



## Steeped in history

National call for prayer dates to 1775

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

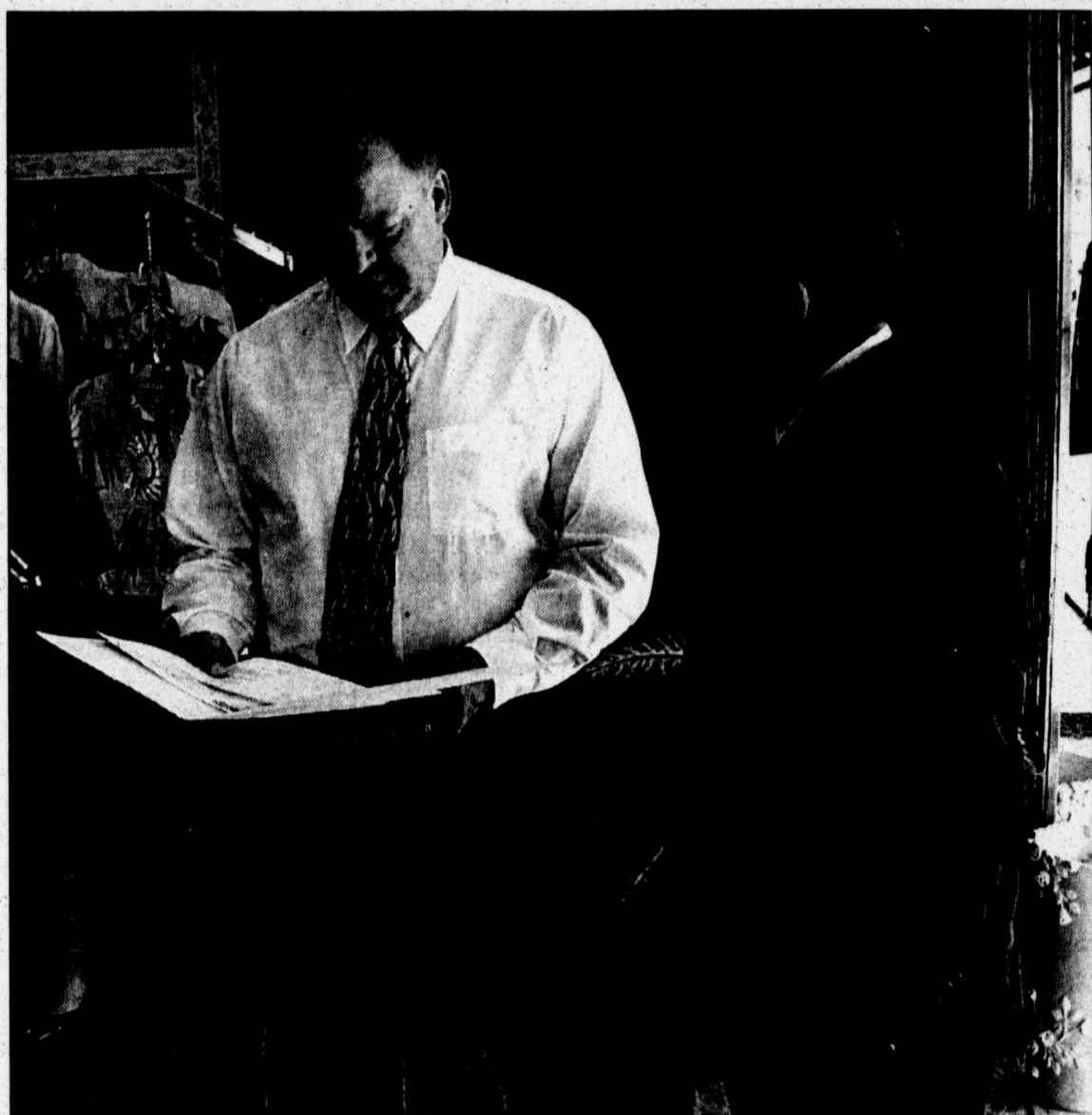
God shed his grace on thee.

That will be the rallying cry Thursday, as area residents prepare to celebrate the National Day of Prayer from 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Local Day of Prayer coordinator Everett Bender, who has been leading the annual charge for several years, said he hopes area residents will use their lunch break to help lift their voices in prayer.

"We're having it between 12:15 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. so people can come out on their lunch hour," said Bender. "And

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Everett Bender, coordinator for the annual National Day of Prayer in Big Spring, left, and Agustin Ypina go over the agenda for Thursday's National Day of Prayer. Ypina was just one of several area residents who commented on what the annual event means to him during a press conference held at Miss Royale Friday morning.

## 'Unity,' 'comfort' 'honor' to mark day of prayer here

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Prayer means different things to different people.

However, on Thursday area residents will have the chance to share in the common good of prayer as citizens for all different walks of life join together for the National Day of Prayer.

To celebrate the annual event, local officials and religious leaders have joined forces to present a 30-minute program from 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Coordinators and participants for the upcoming event gathered Friday morning to talk about the National Day of Prayer and just what the day means to them.

"The National Day of Prayer is steeped in tradition in the United States of America," said Murray

### DAY OF PRAYER

**What:** National Day of Prayer observation.

**Where:** Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

**When:** 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday.

Murphy, member of the Howard College Board of Trustees. "It was brought to us by proclamation by Abraham Lincoln back in the 19th Century — over 150 years ago.

"It is a time to honor our country through prayer. It's most important to not only honor the United States and the people, but to honor our state and local leaders as well. It's very important that we, as an American people, come together in

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## Job seekers, mark your calendars for Tuesday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

About 200 jobs will be for the taking Tuesday when the first-ever Howard County Job Fair will be held.

The event, sponsored by the Workforce Network of Big Spring, Howard College, the Rural Community College Initiative, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Independent School District, will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the

East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Upwards to 40 area employers are expected to participate in the fair, said Mary Gregg, assistant manager of the Workforce Network. Employment fields range from the oil industry (ALON USA) to medical (Scenic Mountain Medical Center), with many stops in between.

"There will be a large variety of jobs available, from medical to construction to food service," Gregg said.

The job fair will be the culmination of about three months of preparation among the sponsors, and Gregg said response from potential employers has been remarkable.

"We have been thrilled by the number of employers who want to participate," Gregg said. "We just hope we'll have enough job-seekers show up at the fair."

In addition to the employers who will be directly recruiting, the Workforce Network also will have a table at the event, listing the group's 121 job open-

ings in this area.

With Howard County's jobless rate at 5.8 percent, Gregg is hoping that the job fair will mark a good first step toward lowering that figure.

"(The unemployment rate) is probably the highest in the Permian Basin," she said. "We've got a lot of people looking for work, so hopefully, we'll have a good response."

Employers who will participate at Tuesday's Job Fair include A&M Composites, LP; Coastal Transport Inc.;

American Limestone; West Texas Opportunities; Sonic Drive-In; City of Big Spring; Big Spring Mall; U.S. Army; Cingular Wireless; ALON USA; CJ's Wireless Warehouse; Big Spring State Hospital; West Texas Centers for MHMR; Culligan Water Conditioning; Home Hospice; Pizza Inn; FCI Big Spring; Highland Animal Hospital; Cornell Corrections; Kelly Services; Texas Boll Weevil; Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez;

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## Local officials confident Big Spring will get facility

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area business owners and officials are holding their collective breath this week, as the deadline for the award of the government-contracted flight academy, which is set for Friday, looms closer.

In mid-January, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen announced Big Spring's McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark was chosen by aero-engineering giant Boeing as the site for a U.S. Air Force Introductory Flight



Sharp

Training (IFT) program.

The catch? Boeing has to be awarded the contract before Big Spring can benefit from a new flight school, and gauging the competition isn't an easy thing to do at this point in the game.

"There's a great deal of secrecy involved with the award of this contract," said Kent Sharp, executive director for Moore Development for Big

Spring. "We don't know what other companies or cities are even in the running, making it hard to gauge how we stand in this."

Despite the lack of information concerning competing cities and aeronautics companies vying for the contract, Sharp said he feels confident in Big Spring's ability to bring the program to the local airport.

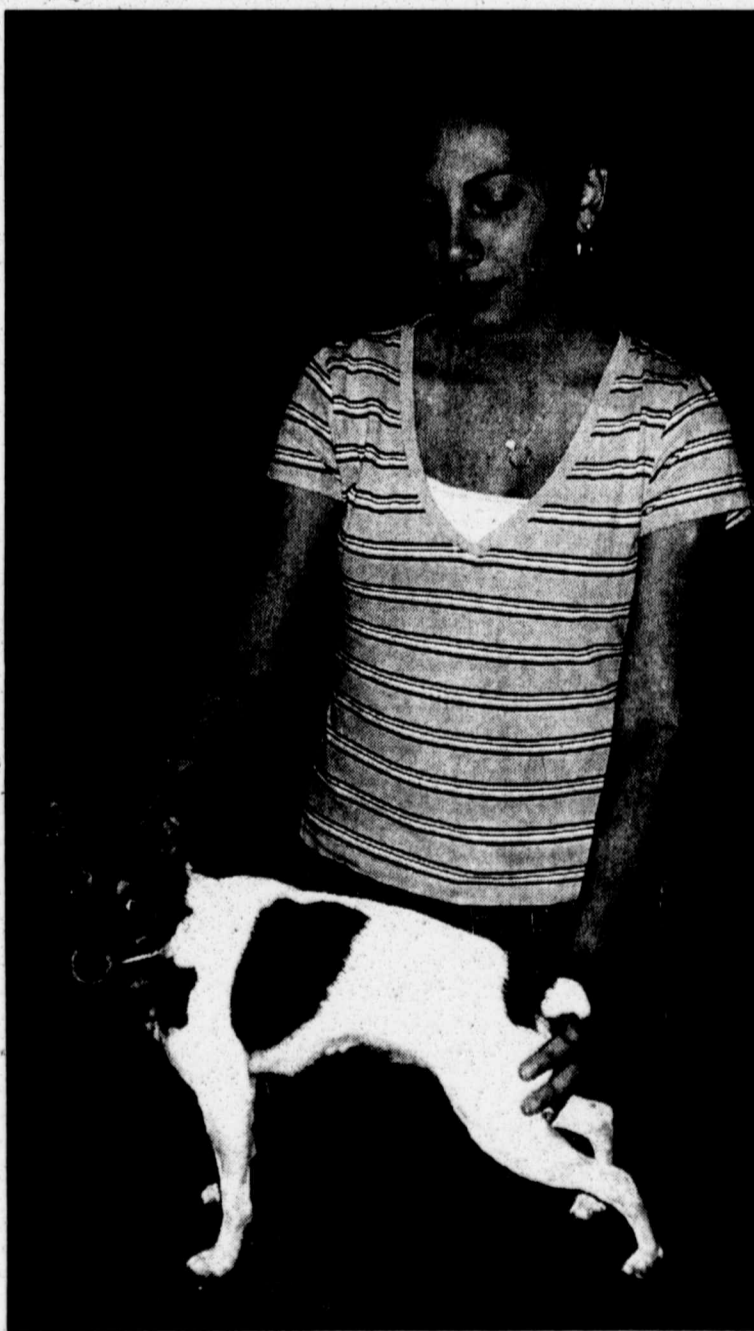
"I really feel confident at this point," said Sharp.

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### AMERICAN PROFILE



The terrible twos were multiplied by six in the Headrick household. Fortunately, Sondra and Eldon got some help babysitting, feeding and potty training Danielle, Ethan, Grant, Jaycie, Melissa and Sean from nurturing neighbors in Rago, Kan. (pop. 18). "At first I called them volunteers," says Sondra, 36, "but now they're our family."



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Hilary Rodriguez prepares Princess, a toy fox terrier, for showing at the upcoming Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show. The dog show runs Thursday through Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Dog days

Kennel club show to begin Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Pardon the pun, but Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is about to go to the dogs — lots and lots of dogs.

The Big Spring and San Angelo kennel clubs will combine forces for a four-day dog show marathon beginning Thursday morning at Garrett Coliseum. More than 2,000 entries representing more than 120 breeds of man's best friend are expected to compete.

The Big Spring KC show has grown steadily during its 45 years, and organizers of this year's event expect it to be the biggest and best ever.

"I think we're one of the best shows in West Texas," said Treasa Wells of the BSKC. "Dog han-

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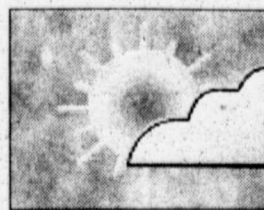
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## Obituaries

## Clem McElreath



Clem McElreath, 65, of Big Spring died at 2:50 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005, at his residence. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. James Liggett and the Rev. Craig Felty officiating.

He was born Dec. 9, 1939, in Durant, Okla., to Chester McElreath and Zuma Lindley McElreath. He grew up in Durant, Okla., where he and his sister were raised by an aunt and uncle, Leta and Frank Cole. Clem had been a resident of Big Spring since 1972, coming from Midland. He had been area manager for Weatherford I.L.S. He had been with the company for 30 years. Clem had been sober for 38 years and had devoted his life to helping alcohol dependent people.

He is survived by his wife, Louise McElreath of Big Spring; one daughter, Shanie McElreath of Tacoma, Wash.; one son, Gary Hopper and his wife Debra of Allen; three granddaughters, Cassie Hopper, Britney Hopper and Haley Hopper, all of Allen; one sister, Judy Steed of Fort Worth; and three nieces and one nephew, Susan, Lynn, Polly and Dick.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Midland Office, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland 79705.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Paid Obituary

## Lenora Actkinson

Lenora Actkinson, 99, of Big Spring died Thursday afternoon, April 28, 2005, at Marcy House. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Bishop Burr Lea Settles officiating. Burial will be at the Handley Cemetery in Mitchell County. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 31, 1905, in Mitchell County to George W. Madison and Rosa Bynum Madison. She married William C. Berry in 1940. He died in 1962. She married Raymond Actkinson in 1982 and he preceded her in death in 1988. Mrs. Actkinson was a retired secretary and bookkeeper and a member of the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She is survived by one daughter, Linda Kalva and her husband, Carl, of Chicago, Ill.; one son, David Berry and his wife, Karlene, of Bergen, N.J.; two stepsons, Leonard Actkinson and his wife, Betty, of Lubbock and Alton Actkinson and his wife, Betty, of Brookfield, Wisc.; seven grandchildren, Sherrie Starner and her husband, David, Kim Berry, Shelley Clark and her husband, Joe, Michael Kalva and his wife, Vera, Debbie Melendez and her husband, Art, Kevin Kalva and Kristen Kalva; seven great grandchildren; one great great grandson and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Guy Madison and E. P. Madison; and two sisters, Cora Lloyd and Zelma Hester.

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Paid Obituary

## Atanasio Gutierrez Jr.



Atanasio Gutierrez Jr., 50, of Big Spring died Thursday afternoon, April 28, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Maria Socorro Rios officiating. Cremation will follow.

He was born Aug. 17, 1954, to Jenoveva and Atanasio Gutierrez Sr., in Colorado City. He spent most of his life in Nolan, Mitchell and Howard County, coming to Big Spring 17 years ago from Sweetwater. He belonged to the Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by his wife, Emerlinda Gutierrez of Big Spring; four sons, Emilio Gutierrez, Frederico Gutierrez, Jose Gutierrez and Atanasio Gutierrez III; three daughters, Connie Gutierrez, April Gutierrez and Jenny Juarez; six brothers; nine sisters; and six grandchildren.

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## Support groups

## SUNDAY

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

## MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. at Cowboy's Restaurant, FM 700. For more information call 398-5522.

## Police blotter

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

• **DEBRA SHAEFFER**, 50, of 1408 Nolan, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants and two Howard County warrants.

• **REYNALD HERNANDEZ SR.**, 18, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.

• **MARTHA CRENSHAW**, 40, of 4200 Hamilton, was arrested Friday on two local warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported:  
- in the 900 block of Willia.  
- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.  
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:  
- in the 600 block of Sixth Street.  
- in the 1300 block of Scurry.

## Take note

• **PARENTS OF THE BIG SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CLASS** meet at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 4 p.m. Sunday. Volunteers are needed to decorate the center May 12 and May 13. Call Cindy New at 267-6237 for more information.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL THEATER STUDENTS** will perform "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium. The students will perform for state University Interscholastic League competition in Austin.

• **COAHOMA KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** is set for 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Coahoma elementary cafeteria for children 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Call 394-4323 for more information.

• **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** is set for 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. May 5 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

• **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. May 5 at First Rio Spring Banking Center.

• **CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION** is set for 11:30 a.m. May 7 at the Cauble Inn Restaurant. A luncheon is planned and former students are encouraged to bring photographs to share. For more information, contact Ross Callihan at 267-6023.

• **CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION** in the Heart of the City Park is May 6-7. Organized by League of United Latin American Citizens and West Texas Producer's and Farmers Market. Call Raul Marquez at 263-6351 for more information.

• **THE 10TH ANNUAL HOWARD-GILASCOCK RELAY FOR LIFE** at Blankenship Field 1, May 13-14. Survivors call LaWanda at 263-7827. For other information call Diane Wood at 263-3382.

• **RECEPTION FOR JIM LEMONS CELEBRATING HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY** is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. May 15 in the First Baptist Church parlor. All family and friends are invited. Call 270-8485 for more information.

• **A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS** at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

• **MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY** are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.

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

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

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 686-0647.

## Bulletin board

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

## SUNDAY

• Parents of Big Spring High School junior class meet at 4 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

## MONDAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Chinese Dragon Restaurant.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

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

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

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

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

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

• Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St.

• Big Spring High School theater students will perform "Picasso at the Lapin Agile"

at 8 a.m. in the high school auditorium. The students will perform for state University Interscholastic League competition in Austin.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

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

## TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-

• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

• Howard County Day Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 0-10-11-17-19.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-3-5

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 2-5-7-28-46 Mega Ball: 21 (twenty-one)

## Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds around 15 mph.

Monday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

Monday night — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 50.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

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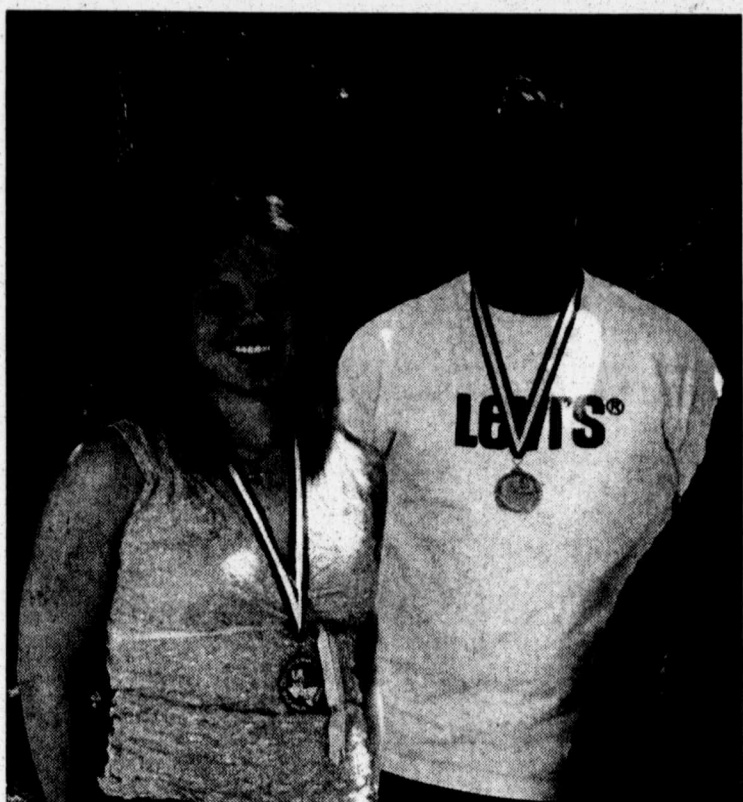
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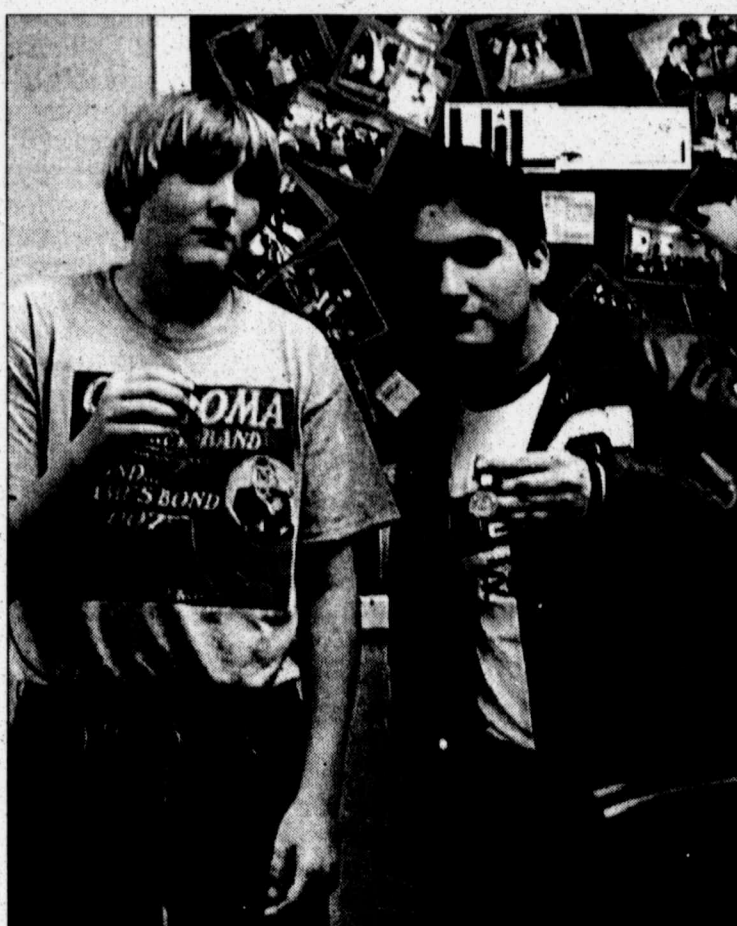




**AWARD WINNERS**



Courtesy photo  
Crystal McNew and Levi Johnson of Forsan High School earned spots at the state University Interscholastic League academic at the recent UIL regional meet in Abilene. Johnson placed first in number sense, while McNew earned a second-place finish in poetry interpretation. In addition, Johnson was fourth in calculator applications and Abby Janca was fourth in prose interpretation to earn alternate spots to the state meet, which will be held May 5-7 at the University of Texas in Austin.



