser's arrest.

News that Cain and his wife Melissa are involved in their church and devoted to their two sons and daughter.

"They're really nice people. I think this is great," she said.

The winning numbers for the March 1 drawing were: 1-8-18-39-48 and the Mega Ball number was 1. The Megaplier number drawn for that evening was 4.

Jury picked in ex-nurse's trial

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Six men and six women were selected as jurors Friday in the capital murder trial of a former nurse charged with killing 10 patients four years ago.

The jury, including two alternates who are women, will hear testimony starting Monday in the case of Vickie Dawn Jackson, 39, who is being tried in two of the deaths.

She faces up to life in prison if convicted of administering lethal drug doses to patients at Nocona General Hospital, in rural Montague County southeast of Wichita Falls. Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty.

Jackson, who maintains her innocence, has been jailed since her 2002 indictment. She also is charged with injuring an 11th patient who later died.

Last year the trial was moved to Archer City, about 50 miles west of Nocona, where prosecutors believed many in the jury pool would know Jackson or any victims.

But as jury selection began last month, prosecutors and defense attorneys discovered a lack of unbiased

potential jurors in Archer County. The judge then ordered a change of venue to San Angelo, about 330 miles southwest of Nocona.

Pastor indicted in sexual assaults of three congregants

ARLINGTON (AP) — The pastor of an Arlington nondenominational church was indicted on charges of sexually assaulting three women from his congregation.

The women say Terry L. Hornbuckle, 43, tried to entice them into sex by using his influence as minister of the Agape Christian Fellowship. Two of the women alleged Hornbuckle drugged them before sexually assaulting them.

Hornbuckle was arrested Friday on four counts of sexual assault.

Two of the cases involve the same woman, according to court officials.

Hornbuckle has denied the accusations and alleges the women are trying to extort money from him.

"I am completely innocent of the charges I have been wrongfully accused of, and this is extortion plain and simple, which I won't surrender to," Hornbuckle said in a statement released through a New York public relations firm.

One of the three women said Hornbuckle arranged to meet with her by raising concerns about her sexual orientation. The other two women allege that Hornbuckle lured them to different locations with offers of cash gifts, according to court documents.

Report: Money from Indian tribe, gambling company fund DeLay trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Leader Tom DeLay traveled to Britain with his wife, several aides and lobbyists on a \$70,000 junket mostly paid for with money from an Indian tribe and a gambling services company, The Washington Post reported Saturday.



DeLay

Not long after the outing, Rep. DeLay, the second most powerful Republican in the House of Representatives, played a key role in killing gaming-related legislation opposed by the company and tribe.

DeLay, R-Texas, reported in House financial disclosures that the weeklong May 2000 trip was paid for by the National Center for Public Policy Research, a non-profit organization. However, the Post reported, lobbyist Jack Abramoff suggested the trip and arranged for two of his clients, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and eLottery Inc., to send checks to the center to cover the travel.

A lawyer for the tribe and an eLottery official said they were unaware the checks were meant to pay for the DeLay trip, which included golf at Scotland's legendary St. Andrews course.

Edwin J. McGuinn, the president of eLot Inc., parent of eLottery, told the Post, "It certainly was our impression that any and all moneys were being positioned to get the attention and focus of our cause."

The newspaper's review of documents related to the trip found the dates on the two checks coincided with the day DeLay's party left on their trip. The Choctaw and eLottery each sent a \$25,000 check, the Post found.

Rowlett family wins Mega Millions jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — A Rowlett man picked up a lump sum payment of \$68.2 million on Friday for winning last week's Mega Millions jackpot.

"My wife and I have been together since 1978. We're high school sweethearts. I think we're just going to take our time with all this, and enjoy it," Dennis Cain said in a statement issued by the Texas Lottery Commission. "Everyone who has called us so far has been very excited for us."

The ticket was purchased at Dalrock Grocery on Chiesa Road in Rowlett. The store's owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$1 million for selling the jackpot winning ticket. The drawing was worth \$112 million.

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World news briefs

Hamas to participate in Palestinian parliamentary elections

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — The Hamas militant group announced Saturday it would participate in an upcoming Palestinian parliamentary election, a decision that could undermine Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' attempts to renew peacemaking with Israel.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, an estimated 2,500 unemployed Palestinians stormed the parliament building, throwing stones at police and breaking windows. Police fired in the air and dispersed the crowd, but the confrontation was the latest sign of internal dissatisfaction.

During the past four years of internal unrest, increasing government corruption and fighting with Israel, Hamas has emerged as a major political player, clinching an overwhelming victory in a January municipal election in Gaza. The group also made gains in recent municipal voting in the West Bank.

A similar victory in the July parliamentary election could be a major setback for Abbas, who is trying to consolidate his Fatah movement's power following Yasser Arafat's November death.

Abbas is trying to reach a cease-fire deal with Hamas and other militant groups rather than cracking down on them as Israel and the United States are demanding. A truce would allow Abbas to renew peacemaking with the Israelis, but a Hamas victory in July could knock the new Palestinian leader off course.

U.S., Japanese veterans mark 60th anniversary on Iwo Jima

IWO JIMA, Japan (AP) — Aging American combat veterans and a handful of former Japanese soldiers gathered on a hillside over the landing beaches of the Battle of Iwo Jima on Saturday to mark the 60th anniversary of one of the bloodiest and most symbolic battles of World War II.

About 50 U.S. vets, many dressed in their uniforms and helmets, gathered with hundreds of family members at a Japanese military base on the island.

A handful of Japanese survivors — only about a dozen are still alive — joined in the "honor reunion," during which they offered prayers and wreaths for the dead. After the ceremony, they split off to visit battle sites or to pose for photos in a landscape that 60 years ago became a symbol of the savage fighting of the Pacific War.

During about a month of fighting that began Feb. 19, 1945, some 100,000 Americans battled more than 22,000 Japanese desperate to protect the first Japanese home island to be invaded.

Nearly 7,000 Americans died. Fewer than 1,000 of the Japanese survived. Japan surrendered the following August, after one more bloody battle, on Okinawa, and

the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Iwo Jima produced one of the iconic images of American combat, when after the battle for Mount Suribachi six troops raised an American flag, a moment that for many Americans symbolizes the Pacific theater of World War II. The Pulitzer Prize-winning photo was later used as the inspiration for the Marine Corps War Memorial in Washington D.C.

Prosecutors want records on Jackson finances

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors want to review Michael Jackson's financial records, saying they believe serious money troubles drove the entertainer to force his accuser's family to help him rebut a damaging television documentary.

Assistant District Attorney Gordon Auchincloss requested copies of the documents Friday at a hearing that included several rulings in the singer's child molestation case, including that "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno may joke about Jackson despite a gag order on prospective witnesses.

Auchincloss told Judge Rodney S. Melville the state only wanted "a concise snapshot" of Jackson's finances to show the entertainer is "on the precipice of bankruptcy."

Melville said he would allow only minimal evidence on Jackson's financial condition. He asked both sides to confer and reach an agreement by Thursday on what financial records would be released.

"I don't want to inundate the jury with a lot of figures that don't tell a story," the judge said. "I don't think you can turn the jury into accountants."

Jackson lawyer Robert Sanger denied Auchincloss' assertion and said the state's focus on the singer's finances today has no relevance to his finances in 2003, the year at issue in the trial.

Egyptian opposition leader released on bail

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian opposition leader Ayman Nour was ordered released on bail from prison, a judicial official said Saturday, a detention that had caused tension with Washington.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Nour would be released on Saturday, but prisoners freed on bail have to follow certain legal procedures which could last between hours or days. Nour has yet to even be formally charged.

"Prosecutor general Maher Abdel Wahed ordered the release of Nour," said the official on condition of anonymity.

Nour was arrested on Jan. 29, accused of presenting fraudulent signatures in order to win the license for his party — but he and his supporters say the charges are political, aiming to eliminate him as a rival to the ruling party.

His detention had caused diplomatic tension with

Washington, which had also called for his release.

Nour last week announced his decision to run for the presidency since President Hosni Mubarak surprised the country last month by ordering a constitutional amendment to allow multi-candidate polls for president.

Egypt has until now held presidential referendums in which people vote "yes" or "no" for a single candidate approved by parliament.

Controversial anti-terrorism law takes effect in Britain

LONDON (AP) — Britain's governing Labour Party claimed victory Saturday for pushing through its contentious anti-terrorism law after an acrimonious two-day debate in Parliament. The opposition said it had forced the government to make key changes to the legislation.

Ten suspects who had been detained without trial for up to three years — including a radical preacher accused of links to al-Qaida — were free, although they faced "control orders" imposing a nighttime curfew and severe restrictions on their activities.

Prime Minister Tony Blair won the support of Parliament for the Prevention of Terrorism Bill on Friday after one of the longest and most bitter stand-offs in recent Parliamentary history.

The law allows terrorist suspects to be put under house arrest or curfew or electronically tagged without charge or trial.

The main opposition Conservative Party had opposed the legislation, saying it would infringe on civil liberties and demanding a so-called sunset clause guaranteeing that the law would expire a year after being passed. Opponents claimed such an amendment would send a message that Britain was soft on terrorism.

On Saturday House of Commons leader Peter Hain accused the Conservatives of "putting at risk serious anti-terrorism legislation and therefore the security of the country."

But Conservative co-chairman Liam Fox said his party believed terror suspects should either be deported or tried.

First Latin American makes list of world's five-richest men

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A buying spree and the stellar performance of Mexico's stock exchange helped make telecom magnate Carlos Slim Helu one of the world's five richest billionaires, the first Latin American to earn that distinction.

The 65-year-old Slim jumped to No. 4 on Forbes magazine's 2005 rankings with an estimated net worth of \$23.8 billion. Last year, he was in 17th place with \$13.9 billion.

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Sign up for EQIP funding ends soon

Friday marks final day to apply

Special to the Herald

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reminds farmers and ranchers who want to be considered for Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding must sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program, or EQIP, was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist participants in installing or implementing structural or management practices of eligible land.

This year, Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and \$5.5 million and Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

"The funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, NRCS state conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water and air quality, wildlife habitat and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures.

"Using national and state EQIP priorities, counties working through a local work group chaired by the local Soil and Water Conservation District recommended local resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices and cost-share rates and/or incentive payments.

"This group also recommended cost-share rates for beginning farmers. In 2005, producers who meet the criteria as a limited resource farmer or rancher can receive 90 percent cost share for eligible practices. The group also recommended an application ranking process to prioritize applications for funding. We have reviewed and concurred in all of their recommendations."

All applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field officers have complete details for their county.

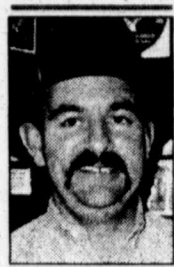
Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices and cost share rates to EQIP can be found at www.nrcs.usda

Strategic Farming Program set March 28 in Fort Stockton

Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring "Strategic Farming: A Compendium of Issues, Strategies and Alternatives" at 9:30 a.m. March 28 in the District 6 Extension Center in Fort Stockton.

The center is located at U.S. Highway 285 and Airport Drive.

"The program's purpose is to inform our area's producers of events that are taking place on the regional, state and national level that could well have an impact on their operations," said Bill Thompson, Extension economist at Fort Stockton. "These events that include new farm policy and water woes may force cotton



TOMMY YEATER

new forages for future planned West Texas dairy operations.

