

Big Spring teen-ager critical after falling from vehicle

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring teen remains in critical condition at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after falling from a moving vehicle Wednesday afternoon.

Angel Escobar, 17, remains listed in critical condition after suffering severe head trauma last week when he fell from a car while riding on the trunk of the vehicle.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information

officer with the Big Spring Police Department, said it's unclear whether Escobar fell or was jumping off the vehicle when the accident happened.

"The car, a 1980 Crown Victoria, was traveling west on W. Fifth Street and was attempting to turn onto Presidio," said Everett. "Escobar was riding on the trunk of the vehicle and either tried to jump from the car or fell off."

Everett said the driver of the car, 32-year-old Blanca Maria Velasquez, was

cited for no liability insurance and no driver's license following the accident, and could face more serious charges if Escobar's condition takes a turn for the worse.

"If he doesn't survive, we'll have to start asking questions like whose idea was it for him to ride on the trunk," said Everett. "A lot of what happens at this point depends on his condition. The matter is still under investigation"

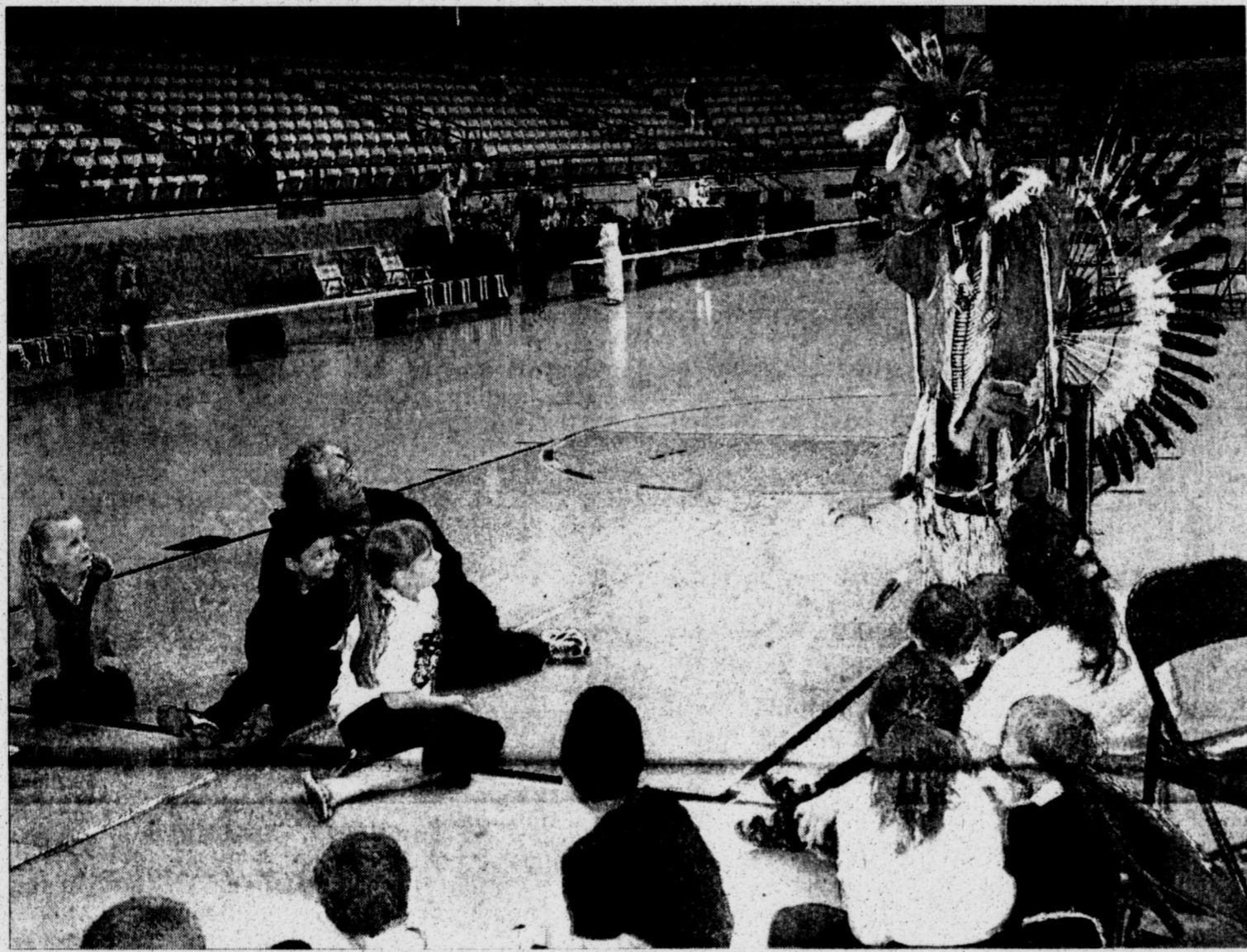
Everett said there was no way to judge

how fast the vehicle was traveling at the time of the accident, but speed alone shouldn't be blamed for what happened.

"It's never a good idea to ride anywhere on or in a car that's not designed for a passenger," said Everett. "There's a reason areas are specifically designed for passengers."

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POWWOW DEMONSTRATION



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Philip Trudeau of Plainview, a member of the West Texas Native Americans Association, explains his regalia to group of children prior to the start of the Big Spring Powwow Saturday morning at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The powwow continues through Sunday.

Commissioners expected to consider proposed guidelines for senior center

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to consider approval of responsibilities and operational policies for the Spring City Senior Citizens Center during the court's meeting Monday morning.

Commissioners voted two weeks ago to table the proposed guidelines pending a meeting between the court and Bebe McCasland, chairman of the county appointed board of directors for the center.

Problems at the Senior Center were first identi-

fied after the commissioners appointed a board of directors to oversee operations at the center. McCasland first reported to the court in March, claiming safety and health issues were "given a quick glance" by those in charge.

"Previous courtesy calls for health reports overlooked an outdoor pit, illegal disposal of wastewater and a questionable grease trap," said McCasland. "The inspector from the Texas Department of State Health Services told me he should have caught several of these items in

the past. However, during his courtesy calls, he would park in front of the center, walk up the steps and never tour the outside of the building... Both health and safety were given a quick glance."

Problems surrounding the aging building the center is housed in also became apparent, a problem County Construction Administrator Phil Furqueron recently addressed.

"I went out with Mr. and Mrs. McCasland and Mrs. Leonard to look at the facility," Furqueron told commissioners.

"There were several problems we noticed right away with the plumbing, most of them being high spots. However, I think most of those can be taken care of fairly easily."

"What concerned me the most is the electrical problems, especially in the kitchen. I really don't think we need to have an electrical engineer look at it at this point, but we certainly need to have an electrician go in and give us an idea what needs to be done. That way we can get a better idea how much all of this is going

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Deadline

Bus trip, meal money for Big Spring Area Day in Austin now due

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Anyone who hasn't decided whether or not they want to take part in Big Spring Area Day at the State Capitol scheduled for Wednesday is virtually out of time for making a decision.

The final deadline to have bus tickets purchased — a few seats remain available on one of the buses that will be transporting the contingent to Austin — is noon Monday. That's also the "drop dead" date for those planning to take alternate methods of transportation to the capital and only want to pay the \$8 fee for lunch.

To fill the remaining bus seats, organizers are offering them at a reduced rate of \$40 per person, on a first-come, first-served basis. That \$40 price includes the cost of lunch on the Capitol grounds. But to secure a seat, you must go by the Chamber of Commerce office and make payment.

"There's not time left," explained Debbie Valverde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, one of the co-sponsors for the trip. "People need to come to the office and pay their money to make sure they have a seat on the bus or to make certain they'll be able to have lunch with us."

Co-sponsored by the Chamber and Moore Development for Big Spring, and the added help of corporate sponsors ALON and the Colorado River Municipal Water Districts, the trip is designed as a chance to

offer the community's thanks to our legislators for their efforts, according to Pam Welch, assistant director of Moore Development.

State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Pete Laney are both expected to meet with those taking the trip, as will a number of other state officials.

This marks the fourth time a Big Spring and Howard County group has traveled to Austin to meet with state lawmakers and their staffs. And Welch stressed that the trip is meant to thank our lawmakers, who are now involved in one of the most challenging legislative sessions in the state's history.

"It's not a chance to complain about things that we think are wrong, but to thank people for the things they do for us," she explained.

Planners for the trip say they expect to have the same kind of response this year that the group received on its first trip to Austin when the local contingent included a group of fifth-graders involved in Howard College's "If I Had A Hammer" project, which literally had the governor and elected officials from both houses of the Legislature stepping out on the Capitol building steps to watch the youngsters work.

"We think we'll get the same kind of response this year ... at least we hope we do," said Welch. "because this year we'll have Dr. Ken Tunstall and his crew working with the kids on a new project called Let's Build

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Health Department offering free immunizations

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

National Immunization Week will be observed beginning Monday, and local health officials want people to know that vaccination is more than just an act of protection — it is an act of love.

The Department of State Health Services will celebrate the 11th anniversary of NIW from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at its local office at Suite 28B at the College Park Shopping Center on Birdwell Lane.

The week is set aside annually to pro-

mote the benefits of immunizations and highlight the importance of vaccinating children by the age of two, said Sandy Samuels, immunization nurse for the local DSHS office.

This year, NIW will be held in conjunction with the Pan American Health Organization's Vaccination Week in the Americas.

The United States and 35 countries in the Western Hemisphere will promote the need for routine vaccinations for infants and children during the observance, Samuels said.

