

# BIG SPRING HERALD



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'Kats crush Klondike, remain unbeaten in league play.

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## Case closed

**Sheriff: Sibling admits causing babies' deaths**

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Local and state law enforcement agencies have closed the investigation into the September death of 3-month-old twins after a sibling came forward Friday, claiming responsibility for their deaths.

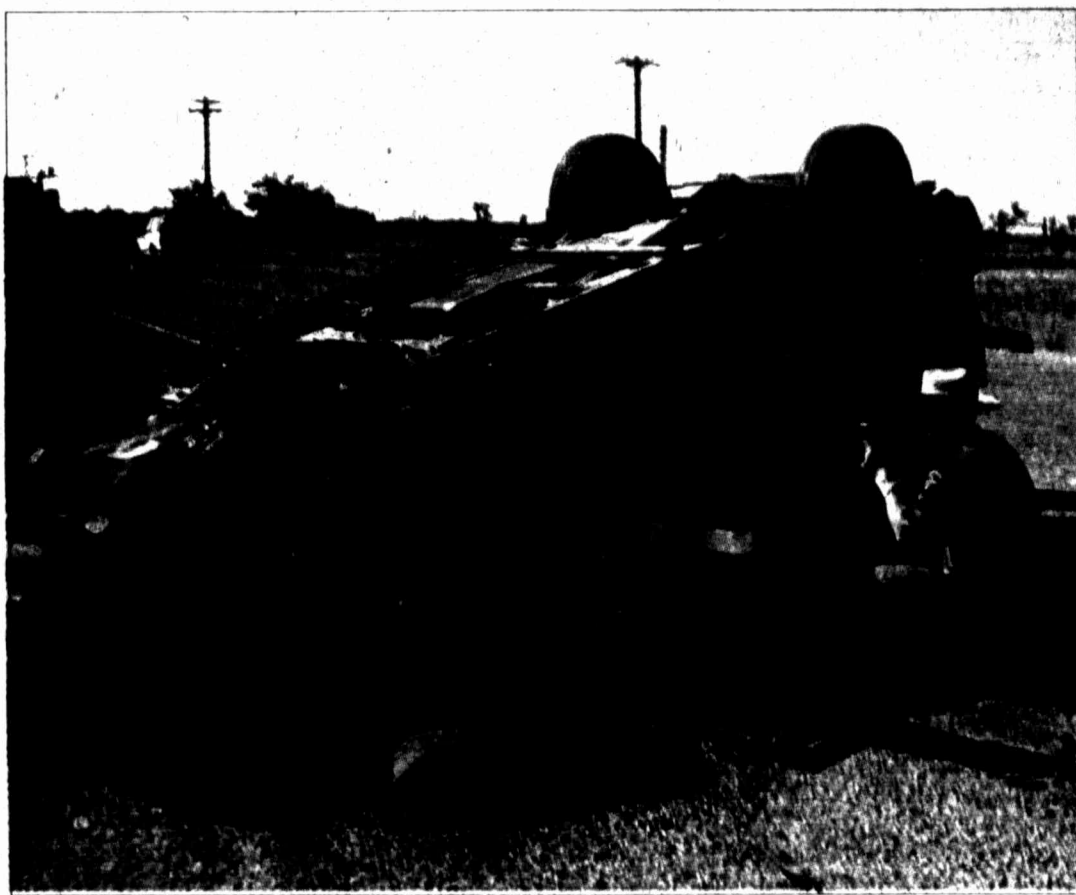
At approximately 9:27 a.m. on Sept. 11, dispatchers at the Howard County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a "frantic" woman saying that her babies were dead, according to information released by the sheriff's office.

Three-month old twins Christopher Ryan Petree and Nomi Michelle Petree were pronounced dead at the infants' home on Dawson Road by Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman shortly after.

Preliminary autopsy reports on the children ruled out blunt force trauma, leaving investigators to wait on in-depth autopsy reports, according to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

"The cause of death was not clear to any of the agencies involved," said Walker. "There was no visible physical evidence

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
A Department of Public Safety Trooper photographs the interior of a vehicle involved in the aftermath of the July 3, 2005, accident on North Highway 87 that claimed the life of a child. The driver of the vehicle — 32-year-old Misty Lynn Smith of Midland — was indicted this week on a charge of criminally negligent homicide.