Courtesy photo  
Coahoma High School students William Reilly, left, and Eric Barton placed at last weekend's Region I Class 2A University Interscholastic League academics meet in Abilene. Reilly was sixth in current events, while Barton placed fifth in prose interpretation.

**ACADEMY**

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"Friday, we'll find out whether or not Boeing got the contract, and ultimately, whether or not the program is coming to Big Spring. I don't know, however, whether or not we'll find out who we've been competing with or who will get the contract if Boeing doesn't."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen described the Big Spring location as ideal for the training facility shortly after Boeing made the decision to go with the Big Spring site.

"The Air Force requested proposals from industry to provide an IFT program to replace their existing flight screening program," said McEwen. "The request for proposals stated that it would prefer the program be located at a former U.S. Air Force base."

"Boeing's selection of the former Webb AFB in Big Spring is based on consideration of a num-

ber of factors that impact effective flight training. The Big Spring area offered the best solution to ensure maximum training opportunities for this vital program."

McEwen went on to describe the program as long-term, with contracts possibly reaching beyond the coming decade.

"The program will involve initial flight screening of up to 1,300 aircrew training candidates each year. Screening of the initial class of students is expected to begin in October of 2005 and the initial contract has option periods extending out to 2015."

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

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Ed Sternadel, 59, died Monday. Funeral Services were at 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Nancy "Johnnie" Hughes, 90, died Thursday. Funeral Services were at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Clem McElreath, 65, died Thursday. Memorial Services will be at 6:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Lenora Atkinson, 99, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at the Handley Cemetery in Mitchell County. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**TPWD schedules public meetings about golden alga**

**Special to the Herald**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is holding six public meetings during May near areas hit hardest by golden alga. Agency officials will provide updates on golden alga research projects and discuss fisheries management strategies, as well as solicit public input.

Golden alga blooms dur-

ing the last six months have caused fish kills in more than a dozen water bodies in north-central Texas. None of the occurrences have resulted in serious impacts to the fisheries, but they have provided researchers with opportunities to study actual events in hopes of finding solutions to this naturally-occurring threat.

Since 2001, golden alga fish kills have occurred

on two dozen reservoirs in Texas. About 18 million fish have been killed by golden alga during the last 20 years, most of which were either forage or rough fish species.

This alga releases a toxin that kills gill-breathing organisms such as fish and clams. There is no known evidence of human health risks.

First discovered in Texas in 1985, golden alga (*Prymnesium parvum*)

was identified in a fish kill in the Pecos River and has since been responsible for fish kills in the Colorado, Canadian, Wichita, Red and Brazos River systems as well.

Public meetings are slated for the following dates and locations. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

May 10 — Texas Workforce Commission, 218 14th St., Lubbock.

May 11 — Civic Center,

157 W. 2nd St., Colorado City.

May 17 — Possum Kingdom Lion's Club, 142 LaVilla Road, Lake Possum Kingdom.

May 18 — Baylor County Extension Office, 500 N. Main, Seymour.

May 24 — Annex 3 Building, 200 N. Gordon, Granbury.

May 25 — Lake Whitney State Park Reunion Center, 433 FM 1244, Whitney.

**Blood drives**

**Numerous opportunities upcoming in Big Spring**

**Herald Staff Report**

Howard County residents will have plenty of opportunities to give blood in May, according to United Blood Services.

Blood donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, have not donated in the past eight weeks and are not currently taking antibiotics.

United Blood Services requires donors to show identification containing a legal name and one of the following: date of birth, Social Security number, United Blood Services assigned donor number, or photo of the donor. Some types of identification are: driver's license, UBS donor card, Social Security card, security badge (picture and donor's name) and passport.

Here is a list of the upcoming drives:

**Friday, May 6**  
New Hope School, 118 Cedar Road, UBS Bloodmobile, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. To register, call Vicki Parnell, director, at 263-0203.

**Saturday, May 7**  
KBYG & Family Festival, Cinco de Mayo at Heart of the City Park, downtown Big Spring, UBS Bloodmobile, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 10**  
TravelCenters (formerly Rip Griffin), U.S. Highway 87 and I-20, UBS Bloodmobile, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, call Sonya at 264-4444, ext. 602.

**Saturday, May 14**  
Leonard's Prescription Pharmacy, 701 Scurry, UBS Bloodmobile, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, call Terri at 267-2711.

**Monday, May 16**  
Forsan High School, 411 W. Sixth, Forsan, school auditorium, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register, call 457-2223.

**Thursday, May 19**  
City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, UBS Bloodmobile, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call Rebecca at 264-2347 to register.

Odyssey Hospice, 1003 FM 700, UBS Bloodmobile, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call Maira at 263-5999 to register.

**Saturday, May 21**  
Credit to Patient Blood Drive, Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, 1512 Birdwell Lane, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To sign up, call Troy at 262-6025.


**Tuesday, May 24**  
Rotary Club, Dr. Raj Reddy, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register, call Marsha at 264-5148.

**Thursday, May 26**  
Big Spring VA Hospital,

300 Veterans Blvd., Room 219, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To sign up, call Iva Jo Hanslik at 264-7135.

**Friday, May 27**  
Big Spring State Hospital Health Fair, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. To sign up, call Melvin at 268-7372.

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to join us on Thursday for time in prayer

Thursday at noon, many people in our community will gather for reflection and prayer at the Dora Roberts Community Center in observance of the National Day of Prayer.

Past local observances have been staged at downtown parks and during the evening at the Municipal Auditorium, but this year the event returns to the noon hour in hopes of giving more people an opportunity to unite their faith and "acknowledge The Lord, thank Him for our many blessings and pray for His continued benevolence in each of our lives, as well as throughout our community and the nation."

Personal testimonies and prayers will be shared by the Rev. Dennis Teeters from the First Baptist Church, Mayor Russ McEwen, Pam Steel, rancher Rich Anderson and the Rev. Agustin Ypina, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church. Music will be led by Terry McDaniel.

The event is simple and non-denominational, designed to bring together people from various walks of life, professions and religious beliefs, all seeking guidance from a single God. Everyone is encouraged to attend and unite in a public expression of thanks as well as to ask for God's guidance for our community.

Be sure to schedule this observance in your Thursday schedule.

So, please join us. Take a little of your time to raise your heart, voice and mind to the heavens, seeking help and hope for us all.

There is no better investment in your life, the lives of your family members and the life of our community.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our minds can relax, Lord, when You're in our thoughts.

Amen

Bad ties plus bad jokes = great time

My only objection to black-tie dinners is the black tie part.

Tying a bow tie involves tying the tie into a knot, doubling over one end and then forcing the other end into the fourth dimension. When it finally emerges into our space-time continuum, the two ends can be endlessly tugged to form something approximating a bow.

I have a very hard time tying bow ties. And I hate people who tell me it is just like tying a shoe. It is nothing like tying a shoe. Besides, I am not that great at tying shoes. I mostly wear loafers.

You can always tell when somebody is wearing a real bow tie because it looks like the dog has been playing with it. Real bow ties don't look perfect. Real bow ties look semi-lousy.

Perfect bow ties look fake, which

they almost always are.

The White House Correspondents' Dinner is a black-tie affair, and by my account about 90 percent of the bow ties there are phony. Sort of like the people who attend.

At the White House Correspondents' Dinner, we dress up in tuxedos and ball gowns, and invite big shots to dine with us. Then the president of the United States is compelled to read jokes written for him by his staff and undergo good-natured ribbing that he pretends not to despise.

The president's bow tie is always real. He probably has an under secretary of fancy dinners who ties it for him.

For years, the correspondents dinner was out of favor, and some years ago, the New Yorker magazine began a piece with the line: "The annual White House Correspondents' Dinner is one of the grimmest social occasions in Washington. ..."

Me, I like the dinner.

One reason is that I look swell in a tux.

Another reason I like the dinner

is that I like to watch my bosses get drunk. ("You don't remember saying I could do my column from the south of France? Perhaps there is much you do not remember from last night. Perhaps these photographs will remind you.")

In any case, not only do more than a thousand journalists show up each year at the Washington Hilton for this dinner, but the biggest names from the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government also attend as guests, as well as actors, singers, pop stars and a huge array of would-be has-beens.

If you have much too much time on your hands, you can watch it on C-SPAN live this Saturday night.

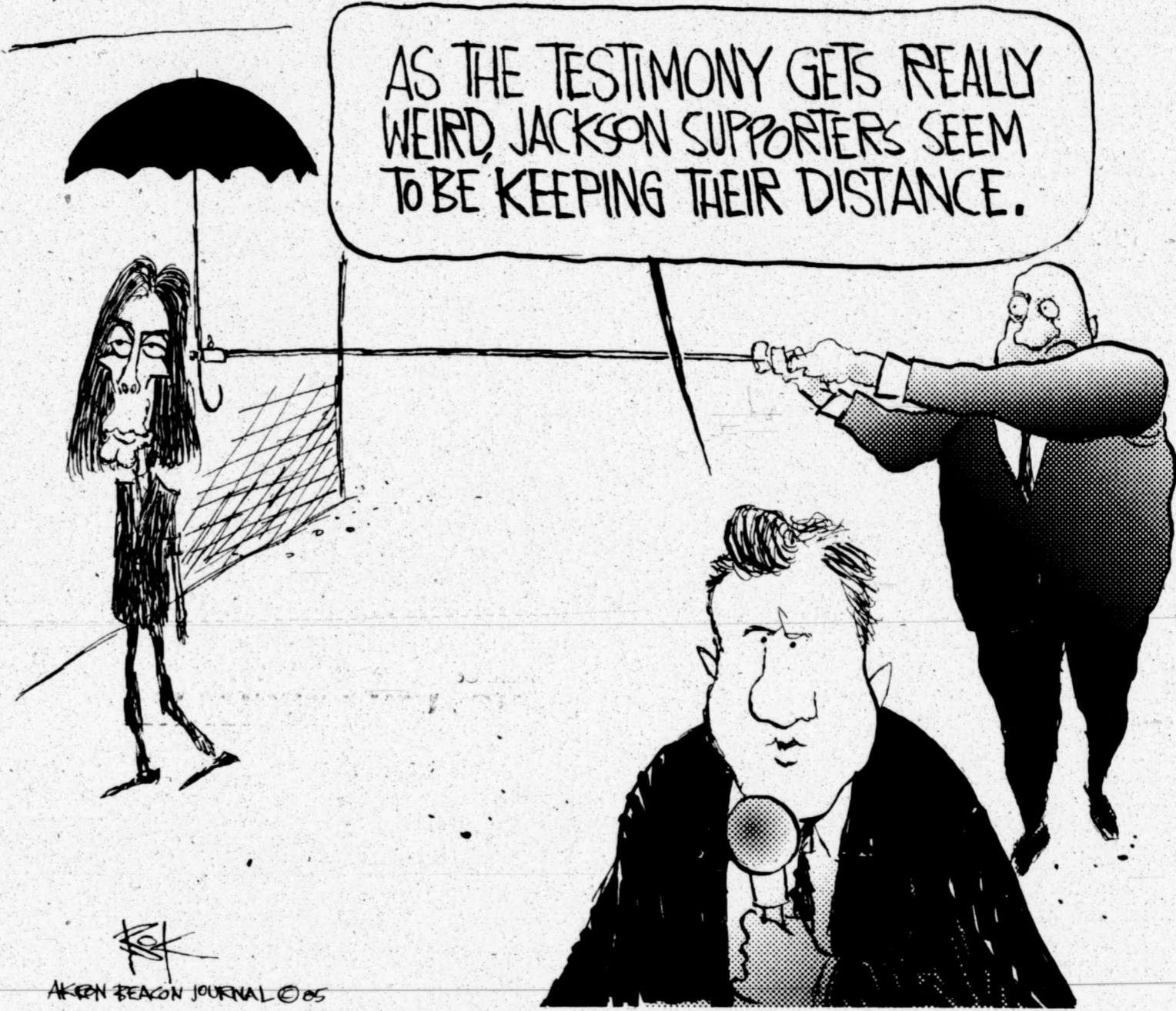
Keep an eye out for me. I'll be the one with the really bad bow tie.

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ROGER SIMON



Abortion legislation endangers young women

House Republicans are playing politics with the lives of the most vulnerable teenage girls in our society. I'm talking about pregnant teenage girls, many of them victims of rape, incest or sexual abuse, who the House is trying to force to bear children they do not want, and may be physically and psychologically unable to mother. Shame on them.

If they want to start denying abortion rights, they ought to start with their own wives and girlfriends, not with girls in trouble.

The legislation passed by the House yesterday would make it a federal crime for any adult to take a young woman 17 or under across state lines to get an abortion. It requires doctors who perform abortions to comply with notification laws from the girls' home state, in some cases notifying the parents in person. It would impose a 24-hour waiting period on minors, even if they are accompanied by parents. Amendments that would have allowed members of the clergy and grandparents to take girls across state lines were rejected.

Make no mistake as to what this is about.

The sponsors say parents are in the best position to decide whether their daughter should have an abortion.

A congressman's wife in Washington, D.C., can walk in and get an abortion, no questions asked. She can do the same for her daughter. The congressman's girlfriend can do the same thing.

Not so for a teenager raped in Oklahoma, or a young woman abused by her father in North Dakota.

You can't tell your parents, and you can't find a doctor. The closest doctor to North Dakota lives in Minnesota. The closest doctor to Oklahoma is in Dallas.

You certainly can't blame the doctors. As my girlfriend in Oklahoma told me, in explaining why her doctor had decided to stop doing abortions, she has her own kids to worry about. I understand. No one ever said gynecologists were supposed to be heroines, or that their own kids had to be the footsoldiers in the abortion wars. Roe v. Wade may be good law in the courts, but in 43 percent of the counties in America, there isn't a single doctor willing to perform an abortion. And that's an old figure, certain to be higher now.

For young girls who are the victims of abuse, the lack of access is a particularly crushing problem. Unbelievable as it may sound, not one single line in the Justice Department protocol on rape is addressed to emergency contraception, and according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 15,000 abortions a year are directly attributable to rape. The Justice Department has received a letter signed by 21 senators, among them Hillary Rodham Clinton, asking them to change this, and it has yet to do so.

Imagine denying a rape victim access to an abortion.

I was a law clerk on the U.S. Supreme Court nearly 30 years ago, when the Court held that states could not impose parental consent requirements unless they

provided some "out" for girls who were the victims of abuse, or who could be harmed if they had to tell their parents. What moved the court, as is evident in the opinions, was the reality that a substantial percentage — no one is still sure how many, but estimates range as high as 20 percent — of pregnant teenagers may be victims of intrafamily abuse.

But the "out" the Court came up with, a judicial hearing, had the obvious problem of being flatly inconsistent with the very notion of a right to privacy, leading my boss, Justice Stevens, then the parent of teenage girls, who had voted the year before to uphold Missouri's parental consent law, to conclude that the government should stay out of the decision altogether.

The House, by contrast, has gone to the other extreme, clearly violating both the letter and spirit of the Constitution, and endangering young women in the process.

Under its scheme, the victim of abuse has no out and no place to go, and anyone who helps her, even another relative, exposes herself to a possible prison sentence.

In the Senate, the bill is one of Majority Leader and would-be President Bill Frist's top 10 legislative priorities. If there were any doubt who controls the Republican Party, there should not be.

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**PRAYER**

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prayer for our country. It's something we don't need to do just one day a year, but every day of the year."

Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker called the day a "comfort."

"The National Day of Prayer is very comforting to me from the standpoint that I realize there are millions of other people who are thinking many of the same thoughts that I think about our country," said Crooker. "And thinking about our people and about our God. This brings me a tremendous amount of comfort and understanding, and it's a day I look forward to with my whole heart. It's a day we should all participate in, and I'm thankful we have the opportunity to have a National Day of Prayer."

Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, is scheduled to give the opening prayer during the gathering, and said he views it as a chance to do something constructive for this nation.

"More than anything else, it's a chance for me to do something for my country," said Teeters. "We tend to think of acts of heroism and that type of thing as working for our country, but I believe a man praying for his country is a wonderful act of benevolence toward that country."

"I also believe it's a great opportunity for unity. It's the one time of the year that pulls us together for a common cause. It's what God expects us to do. It's certainly mandated in scripture that we're to pray for our leaders and this will be a great opportunity to do just that."

Local resident Pam Steel is also scheduled to speak during the event, testifying to the way she's seen God move in her own life and through the community.

"Prayer is a privilege we should hold dear," said Steel. "And living in a country where we can freely gather to pray is another privilege to hold dear. For me it's important to participate in the National Day of Prayer so we don't take for granted these two amazing privileges we have as the peo-

ple of God and as Americans."

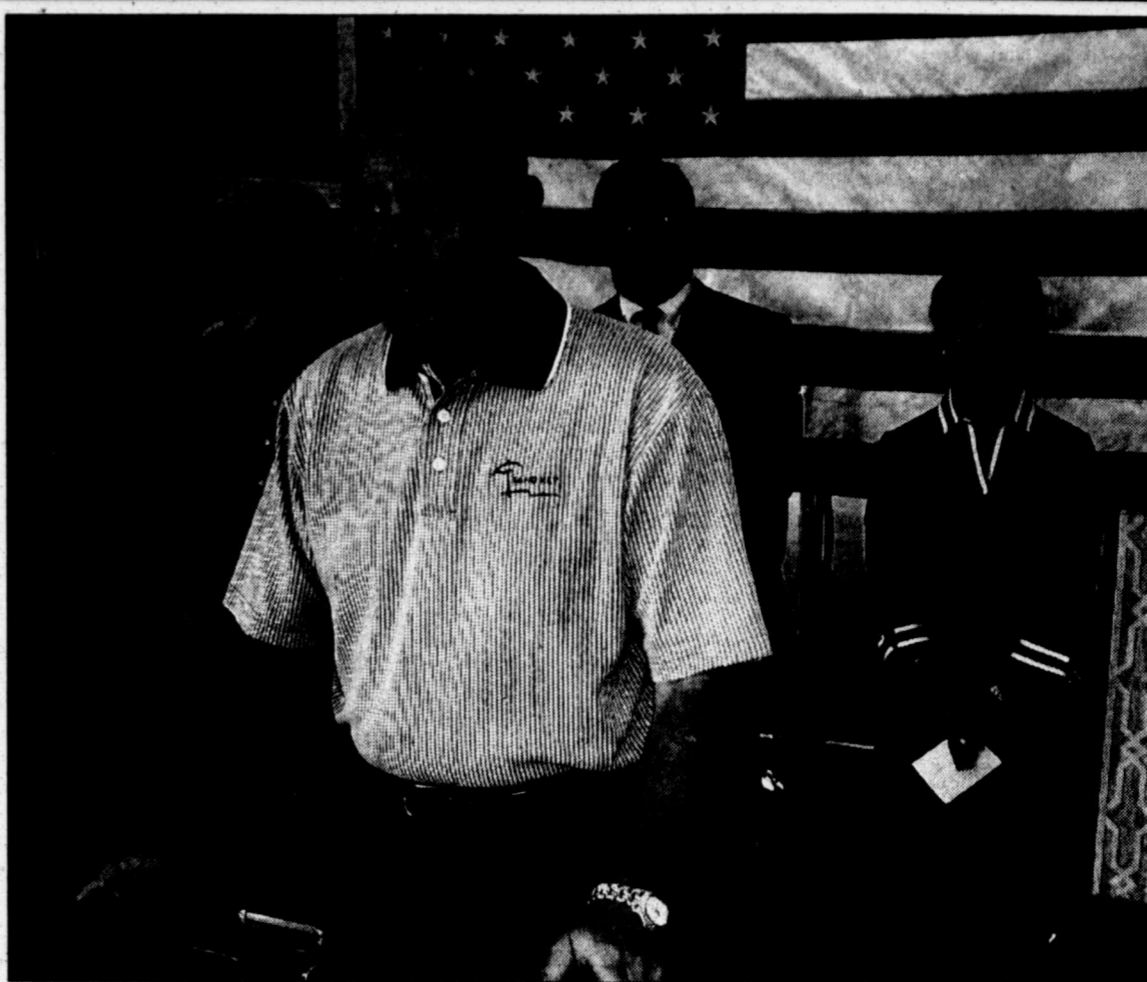
Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen is also scheduled to speak, and said it's an excellent opportunity to correct an ever-widening problem.