"It is of utmost important for children

9 years of age and under, who have not been immunized for influenza, to receive a influenza vaccination as soon as possible," Samuels said. "National Immunization Week would be a good time to get this taken care of."

Samuels said that each child immunized at the local DSHS office during the week will receive a bag of "goodies." In addition, Blue Bell Creamery, Gale's Sweet Shoppe and HEB Grocery Store will be providing refreshments for the youngsters.

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Council to consider agenda filled with routine business

HERALD Staff Report

Routine business tops the agenda for Monday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council.

Among the items on the meeting's agenda are:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an oil,

gas and mineral lease between Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and the city of Big Spring.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the sale of tax property subject to property tax code to Big Spring Independent School District.
- Final reading of a res-

olution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with David M. Pappajohn of KBYG Radio for lease of land and building.

- Acceptance of the proposed budget for the Howard County Tax Assessor/Collector.
- First reading of an

ordinance granting partial residence homestead exemption, over 65 exemption and disabled exemption.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for a 20 percent penalty to defray the cost of collecting delinquent taxes.
- Discussion of proposed

construction project for T-hangars at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute contracts and agreements with the state of Texas for improvements to McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The meeting is expected to get underway at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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Kentwood students reaching across the generations



Kentwood Elementary fourth-grader Breanna Baker works on making an apron for patients with Alzheimer's Disease Friday at the school. The apron-making is part of the class' year-long outreach program to help the students connect with older adults.

By STEVE REAGAN

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For a group of Kentwood Elementary fourth-graders, reaching across the generations was as simple as building a scrapbook, painting an Easter card or writing an essay.

When one looks at the world with 10-year-old eyes, it is sometimes hard to realize that older citizens were once young, too, said Kentwood teacher Carol Boyd.

To help rectify that situation, Boyd and fellow fourth-grade teacher Tonya Graves have led their students through a year-long project called "The Gift of Age," part of the school's community outreach program.

Boyd said the aim of the project was to give the children a better understanding of older citizens.

"Our aim was to give our fourth-graders some experience with older adults," Boyd said. "To see what they have in common, and to see what the differences are."

Throughout the current

school year, the students have done several projects for older adults in town. Among other things, they have presented a Veteran's Day program at the local VA Medical Center, sung Christmas carols at nursing homes, painted Easter cards for Meals on Wheels recipients, interviewed veterans, made aprons for persons suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and have made scrapbooks highlighting older citizens in the community.

Hannah Spence made a scrapbook filled with photos of her grandmother, which she said was an enjoyable experience.

"That was really fun," Hannah said. "I got to spend a lot of time with my grandmother, and I really enjoyed that ... And

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Johnnie "Sparky" Turner, Jr., 54, died Monday.

Memorial Services were at 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Alden Leon Lowry, 80, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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a Computer."

Let's Build a Computer, teaches from the inside out, according to Tunstall.

"It takes them beyond just pushing a button to turn the computer on by putting them inside a bigger than life computer to learn how one works," Tunstall explained.

The students will be building a computer model that is 12 times as big as a desktop computer unit and trained by a "lead engineer" who will

instruct them in assembling the unit using a central processor, monitor, keyboard, circuits, chips and other electronic components.

"Let's Build a Computer is a real life learning experience that combines math, science, physics, communications and art," Tunstall noted. "And in the process, the students also learn about safety, teamwork, careers and why all school subjects are important in this technological age."

In addition to the fifth-graders who will be involved in that project, other students from the

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts will also take part in the trip. And several others will have a chance to work as House and Senate pages for the day. Howard College's Diplomats will also take part in the day's events.

Other activities scheduled for the day include the reading of resolutions on the House and Senate floors, lunch on the east grounds of the Capitol, a Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception on the grounds and the taking of a group photo on the Capitol steps with legislators.

The bus will leave Big Spring at 4:30 a.m. sharp that Wednesday from the east parking lot at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and should arrive back home around 10 p.m. Those taking the bus are asked to bring their own food and drink for breakfast on the trip, and the bus will stop for a Dutch treat meal at Cooper's in Llano during the return.

Participants are asked to wear Big Spring shirts and khaki pants or skirts for the event. The shirts, both short and long sleeve, are available at

the chamber office for \$26 each.

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to cost."

Also on Monday's agenda, County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to present commissioners with personnel considerations, while County Clerk Donna Wright is expected to request approval to use funds in the county's records archive fund.

Furquerson is also

expected to be present to address renovations at the courthouse and library, as well as any concerns commissioners have regarding the new jail and law enforcement facility currently in design.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson is also expected to be in attendance, presenting commissioners with pipeline crossings and an update on county road maintenance.

County Auditor Jackie Olson is also expected to present commissioners with invoices and purchase requests.

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

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Teen earns perfect scores on old and new SAT

PLANO (AP) — Practice made perfect for a North Texas teen who topped her flawless 1600 score on the old SAT with a 2400 on the new version.

Erin Yu, a 17-year-old junior at Plano Senior High School, was among seven Texans and 107 students nationwide to earn a perfect 800 on each of the three sections — writing, critical reading and math.

"I didn't really expect it this time," said Yu, who aced the old SAT in 2003.

About 300,000 students took the first sitting of the new test March 12.

Yu said she prepared for the exam by studying with a Plano test prep company that she also works for part-time. She said her advanced placement classes also helped, and she took a few practice tests in the weeks before the exam.

Yu and her family moved from rural northern China to the United States when she was 3. She wants to study humanities, law or business at Yale, Harvard or Stanford.

Teachers resign after racy e-mails found

SOUTHLAKE (AP) — Two North Texas high school teachers resigned after administrators found out they had written hundreds of racy e-mails on the district's computer system.

Joe Guttery, who taught social studies at Carroll Senior High School, and Jon Fisher, a speech teacher and adviser to the junior varsity drill team at Carroll High School, resigned April 4 for personal reasons, district records show.

District officials said they could not comment on the teachers' departure. But sources familiar with the incident told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for a Saturday story that the resignations were linked to the misuse of the district's computer system.

According to about 400 pages of e-mails obtained by the newspaper under the Texas Public Information Act, Guttery and Fisher wrote and received messages between January and March that commented on students' physiques, used obscenities and described sexual encounters.

The newspaper could not reach Fisher and Guttery for comment after leaving messages at area phone numbers registered under their names.

District officials began investigating after one of the teachers accidentally sent an e-mail to an unintended recipient, who reported it, the sources said.

STUDENTS

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I enjoyed making the Easter cards. It was kind of nice to be able to do that for the people at Meals on Wheels."

Tyler Graves wrote a touching tribute to his grandparents and other older relatives, in which

he stated some of the ways they have influenced his life.

"What is the gift of age, you say? It is all the little memories added together to make you who you are," Tyler wrote in his essay.

Andrew Shafer found himself fascinated by his interview subject, a World War II veteran who

Toddler's murder followed drug sale

HOUSTON (AP) — The father of a toddler who was shot to death in his car seat had just sold drugs to a gang member's wife when he was ambushed, Harris County sheriff's detectives said.

Aiden Naquin was shot in the head on April 12 when five members of a violent Central American gang tried to rob his father, Ernest Naquin, of money he had received in an alleged Xanax sale that had occurred minutes earlier, authorities said.

One of the gang members, 19-year-old Miguel Angel Castro, has been charged with capital murder in the 1 1/2-year-old's death.

Four other members of Mara Salvatrucha, or MS-13, have been charged with aggravated robbery, the sheriff's office said Friday. The wife of one gang member was charged with possessing Xanax she allegedly had purchased from the slain child's father.

Ernest Naquin, 27, has not been charged with any wrongdoing, but sheriff's detectives said he could be charged later for his alleged role in the drug deal. He declined to comment to the Houston Chronicle on the drug deal allegations.

Cop holds driver's license after being shot

HOUSTON (AP) — A man accused of shooting a police officer during a traffic stop early Friday morning was arrested after he was found in an abandoned house, a police spokesman said.

Wendell Roy Mitchell, 33, is accused of shooting Officer Raul Montelongo, who held on to the suspect's driver's license after he was shot. Police said they have recovered the gun they believe was used in the shooting.

"Even after being shot, the officer had the presence of mind to put out his location, a description of the vehicle involved and its occupants, and of course he held on to the driver's license," said Capt. Dwayne Ready of the Houston Police Department.

Montelongo, 35, is scheduled to undergo surgery to remove bullet fragments from his face and jaw, but was alert and talking to investigators, police said.

Montelongo pulled over a car that police said was going 86 mph. One of the men shot Montelongo during the traffic stop, and the car sped away. After crashing the car into trees and brush, the driver and two other suspects leaped from the car and ran off.

Mitchell was wanted on two previous felony warrants — one for being a felon in possession of a weapon, the other for evading arrest with a motor vehicle. Mitchell has several robbery, assault and drug convictions on his record.

survived four years as a prisoner of war in the Pacific theater. He said he appreciates older citizens more since the project began.

"They've been through a lot of things we haven't been through yet," Andrew said, "and they've had a lot of experiences we can learn from."

Boyd agreed that the project has been a worthwhile one for the students.

"I think the outcome of this, although it has been a ton of work, has been good," she said.

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Irving doctor's license suspended

IRVING (AP) — An Irving doctor's license has been temporarily suspended following the deaths of two patients who were on pain-management prescriptions.