"Our goal is to generate some thought of what producers can do in the future to survive and remain competitive in West Texas agriculture."

Topics will include agricultural policy, water usage, new crops research, alternative

producers to reevaluate their long-term plans.

"On the brighter side, we'll also be looking at new ideas in precision irrigation, sunflower production and

crops for dairies and an analysis of a ground water district.

Individual registration by March 18 is \$20. Late registration is \$25 per person.

For more information contact Jed Elrod, Extension agent in Pecos County, at (432) 336-2541 or Thompson at (432) 336-8585.

Below is a schedule of events for the Strategic Farming Program:

9:30-9:45, Welcome, Jed Elrod, CEA, Pecos County.

9:45-10:45, Policy update, WTO negotiations, likely direction of next farm bill, Dr. Joe Outlaw, co-director Agriculture and Food Policy Center, Texas A&M University

10:45-11:15, water usage, expected production and expected returns for selected crops, Bill Thompson, TCE Ag. Economics, Fort Stockton.

11:15-11:45 a.m., Research update: Lesquerella, Guayule, Dr. Mike Foster, TAES-Agronomy, Pecos.

11:45-1 p.m., Lunch (meal included in registration)

1-1:30 p.m., Animal science, Dr. Ted McCollum, TCE, Amarillo.

1:30-2 p.m., BMR and other forages, production issues, Dr. Calvin Trostle TCE-Agronomy, Lubbock

2-3 p.m., Precision irrigation network: A summary of precision irrigation, and field level applications and anticipated

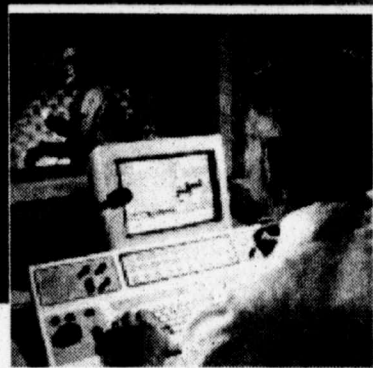
benefits, Dr. Giovanni Piccinni, TAES, Uvalde 3-3:15 p.m., Break 3:15-3:45, Sunflower production issues, Dr. Calvin Trostle, TCE-Agronomy, Lubbock.

3:45-4:15, Sunflower contracts and markets, Presenter: TBA.

4:15-5 p.m. SWOT analysis of Groundwater conservation district, Glenn Honaker, board president, Middle Pecos Ground Water Conservation District.

5-5:15, p.m., Closing comments, Jed Elrod, CEA Pecos County.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse



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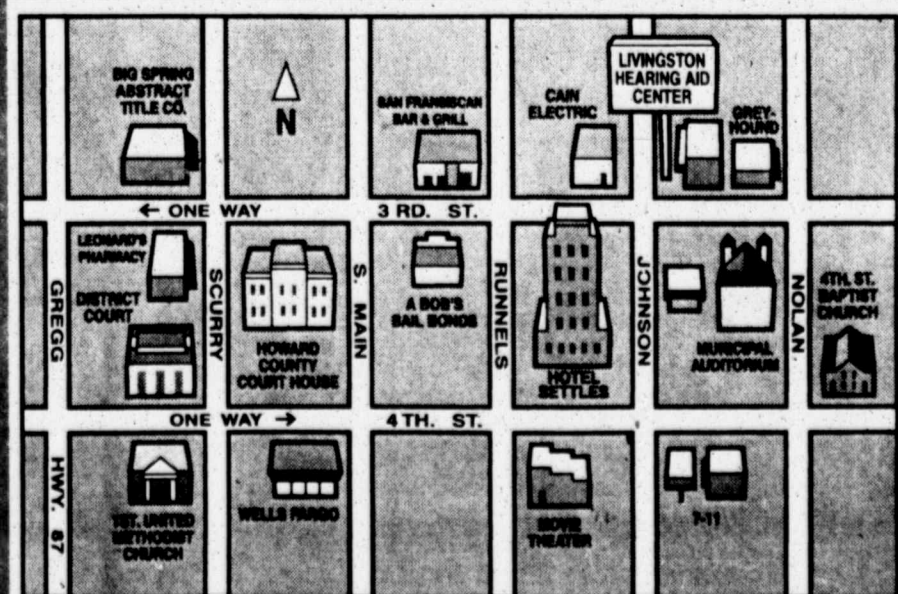
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PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLERS
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1. "Honeymoon" by James Patterson, Howard Roughan (Little, Brown)
2. "The Broker" by John, Grisham (Doubleday)
3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
5. "Impossible" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)
6. "The Rising: Before They Were Left Behind" by Tim LaHaye, Jerry B. Jenkins, (Tyndale House Publishers)
7. "Vanishing Acts" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
8. "Prince of Fire" by Daniel Silva (Putnam)
9. "Prep" by Curtis Sittenfeld (Random House)
10. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (HarperCollins)

NONFICTION/GENERAL
1. "Blood Brother: 33 Reasons My Brother Scott Peterson Is Guilty" by Anne Bird, (ReganBooks)
2. "French Women Don't Get Fat" by Mireille Guiliano (Knopf)
3. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell, (Little, Brown)
4. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
5. "Secrets of the Millionaire Mind: Mastering the Inner Game of Wealth" by T. Harv Eker (HarperBusiness)
6. "Bob Greene's Total Body Makeover: An Accelerated Program of Exercise and Nutrition for Maximum Results in Minimum Time" by Bob Greene (Simon & Schuster)
7. "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" by Jose Canseco (ReganBooks)
8. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
9. "He's Just Not That into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
10. "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court Is Destroying America" by Mark R. Levin (Regnery)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS
1. "Murder List" by Julie Garwood, (Ballantine)
2. "The Calhouns: Suzanna and Megan" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
3. "The Narrows" by Michael Connelly (Warner)
4. "Blowout" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
5. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "The Last Juror" by John Grisham (Dell)
7. "The Ideal Bride" by Stephanie Laurens (Avon Books)
8. "Deep Freeze" by Lisa Jackson (Zebra)
9. "Divine Evil" by Nora Roberts (Bantam)
10. "The Bourne Legacy" by Eric Van Lustbader (St.

Martin's Paperbacks)
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. "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston (Perennial)
5. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
6. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
7. "Bad Cat: 244 Not-So-Pretty Kitties and Cats Gone Bad" by Jim Edgar (Workman)
8. "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
9. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
10. "The Birth of Venus" by Sarah Dunant, (Random House)

Best Sellers-Video
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Top Kid Video Sales
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Mulan 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "Disney Princess Stories Volume 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
3. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Dora's Egg Hunt," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Aloha Scooby-Doo," Warner Home Video.
6. "Thomas & Friends: Sodor Celebration," Hit Entertainment.
7. "Dora the Explorer: Silly Fiesta," Paramount Home Entertainment.
8. "Spongebob Squarepants: Home Sweet Pineapple," Paramount Home Entertainment.
9. "Pokemon: Destiny's Deoxys," Walt Disney 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. "Saw," Artisan Home Entertainment.
2. "Taxi," FoxVideo.
3. "The Notebook," New Line Home Entertainment.
4. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
6. "Shall We Dance," Miramax Home Entertainment.
7. "The Grudge," Columbia

TriStar Home Entertainment.
8. "I Heart Huckabeees," FoxVideo.
9. "Friday Night Lights," Universal Studios Home Video.
10. "Mr. 3000," Dimension Home Video.
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4. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
6. "Dora's Egg Hunt," Paramount Home Entertainment.
7. "Aloha Scooby-Doo," Warner Home Video.
8. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
9. "Shall We Dance," Miramax Home Entertainment.
10. "Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed," Warner Home Video.

Top DVD Sales
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "The Notebook," New Line Home Entertainment.
2. "Shark Tale (Widescreen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
3. "Shark Tale (Pan & Scan)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
4. "Saw (Widescreen)," Artisan Home Entertainment.
5. "Ray (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home

Video.
6. "South Park: The Complete Fifth Season," Paramount Home Entertainment.
7. "Heat: Two Disc Special Edition," Warner Home Video.
8. "Saw (Pan & Scan)," Artisan Home Entertainment.
9. "Taxi (Widescreen Extended Edition)," FoxVideo.
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HOT POP SINGLE:
"Candy Shop," 50 Cent (feat. Olivia).
HOT POP ALBUM: "The Massacre," 50 Cent.
HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE: "Let Me Love You," Mario.
TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM: "The Massacre," 50

Cent.
HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK: "Nothin' to Lose," Josh Gracin.
TOP COUNTRY ALBUM: "Feels Like Today," Rascal Flatts.
TOP VHS RENTAL: "Saw."
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B.S. Girl's Soccer Association signups in M
The Big Spring Softball Assn. will be holding its registration for upcoming 2005. The league for girls and ages four and Signups will be every throughout the of March from to 6 p.m. at Spring Mall. Signups will be accepted at All Sports, located East 11th Place. There is a \$30.00 fee of \$30.00 discount will be to a second ch Tryouts for league will be April 2 and they begins play April. For more information, call Ron 432-213-3747.

Howard rodeo sets crawfish
The Howard rodeo team's annual boil April 16 at the H.C. Rodeo during College's annual. The cost which includes into rodeo. For more information, contact rodeo coach Kernick at 816.

Baseball camp for middle of
The Mickey Baseball School take place \$ March 19, National League Field Road off Highway 87. The camp into two sessions the first of place from 9:00 noon and the one goes from p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Each session ken down into tion, practice. One session but participants get both camps. Participants \$10 if registered March 10. The first session cover generation on hitting and throwing session two instruction catchers, infielders and ers. The camp one ages 12. For more information, contact Mickey Owe School at 1-800.

Pony baseball sets last si
The Big Spring Baseball League announced signups days Monday through Friday 18. The league boy's ages 13 signups will be at All-District Printing from 5:30 p.m. to \$65 per person the last opportunity play this season. Pony League will take place 22 at 6 p.m. League Park. For more information, call M at 263-8857.

IN BRIEF

B.S. Girl's Softball Association holding signups in March

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming 2005 season. The league is open for girls and women ages four and above. Signups will occur every Saturday throughout the month of March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. However, signups will also be accepted at All District Sports, located at 1005 East 11th Place.

There is a registration fee of \$30, but a \$5 discount will be given to a second child.

Tryouts for the league will take place April 2 and the league begins play April 25.

For more information, call Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo.

The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

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 on Driver Road off South Highway 87.

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

Each session is broken down into instruction, practice and play.

One session costs \$40, but participants can get both camps for \$60. Participants can save \$10 if registered by March 10.

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

The camp is for anyone ages six through 12.

For more information, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-999-8369.

Pony baseball league sets last signups

The Big Spring Pony Baseball League has announced final signup days will begin Monday and run through Friday, March 18.

The league is for boy's ages 13-15 and the signups will take place at All-District Screen Printing from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person and it is the last opportunity to play this season.

Pony League tryouts will take place March 22 at 6 p.m. at the Pony League Parks.

For more information, call Mike Ritchey at 263-8857.

Steers explode, run-rule Lamesa in five innings

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring baseball team had no troubles scoring runs Friday at home against Class 3A Lamesa.

The Steers scored nine runs in the first inning and kept the offense coming in the second inning with seven more runs as Big Spring (6-4) dominated the Tors, 19-3 in five

innings.

"We hit the ball as well as we have all year," said Big Spring coach Jason Phillips.