"It's an opportunity for us, as a country, to come together and do something it seems we are getting further and further away from," said McEwen. "As a society, we seem to be taking God out of so many things, and it's wonderful to have a day when we focus on the fact that prayer is so important. Prayer is the answer to all that ails us in our country."

Agustin Ypina, pastor for First Methodist Church, said the day is all about one thing — coming together.

"I'm grateful for this opportunity, this National Day of Prayer," said Ypina. "It's a time for unity. So that there may not be separation in families and businesses, and of course between the different races, so we can all become one."

"We realize the Bible says that just as God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one, that is one of the main purposes of the



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Murray Murphy, a member of the Howard College Board of Trustees, explains what the National Day of Prayer means to him during a press conference Friday morning. Also pictured are Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, left, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and Pam Steel, who will deliver a personal testimony during Thursday's 45-minute event, slated for 12:15 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

National Day of Prayer. So we can come together as a family — as a body of Christ — and be able to express and show our

concerns, not only for ourselves but for others who are in need."

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**TRADITION**

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we'll do everything we can to start and finish everything right on time so they can get back to work within that one-hour period.

"Terry McDaniel is going to open the day with the national anthem," he added. "After that, the police chief, Lonnie Smith, will lead us in the pledge of allegiance."

"The opening prayer will be

given by Rev. Dennis Teeters, who is the pastor at First Baptist Church, after which the mayor will welcome everyone and share specific answers to prayer within the community. He will also lead us in prayer for our government."

Bender said several area residents will also talk about how prayer and the hand of God have changed their lives.

"Rich Anderson, who is a rancher here, will share some personal testimonies about how he has seen God move," said

Bender. "He's also going to lead us in prayer for rain."

"Pam Steel is also going to share some personal testimonies, in addition to offering a woman's perspective on this."

Although the National Day of Prayer didn't become a government declared event until 1952, when a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, made it official, it's been a part of America's heritage for more than 200 years.

The first call to prayer came in 1775, when the Continental

Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. The call for prayer has continued through history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863.

Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, the National Day of Prayer has become a national observance placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation. In 2004, local, state and federal observances were held

from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawaii, including Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds in prayer for the nation.

It is estimated that more than two million people attended more than 40,000 observances organized by approximately 40,000 volunteers in 2004.

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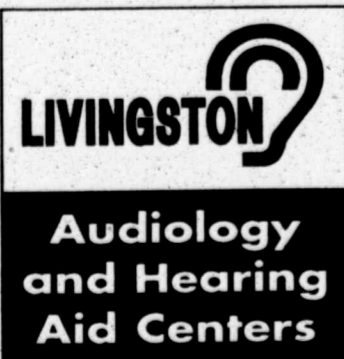
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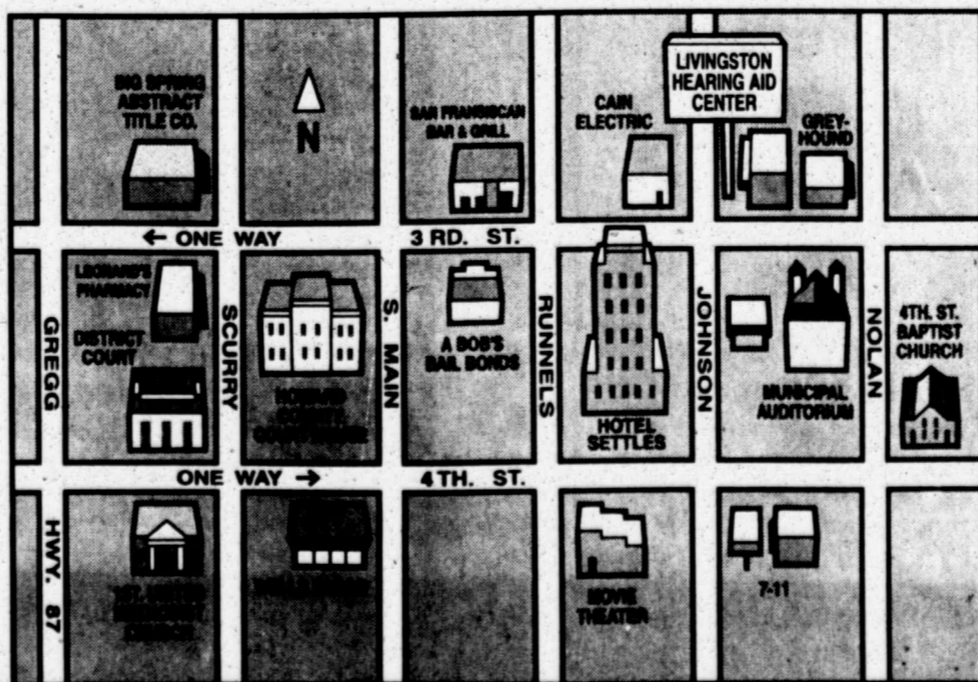
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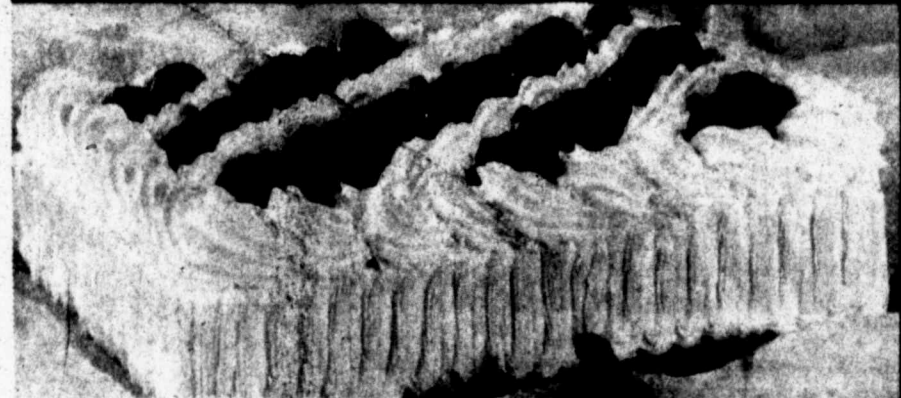
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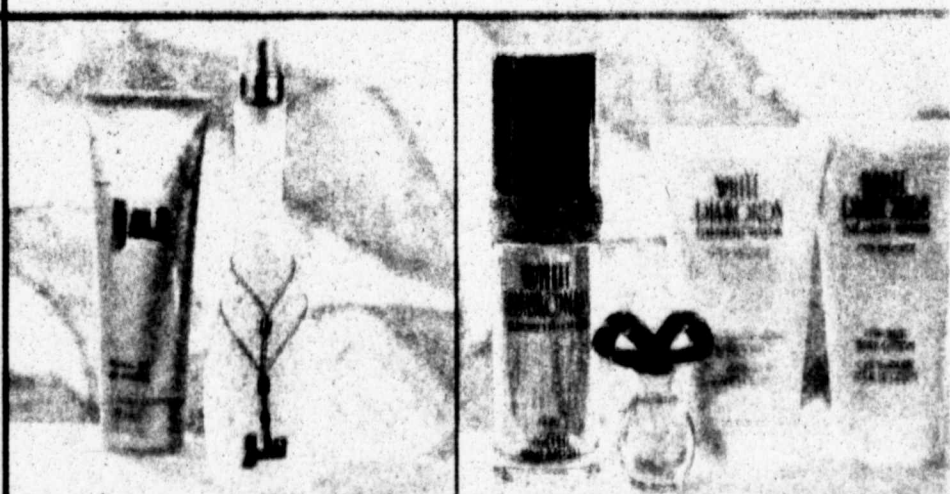
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# Early voting in area elections 'slow' at best

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

It is entirely accurate to describe early voting for the May 7 elections as "slow." "Nonexistent" would only be a slight exaggeration.

Few voters are hitting the polls early for the two contested elections in this area — for Big Spring City Council District 3 and two at-large seats on the Sands Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Only 30 early votes have been cast in

the District 3 race between incumbent Jo Ann Staulcup and challenger Bob Kinchloe.

While disappointing, the early vote total is not surprising, a spokesperson said.

"This is about normal for a city council election," she said. "It gets busier for the mayor's race, but for only one city council seat, it's pretty normal."

District 1 City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton is unopposed for election this year.

Early voting for the council election

continues through Tuesday. Voters may cast ballots between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (including the lunch hour) at City Hall, 310 Nolan Street.

Early voting totals were unavailable for the Sands school board election, but turnout there was also described as light.

Four men are running for two at-large spots on the Sands school board. Incumbents Martin Nichols and Robin Barraza are joined on the ballot by Rick Timmins and Wes Hughes. The top two vote-getters will win spots on the board.

Also, Amy Parker is running unopposed for a one-year position on the board, a school official said.

Early voting for the Sands election will run from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the district business office at 101 First Street in Ackery. Early voting for these elections also ends Tuesday, officials said.

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

# Big Spring ISD to simplify student registration

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

In a "break from tradition," the Big Spring Independent School district will simplify how students register for classes.

Beginning the week of May 9-13, most BSISD parents will be able to register their children for classes without ever leaving home.

"We hope to make it more efficient for both parents and staff to register stu-

dents," said Rey Villarreal, assistant superintendent at BSISD.

Students will bring home an information packet containing pertinent registration data. Parents will be able to verify the data, make any necessary corrections, then have the student return the packet to school, Villarreal said.

Registration for new students in the summer and fall semesters will still be held the "old-fashioned" way. Villarreal said parents of new students need to

come by the district's central office on 11th Place across from the high school to pick up a registration packet.

Registration for incoming kindergarten students also will be held the week of May 9-13, Villarreal said.

Kindergarten registration will be held at the individual campuses throughout the district. Times are from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, except for Wednesday, when it will be held from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Parents of kindergarten students will

need to bring shot records, birth certificates and social security numbers of the children when they register, Villarreal said.

He added that parents unsure about which campus their child will be attending need to contact the central office at 264-3600 for more information.

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## DOGS

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dlers like to come here because of Big Spring's hospitality, and then there's the facility — it's very highly rated."

Dogs will compete for best of group honors in the sporting, non-sporting, toy, herding, working, and hound divisions each day of the event. A best of show champion — selected from among the group winners — also will be crowned each night, Wells said.

The show's success over the years led to the club joining forces with its San Angelo counterpart, Wells said. The show will be run under the auspices of BSKC Thursday and

Saturday, while the San Angelo Kennel Club will take over the reins Friday and Sunday.

But the show is not just for professional dog handlers and trainers, Wells said. Even the casual dog lover will find something of interest at the event.

"For starters, you will be able to see your favorite breed of dog, and see how they do against other competition," Wells said. "And some people like to come to dog shows to check out the different breeds to help them choose one to buy."

Wells asks that visitors to the dog show follow a few rules of behavior.

"A lot of people who come to dog shows think they can just walk up to any old dog and start pet-

ting it," she said. "You need to remember that not all dogs are people friendly ... and if you see a poodle that's just spent the last three hours getting groomed, believe me, you don't want to mess with it."

Also, no pets or strollers will be allowed on the show floor during the event, Wells said.

Admission through the four days is free. In addition, vendors selling dog products will be at the coliseum, and a free obedience class will be offered each day.

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# WORLD NEWS

## U.S. warns of possible North Korea nuke test

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The United States is warning allies that North Korea may be ready to carry out an underground nuclear test as early as June, diplomats said Saturday.

The diplomats told The Associated Press that the information had been apparently gathered in part from satellite imagery. They spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of discussing intelligence information.

The reported U.S. warnings reflected growing fears in Washington that the North is going ahead with efforts to develop nuclear weapons after South Korean officials said Pyongyang had recently shut down a reactor, possibly to harvest plutonium that could be used in an underground test.

The 5-megawatt reactor at Yongbyon generates spent fuel rods laced with plutonium, but they must be removed and reprocessed to extract the plutonium for use in an atomic weapon. They can be removed only if the reactor has been shut down.

North Korea restarted the reactor after expelling U.N. monitors at the end of 2002.

## Turkish prime minister warns that Iraqi stability key for neighbors

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Fears that the ethnic tensions and violence in Iraq will spread beyond its borders brought foreign ministers from neighboring countries to Turkey for talks on Saturday.

Turkey's prime minister opened the conference in a former Ottoman palace saying Iraq's stability is "not solely the concern of the Iraqis but ours as well." Jordan, Syria, Kuwait, Iran, Turkey and Saudi Arabia were represented as was Egypt.

The foreign ministers were discussing the dearth of Sunni Muslims in Iraq's new government and Iran's growing influence in Iraq. Iraq's neighbors are overwhelmingly Sunni Muslim, except for Iran, where most people are Shiite Muslims, as in Iraq.

"Iraq cannot be a place where one entity prevails over the others, nor can it be a place divided up as desired," Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said as he opened the conference in Dolmabahce Palace.

Turkey, Iran and Syria, which have substantial Kurdish populations, are also deeply concerned by the growing power of Iraqi Kurds. They fear Kurds could break away to establish their own state, which could stoke similar aspirations among Kurds in the neighboring countries.

## Vietnam marks 30 years since war's end

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — Waving red flags, troops marched Saturday down the boulevard along which North Vietnamese tanks rolled into this city 30 years ago in a victory ending the Vietnam War.

Hundreds of aging veterans, their chests decked with medals, watched from the sidelines as the soldiers headed toward the Presidential Palace. The legendary Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap was among them, standing alongside the president.

Giant billboards of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam's revolutionary leader, over-

looked the parade route and adjoining streets, which had been blocked off to the public due to security concerns.

On April 30, 1975, communist tanks barreled through the palace gates in what was then Saigon, capital of South Vietnam. The city's fall marked the official end of the Vietnam War, and the United States' decade-long campaign against communism in Southeast Asia. The war claimed some 58,000 American lives and an estimated 3 million Vietnamese.

"I was listening to the radio with my family and heard that Saigon had been liberated. I was very happy because for many years we weren't free. After 30 years we have rebuilt our country. Our land is safe and secure and I think the future will be better for my children," said To Thanh Nghia, 51, a government worker marching in the parade.

## Four U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq bomb

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Four U.S. soldiers were killed and two wounded by a roadside bomb near the Syrian border, and four American soldiers were injured when their Humvee crashed during a nighttime operation west of Baghdad, the U.S. military announced on Saturday.

The roadside bomb attack in northwestern Iraq on Thursday targeted a Task Force Freedom convoy in Tal Afar city, about 93 miles east of the Syrian border, the military said on Saturday.

It was not clear why the military had postponed announcing these casualties, although such delays are common and officials say they allow relatives to be notified before news of deaths from a particular unit appear in the media.

Also Saturday, the military said four U.S. soldiers in a convoy were injured

when their Humvee rolled into a ditch late Friday night near Abu Ghraib prison, west of Baghdad.

As of Friday, at least 1,575 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,199 died as a result of hostile action, according to the U.S. Defense Department.

## Italy, U.S. disagree on agent's Iraq death

ROME (AP) — Italy and the United States said they had failed to agree on whether U.S. soldiers were at fault in the death of an Italian intelligence agent in Iraq — an acknowledgment that will further irritate relations and increase pressure on Italy to withdraw its forces from Iraq.

In a statement, the two countries said Friday their joint investigation into the March 4 death of agent Nicola Calipari had concluded and that they couldn't arrive at any "shared final conclusions."

The statement said the case had now be referred to respective national authorities; Italy has launched a criminal inquiry into Calipari's death.

Calipari was killed soon after he had secured the release of Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena from Iraqi militants who had held her hostage for a month. U.S. soldiers fired on the Italians' vehicle as it approached a U.S. checkpoint near Baghdad's airport. Sgrena and another Italian agent were wounded.

U.S. and Italian experts had worked for over a month on a joint investigation into the killing, which sparked outrage in Italy and put increasing pressure on Premier Silvio Berlusconi to withdraw Italy's estimated 3,000-strong contingent from the country.

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# Georgia woman who vanished days before her wedding fabricated kidnap story, police say

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A Georgia bride-to-be who vanished just days before her wedding turned up in New Mexico and fabricated a tale of abduction before admitting Saturday that she had gotten cold feet and "needed some time alone," police said.

Jennifer Wilbanks, 32, was in police custody more than 1,420 miles from her home on what was supposed to be her wedding day.

"It turns out that Miss Wilbanks basically felt the pressure of this large wedding and could not handle it," said Randy Belcher, the police chief in Duluth, Ga., the Atlanta suburb where Wilbanks lives with her fiancé. He said there would be no criminal charges.

Wilbanks, whose disappearance set off a nationwide hunt, called her fiancé, John Mason, from a pay phone late Friday



Wilcox

and told him that she had been kidnapped while jogging three days before, authorities said. Her family rejoiced that she was safe, telling reporters that the media coverage apparently got to the kidnappers.

But Wilbanks soon recanted, according to police.

Ray Schultz, chief of police in Albuquerque, said Wilbanks "had become scared and concerned about her impending marriage and decided she needed some time alone." He said she traveled to Las Vegas by bus before going to Albuquerque.

"She's obviously very concerned about the stress that she's been through, the stress that's been placed on her family," he said. "She is very upset."

The mood outside Wilbanks' home went from jubilant to somber after Wilbanks changed her story. Family members ducked inside and the blinds were drawn, but later expressed relief that Wilbanks was safe.

"Sure, we were all disappointed, maybe a little embarrassed, but you know what, if you remember all the interviews yesterday we were praying. At this point let her be a runaway bride," said the Rev. Alan Jones, who was to perform the wedding. "So God was faithful. Jennifer's alive and we're all thankful for that."

Jones said the family had no idea that Wilbanks had fears about the wedding, and he believed she "probably had no clue how it had been blown out of proportion" while she was traveling across the country.

He said Mason had no hostility toward his fiancé.

"I have never met such a strong person in all my life," Jones said. "He's an incredible man."

The wedding was to have been a huge bash. The couple had mailed 600 invitations, and the ceremony was to feature 14 bridesmaids and 14 groomsmen.

Wilbanks, who is a nurse, was tired and thirsty, but was not complaining of any injuries Saturday, officials said. Her hair, which was long in pictures released by her family, was shoulder-length.

Authorities will "get her showered, get her something to eat and then reunite her with her family," Albuquerque police spokeswoman Trish Ahrensfield said. Wilbanks' family planned to fly to Albuquerque later Saturday.

Just hours before Wilbanks called her fiancé, police in Duluth said they had no solid leads in the case and began dismantling a search center. Relatives offered a \$100,000 reward for information and were planning a prayer vigil.

The hunt for Wilbanks had consumed Duluth, a tight-knit town. Her picture and newspaper articles about her disappearance were on telephone poles and shop windows. Police had also seized three computers from the home she shared with Mason.

Mason had become a target of suspicion and agreed to a private polygraph test, which Wilbanks' family said he passed. "That's been the hardest part for me," Mason said after Wilbanks called from Albuquerque. "It gives you a feeling like you can't walk outside your home."

## England to plead guilty of abuse

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer  
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Pfc. Lynndie England, the most recognizable figure from the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, will plead guilty in a military court Monday to seven of the nine criminal charges against her, her lawyer said late Friday.



England, a 22-year-old Army reservist who appeared prominently in the notorious photographs taken at the Baghdad-area prison, was scheduled to go to trial Tuesday at Fort Hood.

She faced a maximum of 16 1/2 years in prison on the charges, but the plea deal reduces that maximum to 11 years, said Rick Hernandez, her civilian lawyer.

Hernandez, who is based in Denver, said the deal was reached during a meeting with military prosecutors on Friday afternoon at Fort Hood.

"This is in her best interests," he said, adding that England was

involved in the discussions that led up to the agreement.

Under the terms of the plea deal, Hernandez said, England will plead guilty to two counts of conspiracy, four counts of maltreating prisoners and one count of dereliction of duty.

One count of committing indecent acts and one count of failure to obey a lawful order will be dismissed, he said.

If the plea agreement is accepted by Army judge Col. James Pohl, England would move straight into the sentencing phase. A panel of soldiers would be selected to determine her punishment, with witnesses presented by both the prosecution and defense.

Hernandez said he plans to call Pvt. Charles Graner Jr., a former Abu Ghraib guard and the reputed ringleader of the abuses, as a defense witness.

Graner, said to be England's ex-boyfriend and father of her young son, was convicted in January on a range of abuse charges and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Hernandez said Graner

would be called to the stand in an attempt to mitigate England's sentence by showing "the type of personality that he is and what information he gave her that led her to believe that what she was doing was correct."

He said the defense would also present evidence to the sentencing jury that England has severe learning disabilities as well as mental health issues.