The Texas Board of Medical Examiners announced the punishment for Dr. Cantral Eargle Jr. on Friday. The board said Eargle kept sloppy records and didn't adequately examine his patients before prescribing a potent cocktail of tranquilizers, muscle relaxants and opiate painkillers.

"Any two of those three are very suspicious for a physician," said Dr. Donald Patrick, the medical board's executive director.

The board also found that Eargle apparently tried to augment the two patients' files after their deaths.

Eargle, 75, acknowledged not keeping thorough patient records.

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Stanton duo tops list of grand jury indictments

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down 28 indictments this week, including true bills for two Stanton men accused of back-to-back robberies at Big Spring convenience stores.

Anthony Hignojos Jr., 23, and Andres Castillo, 18, both of Stanton, were each indicted on two counts of robbery, a second-degree felony.

The two men were arrested March 5 after attacking customers at the Town & Country store located at Highway 87 and Interstate 20 and the 7-Eleven store located at 902 Willia.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the men began their brief crime spree at the Town & Country when they attacked a customer who was fueling his car.

"They approached the victim and asked to borrow a car jack," said Everett. "The victim gave them his car jack, at which time the suspects attacked him with it. They took his money and fled the scene on foot."

Everett said the two men soon turned up at the 7-Eleven convenience store, attempting the same scam.

"They asked the customer at 7-Eleven if they could borrow a jack as well," said Everett. "After that, they attacked him. Some of the victim's friends were inside the store and ran out to help him."

"Because of the report of the first robbery, there were already police officers in the area searching for the suspects, so they were able to respond to the scene very quickly. Both suspects were arrested near the scene of the crime on Willia."

If convicted, the pair could face two to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000 for each count.

Also indicted were:

- Jesse Aguilar, 28, of 500 Runnels St., possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

- Francisco Cervantes, 26, of 519 Hillside, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

- Gerald D. Ayers, 47, of 1306 Harding, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

- Adam Ben Carter, 43, of 308 North Neches in Coleman, forgery (state jail felony).

- Shawna Crenshaw, 33, of 3811 Old Colorado City Highway, forgery (state jail felony).

- Willie J. Fry, 51, Route 1 Box 5743 in Jacksonville, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Gene Hernandez, 25, of 2911 W. Highway 80 apt. 214, criminal mischief (third-degree felony enhanced).

- Luis Canales Rios III, 21, of 800 Creighton, evading arrest (state jail felony) and criminal mischief (state jail felony).

- Michael Lee Lopez, 17, of 411 N. Scurry, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony), burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony) and evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Mark Alan Lozano, 18, of 626 Caylor, two counts of evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Trella Sue Burton, 32, of 1205 Douglas, forgery (state jail felony).

- Jaime Estrada, 34, of 1506 South County Road in Midland, sexual assault (second-degree felony).

- Victor Balderas Flores, 37, of 1314 Utah, failure to stop and render aid (transportation code offense).

- Leslie Lloyd, 79, currently in county jail, tampering with a governmental record (state jail felony).

- Krystle Marie Martinez, 22, 409 Marybeth Drive in Burleson, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Robert Adam Mata, 18, of 403 Valley St., burglary of a building (state jail felony).

- Jimmy Dale McDonald, 57, of 4313 Gail Highway, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony) and evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Michael Lee Munoz, 22, of 204 Johnson, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

- Sidney Dwayne Parker, 36, of 1501 Sycamore, forgery (third-degree felony).

- Shana Renee Robbins, 36, of 302 S. Adams in Coahoma, forgery (state jail felony).

- Matthew Rodriguez,

- 20, of 501 Aylesford, burglary of a building (state jail felony).

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- Timothy D. Taylor, 46, currently in county jail, theft - more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000 (second-degree felony enhanced).

- Randy Dean Ulrich, 29, of 4000 W. Highway 80, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (third-

- degree felony enhanced).

- John Corbett Williford, age unknown, of 1606 Main, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony enhanced).

- Earl Alonzo Wright, 28, 3907 Highway 80, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony enhanced).

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Telemundo's 'La Ley del Silencio' bringing 'Dallas' back to Dallas

By **CARY DARLING**

Knigh Ridder Newspapers

DALLAS — Tomas is having a rough afternoon. First, the budding young boxer in the bright red ballcap and Ringside sweatshirt — bearing much of the burden of his poor, immigrant Mexican family's American dreams — has to beg for work from Angel, a snake in a sharp suit. A little later, he nearly goes toe-toe with the shady Mr. X, punching the air and screaming at his retreating adversary. "Vente aqui! Vente aqui!" — "Come here! Come here!"

But the potential for violence doesn't alarm the circle of silent onlookers in the yard behind Casa Guanajuato, the squat, yellow-and-red brick rec center where Tomas hangs out, training for glory.

In fact, they were expecting it.

Corta! Cut. End scene.

It's just another day of shooting for actor Alejandro Chaban, Tomas' real-world alter ego, on the streets of Dallas, the setting for "La Ley del Silencio" ("The Law of Silence"), the latest telenovela on Telemundo's primetime schedule and the first daily soap opera in any language to be shot in North Texas.

The 120-episode series,

which is shot in high-definition and began airing March 15 at 10 EDT weeknights, is as sudsy as any of its competitors, in Spanish or English. Taking place in the fictional neighborhood of El Silencio, "La Ley's" plots are rife with pregnancies, double-dealing, attempted murder and a priest concealing his love for a beautiful woman. And, of course, what would a soap opera be without at least one coma?

With its combination of location and melodrama, it recalls the glory days of "Dallas," the hit CBS primetime soap that set the standard for backstabbing and betrayal from the late '70s to 1991.

But the forces behind "La Ley del Silencio" — including Fremantle Media, the Australian-born production company that made its name with the international-hit soap "Neighbours," starring Kylie Minogue, and "Pop Idol," the British precursor to "American Idol" — say they have more on their minds than titillation and torment.

Instead of having the show take place in some unidentified Spanish-speaking Shangri-La — where many telenovelas reside to maximize global sales — "La Ley del Silencio" is more resolutely American, telling the story of Mexican

immigrants and their struggles with everything from biculturalism to, perhaps, the war in Iraq.

"This is the first novela in the States that really talks about the people who live here," says Carlos Gaviria, one of two main directors on the show, during a lunch break while filming at an abandoned North Dallas hospital. "This story has a lot of local flavor, but not only flavor but local stories to tell from locals who live here."


Spanish-language networks have set their stories in the United States before. In late 2003, Univision launched "Te Amare en Silencio" ("I Shall Leave You in Silence"), revolving around Hollywood, and Telemundo aired "El Alma Herida" ("The Wounded Soul"), about crossing the border.

But "La Ley" is a breakthrough for this region. Producers aren't trying to pass off Dallas as L.A. or Miami, hoodwinking viewers into believing they're somewhere else. The shots of the Big D skyline, speeding DART trains and the Dallas courthouse root "La Ley" squarely in North Texas.

Against this backdrop, young, music-loving, scooter-riding, jean-jacket-wearing Father Javier



KRT photo/Rodger Mallison/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Alejandro Chaban (as Tomas) and Monica Lopera (as Adela) get last minute instructions from floor manager Marcos Vanezca on the set of the tele-novella "La Ley del Silencio."



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LA LEY

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Castro (played by veteran Mexican TV actor Jose Angel Llamas) struggles to better his barrio — including dreamers like Tomas. But he's also trying to resolve his feelings for his pre-priesthood girlfriend, the rich and ravishing Natalia (played by Colombian telenovela star Flora Martinez). While "La Ley del Silencio" has virtually taken over Irving's Las Colinas Studios, its sense of place is more palpable in hilly Oak Cliff with its sizable Mexican-American community, down I-35 and across the Trinity River from downtown Dallas. Near the corner of Bishop and Polk, the Ice House Cultural Center — with its brightly painted murals — and the Casa Guanajuato recreation center create a nexus of community spirit.

"We wanted to be real and show that this wasn't an imaginary place," says Gaviria of the soap's locations. "And Oak Cliff, the neighborhood is pretty beautiful."

At first, it was all a bit too real — or maybe surreal — for Tereso Ortiz, president of Casa Guanajuato. He couldn't understand why anyone would be interested in shooting a TV show in Oak Cliff, let alone his rec center with its faded white walls, concrete floor and blood-flecked boxing ring. "Because our area, it was kind of forgotten," says Ortiz, who opened the center a decade ago. "This really isn't an important area."

But producers liked Casa Guanajuato enough to revamp it — including new paint, a mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a replacement boxing ring, draped in the red, white and green colors of Mexico. Posters of famous fights — Oscar de la Hoya vs. Bernard Hopkins, Felix Trinidad vs. Ricardo Mayorga — line a back wall.

"It was an old place, still functional, but an old place," recalls Alfonso Arubio, who works in the show's art department. "Our location manager was very familiar with the neighborhood, and he came over with the art director, and they decided it would be the perfect place to develop the novela."

While Ortiz can thank Fremantle for Casa Guanajuato's extreme makeover, in the storyline of "La Ley," the new look comes courtesy of Mexican super featherweight champ Erik Morales, who played himself on the show. Ortiz, who says roughly 4,000 to 5,000 people use the center annually, is seeing an

uptick of interest thanks to the telenovela exposure.

"I've noticed in the last three months, because of the novela and it being on the air now, more activities and members showing up to see what's going on," says Ortiz, who's confident the higher profile is leading to other improvements in the community. "After the novela, there will be a lot of changes in the area." Even though dominant Univision, its sister network Telefuturo, NBC-owned Telemundo and Azteca America have experimented with everything from reality programming to home-makeover shows, the telenovela remains the backbone of nighttime Spanish-language TV.