Big Spring played the game without the services of three players. J.W. Beauchamp, Mark Lozano and Mat Hilario were all out of town because of Spring Break.

"The game was added to the schedule late and the



guys already had plans made," said Phillips. "The good thing was we were able to use some other players and they stepped in and did well for us."

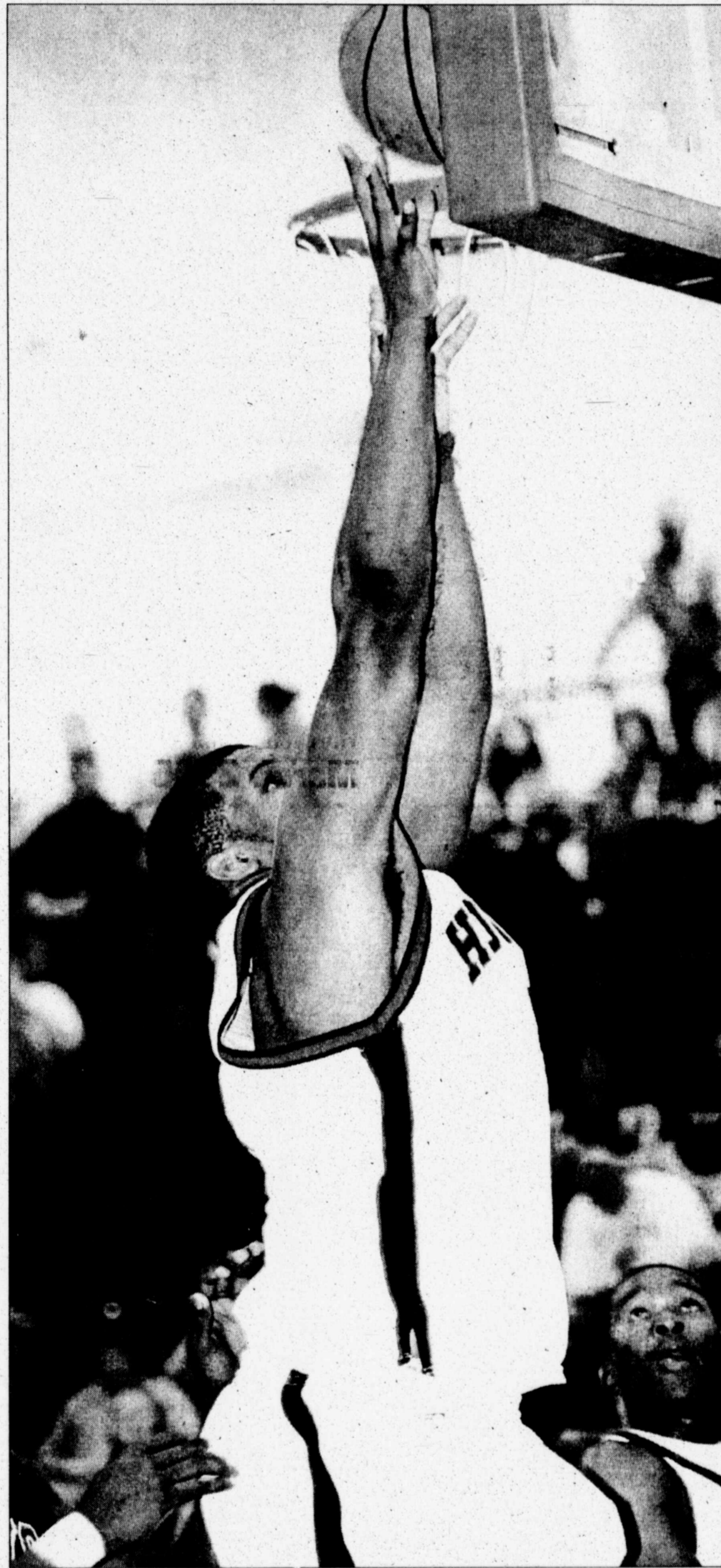
The Steers hardly missed a beat without the absent players. After the 16-run start, the Steers added two in the fourth and one in the fifth to close out Lamesa. The Tors got all three of their runs in the top of the fifth.

"For being out of position in some spots we played pretty good defense," said Phillips.

Ryan Slate got the win on the mound. He threw four innings, gave up two hits and struck out four. J. Rich Sparks closed out the game in the fifth with three strikeouts and a walk. The three runs scored on Sparks in the final inning were all unearned.

"We threw strikes and

See STEERS, Page 2B



Howard freshman Brandon Sampay scores two points inside Friday afternoon during the Hawks' first-round win against Grayson at the Region V Tournament at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. Sampay scored eight points and grabbed three rebounds before fouling out.

HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Hawk women split in WJCAC play

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College softball stayed even in conference play Friday, after splitting a WJCAC doubleheader with Frank Phillips at Foundation Field.

The Hawk women won game No. 1 5-3 before losing in the second game, 6-4.

GAME ONE

Sophomore slinger Andrea Renteria pitched seven solid innings, giv-

ing up just one earned run, while striking out five and walking three as the Hawks pulled out the victory.

Howard scored one run in the first and second innings to take the early lead. Frank Phillips tied the game up with one run in each of the fourth and fifth innings.

The Hawk women's offense exploded in the bottom of the sixth, however, as Howard (4-4, 5-11) crossed the plate three times to take a three-run lead.

Frank Phillips added one run in the top of the seventh, but it wasn't enough to apply a late rally.

"I thought we played to their level a bit in the first game and the errors we committed really cost us," said Howard coach Cheryl Dickens. "Overall, we just didn't play to our potential."

Amanda Kurmata led Howard at the plate with two hits. Amy Hitzfeld, Krista Rams, Michelle

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Charles in charge

• Burgess takes over in second half as Hawks battle back in Region V Tourney

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Charles (Burgess) was in charge Friday afternoon at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. Burgess — a freshman — scored 20 second half points and helped the Howard College men's basketball team erase a 10-point half-time deficit in the first round of the Region V Tournament as the Hawks defeated Grayson County (16-13), 64-58.

The Hawks trailed 30-20 at halftime before Burgess took over in the second 20 minutes. He finished the first half with five points — with all five coming in the last two minutes.

Then Burgess took over. "It was the tale of two halves," said Howard coach Mark Adams. "We told Charles at halftime that he was going to have a great second half for us to win the game and he responded in a big way."

Freshman James Barrett started the second half with a three-point play before Burgess rolled off 10 of Howard's next 14 points to cut the lead to three.

The next two Howard buckets were set up by Burgess as he delivered assists to freshman Brandon Sampay and Louis Rodgers. Then after freshman Rashad Mintz's layup put Howard up three, Burgess scores five straight — including a deep 3-point prayer as the shot clock buzzer sounded — to give the Hawks a 48-41 lead.

Grayson cut the lead to five on two different occasions, but Howard closed out the game at the free throw line late in the game. Howard made five free throws with less than 1:22 to play and sealed the opening round win.

"We got into them defensively in the second half and were able to capitalize off their turnovers," said Adams. "The guys played very courageously and were able to come back after we dug ourselves a hole early."

Howard advanced to the second round Saturday, but the score was unavailable at press time.

Both teams exchanged baskets early on in the second half, but Howard used several runs to capture the lead. The first run saw the Hawks score 14 straight points, while another spurt saw Howard outscore the Vikings 13-5. Howard (26-5).

Grayson was able to take control of the game in the first half when Sampay was forced to leave the game after picking up his third foul. The Vikings went on a 16-2 run to go up by 14 after the third foul, but Burgess managed to score his first five points of the game late in the first half to cut the halftime lead to 10.

The Vikings scored at will inside during the run and collected many second chance points off offensive putbacks.

"Having Brandon on the bench definitely hurt us," said Adams. "We became passive and didn't rebound very well. But Grayson deserves a lot of credit because they were the aggressor in the first half."

Howard's 11 first half turnovers didn't help its cause either.

"Grayson also deserves a lot of credit for us not taking care of the ball in the first half," said Adams.

The Hawks committed two turnovers in the second stanza and outscored Grayson, 44-28. The Vikings finished with 15 turnovers.

Burgess finished with

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NJCAA Region V Tournament — Men

Friday's first round

Howard 64, Grayson County 58
No. 3 Temple 103, South Plains 70
Midland 91, McLennan 70
Weatherford 77, Frank Phillips 74

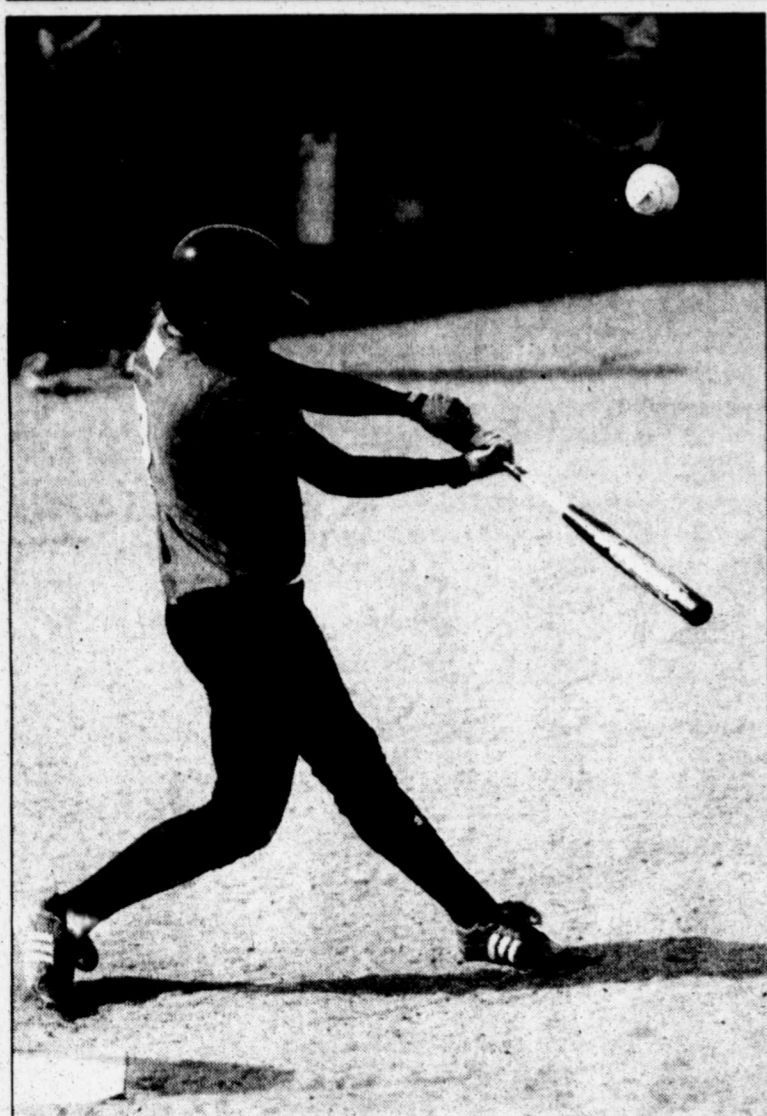
Saturday's second round matchups

Howard (26-5) vs. No. 3 Temple (31-0)
Midland (22-8) vs. Weatherford (19-11)

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Howard freshman Whitney Hufford drives the ball into foul territory during a game earlier this month. The Hawks split a conference doubleheader with Frank Phillips Friday at Foundation Field. Howard won the first game 5-3, while the Lady Plainsmen won the late game.