It has not yet been decided whether England will take the stand on her own behalf, Hernandez said.

England, from Fort Ashby, W. Va., was a clerk at Abu Ghraib who allegedly visited Graner in the area where prisoners were held. While there, she posed for a variety of the digital photographs that brought the abuses to light and spurred outrage around the world.

In one photo from the prison, England is shown holding a hooded, naked Iraqi prisoner on a leash. In another she is smiling and pointing at a naked detainee's genitals while a cigarette dangles from the corner of her mouth.

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# When it's time to relax...

## Alcohol law proposals could touch consumers

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Stop by Junior's beer barn on a sunny afternoon and you'll find flavorful opinions about new alcohol laws proposed at the Texas Capitol.

In a world away from the suited lobbyists who try to sway the Legislature, Junior's co-owners John Zamora and Mark Boyden crack jokes and casually note that some of the lawmakers' proposals could cause hassles for them and their customers.

Mostly, they say, the legislation wouldn't make a dent in beer buying and drinking by the average Texan.

"Nickels and dimes," Zamora said, downplaying the likely impact of one bill aimed at deterring underage drinking by putting more restrictions on beer keg sales.

One legislative proposal would remove restrictions on the size of beer containers sold to Texans. That might mean more 11.2-ounce import beers from Europe, along with the traditional 12-ounce bottles and cans on store shelves, industry experts say.

Many other states allow the smaller beer size, said Bill Levine, a representative of the Gambrinus Co. in San Antonio, which owns the Shiner Brewery and imports Mexican beer. "You will not see an explosion of new packages out there," Levine said.

Another piece of legislation that consumers would notice, if it becomes law, is a provision to post signs on restroom doors at bars and restaurants serving alcohol to warn of the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

At Junior's, much of the talk lately has turned toward a bill that would require beer kegs to be labeled with a registration number and mandate that a keg renter fill out a form with his or her name, address and other information. It's a measure aimed at curbing drinking by minors.

### Existing alcohol excise taxes in Texas

The Legislature is considering raising state alcohol excise taxes to help pay for public schools. The current excise tax rates are:  
BEER: \$6 per barrel (about 11 cents per six-pack)

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WINE (14 percent or less alcohol): 20.4 cents per gallon

WINE (more than 14 percent): 40.8 cents per gallon  
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MALT LIQUOR/ALE: 19.8 cents per gallon, or \$6.138 per barrel

"It would just push people towards package and away from keg beer," shrugged Zamora, whose sales are about half keg and half packaged beer sales.

Besides, he said, his business located near the University of Texas already requires keg renters to give that information and sign a liability pledge. He showed the keg form that, indeed, requires those items.

A possible tax on alcohol, which legislators are considering to fund schools, probably wouldn't get the education finance job accomplished, Boyden said.

"We're not spending enough on children, education, health care. And we're subsidizing large corporations. So it's a little scary, but they've got to raise tax money somewhere. Alcohol is always one of those ones they look at. There's already a pretty big tax on alcohol," he said.

The state excise tax on beer is \$6 per barrel, or about 11 cents a six-pack.

For wine with 14 percent alcohol or less, the tax is 20.4 cents per gallon. Wine with a higher alcohol level is 40.8 cents. The tax on liquor, or distilled spirits, is \$2.40 per gallon.

Another consumer perspective on Texas alcohol laws comes from Jim Haire of Tyler, one of the few people outside of the alcohol and retail industry who attended a recent meeting on the

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## Texas alcohol laws rooted in post-Prohibition years

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas laws regulating the sale and shipment of beer, wine and liquor are rooted in a 1930s system set up to keep organized crime out of the alcohol business after Prohibition.

Those laws are under scrutiny this spring as legislators consider changes in the operation of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, established in 1935. Some parts of the alcohol industry are lobbying for updates to state regulations, while others want to keep things the way they are.

The Texas alcoholic beverage industry operates in a "three-tier" system spelled out by the government and made up of the manufacturing, distribution and retail segments.

That system aims to keep any one level of the industry from having undue influence over another. For example, a

liquor manufacturer isn't allowed to have control of a nightclub that sells alcoholic beverages.

During Prohibition, when there was a nationwide ban on the manufacture, sale or transportation of alcohol from 1920 to 1933, monopolies run by organized crime rings largely controlled the making and selling of alcohol.

Today, manufacturers move their alcohol products to wholesalers, who then distribute the beverages to retail stores and drinking establishments. Specific shipment and payment laws apply to each tier.

Beer sales from distributors to retail establishments must be paid by cash, check, money order or electronic funds transfer the day of delivery. No credit is allowed. Retailers have up to 15 days to pay for wine and liquor deliveries.

Stores and restaurants that don't pay their wine and liquor credit bills within the time required

are placed on a state delinquent list and can't buy again until the state says so. The TABC publishes the list on its Web site, regularly noting bars, restaurants and beverage barns that aren't in compliance.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission also keeps a watch on territorial agreements governing beer distributions. Distributors have exclusive territories established with beer manufacturers to sell particular products to retailers.

Alcohol content also is regulated by the state. For a beverage to be considered beer in Texas it must contain less than 4 percent alcohol. If the content is higher, it must be labeled malt liquor or ale. Differences between Texas' products and those of other states may occur in package labeling, said

Carolyn Beck, spokeswoman for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Consumers' ability to buy alcohol varies widely depending on the county in Texas.

Since Prohibition, fights between "wet" and "dry" proponents — those who favor or oppose the sale of alcohol — have raged across the state.

Counties, municipalities and even precincts within counties have differing laws determined by local option elections on whether to sell beer, wine and liquor, either for off premises consumption or in bars and restaurants.

Many parts of West Texas are dry. So are parts of North and northeast Texas. The southern half of the state, below an imaginary line that runs

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LAWS

# Alcohol industry gives big donations

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subject before the House Licensing and Administration Committee.

Haire said he's not anti-alcohol. But he said he believes lawmakers and regulators should address the damage that can be done by alcohol, including violence and birth defects.

He has volunteered with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Texans Standing Tall, which battles underage drinking.

At the meeting, after beer distributors and retailers argued over the regulatory details of shipments, payments and broken merchandise, Haire questioned why legislators don't try to prevent alcohol advertising accessible to children, as in parks and in a state wildlife magazine.

"Why won't somebody do something about it?" Haire said.

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east-west through Waco, is generally wet, industry experts say.

Two years ago, the Legislature made it easier to petition local governments to hold wet-dry elections.

"There has been this huge onslaught of local option elections across the state," Beck said. "They're having them everywhere."

Some of the elections are happening where there is wide use of the "Unicard." It's a card patrons can show at restaurants in dry areas to, in essence, prove they are a member of the restaurant's private club and be allowed to legally buy alcoholic drinks. A number of restaurants in an area might participate in the Unicard program.

If an area votes itself wet — allowing alcoholic drinks to be sold in restaurants to everyone regardless of club membership — there is no longer the need for the Unicard, Beck said.

AUSTIN (AP) — At the Texas Capitol, booze means big money.

Beer, wine and liquor manufacturers, distributors and retailers will pay lobbyists up to \$4 million to sway legislators in 2005, according to state report totals compiled by The Associated Press.

The spending rivals other large states, like California, where the Legislature convenes full-time in two-year terms. Texas' Legislature only meets every other year.

"We think the current Texas alcohol code is antiquated and is in need of modernization," said Nate Hurst, public and government relations manager for Arkansas-based Wal-Mart, whose principals gave more than \$100,000 to key Texas officials.

This spring's legislative session involves a possible alcohol tax increase to help fund schools. Legislators also are considering other changes to alcohol laws in a periodic review of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Meanwhile, the alcohol industry has been busy giving campaign money to politicians. Of those identified by the AP, industry donations last year totaled more than \$330,000 combined to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick and four legislators overseeing alcohol bills.

Dewhurst, who also serves as state Senate president, received the most. His \$152,735 from alcohol-related interests amounted to slightly less than 3 percent of his total. "Contributions from anyone have no effect on the lieutenant governor's decisions, whether it's alcohol or anything else. He makes policy based on principles and what's in the best interest of Texans," said Dewhurst's spokesman, Mark Miner.

Most of the elected officials had no campaign opponent last year. Craddick said his contributors represent a wide range of industries and people.



Donors to Perry should expect "good conservative governance" and nothing more, Perry spokesman Robert Black said. And, he noted, the governor views an alcohol excise tax increase as a viable option for funding public schools.

Several lobbyists for alcohol manufacturers and distributors declined to speak on the record with the AP for this story.

The \$6 per barrel excise tax on beer in Texas — about 11 cents per six-pack — hasn't been increased since 1984. Other types of alcohol are

taxed at higher levels.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is pressing for an alcohol tax increase as lawmakers look for ways to fund education, especially since legislators are considering increasing the cigarette tax, said Suzii Paynter, lobbyist for the Baptist group.

The House rejected an alcohol tax in its school finance plan approved last month. The Senate is considering one.

Paynter said the "whiny baby" alcohol industry has deep connections at the Capitol. "They have a lot of friends, but not really an argument against a tax," Paynter said.

Alcohol manufacturers, distributors and retailers — the three alcohol "tiers" of regulation established in Texas and many other states after Prohibition — have more than 90 hired and trade association lobbyists this year, according to Texas Ethics Commission lists.

Anheuser-Busch, one of the leading beer producers, listed six Texas lobbyists for 2005, earning

total payments from \$125,000 to \$279,997. Lobby contracts are reported only in ranges in Texas. In California, Anheuser-Busch paid \$542,304 for lobbying in the 2003-04 two-year session.

Other major alcohol issues before Texas lawmakers involve a "sunset" review of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

One proposed change would eliminate size restrictions on beer containers sold to consumers. Another calls for signs on restroom doors at bars and restaurants serving alcohol to warn of the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

The two chief sponsors of the sunset legislation — Republican Rep. Peggy Hamric and Democratic Sen. John Whitmire, both of Houston — received alcohol industry donations of \$5,250 and \$14,500, respectively, last year.

Democratic Rep. Kino Flores of Mission and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, who chair committees overseeing the alcoholic beverage commission sunset legislation, received at least \$12,300 and \$12,500, respectively.

"That's pretty good for somebody who hasn't had a drink in 21 years," Ellis joked about his contributions.

He said campaign dona-

tions don't influence his actions as a senator. "I have very little idea of who gave what," he said.

Perry received at least \$97,532 in alcohol industry and retail contributions last year. Craddick received at least \$36,250.

Of Perry's contributions, \$15,257 came in airfare provided by John Nau III, president and chief executive of Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P., of Houston. It's one of the nation's largest Anheuser-Busch distributors.

Nau accompanied Perry and an exclusive group of donors and advisers on a trip to the Bahamas last year over President's Day weekend supposedly to discuss school finance. The Texas Ethics Commission told Perry it was reviewing the trip as a possible violation, but the agency has not issued a finding against him.

Other big donors to Capitol leaders were principals of Wal-Mart and HEB Grocery Co.

Perry got \$75,000 in combined contributions last year from John Walton of Arkansas, a director of Wal-Mart, and Alice Walton of Mineral Wells, Texas, a Wal-Mart heiress and rancher. Both Waltons gave \$25,000 apiece to Dewhurst.

Wal-Mart's political action committee gave smaller amounts to Dewhurst and Craddick.

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**Big Spring Club announces couples tour**  
The Big Spring Country Club will host a two-day couples tour for May 14 and 15. The tour cost \$130 per couple, but includes a cart fee, breakfast, and a lunch. A practice round will take place on Friday, May 14, and the tournament begins on Saturday, May 15. There will be three prizes for the flight: a male/female drive and club pin awards will be given. Dinner will be served after play on Saturday. For more information, call 267-

**BSISD has a chance to go athletic**  
The BSISD department is offering an opportunity for anyone in grades 11 through 12 to participate in a physical education program. These physical education classes are required for students who wish to participate in athletics during the seventh and 11th grades. Do not allow one.

The physical education classes can be taken through your athletic training online. bsisd.esc18.r Under school athletics and forms. Physicals will be held at the Auditorium on May 21 at 10:15 a.m. seventh graders (current and future) and current high school students through grade 12. Physicals end promptly at 10:15 a.m. for all.

**Forsan ISD all-sports banquet**  
Forsan announced its all-sports banquet will take place on Thursday, May 3, at the school. Tickets for the banquet are \$10 and they will be purchased on Thursday. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 457-2223. Tickets may be purchased at the school office.

**Big Spring ball banquet**  
The Big Spring ball banquet will take place at Monday, May 2, at the Howard Student Building's Cactus Room. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Center. The purchase deadline is May 5. For more information, call 263-8527.



Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

### 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.

#### BSISD has set up chance to get athletic physicals

The BSISD athletic department is offering the opportunity to get an athletic physical for anyone in grades six through 11 (7-12 next year).

These pre-participation physicals are required for students who wish to participate in athletics entering the seventh, ninth and 11th grades or who do not already have one.

The physical form can be obtained through your coach, athletic trainer or online at [bsisd.esc18.net](http://bsisd.esc18.net) (look under schools, BSIS, athletics and athletic forms).

Physicals will be given at the BSIS Auditorium Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. for seventh graders (current sixth graders), 10:15 a.m. for ninth graders (current eighth graders) and 10:30 a.m. for current high school students through 11th grade. Physicals will end promptly at 11:30 a.m. for all.

#### 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.

#### Big Spring baseball banquet announced

The Big Spring baseball banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, at the Howard College Student Union Building's (SUB) Cactus Room.

Tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center. The deadline to purchase tickets is May 5.

For more information, call John Sparks at 263-8527.

## Mintz, Abraham move on to four-year colleges

### Howard hardwood stars further careers

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Two players from Howard College's men's basketball team which reached the Region V championship game this past year did what most junior college basketball players hope to do.

Freshman Rashad Mintz and sophomore Dwayne Abraham inked scholarships recently to play bas-

ketball at four-year institutions.

Mintz signed on to play at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, while Abraham will travel south to Lakeland, Fla., and play for N-C A A Division II Florida Southern next year.

Both signings were a bit of a surprise in different

ways. Mintz signed after just one year at Howard. His signing came as a surprise because Howard coach Mark Adams would have liked to have his starting point guard for another year, but knew going into the year that this might happen.

"We're excited for Rashad because he came here to get exposure and he was able to do that," said Adams. "We would have liked to see him back here next year, but

we understood this might happen. It just came sooner than we expected."

It did not come sooner than Mintz expected because this was his plan from day one.

"The plan all along was to come here for one year and to be able to play at the Division I level for three

years," said Mintz. "Playing for two years at a D-I program just wasn't enough for me."

Abraham's situation comes as a surprise to mainly himself. He never expected to be playing basketball in college after sitting out six years and working, but his hard work and dedication has made his basketball dream a reality.

"This whole situation at Howard has been a bless-

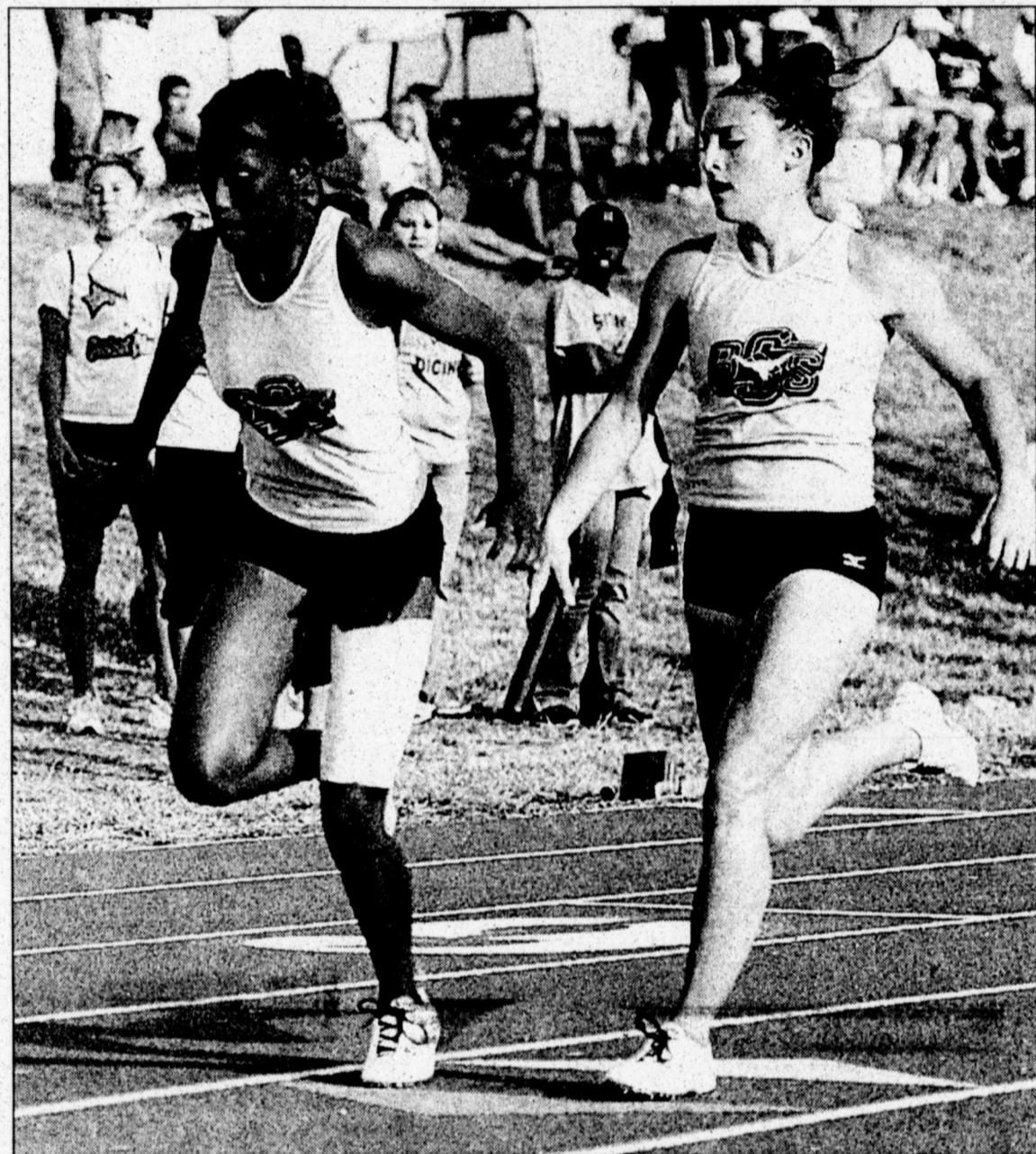
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MINTZ



ABRAHAM



Big Spring junior Carmen Lewis, left, gets ready to get the baton from sophomore Katy Abner during the 4x200 meter relay Friday at the Angelo State University's Multipurpose Sports Complex in San Angelo at the Region 1-4A meet. All three Lady Steer relay teams failed to make Saturday's finals. Amisha Vanderbilt qualified for state Friday in the discus and got another chance Saturday in the shot put.

HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

## Vanderbilt grabs trip to state, takes first in final throw

### Rest of Lady Steers struggle in first day at regional track meet

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — With her final throw in the girl's discus, Big Spring's Amisha Vanderbilt qualified for the UIL state track meet Friday in San Angelo.

However, the rest of the day at Angelo State University's Multipurpose Sports Complex was disappointing, according to Big Spring girl's track coach Jay Kennedy.

Vanderbilt's state qualifying throw equaled 124-8, which she got on her very last attempt.

"She would have qualified anyway because she was in second when she threw her last throw, but it was good to see her win it," said Kennedy.

Vanderbilt tried to double her state duty Saturday as she competed

in the shot put, but results of that were unavailable at press time.

"I thought going into the meet, the shot put would be the best chance she had to get to state," said Kennedy.

The only other good news for the Big Spring girl's track team Friday was senior Airianne Brown's qualifying position in the 200-meter dash. Brown got a chance to run Saturday in the finals as her preliminary time was clocked at a personal best :24.70, which placed her fourth heading into the finals.

"Overall, it was a disappointing day," said Kennedy. "The other team's ran faster times than we expected and we kind of just stayed the same. That happens though."

Three other Lady Steers competed in field events Friday, but no one had enough to get to state.

The best finisher

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## Howard now in must-win situation in final weekend of WJCAC

### Hawks split at home with Midland, need two on road to earn berth to postseason

By ERIC C. RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

The Howard College baseball team did what they had to Friday in order to keep their postseason hopes alive. The Hawks split with Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) rival Midland College at Jack Barber Field, falling 5-2 in game one before salvaging game two 12-4.

Howard coach Britt Smith said it's amazing that the Hawks are still playing meaningful games on the final weekend of the regular season.

"There's something to be said about us still hav-

ing something to play for in our last games of the year," Smith said. "Not one opening day starter is still on the field in their same position. Not one and that's amazing."

Four teams from the WJCAC qualify for the postseason with New Mexico Junior College already securing the top spot in the conference. Both El Paso Community College and Odessa College appear to have secured the next two spots, thus leaving the fourth and final spot up for grabs. Ultimately, Saturday's games will decide the fourth spot with Howard needing to win at least one game, but probably both games at Midland while the Hawks hope Western Texas helps

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Howard freshman Will Basom, right, attempts to throw out a runner from his first base position Friday at Jack Barber Field during the Hawks' split of Midland College. Jeff Storms watches the play unfold.