## Grand jury returns 31 indictments

**Midland woman charged in fatal traffic accident**

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A Howard County Grand Jury handed down 31 true-bill indictments this week, including a charge of criminally negligent homicide against a Midland woman involved in a car crash north of Big Spring in July of 2005.

Misty Lynn Smith, 32, of 5102 Brazos Avenue in Midland, was charged with criminally negligent homicide for her part in the July 3 death of a child

approximately 15 miles north of Big Spring.

According to Department of Public Safety officials, the accident occurred at the intersection of N. Highway 87 and FM 846 when the 2005 Dodge Durango driven by Smith, who was traveling east on FM 846, failed to yield the right-of-way to a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer, which was

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## Mobile Medicare center coming to Big Spring

Special to the Herald

Humana Inc.'s "Let's Talk" Medicare information campaign is bringing its Mobile Medicare Enrollment and Information Center to Big Spring.

The city is among the 1,117 stops that will be made by Humana's fleet of 10 recreational vehicles during its "Let's Talk" tour.

Humana Medicare representatives will be on hand from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide guidance concerning Medicare changes and new Medicare options available through one-on-one meetings with individuals eligible for

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Dr. George Smith

Medicare.

The "Let's Talk" tour bus will be at the Wal-Mart Supercenter at 201 W. Marcy in Big Spring Wednesday.

The new options, which include regional PPO programs and the much-anticipated Medicare prescription drug cov-

erage program, were created under the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, and went into effect Jan. 1.

"Beneficiaries eligible for Medicare Part A or enrolled in Part B can join a prescription drug plan, but will not be automatically enrolled.

They must select a prescription plan (either stand-alone or integrated with a Medicare health plan or Private Fee-for-Service Plan) or have a retiree or union plan with equivalent prescription drug benefits or a new Medicare supplement plan with equivalent prescription drug benefits.

"These changes mark the biggest transformation Medicare has ever undergone in its 40-year history. While it is very exciting, we know it can also be confusing for beneficiaries," said Dr. George Smith, president of

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## Howard trustees to consider joint election, workforce lab

**Board to decide whether to consolidate school board election date**

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

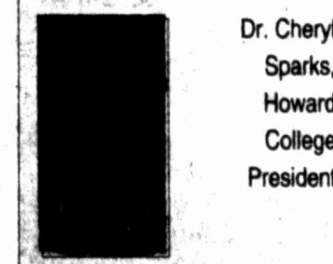
Municipal and school elections in Howard County will all be under one roof if Howard College's trustees sign off on the plan during their regular meeting Monday.

City and school officials in Coahoma and Forsan, along with school trustees in those two communities and Big Spring, have agreed to consolidate their spring elections under the auspices of County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom.

Howard College will be the final entity to take action on the proposal when trustees meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

College President Dr.

**"I see no problem with the proposal, but, of course, that is the board's decision to make."**



Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College President

Cheryl Sparks said that, given the trustees' go-ahead, the college will hold its elections on May 13, along with the cities of Coahoma and Forsan and all three Howard County public school districts.

"I see no problem with the proposal," Sparks said, "but of course, that is the board's decision to make."

A public hearing on the proposal will be held at

the start of the meeting, Sparks said.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- A proposal to build a workforce training lab on the ground of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Sparks said SWCID students taking building trades, welding and automotive technology courses currently have to travel to the Birdwell Lane campus for those courses.

Trustees will discuss the option of building a lab on the SWCID campus, although no final action will be taken on the matter Monday, Sparks said.

- An update on the junior college district's facility master plan.

- A proposal to dispose of surplus equipment.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com).

## FAT GUYS, GOOD CHILI

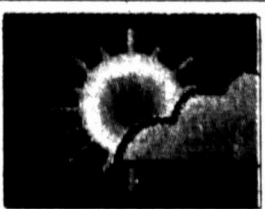


HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin

"Two Fat Guys" Dan Wright and Jeff Thompson work on their pot of chili at the 17th Annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff Saturday. Twenty teams participated in the event with proceeds going to charity.