Hawks lose two to rival Frank Phillips

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Howard's baseball team ran into troubles on the mound Friday against WJCAC rival Frank Phillips and dropped both games of a doubleheader at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks lost the first game, 15-5, in six innings and then slugged it out in game No. 2 only to fall, 13-11.

"It was a good day until the end of the first game," said Howard coach Britt Smith. "It was a slugfest after that."

GAME ONE

Howard led Frank Phillips by one run heading into the sixth inning of game one, but the Plainsmen scored 12 runs in the top of the sixth to claim a run-rule victory.

Frank Phillips sent 18



guys to the plate in the inning.

"We couldn't get an out," said Smith.

Parker Sisk started the game for Howard on the mound and took the loss. He threw five and one-third innings before Darren Lawless finished out the game in the sixth.

Frank Phillips' Daniel Howard trailed for most of the game but got the victory after the Plainsman's offense exploded in the sixth.

GAME TWO

Howard led 2-0 after two innings in game two, but

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Teller, Bethany Rose and Crystal Walsh all score one run each.

GAME TWO

Frank Phillips scored three runs in the third and then took the lead for good in the top of seventh inning in game No. 2 to defeat the Hawk women.

The two teams were tied at 1-1 after the first inning, but the Lady Plainsmen grabbed the lead in the third. Howard battled back in the fourth and fifth, scoring two in the fourth and one in the fifth to tie the game.

Frank Phillips eventually won the game on a two-run home run in the seventh inning.

"We played better in this game, but Frank Phillips hit the ball better than we did," said Dickens.

Jody Clark started the game and got the no decision on the mound for Howard. She pitched the first three innings and gave up four runs (two earned).

Renteria entered in the fourth inning and eventually took the loss after giving up the home run.

Hitzfeld hit the Hawks' first home run of the season early in the game and finished with two hits, one walk, one stolen base and one RBI.

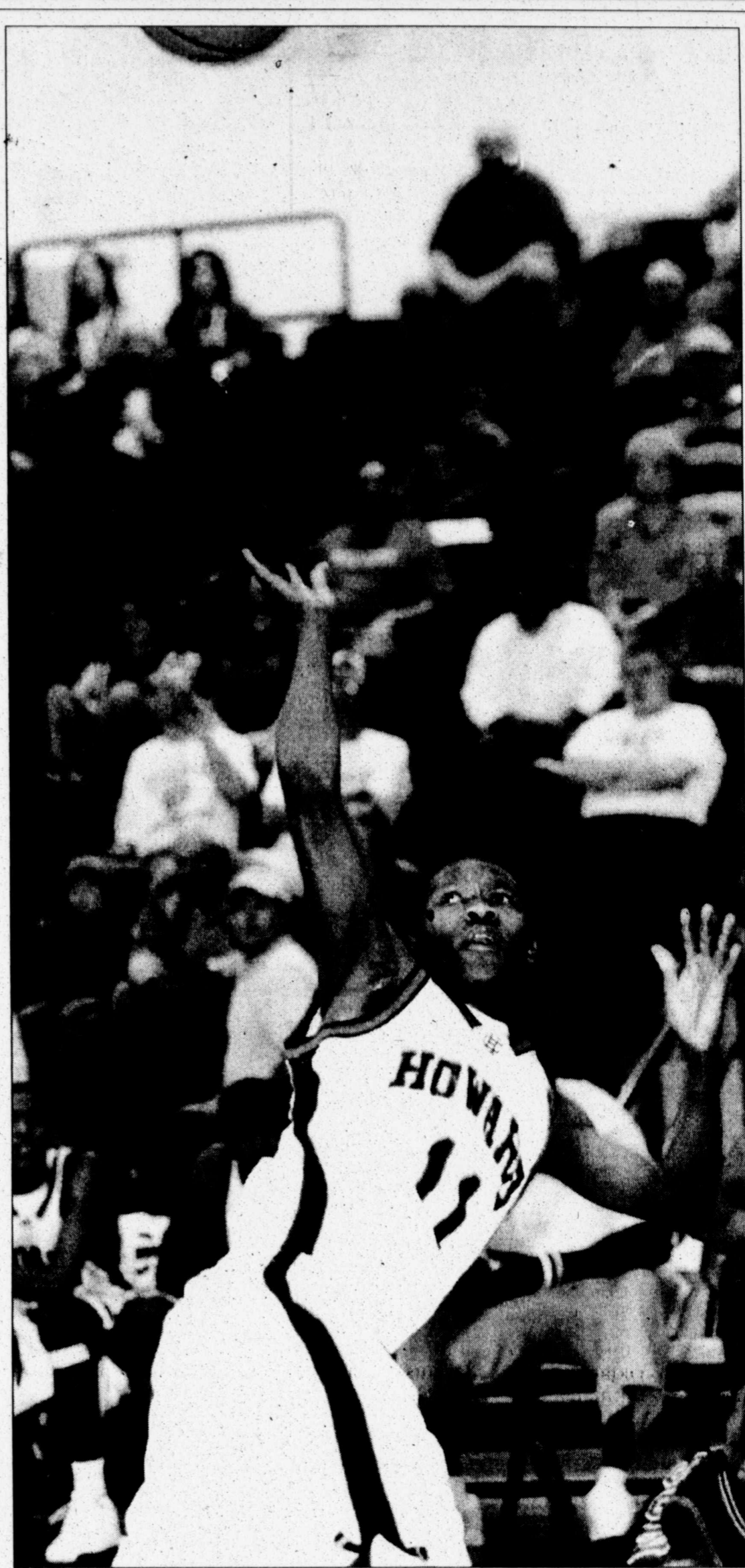
Paula Sanders went two-for-four from the plate, while Teller doubled and scored a run. Walsh had an RBI single and Rams and Christina Torres each scored a run.

The Hawks had the bases loaded with no outs in the sixth inning, but could not score and left 11 runners on base in the game.

"We definitely had our chances to win," said Dickens.

The Hawks will host rival Clarendon at Foundation Field Sunday. The doubleheader begins at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"We will practice Saturday and are looking forward to playing Clarendon Sunday," said Dickens. "It should be a good game."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Howard freshman Charles Burgess puts up a runner in the lane Friday afternoon during the Region V men's basketball tournament at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. Burgess finished with 25 points — 20 in the second half — and led Howard to a come-from-behind victory. The Hawks trailed by 10 points at halftime.

HOWARD

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25 points, five assists, four rebounds and four steals to lead Howard, which shot 50 percent from the field and 70 percent from the foul line in the game.

Mintz scored 12 points and grabbed three rebounds, while Barrett added nine points and 10 rebounds. Sampay and Shakir scored eight and seven points, respective-



ly, before both fouled out late in the second half.

Martel Jones led Grayson with 15 points and five rebounds, while Chris Session added 10 points and six rebounds. Grayson shot just 38 percent from the field, including 34 percent in the second half.

The Hawks second

round opponent was No. 3 and undefeated Temple. The Leopards play a much different style than the Hawks.

"Both South Plains and Temple would have been a tough match for us in the second round," said Adams. "Temple is very uptempo and likes to score a lot of points to win and we like to win with defense and create points off turnovers. It will be a big challenge for our team."

"We'll have to wait and see what happens."

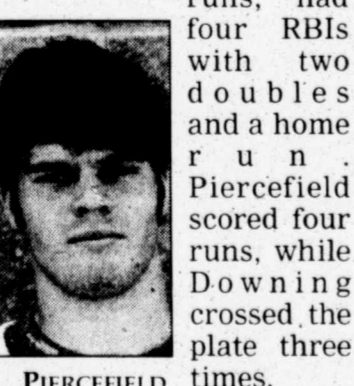
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didn't walk a lot of batters and that is something that we have had trouble with lately," added Phillips.

Kyle Piercefield, Lance Murphy and Charles Downing all went three-for-three from the plate in the game.

Murphy scored two runs, had four RBIs with two doubles and a home run.



PIERCEFIELD

Piercefield scored four runs, while Downing crossed the plate three times.

Slate also did well at the plate, collecting two hits and three RBIs.

Slate homered in the first inning, as well.

The Steers will travel to Andrews next weekend for a three-day tournament.

Big Spring plays Thursday at 1 p.m. and Friday at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The tournament concludes Saturday.

Longhorns rout Purdue on diamond

AUSTIN (AP) — Randy Boone lasted seven innings and struck out seven to lead Texas past Purdue 9-1 on Friday night.

After Purdue scored its only run on two hits in the first, Boone (3-0) settled down to retire 19 of his next 23 batters.

Seth Johnston led Texas (19-1) at the plate with

three RBIs. Thomas Wheelless each drove in Incaviglia and Chance two.

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By DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer
KANSAS CITY (AP) — The favorites vailed on the stage of the Big 12 tournament.

After two upsets in the first round, the top seeds advanced to the four of Friday's national games.

It was a close third-seeded State, though.

ranked Cowboy seeded Colorado points with six left in the last game night, then had the Buffaloes rally for an 87-84 victory.

"It was a barrier to the end," said Graham, who led the Cowboys with 20 and hit two clutch throws with 7:11 left.

Richard R. Colorado (14-16) No. 11 seed to quarterfinals in the tournament's nine-game, with 21 points wasn't available because he had the last shot in the closing seconds.

Instead, after and Ivan McPherson led while going defensive rebound were called for Marcus Hall's 3-point try for bounced off the rim.

The win puts State, the defending national champion Saturday's.

against second and No. 9 Kansas Texas Tech top-seeded Oklahoma the other semifinal.

Texas Tech State 64-56 at Oklahoma won the 79 victory over the last team Sooners back.

Kansas got to the finals via an overtime route — with over frustration State.

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AP Sports Writer
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No surprises; Big 12 favorites move on in tournament

By DOUG TUCKER
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The favorites prevailed on the second day of the Big 12 tournament.

After two upsets in the first round, the higher seeds advanced out of all four of Friday's quarterfinal games.

It was a close call for third-seeded Oklahoma State, though. The 10th-ranked Cowboys led 11th-seeded Colorado by 10 points with six minutes left in the last game of the night, then had to hold off the Buffaloes' frantic rally for an 87-85 victory.

"It was a barn-burner at the end," said Joey Graham, who led the Cowboys with 24 points and hit two clutch free throws with 7.8 seconds left.

Richard Roby led Colorado (14-16), the only No. 11 seed to make the quarterfinals in the tournament's nine-year history, with 21 points. He wasn't available to take the last shot, though, because he had fouled out in the closing seconds.

Instead, after Graham and Ivan McFarlin tangled while going for a defensive rebound and were called for traveling, Marcus Hall's last-second 3-point try for Colorado bounced off the rim.

The win puts Oklahoma State, the defending tournament champion, into Saturday's semifinal against second-seeded and No. 9 Kansas.

Texas Tech will meet top-seeded Oklahoma in the other semifinal.

Texas Tech beat Iowa State 64-56 and No. 17 Oklahoma won its seventh in a row with an 83-79 victory over Missouri, the last team to beat the Sooners back Feb. 12.

Kansas got to the semifinals via an old, familiar route with a victory over frustrated Kansas State.

With Wayne Simien scoring 28 points and dragging down 14 rebounds, the Jayhawks

beat the Wildcats for the 31st consecutive time, 80-67.