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Big Spring softball	Coahoma softball	Howard College
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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Airianne Brown stretches out before her preliminary run in the 200-meter dash in San Angelo Friday. Brown qualified fourth for Saturday's final.

## Niehues, Halfmann earn trip to Class A state tennis meet

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Garden City sophomores Alex Halfmann and Taylor Niehues entered the Region 2-A tennis tournament as the second seed and left Abilene as the second best team Thursday.



NIEHUES

Halfmann and Niehues won a total of four matches at the regional tournament, finished second overall and clinched a berth to the state tournament in Austin May 9-10.



HALFMANN

They defeated Paint Rock and Era Wednesday in two easy straight set matches. Then the Bearkat duo opened up play with another easy win over Goldthwaite 6-1 and 6-2. Top-seeded Chillicothe defeated

Garden City in the championship match, but the Bearkats still advanced to state after claiming a victory in the playback match over No. 3 seed from Lohn 6-2 and 6-4.

"The boys doubles was the toughest division at regionals," said Garden City tennis coach Jimmy Fine. "Alex and Taylor stepped up and played their best tennis of the year. They also showed a lot of heart after losing in the finals and were able to come back and get the win in the playback match for second."

Garden City's other boy's doubles team was ousted in round one. Sophomore Evan Jansa and Nick Sanchez lost to the third-seeded team from Lohn 2-6 and 2-6. Westbrook's Trey Chavez and Linsey Chavez also advanced to state in the boy's and girl's singles divisions, respectively.

Halfmann and Niehues will begin the state competition Monday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m. in Austin at the World of Tennis at Lakeway courts on the campus of the University of Texas.

## BIG SPRING

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besides Vanderbilt was sophomore Katy Abner in the pole vault. She vaulted a personal best 10-0, but placed fifth. The top two finishers in each event qualify for state.

Senior Cycelye Tuitt jumped a personal best 17-9.75 in the long jump, but finished just sixth, while Monica Fierro came in sixth in the discus with a throw of 111-0. Tuitt got another chance to get to state Saturday as she competed in the high jump, but results were unavailable at press time.

The Lady Steers had two hurdlers in Friday's preliminaries. Junior Raegan Ritchey did not qualify originally in the 100-meter hurdles, but got a chance to run after another competitor withdrew from competition. She did not qualify for Saturday's finals, but Kennedy was still impressed with her time of :16.70.

"She hadn't practiced hurdles for two weeks because we just found out she was competing at regionals this past Wednesday," said Kennedy. "I was really proud of her time."

Senior Elida Rodriguez competed in the 300-meter hurdles, but did not qualify. Her time was unavailable at press time.

All three Lady Steers relay teams missed out on qualifying for the finals,

as well.

The 4x100 relay team — which was changed up a bit — of junior Britni Rodriguez, Elida Rodriguez, Ritchey and Tuitt ran a :50.7.

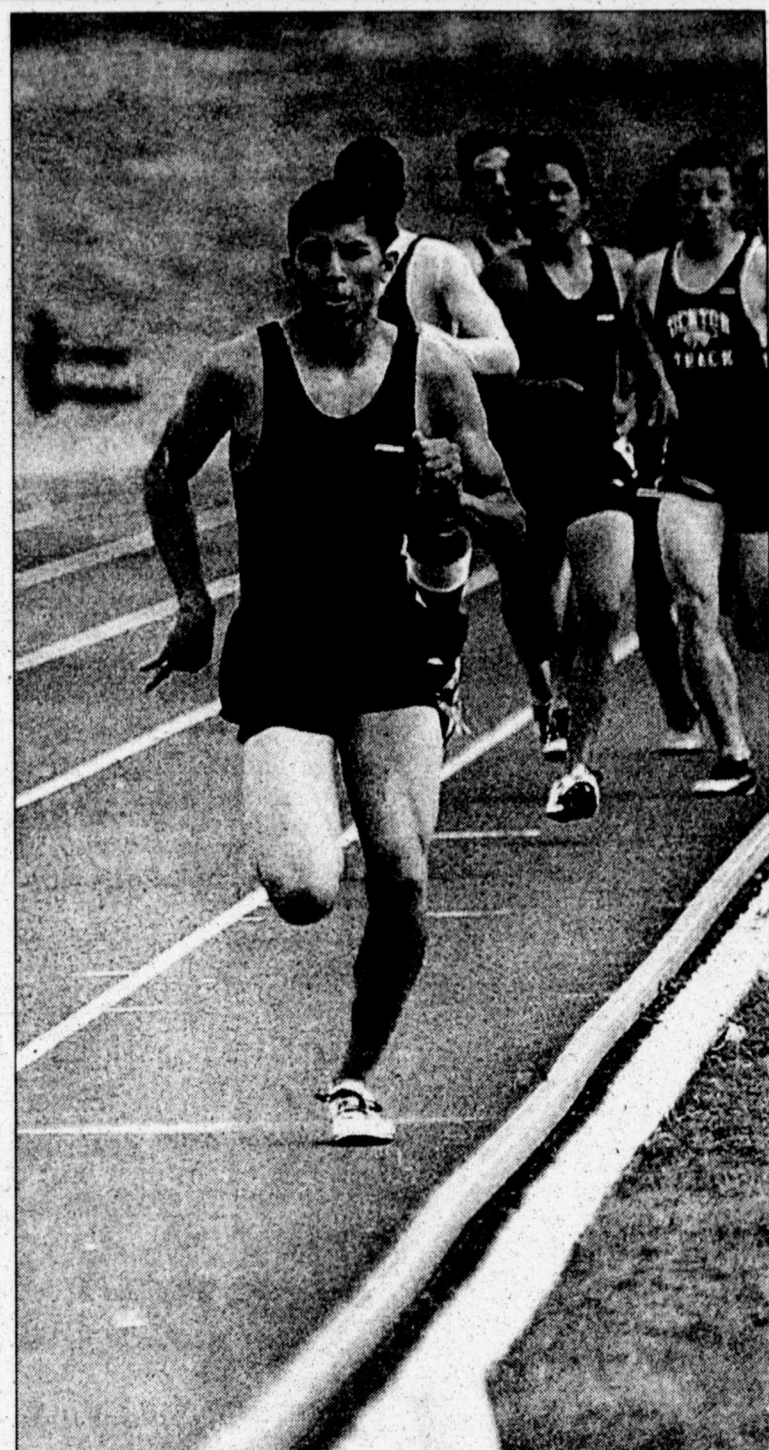
The 4x200 of Abner, junior Carmen Lewis, Whitney Lewis and Brown took second in their heat, but wound up on the outside looking in with a time of 1:45.

Carmen Lewis, Whitney Lewis and Brown teamed up again in the 4x400 relay and along with lead-off leg Britni Rodriguez took third in their heat, but again did not have enough to qualify for the finals as the foursome finished with a time of 4:11.

The boy's track team has a really good chance to get someone to state, as well.

Senior Daniel Garza qualified with the fastest time in the 800-meter run Friday. He crossed the line in 2:00 and tried to earn a trip to state Saturday, but results were unavailable at press time. He also competed in the 1,600-meter run Saturday.

Sophomores Chris Martinez and Michael Rodriguez each ran Friday, too. Martinez did not qualify for Saturday's finals in the 800-meter run, while Michael Rodriguez finished fifth in the 3,200 meter run but failed to qualify for state. Michael Rodriguez got another chance Saturday as he competed with Garza in the 1,600-meter run.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Daniel Garza leads the way down the backstretch during the 800-meter run at the Region 1-4A track meet at Angelo State University's Multipurpose Sports Complex in San Angelo. Garza had the fastest qualifying time in the event and got his chance at a state berth Saturday, but results of the finals were unavailable at press time.

## Bulldogettes down to final shot at state

By TROY HYDE

ABILENE — The Coahoma girl's track team ran into a wall they were unable to climb Friday at the Region 1-2A track meet in Abilene.

The Bulldogettes ran in several events and set some personal best times, but could not get anyone in Saturday's finals.

Senior Mendy Morgan competed in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. She ran a personal best 27.01 in the 200-meter dash, but finished 10th and needed to be in the top eight to qualify for the final round. She placed ninth in the 100-meter dash after sprinting to a 12.80.

Junior Sterling Gee competed in two events Friday. She ran a personal best 52.80 in the 300-meter hurdles and was clocked at 16.94 in the 100-meter hurdles, but neither time was good enough to advance to the finals. She got one last shot at state Saturday as she competed in the triple jump, but results were unavailable at press time.

Kayla Gutierrez was clocked at 65 seconds in the 400-meter dash, but



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Coahoma junior Sterling Gee clears over the hurdles at the District 4-2A track meet earlier this month. Gee failed to qualify for Saturday's finals in both hurdle events Friday at the Region 1-2A track meet in Abilene.

did not advance to the final, while Heather Sheppard's throw of 30-8 in the shot put did not advance her to state, either.

Morgan's final chance to advance to state came in the final race of the day — the 4x400-meter

relay. She teamed up with Gutierrez, senior Sarah Collom and Monica Morelion, but the final time of 4:29 was not able to qualify for the finals.

Morelion also competed in the 3,200-meter run, but grabbed 23rd place with a time of 13:59. She

got one final chance Saturday in the 1,600-meter run, but results were unavailable at press time.

"We ran some of our best times, but they just weren't good enough," said Coahoma coach Sandy Logan.

## Hole-in-One's

April 28: Daniel Silen on No. 15 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Silen made his first-ever hole-in-one with a seven iron and the shot was witnessed by Gary (Hope) Howell, Tommy Fletcher and Mike Tedesco.

March 28: Felix "Flea" Martinez on No. 1 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Martinez also used a seven iron for his first-ever hole-in-one and his shot was witnessed by Silen, Ben Garcia Jr., Sammy Rodriguez Sr. and Sammy Rodriguez Jr.

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By JOEL ANDE

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## Maddux wins battle of Hall of Famers at Minute Maid

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer  
HOUSTON (AP) — Greg Maddux and Roger Clemens lived up to the hype surrounding the first matchup of 300-game winners in nearly 18 years.

For sure, Maddux will have a very long time to savor this victory.

"Looking back, years from now, it will be a special game," said Maddux after outpitching Clemens in the Chicago Cubs' 3-2 win over the Houston Astros Friday night. "I was going to do whatever it took tonight to win this one."

Jeremy Burnitz went 3-for-4, including a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning to send the Cubs to a victory over their bitter NL Central rival that passed them up in the final week for a wild-card berth last season.

Maddux (1-1) got his 306th career win and first since the Cubs' 2004 season-finale against Atlanta. He lasted six innings, giving up two runs on seven hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

Maddux was lifted in the seventh for a pinch-hitter, and Michael Wuertz, Will Ohman and Roberto Novoa combined to pitch two scoreless innings before LaTroy Hawkins pitched a scoreless ninth for his fourth save.

Clemens (1-1) pitched seven strong innings to hold up his end of the marquee matchup. The Rocket allowed three runs on seven hits and struck out five while walking two.

But mostly because of the Houston offense, second-worst in the majors, Clemens failed in his fourth straight attempt at winning his 330th game and remained tied with Steve Carlton for ninth on the all-time list.

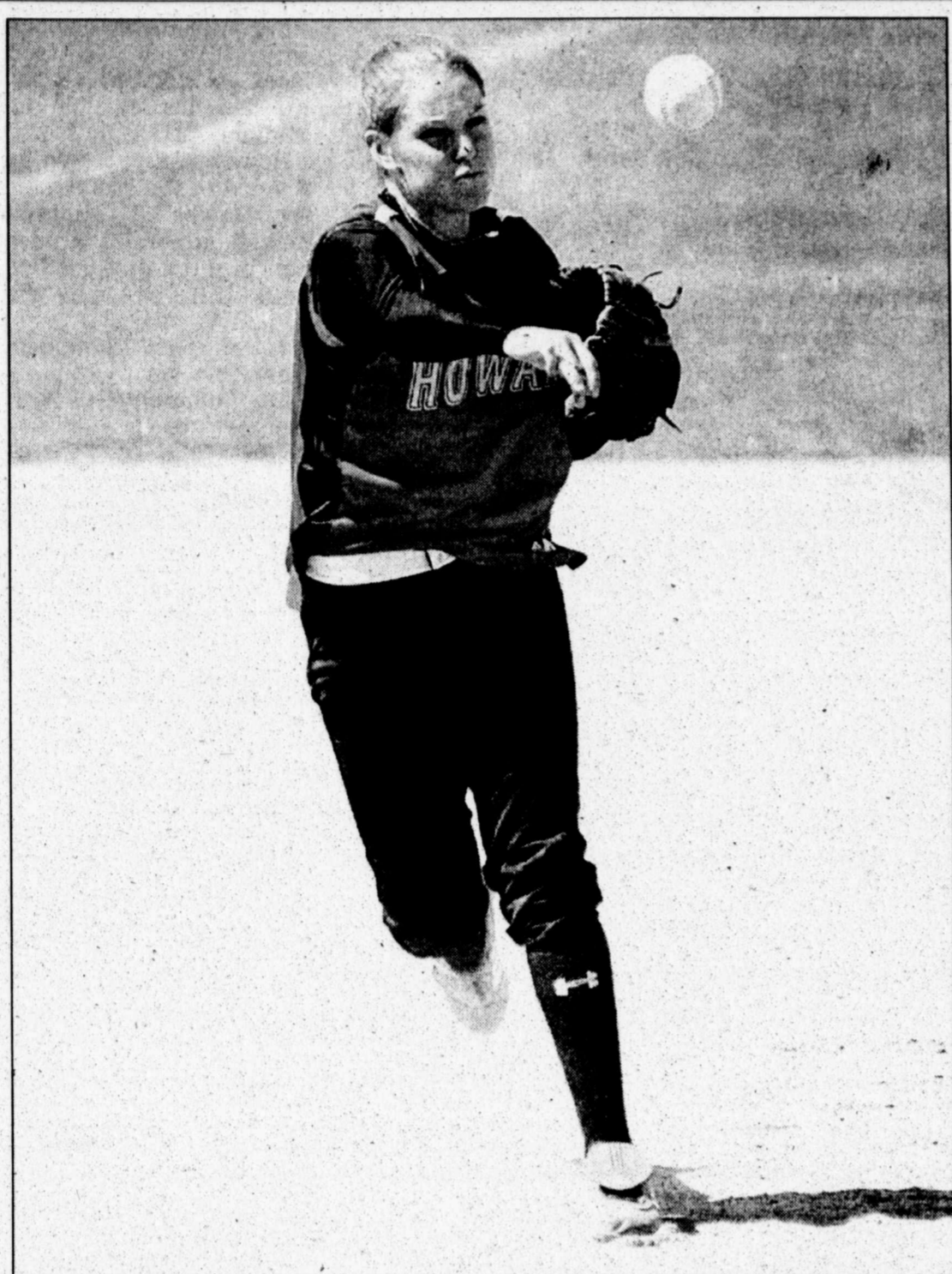
Burnitz drove in two runs and finished only a triple short of the cycle to decide the first matchup between 300-game winners since 1987.

The 36-year-old Burnitz is the rare major league hitter to have had some success against Clemens, improving his career totals to .363 (8-for-22) with two homers.

Before Friday, there had been only four matchups of 300-game winners in the modern era, all between June 28, 1986, to Aug. 4, 1987, all involving California's Don Sutton in the American League. Sutton made two starts against Phil Niekro and one apiece against Tom Seaver and Carlton.

The last time two NL pitchers with 300 or more victories faced each other was in July 21, 1892, between Philadelphia's Tim O'Keefe and St. Louis' Jim "Pud" Galvin.

This could be the last matchup between 300-game winners for a long time. Tom Glavine of the New York Mets is the closest active pitcher to 300 wins with 263, and he's 39-years-old.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman Whitney Hufford of Big Spring throws out a runner from her third base position during the Hawk softball game during Odessa College Tuesday. Howard split Friday's doubleheader against Clarendon College. They lost Game 1, 5-4, and came back to win Game 2, 12-3. The two conference rivals met in Clarendon again Saturday, but results were unavailable at press time. To clinch a postseason berth, Howard needed to win both games and El Paso had to lose two games to Midland Saturday. They would then clinch a berth due to a head-to-head tiebreaker with El Paso.

## FOUR-YEAR

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"ing for me," said Abraham. "I had never really been coached before prior to coming to Howard, but I have learned so much from the coaching staff. I think people will truly be able to see what I am capable of these next two years."

Adams agrees. "There's no question Dwayne's best basketball is ahead of him," said Adams. "His leadership and character will be missed this season. His character is actually his best asset. He will fit right in and be a great addition to Florida Southern's program."

Texas A&M Corpus Christi is a Division I program, but is an independent school (not in a particular conference), but Mintz believes since the team plays a lot of top-100 NCAA teams, the school and head coach Ronnie Arrow is a good fit for him.

"I feel comfortable with the coaches there and I think it is a really great fit," said Mintz. "I am coming here thinking I am going to be the point and that they want me to have the ball."

Adams added, "I don't think there is any question that Rashad will start at the point next year. They want him to step right in and have an immediate impact. The coaching staff does a good job and I think Rashad will do fine there."

According to Abraham, his role at Florida Southern will be similar to Mintz's role at Corpus Christi.

"The coaches want me to come in right away and be a big scorer and rebounder," said Abraham. "They have a lot of expectations and they believe in me. That is really what made me want to come here."

Both Mintz and Abraham are both planning on returning home for parts of the summer.

Mintz, who plans to major in business administration, said the plan is still up in there at this time, but he will be home in Washington, D.C., at some point.

"I would like to go home all summer, but I am not sure that is what's best for me," said Mintz. "I may go to Corpus early this summer and attend some summer school classes."

Abraham will head to Baltimore, Md., until some in June where he will then head to Florida to play in a summer basketball league.

"The coaches want me to be in Florida as soon as possible," said Abraham. "There is a city league they want me to participate in and I am very excited about that and for the chance to move on. It was a blessing to play ball at Howard and now it is a blessing to play ball in Florida."

Abraham, who was sought after by 50 Division II schools, plans to major in computer graphics.

## McNabb lashes out about missing star receiver

• Owens comment after Super Bowl doesn't sit well with all-Pro quarterback

By ROB MAADDI

AP Sports Writer  
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb hit Terrell Owens right between the numbers.

While Owens skipped Philadelphia's first mandatory minicamp practice Friday, McNabb responded sternly to the All-Pro wide receiver's stinging comments about the quarterback's performance in the Eagles' Super Bowl loss to New England.

"I don't play games in the media," McNabb said. "I'm not going to sit here and try to have a war of words. I'm a man at what I do. If there's a problem with anyone, and they feel the need to lash out, they know how to get in touch with me and we can handle it like men."

Owens — who is holding out, presumably because he wants a new contract — took a verbal shot at McNabb in an interview earlier this month. Some Eagles said McNabb was so ill in the fourth quarter against the Patriots that he couldn't call one play in the huddle.

"I played every snap they allowed me to play," Owens told ESPN.com. "I wasn't even running until, like, two weeks before the game. But I made sure I was in the best shape possible. I wasn't the guy who got tired in the Super Bowl."

McNabb, who made a

recruiting pitch to get Owens to Philadelphia before last season, insisted he wasn't tired or sick in the final minutes against New England, though it appeared at one point he was either coughing or struggling to catch his breath.

"If you say I was winded, if you say the (offensive) line was winded, if you say the defense was winded, that's fine," McNabb said. "But to be tired and dropping to a knee, that didn't happen."

Without mentioning Owens, McNabb had

strong advice for his most loquacious teammate and anyone else who wants to criticize the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback.

"Just keep my name out of your mouth," McNabb said. "Don't try to throw names or guys under the bus to better yourself. You never heard me say any names in any situation. You never heard me talk about any given players. I'm the guy to be professional and be a man about things."

McNabb said he hasn't spoken to Owens since hearing the inflammatory

comments. He also hasn't talked to wideout Freddie Mitchell, who also made derogatory comments about McNabb.

"If a comment was made about me, it would take that person to call me," he said. "I don't have to reach out to anyone."

The soap opera atmosphere surrounding the NFC champions is a stunning turnaround from the calm environment the Eagles are used to. Contract disputes also kept Pro Bowl running back Brian Westbrook and defensive tackle

Corey Simon at home, and Mitchell wasn't welcome at camp.

"I told him I did not want him here," Eagles coach Andy Reid said of Mitchell, the former first-round pick who has talked himself out of town by constantly griping about his role in the offense.