A top-rated telenovela can pull in around four million viewers, approximately one 10th of the country's Hispanic population.

National Nielsen numbers won't be available until May but "La Ley's" March premiere in Fort Worth-Dallas did fairly well, ending with a 1.7 rating which translates into 38,981 households. That's better than the 0.8, or 18,344 households its predecessor, "Te Voy a Enseñar a Quererte," was doing in that slot last fall.

So it's no wonder that Fremantle, looking for an entry into the Hispanic market in the U.S., approached Telemundo roughly 18 months ago with the idea of producing a novela about American Latinos. It didn't necessarily have to be in Texas, and it's partially pure meteorological luck that they rolled the dice on Dallas. In fact, the pilot was shot in Houston.

"We were concerned that it rains a lot in Houston," says director Gaviria. "So we decided to move, and we explored different possibilities. One was Los Angeles, the other one was Chicago, and here. Los Angeles and Dallas are similar in some ways. But Dallas is a smaller city and much more friendly for us. We decided to come here."

"We get quite a few Spanish-language commercials, and we were happy they were interested in coming here," says Janis Burkland, director of the Dallas Film Commission. "We've been eyeing the (telenovela) business that's going to Miami. We have the equipment and infrastructure in place. We are a little low on bilingual crew and cast, but we're trying to grow that."

Fort Worth is getting in on the act, too. A pilot for another telenovela was recently shot there, possibly to air on Telemundo.

"There are always reservations when you shoot something in a place

where there's not a lot of experience," he says.

But using the Lone Star State dovetailed with Telemundo's programming strategy: trying to outfox the larger Spanish-language network, Univision, by coming up with distinctly American stories. Instead of just importing novelas from Latin America, Telemundo built a studio in Miami and is creating its own.

Besides the location, Escobar says he was struck by the main character, Father Javier, written as a local hero.

"We liked the idea of a community that needs

hope, looking up to somebody, moving ahead in life," says Escobar, who explains that tapping into the audience's "quest for aspiration" is part of the network's gameplan. "We wanted to portray that in a real U.S. Hispanic city, and Dallas is a good example of that. It's very illustrative of most of our communities and a way to dramatize issues of immigration, growing up under immigrant parents, dealing with the biculturalism of U.S. society. It's a great way to show the audience that we understand and where they can see themselves reflected." In an effort to inject

realism into the telenovela, Escobar says La Ley might even have a character sign up to fight in Iraq.

"Because we're a producer of original shows, we can respond to trends like Latinos in the military or issues about immigration or health care," says Escobar. "Hispanics are, proportionately, over-represented in the military. It's a good topic, but my only issue is that it has to be done in an entertaining, meaningful manner."

Gaviria says the range of characters offers the opportunity to tell a variety of stories: conflicted Father Javier; the rich

Aguirre family; undocumented worker Pedro (along with his wife Guadalupe and sons Tomas and Jimmy); white American Meyer, who's married to the Hispanic Amparo; self-made businesswoman Julia; and Leopoldo, a Mexico City doctor who had to flee after a narco-trafficker died in his care.

But most viewers have only one question: What's up with Father Javier and Natalia?

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THURSDAY-Pancake, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY-Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Burrito, tossed salad, orange quarters, cookies, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, baked potato, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, hot roll, milk.
THURSDAY-Pizza, tossed salad, apple, chocolate cake, milk.
FRIDAY-BBQ on a bun, pickle spears, tater tots, corn coblette, fruited gelatin, milk.

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MONDAY-BAD WEATHER DAY
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WEDNESDAY-Cinnamon rolls
THURSDAY-Biscuits and sausage
FRIDAY-Cereal
LUNCH
MONDAY-BAD WEATHER DAY
TUESDAY-BAD WEATHER DAY
WEDNESDAY-Nacho Grande, cheese salad, pinto beans, cornbread, oranges, milk.
THURSDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY-Pancake, sausage, syrup, grapefruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Donuts, ham, syrup, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Waffles, apple juice, sausage, milk.
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY
LUNCH
MONDAY-Baked ham or corn-dogs, macaroni, bake beans,

oranges.
TUESDAY-Green enchiladas or McRibs, ranch beans, baby carrots, tortilla chips, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, grapes, milk.
THURSDAY-Lasagna or burritos, salad, finger rolls, mixed fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

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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-Grape filled biscuit, sausage link, applesauce, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza, salad, fruit freeze bar, milk.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, California veggies, applesauce, roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Popcorn chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, pineapple Jello, wheat roll, milk.
THURSDAY-Nacho Grande, corn, mixed fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, French fries, ranch style beans, peanut butter cookie, milk.

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY-Waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
TUESDAY-Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuit, cereal, buttered toast, juice.
WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Cinnamon roll, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL
LUNCH
MONDAY-Beef or chicken wrap, western beans, lettuce and tomato salad, apple.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed

potatoes, broccoli/cheese, peaches, hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY-Pepperoni pizza or corn-dog, green beans, salad, applesauce.
THURSDAY-Choice of sandwich, Cheetos, baked vegetable cup, fruit cup.
FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY-Cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.
TUESDAY-French toast sticks, little Smokies, cereal, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Sausage, bacon, biscuits, jelly, cereal, juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Blueberry muffins, cereal, juice, milk.
FRIDAY-Pancake pups, cereal, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY-Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, brownies, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken fajitas, tortillas, cheese and salsa, tossed salad, peaches, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Barbeque rib on bun, Mexican salad, pickle spears, fruit cup, milk.
THURSDAY-Burritos w/chili and cheese, corn, carrot sticks, pineapple chunks, milk.
FRIDAY-Cheeseburgers, French fries, salad fixings, pudding, milk.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club announces couples tournament

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a two-day two-person couples scramble for May 14 and 15.

The tournament will cost \$130 per team plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

A practice round will take place May 13, while registration begins at 11:30 a.m. May 14 and a shotgun start begins at 1 p.m.

There will be prizes for three places per flight and a male/female longest drive and closest to the pin awards will also be given.

Dinner will be served after play on both days.

For more information, call 267-5354.

Cornell Corrections sets up second dodge ball tourney

Cornell Corrections has set up a second dodge ball tournament to benefit Relay For Life.

The tourney will take place Saturday at the YMCA and registration must be done by Thursday.

The tourney starts at 9 a.m. and costs \$10 per person and teams must have eight people — male and female.

For more information, contact Phyllis Turney 267-2004.

Forsan ISD sets up all-sports banquet

Forsan has announced that its all-sports banquet will take place Tuesday, May 3, at the high school.

Tickets for non-athletes and parents are \$10 and they must be purchased before Thursday.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Forsan High School Office at 457-2223.

Tickets may also be purchased at the high school office.

McMahon catches big bass at Share A Lunker Bass 2005

Jim McMahon of Big Spring caught the 22nd Budweiser Share A Lunker Bass for the 2005 year, and the eighth Share A Lunker to come out of Lake Alan Henry this year.

The bass weighed 13.03 pounds. The Share A Lunker program is a Texas Parks and Wildlife program which takes bass weighing more than 13 pounds to breed and help restock Texas lakes.

Softball tournament announced at Cotton Mize Softball Field

A Class D and E softball tournament will take place at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park Friday and Saturday.

The entry fee is \$100 and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

For more information, call JR Landin at 264-1736 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

Big Spring puts punctuation mark on regular season

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
PLAINVIEW — The final regular season game of the year went as planned for the Big Spring softball team. They defeated Plainview as expected and have tons of confidence heading into postseason play next month.

The Lady Steers, who

moved up to No. 3 in the latest Texas Girls Coaches Association, scored two runs in the opening inning and never looked back, defeating their rival, 21-0, in five innings.

"We left some runners on base early, but hit the ball hard all game long," said Big Spring coach Phillip Pearce.

Big Spring added five

and three runs in the second and third innings, respectively and then got 11 runs in the fifth inning to put the Lady Bulldogs

away. Senior Chelsea Abner

got her 10th win of the season on the mound for Big Spring. She gave up three hits and one walk and struck out eight in five innings and remained undefeated (4-0) on the hill in district play. Abner also went two-for-three at the plate with two RBIs, two stolen bases and run scored.

"Chelsea threw well for us," said Pearce. "The

defense didn't have to make many plays, but when they did they made them."

The Lady Steers officially close out District 4-4A undefeated with the win and are now 24-2 overall. The 18 straight wins for Big Spring moves the Lady Steers into their highest ranking of the

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Coahoma pounds rival Hawley, still no losses in 4-2A

Sixth-ranked Bulldogettes get clutch hits in win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
With two games to go, the Coahoma softball team looks primed for another postseason run.

The Bulldogettes — who moved up to No. 6 in this week's Texas Girls Coaches Association poll — claimed victory Friday against rival Hawley, 10-2, at home and they did it with their veteran leaders coming through at the plate and on the mound.

Junior Kali Roberts went the distance on the mound and got the win after allowing just two earned runs on four hits, while striking out 11. She also had two hits at the plate, including an RBI.

Senior Ruby Garcia and juniors Ashle New and Liz Conley also came through in the clutch at the plate. Garcia got two hits and scored two runs, while New added two RBI doubles and run. Conley went one-for-three but

had an RBI double and a walk. Another one of her hits was laced, but was right at the left fielder.

"We hit the ball hard all night, but it was often right at people," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson. "We at least made Hawley make the play and made things happen on the bases."