Wildcats fans had hoped the end of the streak could be at hand since the Jayhawks (23-5) had lost four of six and were without guard Keith Langford, who has an ankle injury and a stomach flu.

Instead, it was the same old story for the Wildcats (17-12), who have not beaten Kansas since January 1994.

It's the most lopsided span ever in a spirited state rivalry that began in 1907.

"We didn't think they were vulnerable at all," Kansas State senior Jeremiah Massey said. "They're one of the best teams in the country and we knew they were going to come out and fight this thing without Keith Langford."

The top-seeded Sooners (24-6) got 18 points, seven assists and two steals from Terrell Everett, who has keyed their winning streak.

Missouri (16-16) hit a tournament-record 33 of 36 free throws and had tied the school record with 23 in a row when Linas Kleiza missed the front end of a two-shot foul with 22 seconds left. He wound up with a career-high 33 points.

"We played a great game," said Kleiza, who set a tournament record with 17 free throws and 19 attempts. "It came down to the last play and we couldn't make that play."

Jarrius Jackson converted three last-minute turnovers into six free throws to seal Texas Tech's victory over Iowa State.

Jackson led the fourth-seeded Red Raiders (19-9), who advanced to the semifinals for the fourth straight year, with 20 points.

Fifth-seeded Iowa State (18-11) scored just six points after the midpoint of the second half and lost despite a 42-32 rebounding advantage.

LET'S GO, HAWKS



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard freshman cheerleader Rusty Joesy tries to help out the Hawk men's basketball team Friday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock during the first round of the NJCAA Region V Tournament.

Big Spring struggles in tournament at Andrews

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Big Spring girl's golf team finished day one of the Andrews Tournament in 13th place overall after shooting a first round 399.

Two El Paso schools are leading the way after round one. El Paso Coronado leads the tournament with a 339, while El Paso Eastwood is in second after shooting a 342. Monahans and Andrews are in third and fourth, respectively, while Granbury is holding on to the fifth spot.

Senior Rachel Gee is leading the Lady Steers after round one as she shot a first round 90. Amber Miller finished with a 102, while Kim Paredez shot a 103. Cassie Guinn (104) and Joy Seay (107) also participated.

Granbury's Honor Hammond leads all individuals with a first round 77. Kelsie Gray of Andrews is in third with an 80.

The tournament concluded Saturday, but official results were unavailable at press time.

Newest Cowboy undergoes surgery on back

IRVING (AP) — A week after receiving a \$9 million signing bonus, Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Marco Rivera underwent surgery to repair a bulging disk in his lower back. He's expected to return in time for training camp.

Rivera had the procedure done Thursday, just a few days after feeling pain while jogging on a treadmill. The injury occurred while he was in Baltimore to be honored as the Green Bay Packers' recipient of last season's Ed Block Courage Award.

He let the Cowboys know what had happened and was flown in for an examination by team doctors. They decided to do

the procedure now, leaving him plenty of recovery time before the season.

Rivera, who turns 33 next month, hasn't missed a game the past six seasons. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Rivera's durability was among the reasons he gave the veteran a \$20 million, five-year contract.

He'll be the starting right guard, anchoring the side of the line where Dallas struggled most last season.

The Cowboys have had a mixed history with key players having offseason back surgery.

Troy Aikman didn't miss any games following

back surgery the summer after leading Dallas to his first Super Bowl title, even winning it again that season. Last year, safety Darren Woodson

had surgery just before training camp to repair a herniated disk in his lower back and never made it back, retiring late in the season.

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Miller wins first-ever American World Cup

By ANDREW DAMPF
AP Sports Writer

LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland (AP) — Bode Miller became the first American in 22 years to win skiing's overall World Cup title.

He finished ahead of his only remaining challenger, Benjamin Raich of Austria, in the season's final giant slalom Saturday to capture the crown.

The last non-Europeans

to win the overall championship were Americans Phil Mahre and Tamara McKinney in 1983.

"It's been a bit embarrassing it's taken so long. It was getting a bit like the Red Sox," said Miller, a New Englander. "It was a bit embarrassing because it was like a curse."

"The last four years I've had a chance to win an overall," added Miller, who was fourth twice and second in 2003.



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Happy St. Patrick's Day



History Of Saint Patrick's Day

St. Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland. He was born in the later half of the Fourth Century, in either 373 AD or 390 AD in Scotland or England.

His real name was probably Maewyn Succat. Patricius, ultimately Patrick, was his Romanized name.

Patrick was the son of Calpornius, a Roman-British army officer. When he was 16, he was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland by pirates. He lived there for the next six years and the legend is that this is where he began to develop a relationship with God and began to prophesy he was called to bring Christianity to Ireland.

He spent 12 years training in a monastery and became bishop of Auxerre in France. He began to dream that the Irish were calling him back and one of his most famous works, the "Confessio," an autobiography that survives today, tells of the "Voice of the Irish."

So he set out for Ireland with the Pope's blessings. There he converted the Gaelic Irish, who were then mostly pagans, to Christianity. He was confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal. And, in a diplomatic fashion he brought gifts to a kinglet here and a lawgiver there, but accepted none from any.

Indeed, Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. Through active preaching, he made important converts even among the royal families. This upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. For 20 years he had traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion. He developed a native clergy, fostered the growth of monasticism, established dioceses, and held church councils.

By the end of the 7th century Patrick had become a legendary figure. One of these legends is that Saint Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Legend also has that, Saint Patrick had put the curse of God on venomous snakes in Ireland and drove them all to the sea. Some attribute this legend to the fact he drove paganism from Ireland.

He died March 17, AD 461.



A History of the Shamrock

In written English, the first reference to the Shamrock dates from 1571, and in written Irish, as seamrog, from 1707. As a badge to be worn on the lapel on the Saint's feast day, it is referred to for the first time as late as 1681. The Shamrock was used as an emblem by the Irish volunteers in the era of Grattan's Parliament in the 1770s. So rebellious did the wearing of the Shamrock become that in Queen Victoria's time, Irish regiments were forbidden to display it. Now, on St. Patrick's Day, a member of the British Royal Family presents Shamrock to the Irish Guards regiment of the British Army.



The Legend of the Blarney Stone

The Blarney Stone is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence (blarney). The castle was built in 1446 by Cormac Laidhiv McCarthy (Lord of Muskerry) — its walls are 18 feet thick (necessary to thwart attacks by Cromwellian's and William III's troops). Thousands of tourists a year still visit the castle. The origins of the Blarney

Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly.

It's tough to reach the stone, it's between the main castle wall and the parapet. Kissers have to stretch and bend backward and downward, holding iron bars for support.

Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, is Thursday.

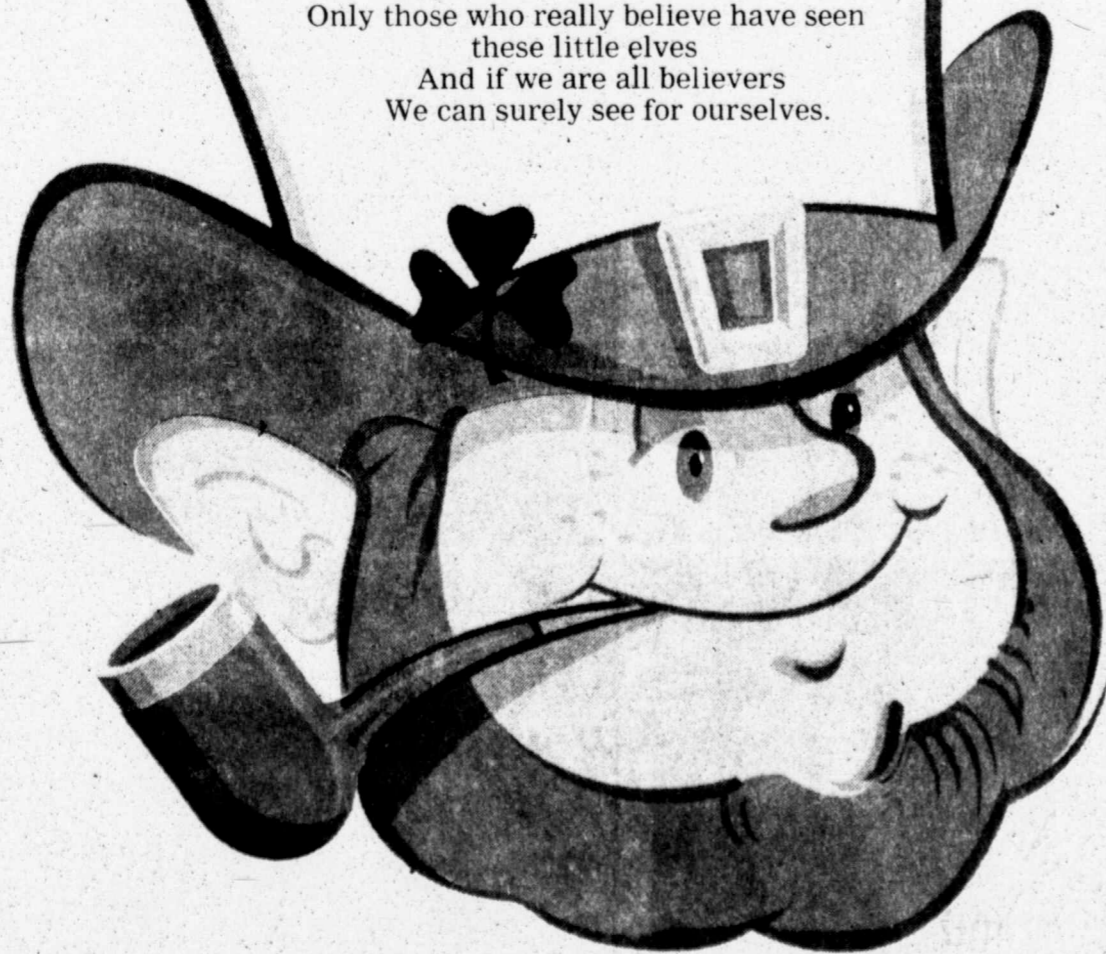
The Leprechaun is an Irish fairy. He looks like a small, old man (about 2 feet tall), often dressed like a shoemaker, with a cocked hat and a leather apron. According to legend, leprechauns are aloof and unfriendly, live alone and pass the time making shoes. They also possess a hidden pot of gold.

Treasure hunters can often track down a leprechaun by the sound of his shoemaker's hammer. If caught, he can be forced, with the threat of bodily violence, to reveal the whereabouts of his treasure, but the captor must keep their eyes on him every second.

If the captor's eyes leave the leprechaun, and he often tricks them into looking away, he vanishes and all hopes of finding the treasure are lost.