Owens' holdout could extend deep into training camp, which starts in late July. He said several times this month he wants to renegotiate the

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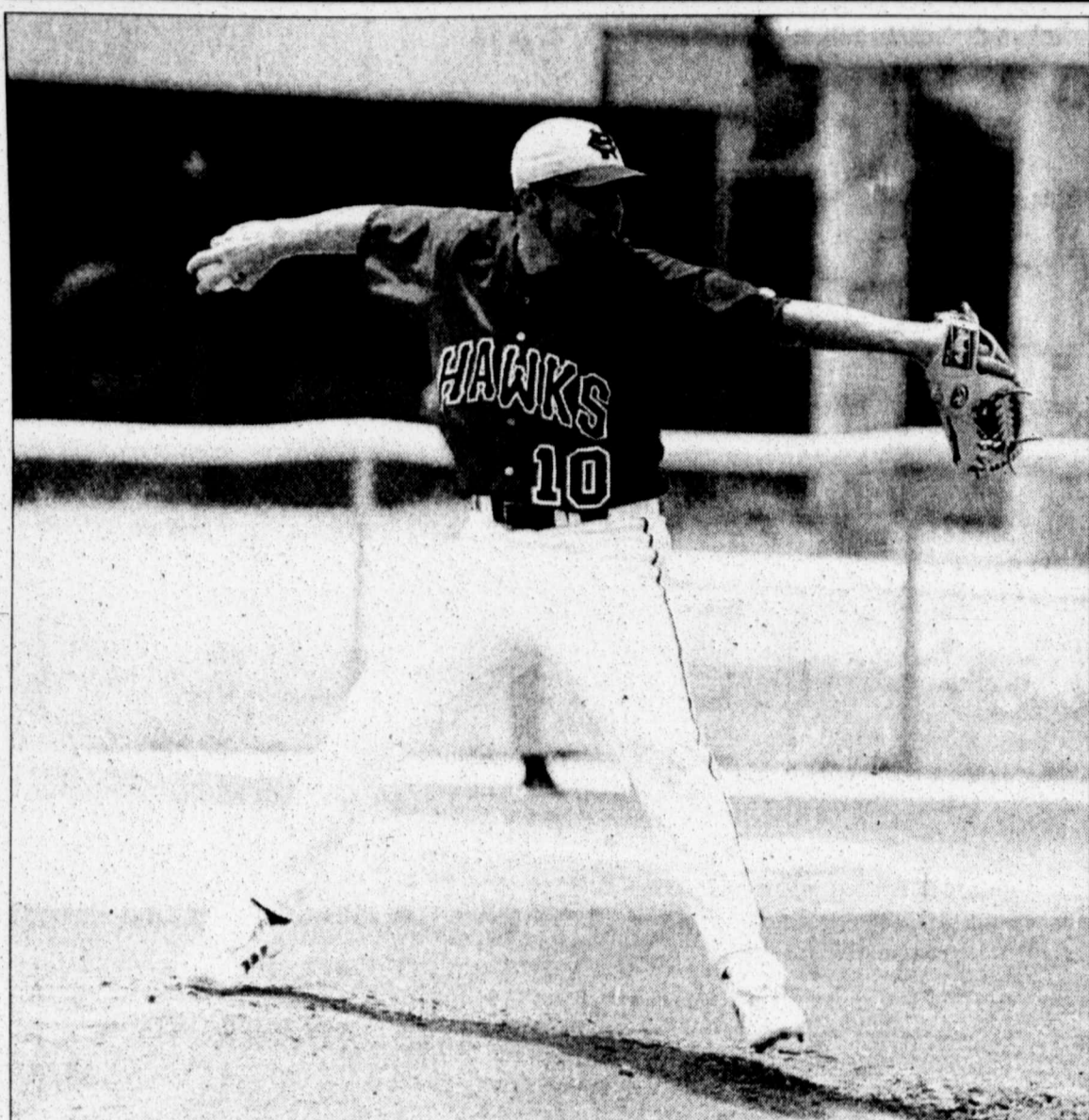


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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard pitcher Justin Thompson delivers a pitch to the mound against Midland College Friday at Jack Barber Field.

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them out by taking a game from Clarendon College. Howard won three out of four games earlier at Clarendon and holds the head-to-head tie breaker.

Smith simplified the speculation on whether the Hawks will play in the postseason.

"If I was to guess, we have to win two games Saturday to get in," Smith said.

Making the postseason would allow the Hawks some time to lick their wounds.

"If we can get to the postseason we should get four or five guys back into our lineup," Smith said. "That makes a big difference."

All in all, Smith said it has been a good year for the Hawks already winning two more games than they did last season. The Hawks are 38-16 overall and 12-14 in conference play. He added it was nice for the sophomores to perform well one last time at the friendly confines of Jack Barber Field.

"It was good for our sophomores to finish their home careers with a win."

**GAME ONE**

Midland scored first with a run in the top of the first and three runs in the top of the fifth to stake a 4-0 lead.

Howard cut the lead in half in the bottom of the fifth as catcher Jeff Ward led off with a double and advanced to third on a passed ball.

Following a strikeout, designated hitter Johnny Joe Sanchez ripped an

RBI single scoring Ward. After a groundout, shortstop Tanner Mattson laced an RBI single scoring Sanchez and cut the Midland lead in half, 4-2.

However, that would be the end of the scoring for the Hawks as Midland tacked on an insurance run in the top of the seventh inning to secure a 5-2 victory.

Justin Thompson pitched the complete game, allowing five runs on eight hits and two walks, while recording five strikeouts.

At the plate the Hawks collected six hits. Mattson had a pair of singles and Ward added a double. Right fielder Darby Brown, third baseman Eric Ashbrook, and Sanchez each had a single.

**GAME TWO**

Feeling a sense of urgency the Hawks wasted no time in establishing an early lead in the bottom of the first. Mattson led off with a single and stole second. After a wild pitch left fielder Jason Anderson grounded out to the shortstop allowing Mattson to score the first run of the game giving Howard a 1-0 lead.

Howard batted around in the second inning as Ward ran out a pop up to shallow right field. The second baseman misplayed it and because of his hustle, Ward ended up at second. Following a ground out and a strikeout, another Midland miscue allowed center fielder Albert Ruiz to reach safely scoring Ward.

Mattson followed with an RBI triple and scored on a wild pitch. The hit parade continued with second baseman Jeff Storms ripping a double

and Brown doing the same to drive in Storms. Anderson finished the scoring for the inning with an RBI single to extend Howard's lead to 6-0.

Midland managed to push across a run in the top of the fourth and scored twice in the fifth, to pull within 6-3.

The Hawks scored three more runs in the bottom of the fifth to regain its six run lead.

A solo home run in the top of the seventh would be the last run of the game for Midland as Howard scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh and one run in the eighth inning to end the game via the eight-run rule. The Hawks won 12-4.

Southpaw Zach Sewell earned the win pitching six innings, allowing three runs off eight hits and two walks while striking out six.

Parker Sisk pitched the final two innings, allowing one run off two hits and struck out one batter.

Mattson finished the day six-for-seven with four stolen bases and four runs scored.

In the second game he had a triple and three singles. Anderson added a double and a pair of singles in Game 2.

According to Smith, Anderson had a memorable last game at home.

"He had a better day at the plate than he's had in a long time," Smith said. "It was good to see him step up for us in Game 2."

Brown added a double while Ward and Ruiz each had a single.

The Hawks finished the regular season Saturday at Midland with a doubleheader, but results were unavailable at press time.

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seven-year deal he signed last March. The Eagles have refused to redo the contract worth nearly \$49 million.

"If he's here, he's here. If he's not, he's not," Reid said. "We have an understanding here that if you're not here, we move on without you. We have been very successful doing that, so we don't waste a lot of time worrying about those things."

The flamboyant Owens helped the Eagles reach the Super Bowl in his first season in Philadelphia after eight years with San Francisco. Owens set team records with 14 touchdown receptions and seven 100-yard games, and finished with 77 catches for 1,200 yards.

Owens broke his leg and severely sprained his right ankle in Week 15 against Dallas, an injury that sidelined him until the Super Bowl. He had nine catches for 122 yards after defying his doctor's advice and playing

against the Patriots.

McNabb said he wouldn't have a problem playing with Owens if he returns to the Eagles. He expects Owens to join him and other players for his annual offseason workouts in Arizona.

"When I'm on the field, it doesn't matter who I'm throwing it to," he said. "If I'm throwing it to you, you can catch it. If you catch the ball, you get first downs and that's what I'm happy about. What bothers me is when you get out, lash out and say whatever."

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Was \$10,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$9,995</p> <p>2002 Honda Accord EX-V6 Coupe - Beige w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Local One Owner w/21,000 Miles. Was \$20,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$17,995</p> <p>2001 Nissan Maxima - ... Moonroof, All Power, Locally Owned w/41,000 Miles. Was \$17,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$15,995</p> <p>2001 Chrysler Sebring - ... Cloth, All Power, One Owner w/43,000 Miles. Was \$10,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$9,995</p> <p>2001 Pontiac Grand Prix SE 4-DR. - Silver, V-6, Local One Owner. Was \$9,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$8,995</p> <p>2001 Lincoln Town Car - ... Tan Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/41,000 Miles. Was \$20,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$19,995</p> <p>2000 Mercury Grand Marquis GS - Red, Cloth, All Power, One Owner w/72,000 Miles. Was \$10,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$9,995</p> <p>1999 Ford Crown Victoria LX - White, All Power, Locally Owned. Was \$9,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$8,995</p> <p>1999 Nissan Maxima - ... All Power, Local One Owner w/44,000 Miles. Was \$12,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$9,995</p> <p>1998 Nissan Altima GXE - White, 51,000 Miles. Was \$8,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$7,995</p> <p>1995 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - White, All Power, Extra Clean Car. Was \$7,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$6,995</p> <p>1989 Ford Escort - Gray, One Owner w/Only 34,000 Miles. Was \$3,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$2,995</p> <p>*** OVERAGED UNITS - OUR LOSS YOUR GAIN ***</p> <p>1999 Ford F250 Supercab XLT Diesel - Dk. Red, Cloth, All Power, Locally Owned. Was \$15,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$14,995</p> <p>1997 Chevrolet C1500 EXT Cab Silverado - Tan, 350 V-8, New Tires. Was \$7,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$5,995</p> <p>1999 Pontiac Firebird - ... 10,000 Miles. Was \$13,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$7,995</p> <p>1999 Ford Crown Victoria - White, All Power. Was \$9,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$5,995</p> <p>1999 Chevrolet Prism - White, Locally Owned w/62,000 Miles. Was \$5,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$3,995</p> <p>1999 Nissan Maxima GLE - Green, All Power, 69,000 Miles. Was \$13,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$9,995</p> <p>1997 Mercury Tracer GS - Green. Was \$5,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$3,995</p> <p>1996 Oldsmobile 88 4-DR. - Pewter. Was \$6,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$4,995</p> <p>1995 Ford Taurus GL - Tan, 77,000 Miles, Local One Owner. Was \$5,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$4,995</p> <p>1990 Lincoln Town Car - Tan. Was \$4,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$3,995</p> <p>2001 Ford Crown Victoria - Silver, Leather, All Power, One Owner w/40,000 Miles. Was \$14,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$10,995</p> <p>1999 GMC Suburban LT - Tan w/Leather, Locally Owned. Was \$17,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$10,995</p> <p>2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, All Power, One Owner, 61,000 Mile. Was \$19,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$15,995</p> <p>2001 Ford Explorer Sport 2-DR. 4X4 - Blue w/Cloth, All Power, One Owner. Was \$14,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$11,995</p> <p>2001 Ford Explorer 4-DR. XLT - White w/Cloth, One Owner w/72,000 Miles. Was \$15,995 <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$11,995</p>
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# RSVP volunteers celebrate



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Joy and Clinton Harrison pose with the flapper-costumed Cindy Lopez of Best Home Care in blue and Rebecca Peacock of Caring Hearts Home Health at the banquet.



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RSVP volunteers Velma Roberts, left, Donna Knight, Velma Trimble and Rose Sipert.

Big Spring RSVP volunteers celebrated another year of success with an annual banquet catered by Big John's Barbecue, where dozens of volunteers were rewarded with Lifetime Achievement awards.

For the 2004-2005 year, 378 RSVP volunteers served the community for 88,085 hours with a net worth of \$540,231 in service.

More than 300 individuals and servers attended the banquet at the Dora Roberts Community Center, which was decorated by the RSVP Advisory Council in a Mardi Gras theme. City employees served the volunteers, another annual tradition of the banquet.

RSVP volunteers have several duty stations within the community and have a variety of opportunities available to fit individual schedules and interests.

For more information about RSVP, contact director Nancy Jones at 264-2397.



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RSVP volunteers Mary Ann Fincher, left, Tincy Perry, Jo Wyatt and Pat Dickenson.



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RSVP volunteers Lillian Gray, left and Frances Zant.



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Tulia RSVP directors Cynthia Zolman, left and LaVada Water, right, with Nancy Jones, RSVP Big Spring director.



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Joe Bentley, JoBeth Corwin and Eunice Thixton wait for their turn through the serving line. Thixton was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for logging 10,004.5 volunteer hours.



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City employees donned RSVP aprons and serve the volunteers at the annual banquet. Mamie Roberts, the oldest living Big Spring High School graduate, left, visits with Charlene Ragan. Mary Ann Fincher, above left, talks with Margie Myers, whose wearing her Mardi Gras hat. Janice Bond, at right, prepares to hand out a door prize with the help of Prissy Stanley, Cindy Lopez and Rebecca Peacock.

Other RSVP volunteers awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award included Mary Paredez, 17,698 hours; Clara Lewis/Moran, 17,084 hours; Murlene Williams, 15, 114 hours; and Frances Mathie, 14,822 hours. More than 70 volunteers were recognized for their achievements.





# Who's Who

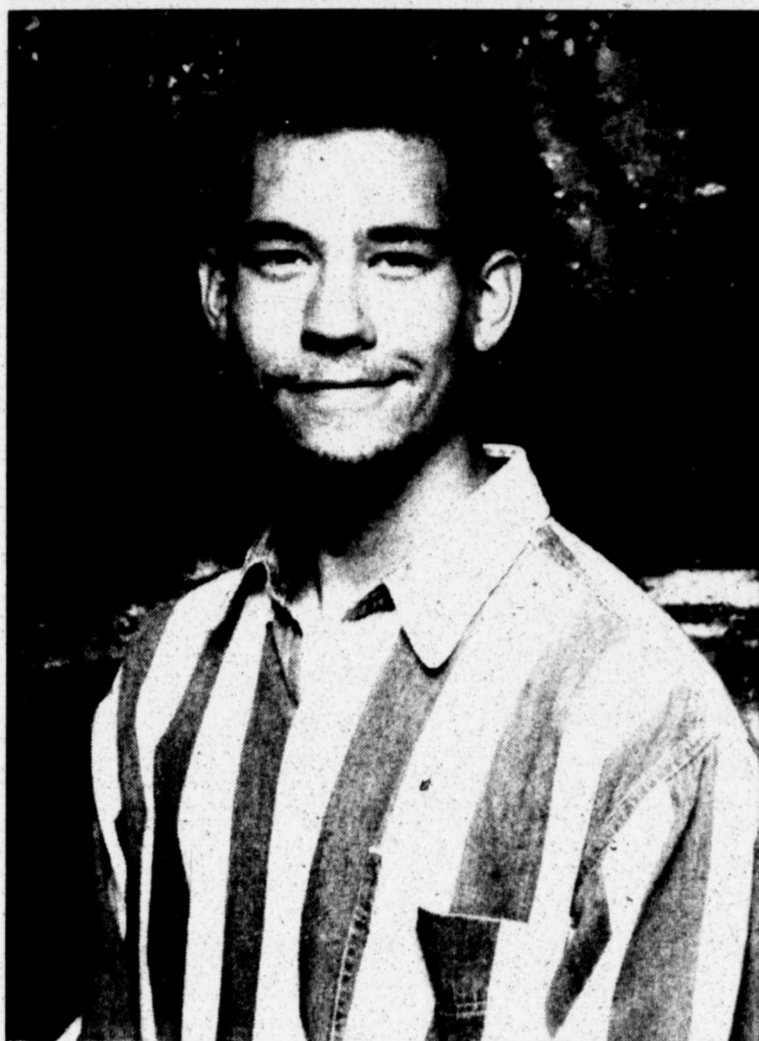
## Carolyn Correa

Carolyn Correa of Big Spring received the Outstanding Major Award in Mortuary Science from Amarillo College during Honors Convocation in the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room April 24.

## Joseph Benz

Joseph Benz, son of Anita and Roy Benz of Snyder graduated valedictorian of Maranatha Baptist Academy April 10, 2005. He holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and had 57 high school credits with a grade point average of 99.4 in a variety of subjects.

He graduates with top honors because of his diligent efforts with all academic areas. The staff and family and friends offer him the heartiest of congratulations on his accomplishments.



Joseph Benz

## Allison D. Ray

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy announces that Allison D. Ray is a candidate for the degree of doctor of pharmacy to be bestowed at the convocation honoring the 110th graduating class at 2 p.m. May 14 in the First Christian Church in Oklahoma City.

Her parents are Robert and Alexa Ray, formerly of Big Spring and she is the granddaughter of John and Jane Ray of Big Spring.

## Lori Ellis

Lori Ellis of Big Spring has been nominated for the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is one of 69 students attending Howard Payne University who were nominated for the upcoming edition.



Allison D. Ray

# Menus

## SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

**MONDAY**-Smothered steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

**TUESDAY**-Cheeseburgers, French fries, beans, lettuce and tomatoes, milk, buns, cobler.

**WEDNESDAY**-Barbeque chicken, beans, mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, milk, cornbread, apple crisp.

**THURSDAY**-Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, carrot raisin salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.

**FRIDAY**-Beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, milk, cake.

## WESTBROOK ISD

**BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY**-Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Pancake pups, cereal, juice, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Sausage-n-blanket, cereal, juice, milk.

**FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL**  
**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Fish, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, glazed carrots, fruit cup, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Tacos w/cheese, salsa, tossed salad, Spanish rice, pear halves, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Barbeque on bun, French fries, pickle spears, tossed salad, goodie bars, milk.

**FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL**

## COAHOMA ISD

**BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY**-Oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Biscuits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Sweetened rice, sausage, fruit punch, juice, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Donuts, sausage links, fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Waffles, sausage, apple juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Chicken

patty or corndogs, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls.

**TUESDAY**-Chili dogs, baked beans, fries, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Frito pie, baked beans, baby carrots, sugar cookies, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Pizza, salad, Jello w/fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Spaghetti or burritos, corn, salad, bread, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Barbeque chicken, beans, mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, milk, cornbread, apple crisp.

**THURSDAY**-Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, carrot raisin salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.

**FRIDAY**-Beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, milk, cake.

**FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL**

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, oven fries, pudding, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, cake, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Frito pie, salad, cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, mixed fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Bar-b-que weiners, potato salad, ranch style beans, rolls, pineapple, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Spaghetti w/meat, corn, salad, bat-terbread, fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL**

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Chili cheese dog, potato wedges, pork and beans, mandarin oranges, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, grapes, roll, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Fish, mac and cheese, black-eyed peas, coleslaw, Jello, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Taco, salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, raspberry churro, milk.

**FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL**

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Chicken

# Couples skip the headaches, save by taking wedding planning online

Couples today confront two uniquely American trends when planning their weddings: Celebrations are getting larger; parties with 200 or even 300 guests are no longer unusual. And overstretched, hardworking women and men have less time than ever to devote to preparations.

What's more, prices are on the rise.

According to a report last year in *The New York Times*, the average American wedding now costs more than \$22,000.

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- The average first-time bride was 22 in 1980, 25 in 1990, and 25.1 today.  
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Anyone with any information may contact Betty Birdwell at 263-8234 or e-mail [earlybir@crcom.net](mailto:earlybir@crcom.net) or Shirley Bodin at 394-4743 or e-mail [nolfoster-mum@yahoo.com](mailto:nolfoster-mum@yahoo.com).

**BSHS Class of 1955 seeks classmates**

The 1955 Class of Big Spring High School is planning a 50th Reunion at Homecoming and are trying to locate the following members: Doris Barte, Patsy Beard, Travis Bolch, Carol Carpenter, Ismael Chavez, Jack Cox, Don Glaser, Myrtice Jones, Joan Lambert, Sandy Landau, Janice Geisler Loper, Beverly Mills, Wayne Phillips, Don Reed, Anne Rowe, Joan Shultz, Mary Alice Walker, Shirley Ward

**BSHS Class of 1985 seeking classmates**

If you know the whereabouts of any of the following people who graduated from Big Spring High School in 1985, contact Dana (Kohl) Rodriguez, e-mail [drodriguez@wfisd.net](mailto:drodriguez@wfisd.net) or call 940-691-9851 or Sheila (Kuykendall) Shanks, e-mail [sshanks@br-inc.com](mailto:sshanks@br-inc.com).

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## Merritt

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt of Lee and Mrs. M. of Ackerly announce the birth of their daughter Merritt of Lee Riggins.

## Winn, Bacca to wed

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**Engagement**



Lee Riggins and Ky Merritt

**Merritt, Riggins to wed**

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Merritt of Lamesa and Dr. and Mrs. Michael Riggins of Ackerly are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Ky Merritt of Big Spring and Lee Riggins of Lamesa.

Ky is the granddaughter of Arlan and Avis Youngblood.

The bride-elect has received a master's of science degree in social work from Baylor University.

The groom-elect has received a bachelor's of science degree in engineering for Texas Tech University.