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### A TRIPLE PLAY

FORT ST. JOHN, British Columbia (AP) — When one of Brad Giesbrecht's cows was about to give birth, he put her in the barn to protect her from subzero temperatures. He returned two hours later to find the cow had given birth to a calf. Then, noticing a second set of hooves coming, Giesbrecht helped deliver a second calf.

Thinking that was the end of it, Giesbrecht went to check on his herd. But when he returned for a look at the new mother, he found she had delivered yet a third calf.

Elaine Giesbrecht said the couple's cows have given birth to twins before, but the odds of a cow giving birth to triplets range from one in 10,000, to one in 105,000.

### LEADERSHIP BIG SPRING

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Big Spring program will get under way next month with the first class set to be held Thursday, Feb. 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the chamber board room, officials said.

Leadership Big Spring is a nine-month program, held every second Thursday of the month, February through December except for June and July. The program takes participants on tours which integrate them with all aspects of Howard County life: industry, government, medical, agriculture, education and more.

Cost is \$300. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 25. Call 263-7641 for more information.

### CHAMBER BANQUET

Tickets for the Big Spring area Chamber of Commerce banquet are on sale now.

The banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are \$22 per person before Jan. 23 and \$27 per person from Jan. 23-28. No tickets or reservations will be accepted after Jan. 28. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Guest speaker will be Pat McGaughey of McGaughey Enterprises Inc. on "Maximizing Your Chamber Membership."

Those interested in attending are requested to RSVP or pick up tickets at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third, or call 263-7641.



## Obituaries

### Mary Lee Hobbs



Mary Lee Hobbs, 82, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Sil Moore of Lubbock officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 7, 1924, in Murchison and married Roy Hobbs on March 9, 1942 in Tyler.

She was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She was an avid camper and belonged to the Western Drifters and the Triple L (Live Longer and Love it). She enjoyed quilting and had been quilting since she was a young girl.

She was a member of Baptist Temple Church and especially enjoyed her Sunday School Class.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Hobbs of Big Spring; two daughters, Royce June Underwood of Andrews and Paula Ann Stiles of Stanton; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, six brothers and four sisters.

The family suggests memorials to: Circle Six Baptist Emcampment, 2784 Hwy 137, Stanton, 79782 or to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

## Support Groups

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### 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 meets at 6 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 398-5522.

### TUESDAY

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

## Police blotter

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

- **CYNTHIA GAYE FRYAR**, 42, of Sand Spring, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **MISTY LYN TWILLIGEAR**, 31, of 1509 S. Johnson, was arrested Friday on two local capias warrants and charges of possession of marijuana and tampering with evidence.
- **ELADIO LOPEZ ZUBIATE**, 29, of 708 N. Douglas, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ JR.**, 19, of 109 Pettus Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **RAY BRITO GONZALEZ**, 18, of 1400 Austin, was arrested Saturday on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and possession of a prohibited weapon.
- **ANASTASIA LOZANO**, 19, of 2500 Langley, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JONATHON ANDREW WRIGHT**, 19, of 4812 Lintner, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **CHASE ALLEN MUSGROVE**, 18, of 212 Sandlin, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **MATTHEW LUKE SMITH**, 18, of 1100 Hickory, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 2700 block of Larry.
- **TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson.
- **ARSON** was reported in the 800 block of Caprock.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of Main Street.

## Around Town

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

## Take Note

• **SPRING CITY SENIOR CENTER** offering class to make protractor-flower book marks at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, sponsored by Mountain View Lodge.

• **DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR LEADERSHIP BIG SPRING** is Wednesday. Contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or obtain an application at the chamber office, 215 W. Third.

• **AARP TAX PREPARATION** will be available at the Senior Center every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon beginning Jan. 30. The AARP program will wrap-up for the year April 10. Electronic filing will be available. For more information on the program, contact Gloria Hopkins at 267-6733.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85

to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

## Bulletin Board

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

### SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

### MONDAY

- 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.
- Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.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.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain...Rain may mix with snow late. Lows in the lower 30s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers in the morning then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs around 50. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Increasing clouds. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Decreasing clouds. Highs around 50. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night...Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 30s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers in the evening. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-12-13-36.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

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**Jury**

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traveling south on Highway 87.