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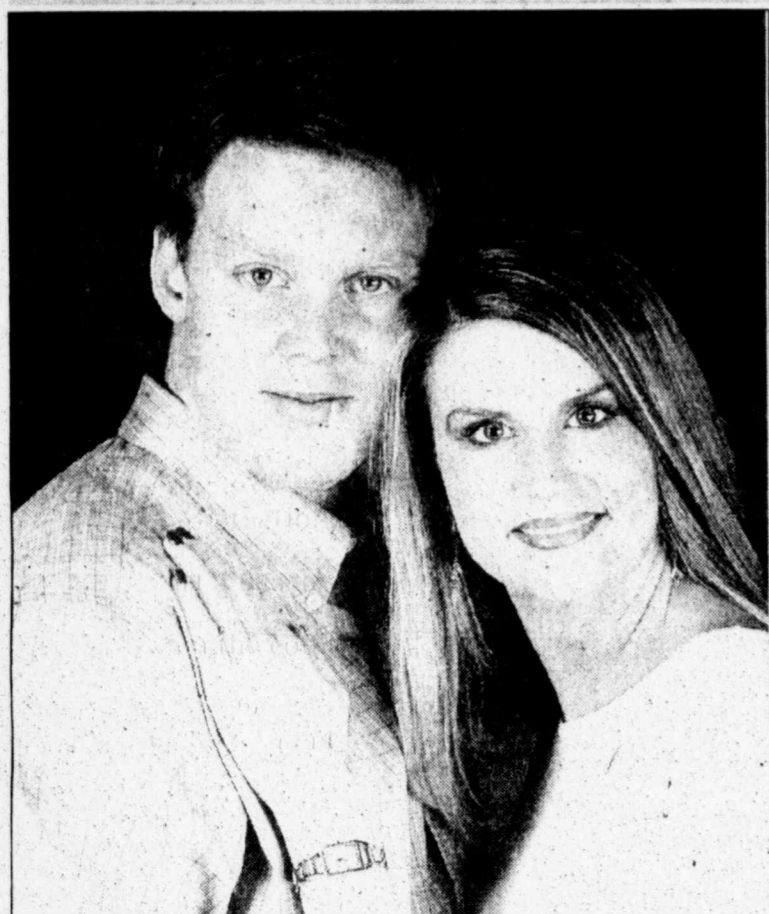
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► **Engagement**



Wesley Frederic Crowley II and Laura Jean Elrod

Elrod, Crowley II to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Elrod of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Jean Elrod to Wesley Frederic Crowley II, son of Wesley F. and Gloria Crowley of San Antonio and Willene Colvin of Augusta, Ga.

She is the granddaughter of David and Evelyn Elrod and Judson and Velta Lloyd of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Dagmar Crowley of San Antonio and Ollie May Cunningham of Hayesville, N.C.

Grandparents of yesteryear

I remember my Grandmother Settles very well. I was 14 years old and she was in her mid-80s when she passed away.

She was the only grandparent I knew well. She pampered all her grandchildren. We would come to visit and she would find a stick of peppermint sugar candy for each of us.

She had a drawer that had a few toys in it and when we were there, we played with them.

Nowadays kids have more toys than Toys Were Us, if you know what I mean.

As we got older, my brother, cousin and I would walk home from elementary school.

There was a more direct route home, but occasionally we would walk to Grandmother's house for a snack and then walk home.

All we would get would be a few crackers and a glass of milk. But those were the best crackers ever and the milk was so cold.

Mother would be worried at our late arrival, but we would explain where we were and she was OK with that.

We had many different activities that kids today do not have the opportunity to do.

She had a little chicken coop behind the house and she would have us go and gather eggs and feed the chick-

National Bank in San Antonio.

The future groom is a 1990 graduate of O.W. Holmes High School in San Antonio and a 1998 graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He received his master's of business administration from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2003. He is a certified public accountant and is employed as a financial analyst in the corporate finance division of USAA in San Antonio.

The couple will exchange wedding vows June 18, 2005, in the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring. A reception will follow in the Dora Roberts Community Center. They will make their home in San Antonio.

It was probably a chore for her, but to us it was fun.

One thing I recall is Grandmother always wore an apron. You don't see that much these days and times. But she wore hers all the time.

Recently, while on the Internet, I came across this golden tidbit:

Grandma's apron
I don't think our kids know what an apron is....

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it serve as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables.

After the peas had been shelled it carried

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Jennifer Catherine Towne and Lance Alan Lister

Towne, Lister to wed

Jennifer Catherine Towne and Lance Alan Lister will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. April 2, 2005, at 533 Hillside Dr.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Jeanette Towne, the granddaughter of Leo and Judith Heytens of Booneville, Miss., and the great-granddaughter of Max and Janice Towne of Mesquite Nev., and Maybelle and the late Martin Towne of Las Vegas, Nev.

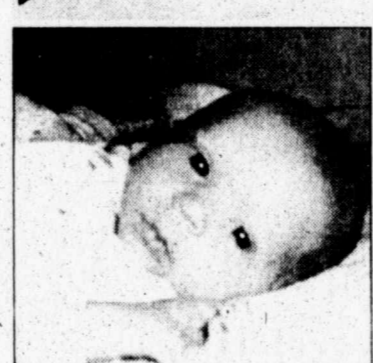
She is attending Howard College with a major in deaf education.

She is employed by Towne and Country Real Estate.

The groom is the son of Michael Lister of San Angelo and Dawn Lister Fabbri of Dallas. He is the grandson of John and the late Charlene Lister of Sweetwater and the late Anna Bowman of Odessa. He is the great-grandson of the late Oattie Porter of Sweetwater.

He is a graduate of San Angelo High School and is employed by Cudd Pumping Services in Odessa.

► **Births**



Braxton Kole Sizenbach

Braxton Kole Sizenbach, a boy, was born Feb. 23, 2005, at 2:29 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Michael and Brandie Sizenbach.

His grandparents are Don and Roxy Belew and Mike and Sue Sizenbach. He was welcomed home by big brother, Brayden.

Noah Lucky Garcia, a boy, was born March 3, 2005, at 3:20 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 22 inches long.

His parents are Tony Jr. and Lloydell Garcia. His grandparents are Tony Sr. and Maria Garcia.

He was welcomed home

by siblings, Tonya and Tony III.



Mason Rush Sedberry

Mason Rush Sedberry, a boy, was born Feb. 28, 2005, at 6:32 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

His parents are Peyton and Mindy Sedberry.

His grandparents are Debra and the late Jerry Mason and Jacque Roland of Big Spring and Happy and Mary Sedberry of Boyd.

► **Who's Who**

Ben Johnson receives award

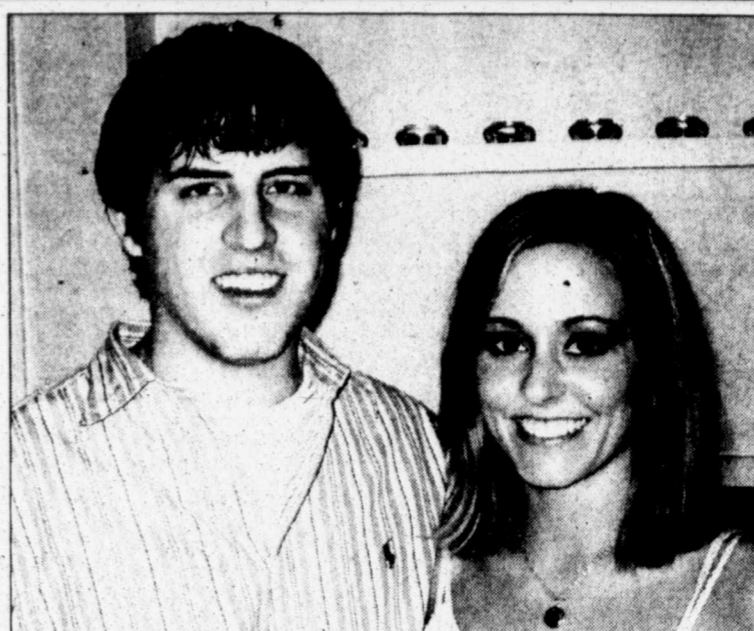
Dr. Ben Johnson of El Dorado, Ark., associate professor of history for Southern Arkansas University, received an Award of Merit by the American Association for State and Local History, for "John Barleycorn Must Die: The War Against Drink in Arkansas."

A 1971 Big Spring High School graduate, he is the son of Geraldine Johnson, formerly of Big Spring. He will be presented the award at a special ceremony Sept. 29 in St. Louis. The AASLH is consid-



Johnson

ered the top program in the nation for recognizing and preserving history on state and local levels. Johnson has received commendations for two other books, as well.



Shey Ditto and Connie Sue Richard

Richard, Ditto engaged

Connie Sue Richard and Shey Ditto, both of Irving, will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. June 11, 2005, at the DFW Hilton in Grapevine.

The bride is the daughter of Amil and Sarah Richard of Upland, Ind., the granddaughter of the late Ray and Opal Richard and the great-granddaughter of Thema and the late David Craig of Livonia, Mich.

She received a bachelor of science degree from Purdue University. She is employed by Parkland Hospital in Dallas as a

registered nurse in Medicine ICU.

The groom is the son of Kyle and Valencia Ditto of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Horace and the late La Rue Rankin and Joyce and the late Son Ditto, all of Big Spring. He is the great-grandson of Katy Browne of Snyder.

He received a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Texas-Austin. He is employed by Baylor Hospital as a registered nurse in the Emergency Department.



Dora Morales and Javier Calderon

Morales, Calderon to exchange vows

Dora Morales of San Antonio and Javier Calderon of Austin will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. April 9, 2005, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in San Antonio.

The bride is the daughter of Alberto M. and the late Tomasa Morales. She is the granddaughter of the late Genobevo and Petra Morales and Jose and Feliciano Montanez. She is a 1982 graduate of

Big Spring High School and a 1993 graduate of St. Mary's University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed by Scirex Corporation in Austin.

The groom is the son of Librado and the late Jose Calderon and the grandson of the late Enrique and Isabel Calderon.

He is a 1982 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by ARS.

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WEDNESD salad, cornb cobbler.

THURSDAY and rice, mi bles, salad, fruited gelatin

FRIDAY-Tu dressing, swe green beans, fruit salad.

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BREAKFAST MONDAY-F sticks, Little juice, milk.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken strips, rice, salad, broccoli and cheese, milk, rolls, fruit.
TUESDAY-Meatloaf, blackeyed peas, squash, salad, milk, rolls, cake.
WEDNESDAY-Stew, salad, cornbread, milk, cobbler.
THURSDAY-Beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.
FRIDAY-Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY-French toast sticks, Little Smokies, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Pancake pups, cereal, juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, juice, milk.
FRIDAY-Sausage n blanket, cereal, juice, milk.

HOMECOMING



Wilson

Wilson returns from War in Iraq

US Army Sgt. Danny Wilson returned home Thursday from a 14-month tour of duty in Iraq.

His family and friends are planning a celebration in his honor.

Wilson is married to Whitney and they have two children, BreAnna and Brandon, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Delores Sheppard and the grandson of Bert and Dorothy Sheppard, all of Big Spring.

Anyone wishing to express their best wishes and welcome home to Wilson may call 263-4483.

Settles

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out the hulls.

In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron and the men knew it was time to come from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

I remember my grandmother used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Now-adays, granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw!

Burr Lea Settles Jr., former Big Spring Fire Marshal, writes this column for the Big Spring Herald.