The Bulldogettes got the on board in the second inning. Roberts started the inning off with her first hit of the game. Freshman Janice Gonzales pinch ran for Roberts and Conley sent her around the bases with an RBI double.

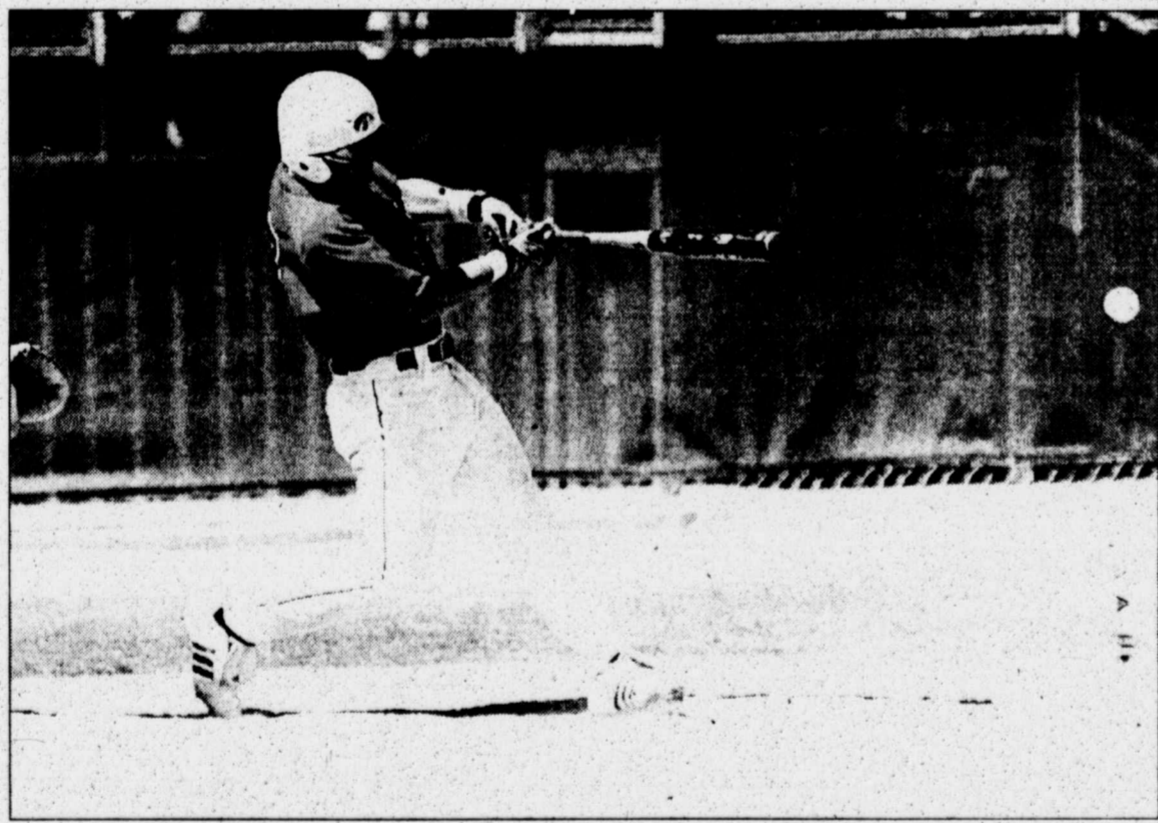
Sophomore Ami Martinez reached base in the third inning after a single and eventually scored on a throwing error by Hawley. The Bulldogettes got just one run in the inning, but stranded two runners on base.

Coahoma survived a mid-game comeback by Hawley, too. The Lady Cats got two runs in the

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma junior Liz Conley gets tagged out at third base in the second inning of the Bulldogettes' win over rival Hawley Friday. Conley knocked in Janice Gonzales on the play after connecting on a double. No. 6 Coahoma won the game 10-2 as they remain undefeated in district play.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard sophomore Albert Ruiz laces a pitch into the outfield Friday afternoon during the Hawks' doubleheader against Odessa College at Jack Barber Field. Howard lost both games and dropped out of third place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, but got another chance against Odessa College on the road Saturday. Results of Saturday's doubleheader were unavailable at press time.

Bulldogs come through in extras

Coahoma claims District 4-2A title after tough road victory

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
ANSON — It wasn't pretty, but it was enough. After surviving an early two-run home run by rival Anson, the Coahoma baseball team battled back and picked up a much needed win and claimed the District 4-2A title in the process.

The Bulldogs needed eight innings, but were able to outlast Anson on the road, 5-3. Colorado

City lost to Stamford Friday, which helped the Bulldogs grab the district title outright.

"It wasn't one of our best games, but we found a way to win on the road," said Coahoma coach Brad Harmon. "They played us tough, but it was nice to not play your best game and still come away with a win. We really dug deep tonight."

Anson led 2-1 after one inning as the Tigers took the lead on a two-run home run against Coahoma pitcher Tad White. Coahoma scored two runs in the fifth

inning to take the lead, but Anson tied the game in the sixth after scoring on a passed ball.

White reached base to start things off in the eighth after getting hit by a pitch. He stole second and then later scored on an RBI double by Chad Born. The final run of the game came after Born crossed the plate on Cody Griffith's RBI single.

Griffith went three-for-four in the game with three RBIs and a run. He had a double and crushed a two-run home run in the fifth inning to give

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Howard suffers big losses to Odessa, drops out of third

Hawks lose lead in Game 2, fall twice to rival Wranglers

By ERIC C. RODEWALD

Special to the Herald
Pitching breakdowns cost the Howard College baseball team Friday in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader against Odessa College played at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks were doubled up in Game 1, 8-4, and witnessed an eight-run rally by the Wranglers in Game 2, falling 11-10 in 10 innings.

Howard coach Britt Smith said the Hawks failed to execute when they needed to.

"We didn't play well and we just pitched terrible, especially in the second game," Smith said.

The Hawks skipper said it's tough to continue to overcome poor pitching. "In game one we put ourselves in a whole right away," Smith said. "In game two offensively, that's our max; that's as good as we can do."

Smith said honestly Odessa really didn't play exceptionally well, just made plays when it mattered.

GAME ONE

The first game was over shortly after it started as



the first seven Odessa batters would cross the plate before the Hawks were able to retire short-stop Travis Dader in his second at bat of the inning on a fly ball to left fielder Jason Anderson. That ended the marathon inning with Odessa leading 7-0.

Howard scored its first run in the bottom of the second, with a solo home run by catcher Jeff Ward.

Leading 7-1 in the top of the third, Odessa converted a lead off double into its eighth and final run of the game, leading 8-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, Howard mounted a comeback after a strikeout to begin the inning. First baseman Will Basom ripped a single to right field and Ward crushed his second home run of the game, cutting the Odessa lead to five at 8-3.

Despite Howard pitcher Michael Martin holding Odessa scoreless for the remainder of the game, the Hawks could only push across one more run in the sixth inning. With two outs, second baseman

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Jeff Storms reached on a fielder's choice and scored on center fielder Albert Ruiz's RBI single. Unfortunately, a tremendous throw from the Odessa right fielder retired pinch hitter Jared Smallwood at third base to end the inning as the Hawks lost 8-4.

Martin suffered the loss, allowing all eight runs on eight hits and three walks while striking out three Wranglers. Jeff Ward led Howard at the plate with two home runs and three RBI. Ruiz had a pair of singles and drove in the other Hawk run.

GAME TWO

Roles were reversed in game two as the Hawks jumped out to an early 4-0 lead after two complete innings of play and extended its lead to 10-3 through six innings. Then the wheels fell off for Howard in the top of the seventh. A combination of four walks, two hits, and a hit batter allowed Odessa to score four runs in the seventh, cutting the Hawks' lead to three.

Howard only managed two hits the remainder of the game as its offense went dormant, while Odessa tied the game with three runs in the top of the third on a two-out three-run home run by Frankie Perez, tying the game at 10-10.

Howard stranded two runners in the bottom of the eighth and both teams left a runner stranded in the ninth to force extra innings.

In the 10th frame, Odessa third baseman Colin Booher was hit by a pitch to start the inning. Booher would score on an RBI single by catcher Thad Ledford, giving Odessa an 11-10 advantage.

In Howard's half of the 10th, the Hawks stranded runners on first and third as a strikeout and fly out ended the game with the Hawks falling 11-10.

Leading the Hawks at the plate was right fielder Darby Brown with a solo home run and single, while Ward added a three-run home run.

Howard falls to 35-13 overall and 11-11 in the WJAC, falling out of a tie for third with Odessa College. The Hawks need to finish in the top four of the WJAC in order to secure a spot in the regional tournament.

"If we can win our six remaining games then we will control our own destiny," Smith said.

The Hawks played the Wranglers in Odessa Saturday, but results of the were unavailable at press time.



Howard freshman Darby Brown, left, congratulates Hawk freshman Jeff Ward after Ward crushed a home run in game No. 2 against Odessa College Friday at Jack Barber Field. Ward hit three home runs on the day, but Howard still fell to the rival Wranglers in both games of the doubleheader. Ward now has nine home runs this year.

HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Offense rules early in NFL draft

By **BARRY WILNER**

NEW YORK (AP) — Rarely has an NFL draft been so one-sided in its emphasis on either offense or defense.

This year's selection process brought far more offensive players into the limelight than defenders, especially at the top. Some mock drafts had seven offensive prospects going before the first defensive player.