According to DPS reports, the child was pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center several hours after the accident, and along with the rest of the occupants in the Trailblazer, was not wearing a safety belt at the time of the crash.

The juvenile victim was accompanied by Scott Haring and Sallye Haring, also of Buda, and a second juvenile. The Harings and the second child were transported to SMMC in stable condition following the accident.

Cory Maxwell, of Midland, and a six-year-old male juvenile were also in the Durango and were transported to SMMC in stable condition.

Smith is charged with a state jail felony, punishable by 180 days to two years in a state jail facility.

Also indicted Thursday was 41-year-old Jimmy Olivares, of 3622 Connally, who was troubled for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and three counts of abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence.

According to Big Spring Police Department records, Olivares was arrested Oct. 1 shortly after assaulting his spouse, after which he reportedly rammed her mini-van with his vehicle in the H-E-B parking lot.

No injuries were reported as a result of the traffic altercation. However, there were three children in the van at the time of the incident, drawing the negligence charges.

Olivares faces first-degree, enhanced felony charges stemming from the assault, which is punishable by five years to 99 years to life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. On the second-degree felony charges of abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence, Olivares faces two years to 20 years in prison.

The following indictments were also handed down by the grand jury:

• Tony Bernal Jr., 40, of 3612 Hamilton, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

• Kathrene Ann Chavarria, 34, of 1508 E. 11th Place, credit card abuse (state jail felony).

• Robert Diaz Jr., 23, of 1111 Ridgeroad, evading arrest (state jail felony).

• Sestino Hernandez III, 20, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 248, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).

• Rafael Hinojosa, 45, of 400 Texas in Coahoma, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Santiago Jaime Leos, 53, of 907 N. Gregg Street, credit card abuse (state jail felony).

• Destinee Le Lucas, 18, of 4200 Birch, burglary of a building (state jail felony) and theft (state jail felony).

• Joseph Edward Olvera, 19, of 101 N. Goliad, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Frederico Martinez Jr., 26, of 809 E. 14th Street, aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

• Jarrod Lee Mejia, 25, of 609 S. Aylesford, evading arrest (state jail felony).

• Michelle Price, 33, of 633 Manor, theft - more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

• Lasara Heredia Renteria, 49, of 405 N. Scurry Street, failure to stop and render aid (transportation code).

• Jeneane Nichol Richard, 19, of 2906 Parkway Road, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

• Jeremy James White, 26, of 1505 Tucson, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony) and failure to stop and render aid (transportation code).

• Michael Roy Roberson, 23, of 2402 S. Main Street, possession of a firearm by a felon (third-degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Patricia Francisca Roberson, 22, of 2402 S. Main Street, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Rodney Wayne Tubbs, 22, of 2402 S. Main Street, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Kevin Duane Rutledge, 29, of 1108 S. Runnels, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Teresa Valle Rutledge, 32, of 1108 S. Runnels, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Lynda Bain Stein, 53, of 2317 76th Street in Lubbock, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Billy Yanez, 42, of 803 Anna, driving while intoxicated.

• Melissa Gay Young, 36, of 2705 Ann, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Daniel Rodriguez Mendoza, 36, of 3912 Hamilton, theft (third-degree felony, enhanced).

• Brandy Cosucla-Nicol Olivas, 19, of 1202 E. Third Street Apt. 20, possession of a controlled substance.

• Stacy Lynn Pendleton, 30, of 1405 Sycamore, three counts of abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence (state jail felonies).

• Pamela Gail Powell, 37, of 5405 Opal Lane, attempting to take a weapon from a peace officer (state jail felony).

• Theodore Rios, 35, of 713 Lorilla, theft by appropriation (third-degree felony, enhanced).

• Eulalio Robledo, 63, of 815 Creighton, theft by appropriation (state jail felony).

• David Bryan Wilkinsor, 26, of 1309 Jeffery Road, burglary of a building (state jail felony) and evading arrest (state jail felony).