LUNCH
MONDAY-Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, honey, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken patie on bun, French fries, pork and beans, fruit cup, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY-Nachos w/meat and cheese, peppers, salad, ranch beans, pudding, milk.
FRIDAY-Barbeque on bun, nacho cheese chips,

pickle spears, corn, cherry cups, milk.
BIG SPRING ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY-Breakfast pizza, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Cereal, sausage patty, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Cinnamon pastry, sliced pineapple, milk.
THURSDAY-Cereal, apple cinnamon bar, juice, milk.
FRIDAY-PBandJ, apple sauce, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza, potato rounds, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Popcorn chicken, mac and cheese, California vegetables, spiced apples, wheat rolls, milk.
THURSDAY-Mexican beef wrap, tortilla rounds, refried beans grape freeze bar, milk.
FRIDAY-Fishburger,

salad, pickle spears, pork and beans, potato chips, chocolate cake, milk.
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BREAKFAST
MONDAY-Cereal, pop-tarts, juice, milk.
TUESDAY-Sausage on a stick, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Eggs, toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY-Donuts, juice, milk.
LUNCH

MONDAY-Beef tacos, pinto beans, mixed fruit, Spanish rice, milk.
TUESDAY-Pizza, salad, pineapple slices, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Corn dog, baked beans, orange smiles, lettuce, tomato, pickles, milk.
THURSDAY-Burrito, pinto beans, peaches, Spanish rice, milk.
FRIDAY-Ham, mac and cheese, peas, pears, milk.
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Moore Board

Entity's mission more complex than simply creating jobs

Starting with this column, which the *Big Spring Herald* has generously agreed to print, Moore Development will be informing Big Spring of current events happening at our organization.

Unfortunately, Moore Development is one public entity that engages in activities which, most of the time, are unable to be reported on for a couple of reasons. First, the confidentiality the prospect requests limits our ability to say who, what, where, why and how we are involved in most circumstances. Second, and probably most important, is that economic development is extremely competitive. To unnecessarily or prematurely release information about a project could jeopardize our position. An example is the Introductory Flight Training Proposal we have submitted with Boeing. This has been a works in progress for more than a year and a half, but only recently were we allowed to expand our comments to the general public. We serve the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County and they deserve to know what is happening in as timely a manner as possible.

Most people associate Moore Development, or Moore Board, with economic development and job creation. In fact, job creation is one of the top priorities listed in the original resolution which created Moore Board. Like most other economic development corporations in Texas, Moore Development has evolved over the years and expanded its operational mission. The reason for a broader approach is that economic development boards and practitioners have realized that there is much more to a sound and growing economy than simply "creating more jobs."

Moore Development is now involved in workforce development, regional and state projects and organizations, community development, industry retention and expansion as well as new industrial recruitment. In this periodic column we will present the activities Moore Development is involved with concerning each of these areas. One of the most important strengths any community must possess is a mature and well-skilled labor force. As one CEO said a few years ago, "We have machines in here that cost millions of dollars apiece, but the most valuable asset this company has is our human capital — our

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KENT SHARP



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Vanessa Villalba, left, and Sherry Everett make preparations for a reception at Citizens Federal Credit Union Friday morning. The reception was held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the credit union, which began business as Webb Air Force Base Federal Credit Union in 1955.

Anniversary Citizens FCU boasts a rich 50-year history

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Fifty years ago, Webb Air Force Base Federal Credit Union opened its doors with a whopping \$110 in assets wrapped in a paper sack.

What a difference a name change and half-century make.

Today, the now-named Citizens Federal Credit Union has millions of dollars in assets and boasts membership in a four-county area. However, that doesn't mean it's forgotten its somewhat humble beginnings.

Citizens kicked off a year-long commemoration of its 50th anniversary with a reception at the credit union. And if that sounds somewhat low-key, that's exactly the intention.

"We'll be talking about the anniversary all year," CFCU Vice President Robin Hallmon said. "But if we spent thousands and thousands of dollars (on the celebration), our



members might get mad at us ... Basically, we'll be celebrating our past, but looking forward to our future."

Citizen's began life as Webb AFB Credit Union in 1955, designed to serve Air Force servicemen and their families. When the base closed in the late 1970s, however, the institution changed both its name and its membership requirements.

"Back in 1978, the people at the credit union had a choice," Hallmon said. "They could close the doors ... and there would be no remembrance of Webb AFB, and (CFCU) would become a small piece of another institution. They decided to stay."

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State hospital names top employees

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon announced the hospital's top five employees of 2004 during a December awards assembly honoring the facility's 550 workers.

The commendation award winners were Barbara Burnett, Male Psychiatric Services aide; Darla Batla, Adult Psychiatric Services charge nurse; Roselia Ramirez, ATD clerk III; Yvette Calderon, Adult Psychiatric Services shift

team leader; and Kathy Salazar, Social Work Services director.

Commendation award winners are selected on their work performance, attendance and supervisor evaluations. A committee of past award recipients chose the winners.

Burnett has been praised numerous times by her co-workers and supervisors for her strong work ethic and her tender attitude toward the patients. She was cited as a team player who brings harmony to the medical

unit. The medical unit cares for the medically fragile psychiatric patients and Burnett makes suggestions to improve patient care.

The MPS staff has encouraged Burnett to renew her LVN license because she would make an excellent addition to the hospital's licensed staff work force.

The Youth Services Unit kept Batla busy until July 2003, when she moved over to the Acute Psychiatric Services-Female unit as a charge nurse. She has received numerous quarterly

awards during her nearly five years of employment because of her strong belief that patient safety and the highest level of care is the most important part of her job. Her supervisors credit her flexibility in volunteering to work on other units as one of her strongest attributes. She has never said "I don't have time" or "We can't do that."

Ramirez is a clerk in the Activities Therapy Department

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan
Jeff Morris, ALON USA chief executive officer, thanks Big Spring Refinery employees and contractors during an informal lunch held Friday following the facility's month-long turnaround.

Job well done

ALON USA praises local refinery employees, contractors, community

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

A job well done and the makings of a secure future — those were the messages sent out to hundreds of Big Spring Refinery employees, contractors and community leaders Friday during an informal lunch held by ALON USA.

ALON USA Chairman of the Board David Wiseman, CEO Jeff Morris and others made the trip to Big Spring to say "thank you" upon the completion of the refinery's month-long turnaround, which was completed a week ago.

The successful "house cleaning" carried a pricetag of about \$20 million, including improvements, and was more than two years in the planning.

"Never in my 30-year career have I been so proud of a group

of people," said Joe Conciencie, refinery manager, who lauded the month-long project as an "employer-contractor-community effort."

Conciencie told the group that after the turnaround, the refinery is now "at 100 percent operation" and "exploring the new limits of our new capabilities."

"We hope to set production records in the months to come," he told the group, which included Mayor Russ McEwen, oil industry pioneer Myra Robinson, local bankers and members of the refinery's community advisory panel.

Along with the turnaround, equipment was added to increase the plant's production from

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Ag Expo, luncheon upcoming

The West Texas Ag Expo and annual agricultural appreciation luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 5 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Jimmy Clark, deputy chief of staff and district agriculture representative with U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer's office.

Area farmers and ranchers are invited to attend the noon luncheon at no charge. During the event, awards will be presented to an area producer and agri-business.

Luncheon tickets for the general public are \$10 each and may be obtained at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

There is no charge to attend the Expo, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Cosden FCU names new CEO

Manuel "Manny" Puga was named chief executive officer of Cosden Federal Credit Union Monday.

Prior to assuming his duties at the credit union, Puga was president and CEO of Medical Community Credit Union in Odessa for 15 years. Before that, he served as a financial consultant. Overall, he has more than 30 years experience in the financial business.

He is a native of Big Spring, and is mar-



Manuel Puga

ried to Viola Puga. They have a son, Chris; three daughters: Viki, Kelly and Magyn; and three grandchildren.

Tuesday deadline for scholarship applications

IRVING — VALOR Telecom is reminding West Texas customers that the application deadline for the Community Leader Scholarship Program is Tuesday.

This year, VALOR will award \$1,000 scholarships to as many as 12 students living in communities served by the company. VALOR serves Forsan and several other

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Hot Checks/Warrants Issued: Lupe Aleman, 301 E. Co. Road 34, Big Spring... Judgment and Sentence: Levi Patrick Carter V, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$211 court costs, 10 days in jail... Judgment and Sentence: Willie Ray Myles Jr., driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 90 days in jail... Judgment and Sentence: Juan Olivas Valencia, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 90 days in jail... Judgment and Sentence: Nuge Alexander, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 60 days in jail... Probated Judgment: David Oleary, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)... District Court Filings: Nathaniel Brandon Rockwell vs. Stefan Jane Rockwell, divorce... County Court Decisions: Judgment and Sentence: Nuge Alexander, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$270 court costs, 60 days in jail... Probated Judgment: Anthony Trevino, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)... Probated Judgment: Ninfa Moreno Garcia, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 365 days in prison (jail time suspended, 24 months probation)... Probated Judgment: Estevan Valencia Jr., driving while license suspended, \$400 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)... Probated Judgment: Derek Christopher Wilson, possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)... Probated Judgment: Cheryl Ann Williams, sale of alcohol to a minor, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)... Probated Judgment: Jamie Renteria, interfering with an emergency call, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)... Judgment and Sentence: Levi Patrick Carter V, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$211 court costs, 10 days in jail... Judgment and Sentence: Willie Ray Myles Jr., driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 90 days in jail... Judgment and Sentence: Juan Olivas Valencia, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 90 days in jail... Judgment and Sentence: Nuge Alexander, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 60 days in jail... Probated Judgment: David Oleary, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)... Probated Judgment: David Paul Herrod, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,000 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation)... Probated Judgment: Annette Gloria Torres, driving while license invalid, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)... District Court Filings: Nathaniel Brandon Rockwell vs. Stefan Jane Rockwell, divorce... Maggie May Taylor vs. Joshua Eric Taylor, divorce... Rolyn Reid vs. Donnie Reid, divorce... Jacqueline D. Starr vs. Billy W. Starr, Sr., divorce... Jennifer L. Born vs. Kenneth B. Born, divorce... Sonya Madry vs. Steven Fredrick Madry, divorce... Debra Watts vs. James Michael Watts, family protective order... Linda Stegman vs. Victor Flores Jr., family protective order... Christina Martinez vs. Jack Daniel Paredes, family protective order... Jennifer Dugger vs. Jaime Lee Atkinson, family protective order... Citibank vs. Mary L. Farmer, accounts, notes and contracts... Brigitte Marie Sandoval vs. Bertram Warner and Faye Warner, injury or damages with a motor vehicle... In Re: Brent Jones vs. In Re, injury or damages - other... Charles English vs. R.M. Osborn, injury or damages - other... Ex Parte Betsy Toman vs. In Re, expulsion... Marriage Licenses: Gary Wayne Morris, 57, of Big Spring, and Alale Ruth Langherlini, 53, of Peru... Douglas Dean Livengood Jr., 19, and Bethani Ayn Nixon, 18, both of Big Spring... Timothy James Phillips, 26, and Kimbree Kristene Kirkham, 18, both of Big Spring... Lance Alan Lester, 26, and Jennifer Catherine Towne, 20, both of Big Spring... Warrantly deeds: Grantor: Jacquelyn Zitterkopf Grantee: Brent W. Zitterkopf and Mary Zitterkopf Property: Lot 10 of the Denton Subdivision. Date Filed: March 2, 2005

MOORE

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employees." Firms that remain in this country demand a more skilled worker. Big Spring is home to some of the most highly sophisticated technical production processes in the world. Local companies have invested millions of dollars into machines that, for the most part, are computerized. Employees at these firms use terms like CNC (computer numerical controlled), PLC (programmable logic controller) and SPC (statistical process control) to name a few. These companies are expanding and will be limited in their growth if they cannot find an adequately trained workforce in Big Spring. To that end, Moore Development works very closely with the local schools and Howard College to help deliver resources for training students. As an example of this effort, Moore Development was interested in the findings of a local Big Spring ISD committee called the Career and Technology Education Committee, or CATE for short. Made up of local business, education, and workforce development leaders, CATE made recommendations to the local school board. One of these recommendations was to enhance the construction technology curriculum at the local high school. As most of us know, educational funding is very lean. Although will-

ing, BSISD was unable to budget the needed dollars to get the program off the ground. As a result, CATE approached Moore Development seeking assistance in the form of a \$70,000 grant and our board granted the request. This grant allowed the school to purchase the needed equipment that will train students in carpentry, plumbing, refrigeration and masonry. Also this year, Moore Development provided matching funds for a vehicle which will allow the transportation of the students and equipment to the project sites. The program began in the 2002-2003 year with 27 students, increased to 31 students in 2003-2004 and this year has 35 students enrolled in the program. In the coming school year, the students will begin construction of an actual house which will be located in Big Spring. The construction technology program offers young people a chance to learn skills that are readily transferable to the available jobs in the Big Spring area. Another workforce project Moore Development is involved with deals with the recent announcement of expanded positions within our local VA Medical Center. Moore Development recently approved a request for funding to bring about enhanced training of employees involved in medical billing and collection. This training will be facilitated through Howard College and will be free to any employee working in billing and collections in the medical

profession and who resides in Howard County. Employment in Big Spring is not only growing, it is also diversifying. Many of the students today in Howard County schools would love to find a good paying job here. Most of our industries would love to expand their operations and hire these students as workers. The bridge which enables this to happen is education and training. Moore Development is proud to be an important part of that process and will continue to seek out opportunities for our citizens.