Of course, there always are quarterbacks near the top of the draft because of the importance coaches place on the position. This year was no exception with Cal's Aaron Rodgers and Utah's Alex Smith candidates to go first overall.

But, as Michigan wide receiver Braylon Edwards

said, "there's all kinds of talent up there."

Edwards knows history is against anyone at his position going No. 1 when there are talented quarterbacks in the running. Indeed, the last four years saw QBs taken first (Eli Manning, Carson Palmer, David Carr, Michael Vick) and only two wideouts in the last 20 years (Keyshawn Johnson and Irving Fryar) were selected at the very top.

"Just to be drafted high, period, is exciting," Edwards said. "But there's also a lot of pressure when you go high. You're expected to start right away or at some point to be a starter and have an impact. So you have to be prepared right away."

Edwards doesn't agree

with the popular theory that receiver is among the easiest positions to be a factor early in an NFL career.

"A lot of teams go with three and four receivers in St. Louis even five so you might have quicker chances to make an impact," Edwards said. "But easier? Nothing is easy in football, and especially at this level."

"I'm never satisfied. My pursuit to be great is strong. A lot of guys have talent, but do they have the effort to put forth to become great? I do."

The other offensive standouts at the top were running backs Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams of Auburn and Cedric Benson of Texas,

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Bears take Benson fourth; Dallas grabs Troy DE Ware at 11

From Staff and Wire Reports

NEW YORK (AP) — Unable to swing a trade, the San Francisco 49ers made Utah's Alex Smith the first pick in Saturday's NFL draft — the fifth straight year a quarterback has been chosen No. 1.

With their choices narrowed down to Smith, California quarterback Aaron Rodgers and Michigan wide receiver Braylon Edwards, the 49ers went for Smith despite not being able to sign him before the draft.

New coach Mike Nolan had also looked to trade and stockpile picks, but was unable to find a willing partner.

Even Smith was uncertain his name would be called first.

"I had a real good feeling," the 20-year-old said. "Coach Nolan called my table about five minutes before the selection."

The 6-foot-4 Smith led Utah to an unbeaten season as a junior, passing for 2,952 yards and 32 touchdowns with only four interceptions.

The Miami Dolphins, under new coach Nick Saban, picked Ronnie Brown with the No. 2 pick, the first of two Auburn running backs to go in the first five picks.

Carnell Williams went three picks later to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Brown backed up Williams during most of his college career, but won his draft-day bet with the elusive tailback nicknamed Cadillac, who is now on the hook for dinner.

"Does anyone know any expensive places?" Brown kidded.

Brown and Williams are the third running back teammates to be selected in the first round of the same draft, and first since 1987 when Texas A&M's Rod Bernstine went 24th to San Diego and Roger Vick went 21st to the New York Jets.

Edwards went No. 3 to the Cleveland Browns, who are also starting over with a new coach, Romeo Crennel, and general manager, Phil Savage. The Browns have the worst record in the NFL since re-entering the league in 1999.

Edwards caught 97 passes for 1,330 yards and 15 touchdowns last season.

Meanwhile, Rodgers slipped out of the top 10 after being considered a prospect many felt was on par with Smith.

The Chicago Bears selected Texas running

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field. Gaylon Knowlton blew past everyone in the Vet 30 A class. Brooks Osborne took second in the youth class and Kasy

Osborne placed third in the pee-wee class.

In the women's class, Porscha Knowlton took third in the Lady Open and Paige Knowlton grabbed first in the youth lady class.

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Italian Beef and Fennel Salad

Total preparation and cooking time: 1 hour

- 2 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks, cut 3/4 inch thick (8 ounces each) or 1 boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 3/4 inch thick (1 pound)
 - 2 medium red bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 8 ounces asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces
 - 2 cups uncooked whole-wheat spiral pasta
 - 1 large fennel bulb
 - 1 cup thinly sliced red onion
 - 1 teaspoon garlic-pepper seasoning
- Vinaigrette:**
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
 - 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano
 - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Place bell peppers and asparagus on metal baking pan; spray vegetables with nonstick cooking spray. Roast in 425°F oven 20 to 25 minutes or until tender. Set aside; cool. Whisk vinaigrette ingredients in small bowl until blended. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile cook pasta according to package directions, omitting oil and salt; drain. Set aside; cool. Remove feathery tops from fennel bulb, reserving several for garnish, if desired. Trim and discard fennel stalks from bulb. Cut bulb lengthwise into quarters; remove and discard core. Thinly slice fennel quarters lengthwise. Place sliced fennel, pasta and onion in large bowl. Set aside.
3. Press garlic-pepper seasoning evenly onto beef steaks. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place top loin steaks in skillet; cook 10 to 12 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness (top sirloin steak, 10 to 13 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness), turning once.
4. Carve steak into thin slices. Add steak slices and roasted vegetables to pasta mixture; toss to coat evenly with vinaigrette. Garnish with reserved fennel tops, if desired.

Makes 4 servings

Cook's Tip: Fennel is an aromatic plant with a pale green base, celery-like stems and bright green feathery foliage that can be eaten raw or cooked. It can be found near similar root vegetables such as celery in the produce section at your local grocer.

Nutrition information per serving, using beef top loin: 467 calories, 14g fat, 56mg cholesterol, 341mg sodium, 54g carbohydrate, 9.1g fiber, 36g protein, 11.6mg niacin, 1.0mg vitamin B-6, 1.4mcg vitamin B-12, 5.6mg iron, 6.5mg zinc

MAIN DISH

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Thai Beef and Cucumber Salad

Total preparation and cooking time: 45 minutes
Marinating time: 30 minutes to 2 hours

- 1 pound beef top round steak or 1 pound beef shoulder center steaks (Ranch Steaks), cut 3/4 inch thick
- 1 English or hothouse cucumber, cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise into thin slices
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 cup halved grape tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons chopped unsalted dry-roasted peanuts

Beef Marinade:

- 1/3 cup reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic

Cucumber Marinade:

- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

1. Cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/8-inch thick strips. Combine beef marinade ingredients in large bowl. Add beef; toss to coat. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes to 2 hours.
2. Whisk cucumber marinade ingredients in medium bowl until sugar is dissolved. Stir in cucumber. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 20 to 30 minutes. Drain cucumber in colander; discard marinade. Set aside.
3. Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add 1/2 of beef; stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. (Do not overcook.) Remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining beef.
4. Toss cucumber, tomatoes, cilantro and peanuts in large bowl. Divide evenly among 4 plates. Arrange steak slices over salad.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving, using beef top round: 281 calories, 12g fat, 61mg cholesterol, 484mg sodium, 10g carbohydrate, 2.3g fiber, 32g protein, 6.9mg niacin, 0.5mg vitamin B-6, 1.5mcg vitamin B-12, 2.8mg iron, 5.2mg zinc

Samba Beef Salad

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes
Marinating time: 30 minutes to 2 hours

- 2 beef shoulder center steaks (Ranch Steaks), cut 3/4 inch thick (8 ounces each) or 1 boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 3/4 inch thick (1 pound)
- Salt
- 1 package (5 ounces) mixed salad greens (6 cups)
- 1 cup sweetened dried cranberries or cherries
- 1/4 cup pepitas, toasted
- 1/4 cup prepared tomatillo salsa
- 2 tablespoons crumbled queso fresco cheese or crumbled goat cheese

Dressing:

- 2/3 cup fresh orange juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 to 2 minced chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon coarse grind black pepper
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

1. Whisk dressing ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steaks and 2/3 cup dressing in food-safe plastic bag; turn steaks to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes to 2 hours, turning occasionally. Cover and reserve remaining dressing in refrigerator.
2. Remove steaks from marinade; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 9 to 11 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness (top sirloin steak, 13 to 16 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness), turning once. Carve steaks into thin slices; season with salt, as desired.
3. Toss greens with cranberries, pepitas and reserved dressing. Divide greens evenly among 4 plates. Arrange steak slices over greens. Spoon salsa over steak slices; sprinkle with cheese.

Makes 4 servings

Cook's Tip: *Pepita* is the Mexican term for a hulled pumpkin seed. Dark-green pepitas have a delicate flavor that is even better when toasted. To toast pepitas, heat in ungreased skillet over medium heat until lightly browned, stirring constantly. Toasted pine nuts may be substituted for pepitas.

Nutrition information per serving, using beef shoulder center: 376 calories, 15g fat, 61mg cholesterol, 318mg sodium, 36g carbohydrate, 4.2g fiber, 26g protein, 4.0mg niacin, 0.5mg vitamin B-6, 2.7mcg vitamin B-12, 4.4mg iron, 6.3mg zinc



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Births

New Hope Christian School filled with smiles



Kymathy Ruth Tiffany

Kymathy Ruth Tiffany, a girl, was born March 11, 2005, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Paul and Amy Tiffany of Thompson's Station, Tenn. Her grandparents are Ron and Janet Cook of Big Spring, Bonnie Hollon of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Ron Hollon of Phoenix, Ariz. She was welcomed home by Brigham, Ethan and Chyler.



Markus Jay Hernandez

Markus Jay Hernandez, a boy, was born April 7, 2005, at 2:14 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. His parents are Mark and Selena Hernandez. His grandparents are Maria and Antonio Hernandez, Sylvia Hernandez and Eddie Hernandez, all of Big Spring.



Analysé Mariska Mendoza

Analysé Mariska Mendoza, a girl, was born March 20, 2005, at 4:03 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Tiffany and Phillip Mendoza Jr. Her grandparents are Jonetta Tate, Roy Burke and Phillip and Yolanda Mendoza.



Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant
New Hope Christian School open house brought smiles and rave reviews for the Hawaiian-themed barbecue and cake and home-made ice cream contest. Chante Garcia, left, a kindergarten student at New Hope, has her face painted by sixth-grader Chelsea Carillo. Taylor Parsons, 4, finishes her turn on the Air Extreme inflatable slide that was positioned in front of the school at 119 Cedar, for the open house event. Below, Allie Eilenberger, 3, and her friend Dakota Roberts, pause from their activities for a photograph in the cafeteria of the school. The school is operated by the First Church of the Nazarene. The school offers Christian-based classes for students in pre-school through 12th grade. The open house brought dozens of parents and students as well as prospective students and interested parents to tour the school.



Who's Who



Ginni Metcalf

Ginni Metcalf
The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Ginni Metcalf from Coahoma has been named an All-American Scholar. Ginni Metcalf, who attends Coahoma High School, was nominated for this national award by Aaron Custer. She is the daughter of John Wayne and Ginger Metcalf of Coahoma. Her grandparents are Helen Metcalf of Coahoma and Ike and Gail Wilcox of Muleshoe. Ginni Metcalf will

appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally. The USAA has established the All-American Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Ryan Williams
Each year, the American Academy of Physician Assistants selects three student researchers to receive travel stipends so they can present research posters at the organization's national meeting in Orlando, Fla., May 28-June 2. This year, all three were

awarded to graduate students from the University of North Texas Health Science Center's Physician Assistant Studies program, including Ryan Williams, formerly of Big Spring. Williams will give an oral presentation about his poster, "Teen Pregnancy: The PA's Perception of Their Role in Preventive Counseling," which explores the responsibility of PAs in providing counseling to prevent adolescent pregnancy. His project advisers are Dr. Chen and Pagels. Williams is pursuing a master of physician assistant studies and will graduate in May. He earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Texas Tech University. He currently lives in Fort Worth with his wife, Heather. He was selected from 133 PA program students who submitted abstracts. He receives a \$500 travel stipend to attend the con-

ference and is recognized in the event program.

Leslie D'Ann Phinny
Leslie D'Ann Phinny, of Coahoma is a nominee for the Woman of the Year award for West Texas A&M University. She is a senior education major.

James and Beth Phinny
James and Beth Phinny of Coahoma, parents of Leslie Phinny, were among the finalists for the West Texas A&M University 2005 Parents of the Year award. Parents Weekend, where the award was presented to a Perryton mother, is sponsored by WTAMU and the WTAMU Mom and Dad's Association. It is designed to give parents an opportunity to visit the campus and experience college life as a family. The university has presented the event every year since 1978.

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Alicia Rodriguez and Lucas R. Gonzales

Rodriguez, Gonzales to wed

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Nesbit of Round Rock and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodriguez III of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Rodriguez, to Lucas R. Gonzales, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gonzales of Stanton. She is the granddaughter of Joe Hernandez of Coahoma, Helen Hernandez of Big Spring & Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodriguez Jr. of Big Spring. The bride to be is a 2003

graduate of Coahoma High School. She is currently attending the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Gonzales of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Lucas of Stanton. The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Stanton High School. The couple plan to marry the 30th of July at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.

In the Military

NS Brandon E. Wombwell

Navy Seaman Recruit Brandon E. Wombwell, son of Angela K. Tripp of Princeton, Mo., and Todd E. Wombwell of Big Spring, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, he completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety.

The capstone event of boot camp is Battle Stations. This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

Battle Stations is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, and teamwork.

Wombwell is a 2003 graduate of Lawson High School of Lawson, Mo.

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FN Robert B. Loftis

Sturdivant and the grandson of Sandy Sharp and Louise Burgess, all of Big Spring. He is the brother of Michael, Rachel and

Thad Loftis of Big Spring and Jessyca Moore of Fort Worth. Loftis is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Newcomers

• Jeff Thigpen and wife, Angela, formerly of Stanton. They are both employed by CJ's Wireless Warehouse.

• Bill Scott, wife, Cherylann, son, Daniel and daughter, Amber, formerly of San Antonio. He

is a salesman. • Woodson McEwen, wife, Sheena and daughter, Brianna, formerly of Andrews. He does oil field work.

• Connie Stout, formerly of Wichita, Kan. She is a substitute teacher.

A Pastor's Message

Choose Life

Every day is made up of thousands of choices. Should I eat eggs or a donut this morning? Or, should I wear jeans or slacks?

There are other choices we make that have even greater implications like: Should I be kind to someone today or show contempt? Should I encourage my wife and children or start my day without a simple word of encouragement?

You see, every day we get to choose what we do, what we say and how we live.

Deuteronomy 30:19 says, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: Therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

Last year, our congregation made the decision to change our church name.

As my wife, Kami and I began to pray about what God would have us call the church, we would ask ourselves, "What do we want our church to be characterized by?"

Our desire was to show the people that Jesus has an abundant life for

them. We also have a desire to speak life into what was once a declining community. Statement after statement we came up with, the Lord was revealing to us that He is all about life and blessings, not death and destruction.

You may be saying to yourself, "It's easy for you to say, but you don't know my life."

The awesomeness about our God is that He gives us a free will no matter what our past and current circumstances are.

It doesn't matter how you were raised, what you have done, who you married, what type of job you have or the size of house you live in.

God does not limit his blessing to a pastor or a saint. He reserves his blessings for everyone. It's up to us to choose it.

I challenge you today to make a choice.

Say, "Today I choose to have joy in my life no matter what happens along my path."

"I choose to love someone and speak blessings over their lives."

When you begin to choose life and blessing, guess what? They happen. It's not reserved for the super spiritual. God

wants to bless you.

Here is the most awesome part of the story.

Deuteronomy 30:19 doesn't only say that you will live an abundant life, but that the choices you make today will ensure that your children and grandchildren will also live a blessed life.

Imagine the deposits you make into your family will actually begin to change the atmosphere. Where there was once depression and hopelessness, now there is life and enthusiasm.

When you choose life today, you actually change the environment around you.

Life is contagious. When you begin to speak positive and encouraging words over your life and family it also produces a rippling effect to all those around you.

If you deposit this behavior into someone else and they then in turn, deposit this life-giving message into someone else, we will eventually change our community, nation and the world with the life giving power of God.

The choice is up to you today...Choose LIFE!

Clint Collins is the pastor of Life Church.

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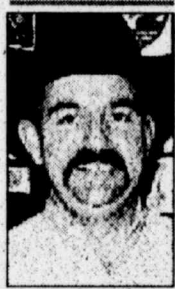
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Ask the Agent
Close encounters of the honey bee kind ... buzzzzzzzz

Because of their painful sting, honeybees, when encountered can be very intimidating. However, one must remember that honeybees, even the feared Africanized or killer bees do not search for something to attack, they are defensive and will attack anything that threatens the colony or hive.

Foraging bees: You may encounter a single bee, a small group of bees or even hundreds of bees foraging for food or water. These bees are away from the colony and are not likely to sting because they have nothing to defend. In general, if you leave them alone they will leave you alone.



TOMMY YEATER



Big Spring Herald Advertising Salespersons Rick Nunez and Ann Hollandsworth go over sales figures before embarking on a three-night, four-day cruise to the Bahamas. The duo won the cruise for being in the top 30 sales agents for Horizon Publications.

Herald sales reps win cruise

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A pair of Big Spring Herald employees will be cruising in style this week, having won a Royal Caribbean Cruise after being named among the top 30 advertisement sales people for Horizon Publications.

Ann Hollandsworth and Rick Nunez will enjoy a three night, four day cruise aboard the Majesty of the Seas — having set sail out of Miami, Fla., on Friday afternoon and headed for the blue waters of the Bahamas.

Hollandsworth said the shock of winning the cruise still hasn't worn off.

"I was speechless. I was absolutely stunned," said Hollandsworth. "I had been really sick with the flu and had missed five days of work.

Susanne (Reed, the Herald's publisher) called me into her office and I really didn't know what was coming.

"I thought maybe I was going to be fired for missing so many days of work, she said with a laugh. "She told me she had some news for me, and I was just waiting for bad news. And then she told me I was one of the top 30 sales persons in the nation, and you've won a cruise."

Nunez said he shared in the shock of being named in the top 30.

"I was shocked. I didn't even realize I was in the running. For that matter, I didn't even know there was a contest going on," said Nunez. "Corporate didn't tell us. They just sort of sprung it on us."

Hollandsworth said the cruise isn't all play, as at least one business meeting is planned. However, she said she's not going to let a few meetings get in the way of enjoying the beauty of the Caribbean.

"It's a business meeting. We'll have dinner Friday night, then the meeting," said Hollandsworth. "Then we're free after the meeting. I'm really looking forward to it. My husband is so excited he can't contain himself.

"I just appreciate the recognition. I really do. For one thing, this job is my favorite job of all time. I love my job. I love talking to all of the people in the community and it's just a blast. It will be nice to have a weekend off, though," she said with a laugh.

Nunez said he and his wife will use the cruise as a chance to relax as well.

"We're going to have as much fun as possible on the cruise," said Nunez. "We're having meetings on board, but about 95 percent of the cruise is entertainment. We're going to relax and have a lot of fun."

As far as activities onboard, Nunez said he plans to play it all by ear.

"I've never been snorkeling or anything like that," said Nunez. "I think we're just going to have to experiment with things like that. I know how to swim, but that's about it."