**HELP FOR FIRE VICTIMS**



**Dana Henrichs, right, tapes up a box destined for the Cross Plains area Friday while Sharon Arnold labels it. Both ladies were instrumental in putting together the local relief effort for the fire-ravaged Cross Plains area. A caravan of trucks and vehicles carrying the donated items — food, water, clothing and other much-needed things — are expected to leave the old K-Mart parking lot Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. to deliver the gathered donations.**

**Honor roll**

The following Big Spring Junior High School students were inadvertently left off the honor roll published in the Big Spring Herald's

Thursday edition:

Leo Wright, seventh grade, AB; Alesha Yanez, seventh grade, A; Martin Yanez, eighth grade, A;

Stephen Yanez, seventh grade, AB; Linzee Yarbar, eighth grade, A; Ethan Yeats, seventh grade, A; and Arelle Young, eighth grade, AB.

**Twins**

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of anything that would have caused the deaths, either at the scene or found during the investigations of the babies' autopsies."

Walker said the HCSO, Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office, Texas Rangers, Howard County Justice of the Peace, Big Spring Police Department and Child Protective Services all participated in the investigation.

"Everyone that had access to the babies the evening before and the morning they were found have been interviewed and re-interviewed by various agencies and investigators," said Walker. "Those interviews gathered very little information that would help determine a cause of

death until Friday." Walker said the answers that had eluded law enforcement officials then became clear.

"On Friday another interview was conducted at the Howard County Sheriff's Office with a young male sibling of Nomi and Christopher Petree," said Walker. "During the interview, the boy — who is under the age of 10 years — became very emotional and began telling that he had accidentally caused the two babies to stop breathing and left them in the playpen until his mother found them dead the next morning."

"The information provided by the young boy, along with the evidence known to investigators would explain the cause of death, which was by asphyxiation."

Walker declined to comment on the manner in

which the twins were killed or the age of the sibling claiming responsibility.

According to Walker, Texas law, under Chapter 8.07 of the Texas Penal Code entitled "age affecting criminal responsibility," and Texas Family Code 54.02 clearly state that persons under the age of 10 years are not criminally responsible and can not be criminally prosecuted.

"CPS was immediately advised of the boy's admission," said Walker. "The criminal investigation with law enforcement agencies is now considered closed. CPS, working under civil and family laws, will continue to be involved with the family."

"This case has tugged at the hearts of everyone," he added. "We hope that this brings closure to those that are hurting."

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**BSHS debaters win at district**

Special to the Herald

The team of William Shipman and Logan Wright continued a five-year string of debate excellence at Big Spring High School by placing first at the Cross Examination district meet.

Cross Examination district is the official start of the UIL District 4-4A Academic Competition.

"We are really proud of these two senior boys," Jennifer Adams, BSHS debate coach said. "Now we have to get them ready to compete at the next level."

The day didn't start off well for the district champions when they lost in the first round. But the students bounced back and did not lose a round the rest of the day and defeated an Andrews team for first place.

"Five rounds in one day is hard," Wright said. "We usually do three or four rounds on Fridays and three on Saturdays at regular tournaments."

In addition to Shipman and Wright being the District 4-4A Cross-examination champions, the team of LeAnn Brumley and Malle Carrasco placed third.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Save bucks! Get banquet tickets now!

Get your tickets Monday and save a few bucks. That's right, tickets for the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet are \$22 each through Monday but will increase to \$27 after that.

The banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. A meal will be provided and the audience will be entertained by national speaker and business consultant Patrick McGaughey — a man who has a lot to say and who presents it in an entertaining way.

Other highlights include naming of the Man and Woman of the Year, as well as the Business of the Year and Customer Service Employee Award of the Year.

It's always a fun evening and an opportunity to get out and socialize.

While we are encouraging you to get your tickets, we'd be remiss if we didn't remind you about a special offer from the chamber for businesses. You can "purchase" a table for \$100, which you can then decorate with items promoting your business. You might want to offer coupons or other "giveaway" items. You'll also get four banquet tickets you can give to your employees or anyone that you wish.

Tickets and table reservations are available at the chamber office, 215 W. Third or you can reserve a ticket by calling 263-7641. Remember, you'll save \$5 per ticket if you go ahead and purchase them Monday. January 28 is the last day to "sign up" for the banquet. No tickets will be sold after that and none will be available at the door Feb. 2.

We hope you will come out and join the Herald and many other businesses, organizations and individuals as we salute the chamber of commerce and those staff members and officers, board members and volunteers who have worked so hard to make it a success.