Kent Sharp is the executive director for Moore Development For Big Spring. His office is located at 215 W. Third and he can be reached at 264-6032.

VALOR

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West Texas communities. Qualified applicants must be high school seniors who demonstrate strong community leadership through volunteerism and civic involvement. They must also plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational school, and must have maintained a grade point average of at least 2.5. Scholarship recipients will be announced in April. For more information or to receive an application, visit www.valor telecom.com and click on the Community Connection tab.

REFINERY

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62,000 to 66,000 barrels per day. Wiseman said he had visited the refinery during the turnaround. "I saw the hard work, saw the dedication and

saw the spirit, not only to do the turnaround, but to do the best job possible," he said, thanking the employees and contractors. He told them there are "lots of plans for the refinery" and assured the group "we will be here for the future. We will be open for many, many tens

of years." Later, the ALON USA chairman said the Big Spring Refinery is a financial success because of people. "You can do it if you have the spirit of the people. We have that here. We have a great group of people."

BSSH

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where she transferred to from housekeeping during her 13-year career. She has been nominated as ATD Employee of the Year for the past four years. In addition to the outstanding customer service she delivers, Ramirez constantly assists staff and volunteers, for extra duties without being asked. Most employees know Ramirez through her volunteer activities with the State Employee Charitable Campaign, Relay for Life team and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair. "Ramirez has excellent team-building skills; is very dependable, helpful and dedicated to the mission of BSSH and the patients. She is one of the most empathetic, positive and ethical employees at BSSH," Moughon said when reading her nomination. "She sets high standards for herself and works as hard in the community, her church, the Alzheimer's Organization and other charitable efforts as she does at the hospital."

Calderon moved to the Acute Psychiatric Services Unit in December 2002, after being promoted to shift team leader six months earlier. She began working at Big Spring State Hospital 6 1/2 years ago on the Rehabilitation Psychiatric Services Unit as a direct care worker where she received many quarterly awards. Advancing through the ranks taught Calderon how to manage and assist the direct care workers on her unit. Her peers and supervisors say "she is extremely organized and is an excellent supervisor. She knows first-hand the challenging job facing direct care employees. She knows individual staff's strengths and weaknesses and guides them through the challenging times. She always keeps patient safety in the forefront of tending to their many needs and wants. Her co-workers and the patients she works with know that Calderon can be counted on when needed. "She works well with her staff and they know that even on the toughest of days they won't have to go it alone," Moughon read. Salazar has been employed at BSSH since

1979. She started her career at Big Spring State Hospital in 1979 as a unit social worker and was promoted to a supervisory position in 1983. She became director of the department in 1989, a position she continues to hold. Salazar has received numerous quarterly awards as well as Employee of the Quarter for the third and fourth quarters of 1996. She has served on numerous statewide workgroups and has chaired the Ethics and Patient Rights Committee since 2000. She currently chairs the BSSH Manifest Dangerousness Review Board as well as a member of the statewide Manifest Dangerousness Review Board. She also serves as the hospital's ADA coordinator, is a member of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, coordinates the hospital's language interpreter service and manages the Family Lodge program. Additionally, Salazar is very active in the community serving as a volunteer for Victims Services since 1995 and volunteer for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of West Texas.

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ACROSS	55 French pronoun	5 Teamwork obstacles	32 Asian
1 Most verdant	56 Antique photo	6 All of it	34 Most Marines
8 Less than calm	58 More crummy	7 Most delicious	36 Elasticized garment
15 One of the Leeward Islands	60 In it, as a contest	8 Journey Into Fear author	37 Summer cooler
16 Use, so to speak	61 Annoying	9 Be prone	38 Closing in on
17 Fast-rising celebs	62 Way back when	10 Minestrone	39 Uneasy truce
18 Feels at home	63 Fussed with finery	11 Lubricate again	40 Cool it
19 Chromatic nuances	DOWN	12 Edict	41 Issuance
20 As late as	1 Some computers	13 Prodded	42 Paramount
22 Subordinates	2 Win the joust, perhaps	14 Concluding course	43 Showed disgust
23 Tolkien creatures	3 Pattern-applying device	21 "Et tu" time	46 City on I-75
24 Went (with)	4 Jazz pianist	24 Basic need	49 Gorges
26 Pile on		25 Maligns	51 Western team
27 Inflation abbreviation		28 Make sense	53 Gore title character
28 Made happy		29 Indulges excessively	55 Microwave
30 Rugged peak			57 Violin part
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35 Happy tune			
36 Can do without, thank you			
37 Give an oath to, perhaps			
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Mars in Capricorn sends aggressive energy into relationships. Peaceful relationships that were slipping into a boring groove are invigorated. But relationships that were already agitated could reach an unpleasant level of intensity. This is no time to be stubborn, but tell that to the Taurus moon! Utilize deep breathing to keep your cool.

ARIES (March 21-April

19). There are people who shine like beacons in your life. And then there are those who blend into the scenery, surprising you when they finally reach out — you almost forgot you knew them. Honor those people now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your sign rules the throat, and today, your verbal requests have even more weight than usual. You'll be surprised what mountains you can move using only the magic of your voice. Don't waste the gift on small stuff!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As much as you'd enjoy an easy road, friendships are not without occasional strife. When you presume the other person is innocent (even though this seems highly unlikely to you now), a new insight leaps to the fore.

CANCER (June 22-July

22). You'll assemble a team for your special project — or at least you should! To take on the whole thing solo is nothing short of unnecessary martyrdom. Strongly consider other water signs (Scorpio and Pisces).

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Nothing compares to the sweetness of family connections. You're absolutely happiest when you're giving to your next of kin. Hint: The best you can give is a listening ear. Turn off the distractions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). So far, your reputation in a certain social group is perfectly preserved. The stakes are raised, though, and it takes more to stay in good graces. Show your social savvy by thinking ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When the matriarch of your family is happy, everyone is happy. If said matriarch is you, now's the time to spoil yourself silly. If not, an affectionate display aimed at "mama" will be uplifting to all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your social set represents a pastiche of different styles, and you can learn something from each contributing person. So instead of worrying about fitting in, play up the differences between you and those around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Exercise caution — even though it's not your thing. Let the deal go down without you if necessary. When you're not in a hurry, and you're willing to be thoughtful, you save time, money and

energy.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Hiding your skills is futile. The experts agree that you're one of them! This means you'll be asked to help, which is really more of a pleasure than an obligation. The more generous you are, the happier you'll be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Risk being unpopular. Liking something different from what the rest like, acting on your own initiative and adopting the lonely cause are all favored activities. You're a true independent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The music of the spheres is a grand orchestra, but the melody is a simple one, heard in the smallest details of nature — a leaf, the buzz of a bee, the lapping tide. Likewise, you communicate to the world in big and small ways.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This is the final week of the solar journey though Pisces, bringing the zodiac year to a close. Next Sunday, the spring equinox welcomes the solar transit into Aries, which starts a fresh sun cycle. The next seven days introduce a cosmic checklist. You'll probably find yourself briefly visiting all the areas of your life to give a quick rating. "Finances, A. Love life, B. Environment, C ..." or however that occurs in your own inner dialogue. The tendency is to be brutally honest and at the same time hopeful for improvement. But some of us are harder on ourselves than others. Be

careful not to turn this star energy into an excuse to beat yourself up or to compare yourself to impossible standards that could only leave you falling short. Wednesday is the most fortunate day astrologically and a perfect time to talk about your wants and desires, not only to people you think can help but to everybody. You really never know from whence your good luck will spring! Have your important discussions before Saturday, when Mercury goes retrograde and makes it more challenging to get your message across.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sweet Baby James Taylor enjoys a windfall this year when a rap group goes to No. 1 with a song that includes a sample from one of his many hit songs. Pisces artists find many of their old works can be revived and still appear fresh in a modern context. Taylor's Aries moon signifies youthful exuberance at every age, and Leo planets tell the story of a performer who will continue to tour through his entire life.

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: I have a question about post-divorce relationships. My sister, "Karen," married my best friend, "Roy," but they divorced two years ago. I have since tried to mend my relationship with Roy, but he has made no attempt to return my calls or acknowledge me, despite several efforts to reach out to him.



KATHY MITCHELL
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I come from a large family, and my wife and I were the first to know the divorce was coming. Both Roy and Karen confided in us for nearly a year before their problems became common knowledge. For a long time, I deeply resented Roy for putting my sister through this misery. They made attempts at counseling before divorcing, but I think Roy was only putting up a front, and never really expected any reconciliation to occur.

Now I have a second sister who also is divorcing, and I don't want to make the same mistake twice. Is there something I should do to mend fences with Roy, or should I just forget it? — Troubled in Toronto

Dear Troubled: During a relative or friend's divorce, it is best to remain as neutral as possible, offering support and encouragement. Taking sides can only lead to trouble. It's very likely Roy is aware that you blame him for the split, and this would not make him feel comfortable renewing the friendship. He also may carry some guilt about the circumstances of the divorce, and becoming chummy again could bring back unsettling memories. If you want to mend fences, send an e-mail or leave a phone message saying you'd like to be friends again when he's ready. Then let him make the next move.

Dear Annie: My older sister, "Lauren," is very smart, well respected by

of three young boys. I find it increasingly difficult to buy them presents for birthdays because they have everything they need. A few years ago, a devastating tornado leveled a neighboring town a few weeks before my eldest son's birthday party. This prompted an idea that has become a family tradition.

I now hold a birthday party in honor of my child, and in lieu of gifts, we ask guests to make a contribution to a charity my son selects. In addition to the tornado victims, we have donated to the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and the Red Cross.

My middle son recently celebrated his birthday and chose to donate to a local family that lost their home and three children in a fire. I am so proud of him and his brothers, and I hope our tradition will spread to other families. — Madisonville, Ky.

Dear Madisonville: You have every reason to be proud of your children — and of yourself for raising such kindhearted young gentlemen.

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