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Lauren Yeater tops list of Ford/FFA scholarship winners

Herald Staff Report

Lauren Yeater, who will be a 2005 graduate of Coahoma High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 Built Ford Tough Trucks/Future Farmers of America scholarship by Bob Brock Ford and Ford Motor Co.

Yeater, the daughter of Mike and Susan Yeater, was among five area high school students to receive a \$1,000

scholarship.

The scholarships are annually awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and Ford dealers.

Eligible recipients must be FFA members who are either high school seniors planning on attending college in the fall of 2005, or current collegiate students.

Other area students receiving scholarships from Bob

Brock Ford are Danielle Ferguson, the daughter of Kenny and Davette Ferguson of Ackerly; Cassidy Rinehart, the daughter of James and Amy Rinehart of Gail; Georgina Olvera, the daughter of Hijinio and Maribel Olvera of Lamesa; and Shasta Kries, the daughter of Monte and Sherrie Kreis of Colorado City.

Yeater, who plans to attend McMurry University in the

fall, is among 583 students nationwide who received scholarships through the Ford program, which is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their past and future academic achievements.

Yeater, who compiled a 3.87 grade point average in high school, ranks third in her class of 80 seniors at Coahoma High School.

U.S. real estate attractive to foreigners

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — There's a new group of buyers in the U.S. real estate market: foreigners.

A weak dollar and relatively low mortgage rates have turned houses and other real property into the investment of choice for a growing number of people from other countries. Some see real estate as a better way to earn money than stocks or other securities, while others are interested in using the properties themselves.

Ana McColgan, of Donegal, Ireland, is in the market for a three-bedroom home in the metro Orlando area.

"We keep coming over there anyway, so I'd rather

have it than pay for hotel rooms," said McColgan, who's married with two children. "Maybe we could rent it out to offset the cost of having it."

Lowerys USA, which specializes in helping British buyers find properties in central Florida, saw sales increase threefold last year to \$15 million.

"There has been a tremendous sales binge going on here for about 15 months now," co-owner Roy Young said.

Historically, coastal areas have gotten the most attention from foreign investors; the East Coast was attractive to Europeans, while the West Coast appealed to investors from Asia. But the recent boom in foreign investment

has included areas such as Atlanta, Chicago and Las Vegas, said Mark Levine, director of the Burns School of Real Estate and Construction Management at the University of Denver.

"We have seen this grow from coastal areas to major cities across the U.S.," Levine said.

A favorable exchange rate has been a big factor in the increase. The dollar has fallen significantly over the past three years against the 12-nation euro and the British pound. This week, a euro has been worth about \$1.30, and a pound about \$1.90.

"There is a sense that the falling dollar does make U.S. real estate more attractive because, relatively speaking, homes are more affordable

than they are in other countries," said Walter Molony, a spokesman for the National Association of Realtors.

The weak dollar played a role in Howard Gould's decision to purchase a four-bedroom, three-bathroom home in Kissimmee, near Walt Disney World, for \$260,000 last September as a rental-home investment. The Briton wasn't deterred by three hurricanes.

"We bought at what we thought to be a good exchange rate," said Gould, a director of a turnaround and management company in Leeds, England. "We chose Florida because we like it there. We thought property, at least in that particular area, would appreciate at a fast rate."

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Jennifer Roth, 2630 Dow, Big Spring
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Probated. Judgment: David Christopher Driedger, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

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or the local fire department can respond to the problem. Otherwise a commercial pest control operator should destroy the swarm, even though you will be charged for this service.

Honeybees are susceptible to a wide variety of insecticides, and can be killed with any of the commercial products labeled for this use.

However, when a swarm of bees is in an exposed location, soapy water can control them very effectively with less likelihood of disturbing the bees and triggering the defensive response. A mixture of 1 cup of liquid soap or detergent in a gallon of water will kill bees if they are completely soaked with the solution.

Established colonies of honeybees, especially Africanized honey bees, can react very vigorously to any disturbance and will attack any person or animal in their territory once they are disturbed. Any time you are working with an established colony you should wear protective clothing and ensure that no unprotected people or animals are nearby.

Before you start any control measures, you should know the location of the colony in the wall in relation to the flight entrance. The nest may be far enough away from the entrance that insecticides applied at the

entry ways such as holes in walls where pipes or electric wires enter, cracks in window framing, knot holes in wood siding, weep holes in bricks, and cracks where wood and brick structures join. Most of these openings can be filled with caulk.

Honeybees that have moved into a building should be removed as soon as possible, before they begin to build comb in which to rear young bees and stem honey. Only when the bees first enter can they be killed without having to open the wall and remove large quantities of dead bees, wax and honey.

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rides applied at the entrance will not reach the bees. The number of entrances should also be determined. The nest can be located by tapping on the wall at night and listening for the area where the buzzing sounds are loudest.

Honeybees can be trapped and removed from structures. This control method often is effective in removing both bees and honey, but requires much more time and the help of a beekeeper. (This is not an approach you would want to use with Africanized bees.)

However, when opening a wall would be too expensive, this method may be the best alternative. First make sure to block all but one entrance to the wall. Then, place a screen wire cone over the entrance hole, with the large end next to the wall.

Then, place a screen wire cone over the entrance hole, with the large end next to the wall. The opening in the small end should be just large enough to allow one bee at a time to exit. Place a decoy hive with a queen and a few worker bees nearby to attract bees emerging from the wall. Trap as much of the colony as possible (this usually takes 3 to 6 weeks), then spray the nest, through the entrance hole, with an insecticide containing pyrethrin, resmethrin or sumethrin to kill any remaining bees and the queen.

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Insecticides are the safest, quickest and most effective materials for killing bees in buildings. Do not use fumigants or flammable compounds in structures. The pyrethroid insecticides are often used for their rapid knockdown of bees. Either dust or spray formulations can be used within a wall or other cavity, but dusts generally disperse better.

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Annie's Mailbox
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am the single mother of a 13-year-old boy. "Aaron" loves to visit his grandparents...

Mom is highly active in her church, and she tries to push her beliefs on others. I am happy that she has found something she feels so strongly about...

Aaron was at his grandparents' house recently when mention of race, premarital sex and religion came up. My son doesn't want to be disrespectful...

We have recently moved farther away, in order to put some distance between us, although I don't want my son to lose out on a relationship with my parents...

Mom is a wonderful person, and these are the only grandparents Aaron has, but she needs to understand that it's OK for him to have beliefs that don't match hers...

Dear Daunted: Your mother is convinced she has a duty to impart her interpretation of the Bible, but your son's religious upbringing is up to you, not her.

Dear Annie: I have been good friends with "Mary"



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for five years. Two years ago, I met "Barb" and invited her to several different social activities.

Within the last year, Barb and Mary have become very close friends and do not include me in their invitations.

Should I approach Mary? All our mutual friends have noticed a change in both of them.

Dear Hurting: You may not be teenagers, but Mary and Barb are both acting like it by snubbing you.

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Diana" for nearly two years. We both have been divorced for a long time.

As we were talking today, I noticed she was wearing her wedding ring from her ex-husband on her wedding finger.

Dear Annie: I have been good friends with "Mary"

"it's just another ring from her jewelry collection." She loves jewelry.

This really bothers me. I certainly wouldn't wear my old wedding ring, and especially not on my wedding finger.

Dear Confused: Diana may be telling the truth, but her choice of ring finger is odd, especially since she knew it would upset you.

Dear Annie: Here's a response to the letter from "Grieving in Torrance, Calif.," that appeared in The Denver Post.

I, too, lost a husband I dearly loved. It would be wonderful if people only realized the importance of a simple phone call.

It took considerable effort on my part, but I began to work out regularly and got involved in activities where I'm making new friends.

Answer to previous puzzle
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- ACROSS
1 Reproachful remark
7 Device with a laser
15 Edison, by birth
16 321, for Cape Canaveral
17 Put spots on
18 Kipling character
19 Needing a towel
20 Some accents
22 Arrears
23 "Absolutely!"
25 am is
26 Vacation home
27 Set of points, in math
28 "Absolutely not!"
29 Untrustworthy one
30 Voice of Miss Piggy
32 More than miffed
33 International understanding
34 Grabby quality
39 Aircraft-carrier designation
40 Entered, perhaps
41 Amateur
45 A
46 Seemingly forever
47 Heat star
48 Misbehaving
49 Paar predecessor
50 One with a manual
51 Close to
53 Southern constellation

- 54 Got ready to go
56 Babylonian love goddess
58 Natural emollient
59 "Goodness gracious!"
60 Dance cost, in an old song
61 Snap courses
DOWN
1 New Journalism pioneer
2 Oxford accessory
3 Addams Family lion
4 Nipper
5 Saves, with "away"
6 Understood

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- 7 The Public Enemy villain
8 Curatives
9 Keeps in
10 Fall back
11 Maine attraction
12 Mountain music
13 Wholesome
14 Video, perhaps
21 Floors
24 Aachen article
26 May 8, 1945
28 False
29 Be unsure
31 Button ridge
32 Manage
35 Bobbin relative
36 Excessive adoration
37 In which 2001... was shot
38 Catches
41 Nutty, chewy stuff
42 Reduced
43 Vanessa Redgrave's son-in-law
44 Interstellar distance
45 Much of Argentina
48 Divulge, with "out"
49 Needing guidance
51 Onetime Mideast Crown Colony
52 Periphery
55 "The mother of all living"
57 Grasps

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