The couple plan to exchange vows July 16, 2005.

**Winn, Baccari to wed**

Jennifer Dawn Winn and Tony Marc Baccari, both of Midland, will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. June 25, 2005, at Mid-Cities Community Church in Midland.

She is the daughter of the Rev. Mark and Altie Winn of Sand Springs and the granddaughter of the Rev. Bill and the late Enola Myrlene Ballard of Big Spring and Curtis and Karen Winn of Seguin. She is the great-granddaughter of Altie Lambright of Big Spring and Gladys Groff of Seguin.

The bride-elect is a 1999 Coahoma High School graduate. She is expected to graduate from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin with a bachelor of arts degree in child and family studies. She is currently student teaching for LBJ Elementary School in



Jennifer Dawn Winn and Tony Marc Baccari

Odessa. The groom-to-be is the son of Melio Baccari of Arizona and Sheila Baccari of Seminole and the grandson of the late Emil and the late Mary Baccari of Michigan and

Muriel and the late George McKiddie of Michigan.

He is a 1997 Seminole High School graduate and is employed by Theis Distributing Inc., based in Midland.



Angie Gorski and Ryan North

**Gorski, North engaged**

Mr. and Mrs. Russel L. Gorski of Anton announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Angie to Ryan North, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon M. North of Big Spring.

Angie is a Texas A & M University graduate and has a degree in education.

Ryan will graduate from Texas Tech University in December, 2005.

His degree is in hotel, restaurant institution

management.

They plan to marry May 28, 2005, in Lubbock at the Texas Tech Alumni Center Courtyard.

They will honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.

**Newcomers**

• Brent Greer, wife, Brittany, daughter, Brodia and son, Dayton, formerly of Kerrville.

He does oil field work.

• Sue Crispin, formerly of Austin.

She is employed by Sprint in Austin.

• Damian V. Ramos, formerly of Stanton.

• Allan Rodgers, wife, Vickie, daughter, Brandy and son, Allan, formerly of Frankston.

He is employed by Price

Construction.

• Debbie Cobb, formerly of Odessa.

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**Births**

**A**leric Dupree Smith, a boy, was born April 21, 2005. His mother is Melissa Pena and his grandmother is Magdalena Pena of Big Spring.

**Z**aniel Ian Watts, a boy, was born April 22, 2005, at 7:56 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His parents are James Michael and Debra Joe Watts. His grandparents are Susie Anderson of Big Spring, Robert and Joyce Whitley of Tampa,

Fla., John and Beverly Watts of Midland and Shirley and Danny Crocker, also of Midland. He was welcomed home by Alexiah Brook and Tierney Shae.

**M**adison Marie Segundo, a girl, was born April 19, 2005, at 10:41 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Chelsy Ann Ybarra and Joshua Segundo.

Her grandparents are Elsie and Santos Ybarra Jr. of Lamesa and

Sammy and Anna Segundo of San Antonio.

**M**ichael Vincent Martinez, a boy, was born April 22, 2005, at 9:45 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. His parents are Herbert and Dora Martinez.

His grandparents are Dora Lozano of Lamesa, Andreas Lozano of Gail, Gloria Martinez of Ackerly and Herbert Martinez of Big Lake.

He was welcomed home by Jasmine Diana Martinez.

**Briefs**

**Coahoma registers kindergartners**

Coahoma Elementary has changed the registration process for kindergarten students for the 2005-2006 school year.

Registration for children 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2005, is set for 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Coahoma elementary cafeteria. Parents and children will meet with teachers in the cafeteria at 5 p.m.

Call the elementary school at 394-4323 for more information.

• Coahoma High graduation in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is May 26. Call Coahoma ISD at 394-4290 for more information.

• Big Spring High School graduation in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is May 27. Call Big Spring ISD at 264-3600 for more information.

• Forsan High School graduation is at 8 p.m. May 26 in the high school gymnasium. Call Forsan ISD at 457-2223 for more information.

**Miracle Mile to benefit children's hospital**

Kellie Long, working with Tammy Yeats, has scheduled a Miracle Mile walk-a-thon and benefit May 28 in the Comanche Trail Park.

The walk is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. and local bands will perform in the

Amphitheater through out the day to benefit the cancer research hospital.

St Jude's was founded in 1962 by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas.

The cure rate for the most common form of childhood cancer has improved from 4 percent to 80 percent.

To contribute to the event contact Long at 267-2086.

**Coahoma students complete math-a-thon**

Coahoma Elementary students recently completed a math-a-thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The students obtained sponsors for the number of math problems completed in workbooks and earned tickets to Six Flags for every \$35 raised for the hospital.

**Area high school graduation dates**

• Howard College graduation in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is May 13. Call Howard College at 264-5000 for more information.

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## Andrews embraces radioactive waste storage

*The small West Texas town of Andrews grew its economy on oil but may hang its hopes on what some folks believe is their next boom: storage and disposal of radioactive waste.*

Dallas-based Waste Control Specialists owns 14,400 acres about 30 miles outside town near the New Mexico border. About 1,340 acres are set aside for hazardous waste storage and disposal, and the company will manage tons of federal uranium byproduct waste by year's end.

Some residents believe the site will bring dozens of jobs from spin-off industries, and city leaders anticipate it will pump millions of dollars into the economy. It's a reverse NIMBY — not in my back yard — with Andrews welcoming the radioactive waste rather than fighting to keep it out.

"If we thought we could get an NFL franchise or a Riverwalk,

we wouldn't have looked at this industry," said Russell Shannon, vice president of the Andrews Industrial Foundation, a privately funded group formed decades ago to

was struck in Andrews County. By 1956, the county led the nation in oil production, pumping more than 60 million barrels annually.

The oil boom lasted through the 1960s, fell off and then picked up again in the early 1980s. But gradually the oil business dwindled, along with the town's population. In the late 1990s, Andrews hit another national high, this time with double digit unemployment, as oil prices sunk to \$8 a barrel.

Residents hope the waste site will turn around Andrews' fortunes. On Thursday, they learned the site will become the storage destination for tons of

Department of Energy uranium byproduct waste now at the abandoned Fernald federal plant, just northwest of Cincinnati.

Shipments from Fernald could begin as early as late May and probably will be completed by year's end.

The Fernald plant processed and purified uranium metal for use in reactors to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons from the 1950s until it ended production in 1989.

Waste Control Specialists has an application pending with the Texas Department of State

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**By BETSY BLANEY**  
Associated Press Writer

help attract companies to the city. "We just believe it will bring us some jobs, bring people to our community to get involved in an industry, like they did with oil."

The town was incorporated in 1937, about eight years after oil



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Mike Abusaab, third from left, owner of the two Sonic Drive-In restaurants in Big Spring, presents a check for \$2,500 to Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, second from left. The money will finance five \$500 scholarships to Howard College. Also pictured are, from left, KBST's John Weeks, Ann Duncan, director of financial aid at Howard College, and Big Spring Sonic managers Keith Fontana and Arthur Barrera.

## Sonic, KBST to finance scholarships

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

As owner of the two Sonics in Big Spring, Mike Abusaab knows a thing or two about filling young people's stomachs.

Now, he's out to help fill their minds.

Abusaab recently announced that the Big Spring Sonic restaurants, in conjunction with local radio station KBST, will

finance five \$500 scholarships at Howard College for the coming school year.

Abusaab has been donating scholarship money to Howard College for the past several years, but this is his biggest gift yet, he said.

The scholarships will be awarded to students currently attending classes at Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan high schools.

"We asked the students to write an essay on what needs to be done to keep young people in (Howard County), and how to improve the quality of life for them here," Abusaab said. "The essays are judged by the college, and the top five entries win the scholarships."

Keeping people in Howard County is the ultimate goal of the scholarship program, Abusaab

said. "If they leave ... and don't come back, that means they're helping someone else," he said. "We want them to stay here."

The scholarships will be awarded later this month.

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

## Channel 17 to be boost for many in our community

Imagine sitting in the comfort of your own living room and being able to watch the United States Hang Gliding competition going on at McMahan Areinkle Airpark. Are you thinking about going back to college, but a little uncertain how difficult that first government course might be? What if you could watch Government 101 offered by Howard



**KENT SHARP**

College on your television every Tuesday night for a couple of hours and never have to leave your house or sign up to take the course? Those things may be possible very soon.

Local residents will be getting their very own Big Spring News Network — so to speak. Actually, the "Network" is a collaboration of local entities consisting of the city of Big Spring, Howard County, Howard College, Big Spring Independent School District, the Workforce Network and Moore Development.

The genesis for this

effort was born as a result of Cox Communications upgrading its local cable system, which enabled more services for area residents, but not before a new franchise agreement was negotiated between Cox and the city. A franchise agreement is essentially a document which, using a lot of legal terminology, gives a company the city's blessing to operate in the local market. And there is usually much give and take, the art of negotiation if you will, which results. One of these results was that Cox would grant the use of a public access channel — now channel 17 — for the community to use. A few restrictions apply, namely that the local taxing entities cannot go out and profit from the content they place on the public access channel. Other than that, the content is only limited by the creativity of each partner.

Early on, this could be a nice asset for the community. The city approached Moore Development and sought the financial support to significantly upgrade the hardware and software which schedules the content and allows each of

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## Medical profession makes use of PDAs

**By DAWN FALLIK**

Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — It was early morning and Kathleen Koth, a fourth-year medical student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, couldn't remember the exact dosage for the antibiotic Cipro.

On the shelf was a year-old 10-pound physician's reference, but instead of flipping through the pages, Koth, 31, simply reached into her pocket and pulled out her Sony Clie, a personal digital assistant. A couple points of the pen later, she had the drug, the dose, any interactions and the possible side effects.

"I was in denial about getting a PDA," said Koth. "But I knew my pharmacology skills were so poor, and new drugs come out so fast, it's handy to have."

Across the country, personal digital assistants like Palm Pilots and Sony Clies are popping up in physician pockets like never before. This year, Duke University Hospital decided to give its residents Hewlett-Packard iPAQs as part of training and this summer, Rutgers University College of

Nursing will give similar hand-holds to its nurse practitioner students. Many medical schools, like Hahnemann University Hospital, now require handhelds for third- and fourth-year students.

There are about 800,000 physicians in the United States, and about 15 percent of them were using PDAs in 1999, according to a Harris Interactive survey, a market research firm in Rochester, N.Y. The survey predicted that by the end of this year more than half the nation's doctors will use the devices in everyday practice — from making appointments to visual proof that the mole really WAS that big.

"If you have a PDA with a camera in it, and a patient comes in with something really unusual, you can — with the permission of the patient — take a picture of it and publish a case study," said Sanjeev Batra, American Medical Student Association coordinator for the group's PDAs in Medical Education committee.

Handheld devices started being used sporadically in hospitals and medical schools about five years ago. Now doc-



KRT photo/Michael Bryant, Philadelphia Inquirer  
Dr. Larry Finkelstein uses his PDA to check on which drugs a patient's insurance company will allow.

tors at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania look up patient lab results while walking the halls.

Jefferson Medical College faculty members use a PDA software program to make sure their students see a variety of patients.

And at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, students can download lectures to their handhelds in 15-minute increments — and then receive a quiz written by the instructor to make sure they understood the section.

The pocket PCs aren't just used as an academic device, Dr. Larry Finkelstein, an osteopathic internist, uses his to see which drugs which insurance company will cover.

"This way I don't end up fighting with the pharmacy or the insurance company and it's less hassle for the patient," he said. The manufacturers hope that patients will start using the

devices as well.

"It's gotten to the point now where patients can wear a device that will track and beam their blood glucose levels to a doctor's PDA," said Marty Provo, sales manager for health care and general business for PalmOne.

While many doctors do carry the six-inch long gadgets, many of them only use it for the basics — email and scheduling, according to a survey last month by the American Medical Association. The study found that only 6 percent accessed patient records and 5 percent checked lab results using the PDAs.

"There is still a generation gap between younger and older doctors, but that gap is closing," said Dr. William Boonn, a second-year radiology resident at HUP. Boonn runs Medical PocketPC, a Web site about medical technology and handheld devices and believes that medical software is just catching up to what the PC can do — as well as its limits.

"With the new handhelds and the better screens, it's possible

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Willie Everett Wilkins, 1309 Mt. Vernon, Big Spring  
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**County Court Decisions:**  
Judgment and Sentence: Joe Morris Hays, driving while license suspended - enhanced, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Elizabeth Cruz Rios, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Kevin Dale Hurley, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Raymond Lynn Kemper, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Teresa Enriquez, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$310 in court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Robert Lopez Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Peggy Pryor, 54, has lived in Andrews most of her life. She believes no good can come from any type of radioactive waste. "It's all about money and how much money they can make, and it's not about the environment at all," said Pryor, a retired cardiac technician. "It just tears me up." Dials said the clay is impermeable to water. "By and large there are no fractures that lead

Benjamin Garcia Jr., evading arrest, \$750 fine, \$236 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Jimmy Anthony Cantu, failure to identify - giving false/fictitious information, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Lue Martinez Juarez, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Rickey Lee Haggard, failure to identify - giving false/fictitious information, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Billy Ramirez, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Jeffrey Don Cate, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

**Marriage Licenses:**  
James Anthony Franco, 21, and Natallie Daniele Redman, 21, both of Big Spring.  
Jason Ortega, 24, and Beverly Diane Bennett, 17, both of Big Spring.  
Ines Jesus Gonzales, 18, and Kristina Ann Torres, 16, both of Big Spring.  
Daniel Wayne Dickens, 18, and Whitney Jane Ussey, 16, both of Big Spring.  
**District Court Filings:**  
Samantha Kuykendall vs. Phillip Kuykendall, divorce.  
Joshua Edward Hyden vs. Cecilia Hilario Hyden, divorce.  
Linda Kay Ziebart vs. Gerald Rheinhold Ziebart,

divorce.  
Shari E. Tagge vs. Emer Edward Tagge, divorce.  
Devonna Erua Lucero vs. Rueben Phillip Lucero, divorce.  
Sheri Lynn Bailey vs. Richard Monroe Bailey, divorce.  
James Brent Jones vs. Katty Industries Inc., Katty Industries of Odessa and the Katty Corporation, injury or damages - other.  
James Brent Jones vs. WTG Gas Processing, injury or damages - other.  
U.S. Realty Financial Corp. vs. Kevin Ritz, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Joanna Hilario vs. Ben Torres Gonzales, family protective order.  
Debra Mae Jones vs. Johnny Ray Jones, family protective order.  
Denise Qualls vs. Erik Qualls, family protective order.  
The State of Texas vs. Justin Allen Poor, habeas corp.

**Warranty deeds:**  
Grantor: Lloyd Sauer and Marcia Sauer  
Grantee: Angelica Cazares.  
Property: A tract of land in section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: April 20, 2005  
Grantor: Brown Family Trust  
Grantee: Craig Olson  
Property: Lots 9 and 10, Block 19, Fairview Heights  
Date Filed: April 20, 2005  
Grantor: Craig Olson  
Grantee: A.C. Mize and Billie Mize  
Property: Lots 9 and 10, Block 19, Fairview Heights  
Date Filed: April 20, 2005  
Grantor: Frances L. Howell  
Grantee: George W. Harwood  
Property: A 1 acre tract out

of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: April 22, 2005  
Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum  
Grantee: Robert W. Greene  
Property: A tract in Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: April 26, 2005  
Grantor: Mike I. Abusaab and Sheila J. Abusaab  
Grantee: Marvin L. Friddle  
Property: A .538 acre tract out of Lot 4, Block 1, Park View Addition  
Date Filed: April 26, 2005  
Grantor: Gloria J. Roberts  
Grantee: Baldamar Cortez  
Property: The S/58 feet and the N/108 feet of Block 23, Saunders Addition  
Date Filed: April 26, 2005

**Warranty deeds with vendors lien:**  
Grantor: Bety Jean McChristian  
Grantee: D. Kay Cotton  
Property: A tract of land out of Section 7, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: April 20, 2005  
Grantor: Allen W. Parrish and Patsy M. Parrish  
Grantee: Kimberly Parrish  
Property: Lot 3, Block 27, Monticello Addition  
Date Filed: April 25, 2005  
Grantor: Marvin E. Hall and Mary E. Jennings  
Grantee: James E. Downes and Glenda Sue Downes  
Property: A tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: April 26, 2005  
Grantor: Travis W. Crow and Johnanna F. Crow  
Grantee: Blastmasters Inc.  
Property: A tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: April 26, 2005

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Health Services to dispose of the uranium byproduct waste. A decision could come early next year.  
If approved, some lawmakers want the state to profit. Sen. Robert Duncan, a Lubbock Republican, has proposed a bill that would give the state 10 percent of gross receipts for waste storage, processing and disposal, plus a surcharge based on the level of radioactivity. That money would come from Waste Control, the only company to apply for Texas permits to handle the radioactive material.  
However, Rep. Mike Villarreal, a San Antonio Democrat, has introduced a bill to limit radioactive waste storage and disposal in Texas. A bill passed by legislators in 2003 allowed for low-level waste from Texas and Vermont to come to the state. Villarreal's measure would prohibit other states from approaching Texas about taking their radioactive waste.  
Waste Control has stored, treated and disposed of hazardous waste at the Andrews site since 1997. In February, the state approved the company's request to expand the storage capacity to 1.5 million cubic feet - nearly five times its current size - making it eligible to accept the Ohio waste. The expansion space is the equivalent of about 800 railroad cars.  
George Dials, president

and chief executive officer for Waste Control, said the expansion was necessary for the company's long-term plans to assist federal plants with site clean up and disposal of low-level waste.  
Andrews appeared to have little competition for the Fernald waste. Nevada officials threatened a lawsuit if the DOE sent the waste to a government-run site north of Las Vegas. Residents near a private waste site in Clive, Utah - west of Salt Lake City - also rejected it.  
While the legislative and administrative wrangling in Texas continues, environmentalists worry about how the waste will affect the air, soil and water.  
An 800-foot-deep layer of red clay rises to near the surface at the site, which Andrews city leaders and company officials say makes the site geologically sound.  
But Melanie Barnes, a geology researcher at Texas Tech University and chairwoman of the League of Women Voters of Texas' hazardous waste program, said surface fractures exist and she's unsure how deep they go. A major concern is that if the waste seeps through the soil, it could affect the Santa Rosa and Ogallala aquifers.  
The Ogallala is a primary source of drinking water in West Texas, and at least one ranch near the waste site uses the Santa Rosa to provide water for livestock.  
"I believe that the long-

term storage and/or disposal of radioactive material at this site is extremely dangerous for the health and well being of future generations," rancher John Post wrote to State Rep. Buddy West, R-Odessa. Post, whose 18,000-acre ranch is 11 miles from the waste site, fears his land will be useless if the Santa Rosa becomes polluted.  
Other townspeople oppose the site, but they're in the minority.

anywhere and we're confident in the design," he said. "We feel it will be safely contained and isolated from the biosphere for tens of thousands of years."  
Cyrus Reed, a registered lobbyist for the Sierra Club, said waste sites with clay beds in Maxey Flats, Ky., and West Valley, N.Y. were touted as impermeable, too. Contaminated groundwater was found at each years after they opened.

"The point is there were previous sites where people had made predictions that they were good sites, and there would be no problems and there were problems," he said.  
The national environmental group has requested a hearing before the Texas Department of State Health Services to contest the state's decision to allow Waste Control to expand its Andrews site. No hearing date has been set.

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**JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 007957**  
**CLOSING DATE: May 10, 2005**

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 The Economic Consequences of the Peace author
  - 7 Rid (of)
  - 15 Top-10 tune of '59
  - 17 Philadelphia actor
  - 18 Mining residue
  - 19 "A nod is as good as \_\_\_"
  - 20 Analogy words
  - 21 Gooch in *Auntie Mame*
  - 23 Incline
  - 26 Place to snuggle
  - 27 Gulf st.
  - 30 General
  - 36 Exemplar of extravagance
  - 37 Chocolate treat
  - 38 Employing chicanery
  - 39 Martinique, e.g.
  - 40 Employer
  - 41 Slightly
  - 43 Growing medium
  - 46 Smoke pattern
  - 49 Ruthless
  - 53 Exhibiting remorse
  - 56 Teotihuacán find
  - 57 Prostaglandin inhibitors
  - 58 Deeds

- DOWN**
- 1 Minnesota Twins all-time winningest pitcher
  - 2 Word from the Greek for "I burn"
  - 3 Mythical mountain monster
  - 4 Stone Age author
  - 5 Abbott and Costello radio bandleader
  - 6 John, Paul or George
  - 7 Five-time presidential candidate
  - 8 Long-term investment
  - 9 Burgundy, e.g.
  - 10 Turn out to be
  - 11 Oceans
  - 12 Shapes with holes
  - 13 Hunter of thrillers
  - 14 Editorial post
  - 16 Indefatigable
  - 21 Way up the creek
  - 22 44 Down point
  - 23 Trunk attachments
  - 24 Everything considered
  - 25 Scattered
  - 26 Petrol measure
  - 27 Some cheeses
  - 28 Hanukkah treat
  - 29 Osman, for one
  - 31 Comics cry
  - 32 Word not used in *The Godfather*
  - 33 "You can't teach \_\_\_"
  - 34 Cable channel
  - 35 Like some bikes
  - 41 \_\_\_ curiae
  - 42 Meaning
  - 43 \_\_\_ shank
  - 44 Once around
  - 45 Arthur's predecessor as UN ambassador
  - 46 Salt's rap partner
  - 47 Nobel chemist
  - 48 Western Athletic Conference sch.
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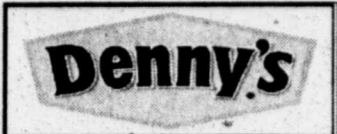
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#4520 April 14 & May 1, 2005.

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NOTICE TO DEFENDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition a default judgment may be taken against you."

**TO: LESLIE LEROY THOMASON**  
Defendant, Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 23 day of May, 2005, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 15th day of DECEMBER, A.D., 2004, in this case, numbered 43940 on the docket of said court, and styled,  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MARY DELORIS THOMASOI**  
Vs.  
**LESLIE LEROY THOMASON**  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:  
**DIVORCE**  
as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this the 6TH day of APRIL A.D. 2005.  
#4521 April 17, 24 & May 1, 8, 2005.

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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF SEIZURE**  
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**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**  
**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

The Texas Department of Public Service and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation seized the following property on the dates indicated:  
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Description of the item(s) seized:  
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The verified statement of interest, filed by any party not previously served by US Mail, must be received before the close of business on **June 7, 2005**. Otherwise, the property will be forfeited to the United States of America effective **June 8, 2005** and disposed of according to law.  
Harlan J. Carter  
Special Agent in Charge  
San Antonio Field Office  
#4526 April 24 & May 1, 8, 2005.

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The Forsan Independent School District, Forsan, Texas is accepting bids for the following:  
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The Construction Manager will receive separate bids for each individual package or a combination of bid packages.  
A pre-bid Conference will be held at 3:00 P.M. local time, **5 May 2005**. All interested parties should meet Forsan High School Board Room, 411 W. 6th, Forsan, Texas.  
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#4534 May 1 & 8, 2005.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
It's May Day under the Aquarius moon. Less celebrated traditions such as the old ring-and-run could make a comeback. (Flowers are left on the doorstep and the giver rings the doorbell and makes a clean getaway.) Aquarius lunar vibes love friendly gestures, especially anonymous ones. The Taurus sun makes sure gifts are appreciated.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The hard knocks of life can't be avoided, but it's how you react to them that makes you special. Enthusiasm lifts you up



HOLIDAY MATHIS

along with anyone in your presence. (If you think nobody is watching, you're wrong!)  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Time to spoil yourself. If you can't do it just for the heck of it, then do it because you can prevent illness by taking excellent care of yourself. There's romance in tonight's sunset.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You've got a sixth sense about other people's business. You're right, but you've got to make the other person believe it, too, or it does neither of you any good. Work on your powers of persuasion.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Love plays the starring role. There are more questions than answers. You're having second thoughts about the very

thing you were gung-ho for last week. Be slow to commit.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Roses are red, violets are blue ... wait — both actually come in a variety of colors. Stop over-analyzing and enjoy the scenery. A conversation with a nutty friend helps put life in perspective.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Factory seconds aren't your style. The off-color thread on those towels would drive you crazy. But the label says imperfections will not affect performance. Remember this when dealing with family tonight.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You forgave a friend years ago, "no hard feelings" style. But for some reason you're still resentful. Since the past slight is in no way relevant to

the present, it's time to truly let go. It's one less thing to worry about.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To the rest of the world, yours is a perfect relationship. If only you were as confident in it. Despite your insecurities, your partner is with you for all the right reasons, love being first on a long list.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). "Don't go changing to try please me. You never let me down before." Well, your partner might not have said it as eloquently as Billy Joel, but the meaning is the same. You're solid as is. Revel in it.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The worst insult you've heard of late is that you're too nice. Interestingly enough, this is coming from someone

you helped recently. A roll of the eyes is warranted, but secretly you love being the nice guy.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ground yourself. Independent thinking and action are favored, but relationships will sweep up your energy and scatter it to the wind if you're not careful!  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You frequently find yourself torn between what you want and what you need. Occasionally, this dilemma is easily solved. You need to eat. You want pasta. Order Italian for dinner, and stop stressing.  
**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** George Clooney is a confirmed bachelor who lives the lifestyle to its fullest! Taurus men in general need a lot of convincing to tie the knot — they

invented the term "cold feet." And Taurus men who have no shortage of female offers are nearly impossible to nail down. However, once committed, this sign is true blue and ready to fight for the relationship if that's what it takes.  
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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Our neighbor, "Jane," was always rather private. She was friendly when spoken to, but she kept to herself. Jane's husband was quite chummy with the neighbors, but when he died, there was no obituary in the paper, and Jane had no service.  
Four months ago, we noticed Jane's children were visiting night and day. Then everyone left, and the house was dark. After a month, one of the neighbors ran into Jane's son and learned that Jane had died four weeks before, after having been ill for quite some time. The son said his mother did not want a service or an obituary, and didn't want the neighbors told unless they asked.  
Some of the neighbors are very hurt, because they knew Jane and her family for over 30 years. They are angry with the children for not putting a notice in the paper. There are still people who drop by our homes to inquire if Jane is OK because they've been trying to contact her for weeks. It falls to us to tell them that Jane is dead.  
Annie, why not allow those who had known her for many years the opportunity to say goodbye, or at least to express their condolences in a timely manner? How far should one go in following the last wishes of a dying person? — Jane's Sad Neighbor  
Dear Neighbor: Pretty far. In reality, funerals are not for the dead. They are for the survivors and provide an outlet for mourning. Denying fami-



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

ly and friends the opportunity to say goodbye can prolong the grieving process. However, if Jane asked that no one be notified, her children were following her wishes, and that should be respected, even though you may disagree.  
Dear Annie: I am a smoker, and I agree totally with "Louisville, Ky.," who complained that smokers throw their cigarette butts everywhere, without regard.  
As a youth, I flicked butts out windows, off the boat, etc. About 17 years ago, I swam with dolphins in Grassy Key, Fla. Before the swim, we had to watch a video on dolphins, which included footage of a dolphin autopsy. When the dolphin's stomach was opened, over 1,000 cigarette butts were pulled out. The cause of death was suffocation. That was a big wake-up call for me and ended my butt littering.  
While the sand may look like an ashtray, it is not, and when the high tide comes, the butts are pulled into the ocean,

where they are mistaken for feeder fish. Now I spend my summer in Carolina Beach, picking up others' butts. — A Fed-Up Smoker in Carolina Beach, N.C.  
Dear N.C.: Thank you for the eye-opener. Read on:  
From Kentucky: My family and I vacationed in South Carolina, and every morning at the beach, we had to cross a three-foot-wide band of washed-up cigarette butts. Most smokers are neither considerate nor respectful of the environment.  
Madison, Wis.: At every major intersection, I get disgusted by the hundreds of butts lying in the rain gutters and at the stoplights.  
Georgetown, Ind.: Nothing destroys the mood of a vacation more than being unable to build a sandcastle with your children due to all the buried cigarette butts at the beach.  
No City: I am a smoker, and it enrages me to see others throw their butts overboard. My answer: Respect others and smoke outside, and carry a baggie to bring your cigarette butts back in.  
Upper Saint Clair, Pa.: Smokers are motivated first and foremost by a powerful drug addiction, which they use as justification to assert that they have a "right" to foul the air that others breathe. Because there is no courtesy, legislation has become necessary to ensure the right of non-smokers to breathe clean, unadulterated air.  
Dear Annie: My girlfriend and I have been

dating for a year. "Janice" is a divorcee, and I am a widower. Financially, we both are very comfortable.  
Last Christmas, I gave Janice a rather expensive wristwatch. The gold band was too large for her slender wrist, however, so she asked if I would cut it to make it smaller. I told her that I did not want to risk damaging the watch and suggested she take it to a jeweler. She could not take it back to the store where I bought it, because I purchased it on a business trip several thousand miles away.  
After Janice had the watch adjusted, she presented me with the bill and told me how much I owed her. I thought her actions were extremely tacky and insulting. I assure you, the amount of the alteration has no bearing on this at all. I simply believed she had a lot more class, but now I am having serious second thoughts. What do you think? — B.C. in California  
Dear B.C.: Presenting you with a bill was tacky, but the truth is, you should have offered to pay for the alteration. It was a gift she could not return, nor could she have it adjusted, for free, at the shop where it was purchased. A gift is much less charming if the recipient has to fork over part of the cost in order to use it. Granted, she could have said "thank you" and simply put the watch in a drawer forever. But if you wanted her to wear it, you should have made the offer. We say you're even.  
Dear Annie: I need to

lose about 80 pounds, and I've been struggling to do so. The problem is my friends who feel they need to drop about 10 pounds. Every time I speak to them it's, "I'm disgusted by myself," or "I can't put on shorts or a bathing suit. Nobody wants to see that cellulite!"  
I realize that to them, 10 pounds feels like my 80, but don't they realize how insensitive they are? What do they expect me to say? If they look disgusting at 130 pounds, how do they feel about me? This makes me very uncomfortable. How do I respond? — Tired of Being a Fat Friend  
Dear Friend: These women don't expect you to respond, they are just letting off steam and should be ignored. If you can't do that, by all means, speak up. Say, "I know you don't mean to be insensitive, but that's how it comes across. I'd appreciate it if you stopped discussing your weight problems in front of me."  
Dear Annie: I read the letter from "At My Limits," the teenager who was uncomfortable with "Jenny," a fellow student who behaved strangely. You mentioned that Jenny may have a neurological impairment such as Tourette's. Another possibility would be autism.  
I would have recommended that "Limits" speak to a school counselor or teacher to try to get some insight into Jenny's behavior and some advice on how to treat Jenny appropriately. Her discomfort is a direct

result of not understanding, and Jenny may not have the verbal or social skills to explain her own behavior. I hope you will re-visit this topic, as your guidance and wise advice may benefit many lonely young people in secondary schools around the world. — A Loyal Reader in Great Britain  
Dear Loyal Reader: Thank you for providing additional insight into Jenny's problems, and the excellent suggestion to discuss it with an informed teacher or counselor. Here's one more:  
Dear Annie: Jenny may be developmentally delayed and have poor social skills. If, in fact, she does have Tourette's or another neurological condition, she is likely to display anger over being rejected. "Limits" may then miss an opportunity to gain a true friend and learn something in the process. — Robert O'Byrne, RN, APRN-Mental Health, LCDR NC USN, Camp Buehring, Kuwait  
Dear Annie: My husband and I are having a disagreement about toilet paper. As silly as it may sound, when a toilet paper roll or a paper towel roll needs to be replaced, I like to have it roll out from the front. But when my husband replaces it, he makes it roll out from the back. This bothers me, and I always change it around.  
I've asked him many times to do it my way, as I believe that is correct. He doesn't seem to care. I know this is silly, like leaving the toilet seat up or leaving the cap off the toothpaste, but I really would like to know if there is a right way to replace a toilet paper roll. — Anal Retentive (As My Husband Calls Me)  
Dear Crazy: You must be kidding. That topic has taken up more space in this column than almost any other subject. We can't imagine how you missed it, but here it is again: If the toilet paper has a pattern, it should roll from the top over. Otherwise, it doesn't matter. Really. However you like it is just fine with us.  
*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.*

**The Spider**  
During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.  
One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.  
Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."  
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# Best sellers — books

## Publishers Weekly Best Sellers

### Hardcover Fiction

1. "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner Books)
2. "The Mermaid Chair" by Monk Kidd (Viking)
3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "Star Wars Revenge of the Sith" by Matthew Stover (Del Rey/LucasBooks)
5. "In the Company of Cheerful Ladies" by Alexander McCall Smith (Pantheon)
6. "No Place Like Home" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
7. "A Stroke of Midnight" by Laurel K. Hamilton (Ballantine Books)

8. "Saturday" by Ian McEwan (Doubleday/Talese)
9. "Ya-Yas in Bloom" by Rebecca Wells (HarperCollins)
10. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)

### Nonfiction/General

1. "Winning" by Jack Welch and Suzy Welch (HarperBusiness)
2. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
3. "And One More Thing Before You Go" by Maria Shriver (Free Press)
4. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
5. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)

6. "My Life So Far" by Jane Fonda (Random House)
7. "Body for Life for Women" by Pamela Peeke (Rodale)
8. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
9. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
10. "Liberalism is a Mental Disorder" by Michael Savage (Nelson Current)

### Mass Market Paperbacks

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "Nighttime Is My Time" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
3. "R Is for Ricochet" by Sue Grafton (Berkley)
4. "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the

- Galaxy" by Douglas Adams (Del Rey)
5. "The Codex" by Douglas Preston (Forge)
6. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (St. Martin's)
7. "Therapy" by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine)
8. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
9. "Full Bloom" by Janet Evanovich and Charlotte Hughes (St. Martin's)
10. "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

### Trade Paperbacks

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
2. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
3. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi

- Picoult (Washington Square Press)
4. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
5. "The Ultimate Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams (Del Rey)
6. "Sam's Letters to Jennifer" by James Patterson (Warner)
7. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (St. Martin's)
8. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
9. "Bad Cat: 244 Not-So-Pretty Kitties and Cats Gone Bad" by Jim Edgar (Workman)
10. "Good Grief" by Lolly Winston (Warner)

# Best sellers — video

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

### Top Music Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Family Jewels," AC/DC.
2. "Chosen Few: El-Documental," Various Artists.
3. "MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents: Collision Course," Jay-Z/Linkin Park.
4. "Greatest Hits," Creed.
5. "The Best Of Pantera: Far Beyond The Great Southern Cowboys' Vulgar Hits," Pantera.
6. "Live at Donington," AC/DC. (Platinum)
7. "Anywhere But Home," Evanescence.
8. "Past, Present &

- Future," Rob Zombie.
9. "Behind Hazel Eyes," Kelly Clarkson.
10. "Club Date — Live In Memphis," Elvis Costello & The Imposters.

### Top VHS Rentals

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

1. "Ocean's Twelve," Warner Home Video.
2. "Spanglish," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
3. "Sideways," FoxVideo.
4. "Elektra," FoxVideo.
5. "Hotel Rwanda," MGM Home Entertainment.
6. "After The Sunset (Widescreen)," New Line Home Entertainment.
7. "Suspect Zero," Paramount Home Entertainment.
8. "Finding Neverland," Miramax Home

- Entertainment.
  9. "Ladder 49," Touchstone Home Video.
  10. "Closer," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
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### Top VHS Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Dora The Explorer: Big Sister Dora," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "The Incredibles," Walt Disney Home Video.
3. "The Spongebob SquarePants Movie," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Thomas & Friends: Sodor Celebration," HIT Entertainment.
5. "Shark Tale,"

- DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
6. "Dora The Explorer: Catch The Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
7. "Barbie: Fairytopia," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
8. "Bambi (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
9. "Fat Albert," FoxVideo.
10. "Barney: Let's Go To The Farm," Hit Entertainment.

### Top DVD Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Ocean's Twelve," Warner Home Video.
2. "Hotel Rwanda," MGM Home Entertainment.
3. "The Incredibles (Widescreen)," Walt Disney Home Video.

4. "Sideways (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
  5. "Spanglish," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
  6. "The Incredibles (Pan & Scan)," Walt Disney Home Video.
  7. "Elektra (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
  8. "Sideways (Pan & Scan)," FoxVideo.
  9. "Ocean's Eleven (Widescreen)," Warner Reprise Video.
  10. "Finding Neverland (Widescreen)," Miramax Home Entertainment.
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### Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

(Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental

- charts)
- HOT POP SONG: "Hollaback Girl," Gwen Stefani.
- TOP POP ALBUM: "...Something To Be," Rob Thomas.
- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SONG: "Slow Down," Bobby Valentino.
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM: "Who Is Mike Jones?" Mike Jones.
- HOT COUNTRY SONG: "It's Getting Better All The Time," Brooks & Dunn.
- TOP COUNTRY ALBUM: "The Right To Bare Arms," Larry The Cable Guy.
- TOP VHS RENTAL: "Ocean's Twelve."
- TOP VHS SALE: "Dora The Explorer: Big Sister Dora."
- TOP DVD SALE: "Ocean's Twelve."

## PDA

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to have a referral quality image for a CAT scan or an MRI, but not a diagnosis" Boonn said. "And you could call the image up for a patient and show it to them and say 'Here's what I'm looking at.'"

For the most part, students use several different programs; a pharmacopeia of different drugs and doses, a data manager to collect and track patient information and a clinical consult program that runs down disease signs and potential lab result flags.

Batteries last for several days, and by syncing the device to a main computer at night, the programs are updated. That way

doctors looking up Viiox on their handhelds will be reminded that it's been pulled off the market.

Both student doctors and practicing physicians say the PDAs are no replacement for that medical standby: memory. In order to use the device, they say, you've got to know where to start, from the disease cause to the drug name.

"It's just a different way to do research rather than using those 40-pound books," said Gloria Donnelly, dean of the Drexel-University College of Nursing and Health Professions, which began requiring nursing students to use PDAs three years ago. "They look up the drugs and the lab values before they see a patient or review a condition."

## CHANNEL 17

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the local entities to independently alter what they put on — so long as there is no conflict with timing. Moore Development is facilitating meetings with this group of entities and the brainstorming has produced new and exciting ideas for our community.

Possibilities could include: College classes being delivered at regularly scheduled times into the home or workplace, workforce training videos on various topics from safety to quality control, live broadcasts of public meetings, rebroadcasts of certain events like games, festivals or celebrations — and the list just goes on.

Certainly other communities have public access channels. However, Big Spring has the potential to exploit this opportunity and develop channel 17 into a true source of information and market our community to the outside world. How is

this accomplished with a local channel? There is also a full 25 channel Internet module that comes with the hardware and software. Therefore, what can be seen in Big Spring can also be seen all over the world, except that the Internet channels are designed to be more like video on demand — thus giving the viewer full control of what and when a particular event is viewed.

Moore Development is proud to work with the local partners. Channel 17 is but one example of what can happen when this type of cooperation is approached openly and willingly. We fully expect glitches to occur as they do in anything worthwhile. However, sit back and be watching for channel 17 as it develops over the next several months.

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  - Coffee @ PRL - 10:00 am
  - Supper Club - "Casa Blanca" - 5:30 pm
- May 4 • Wednesday**
  - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Eat For \$2.00 In The Hospital Cafeteria)
  - Trauma Awareness Day - Rockhound Stadium, Midland (Event is targeted toward our youth and preventative measure that can be taken at any age to prevent/minimize traumatic injuries)
- May 5 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
  - Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am (Coffee with members)
  - Volunteer Jewelry Sale - 8:30 - 5:00 pm - Hospital Lobby
- May 6 • Friday**
  - Volunteer Jewelry Sale - 8:30 - 5:00 pm - Hospital Lobby
- May 7 • Saturday**
  - Volunteer Jewelry Sale - 8:00 - 5:00 pm - Hospital Lobby
- May 8 • Sunday**
  - Warmest Regards On Mother's Day
- May 9 • Monday**
  - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)
  - SMMC Volunteer Awards Banquet - 12:00 Noon - China Dragon
- May 10 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
  - Supper Club - "KC Steakhouse" - 5:30 pm
- May 11 • Wednesday**
  - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Eat For \$2.00 in the Hospital Cafeteria)
  - Midland Shopping - 9:00 am
- May 12 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
  - Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
- May 13 • Friday**
  - Relay For Life - Blankenship Field

- May 14 • Saturday**
  - Relay For Life - Blankenship Field
  - Child-Birth Classes - 9:00-4:00 pm
  - Laurie Burkes, RN Certified Birth Educator, Karina Reynolds, LVN Certified Child Educator - 2nd Floor Hospital
- May 16 • Monday**
  - Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30 am
  - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)
- May 17 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
  - Supper Club - "China Dragon" - 5:30 pm
- May 18 • Wednesday**
  - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Eat For \$2.00 In The Hospital Cafeteria)
  - Meet & Greet Tea & Scones Party - 2:00 pm - Hospital Classroom
  - Games - 3:00 pm
- May 19 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
  - Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
- May 22 • Sunday**
  - "Over The Tavern" (Comedy) - Midland Community Theater - 1:00 pm
- May 23 • Monday**
  - Lunch & Bunch & 23 Birthdays - "KFC" - 11:30 AM
  - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)
- May 24 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
  - New Mexico Casino Trip - 10:00 am
- May 25 • Wednesday**
  - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Eat For \$2.00 In The Hospital Cafeteria)
  - Supper Club - "Red Mesa" - 5:30 pm
- May 26 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
  - Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am (Eat For \$2.00 In The Hospital Cafeteria)
  - Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am
- May 30 • Monday**
  - Senior Circle - Office Closed Holiday
- May 31 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
  - Supper Club - "Cowboys" - 5:30 pm

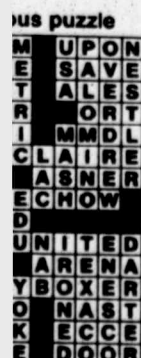
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