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# They're gone, but never forgotten

Random thoughts while feeding the cat:

I don't believe in ghosts, spooks, hobgoblins or things that go bump in the night.

I don't believe you can communicate with the dead.

I don't believe in astral projections, white noise phenomena or any other hokum New Age theories.

I do believe that I will see my departed loves ones again some day, but that day hasn't arrived yet. The dead are dead, I'm not, and never the twain shall meet.

Having said all that, however, I'll confess that I have talked to my parents on recent occasions, and both of them have been gone for several years now. Oh, I don't mean that I have protracted discussions with them, or that any actual words are spoken — I just talk to them, letting them know how things are going, how I hope they're proud of me, that sort of thing.

Before you start thinking that ol' Stevie has finally started following instructions from the little voices in his head, let me explain things a bit.

In my living room, among the usual clutter, are two mementos of my parents. On one side of the room is a small painting my mother made many years ago, and on another wall is a photo of the ship my father served on in World War

II. I'm not big on keepsakes, but that painting and that photo are two of my proudest possessions — not because they are great works of art, but because they help connect me to the two people who gave me life.

My mother's painting is like many she did during her life, a small still-life of some flowers. Now, anyone who has ever seen one of Mom's paintings know they'll never hang in a museum, nor will some world-famous art collector ever offer me thousands of dollars for one of her works.

But that's not the point. And the photo of my dad's ship is similarly unremarkable — but that's not the point, either.

The point, gentle readers, is that these two objects are like talismans to me.

Look up talisman in the dictionary and you'll find words to the effect of: A small object worn or kept for its supposed magical qualities. Yep, that works for me.

The objects in my living room remind me so much of my folks.

The painting is small, cheerful and bright, words that pretty much sum up my mom. She had paintings much like this one all over her house. She liked having flowers, plants and other living things around.

Those "other living things" included her children, thank you very much for asking.

The ship, on the other hand, doesn't physically remind me of my father so much as recall the kind of man he was to me. A proud man, one of the things he was proudest of was his service in World War II. That was the last

"good war," when we were unquestionably the good guys, and our enemies were undoubtedly evil, and my dad played his part in saving the world.

If I had done something like that, I'd be proud, too, I reckon.

But when I look at these objects, I see more than just some flowers or a ship. I see their faces and I can recall their voices. And at those times, I can talk to my parents. To date, they haven't talked back, but I am not discounting the possibility.

A few weeks ago, an Internet acquaintance of mine lost her father-in-law. Aside from obviously being a good man, he also was an amateur photographer, and one of his photos won third place in a reader's contest for *New Mexico Magazine*.

I saw a copy of the magazine recently and, knowing she lived far outside the publication's circulation area, I e-mailed her and offered to send her a copy.

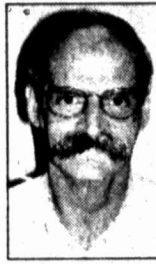
Needless to say, she was more than happy to take me up on my offer.

I'm not writing this to pat myself on the back (well, not too much, anyway), but just to express my relief in not being alone in believing the power of talismans.

They are real. You look at them and time disappears, loved ones are close at hand and happy memories fill the room.

It works for me, and I'm willing to bet it'll work for my acquaintance.

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STEVE REAGAN

## YOUR VIEWS

### Honest people

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I would love to commend three lovely Latino ladies for an act of caring concern for their fellow citizen. Today my daughter left her purse in a basket at Wal-Mart which not only had money, but a couple of credit cards as well. She didn't notice until she

arrived home, then she immediately returned to look for it to no avail.

While she was gone, an older model pickup pulled into our driveway. I didn't recognize the occupants, so I stepped out on the porch. A lady exited the truck stating, "Does a Kim Walters live here?" Without hesitating, I answered "Yes, but she's not here right now,

she left her purse at Wal-Mart and she returned to look for it."

I went closer to the vehicle and noticed two lovely teen girls smiling back at me. She then handed me my daughter's purse and stated they found it in a basket and wanted to return it.

Everything was there, and my daughter was

estatic. I was so happy that I don't think I expressed my gratitude enough. I didn't get their names but I think this deserves to be printed.

They'll know it's about them. I am so proud more are still honest people in this world, and most importantly, in Big Spring.

SUSAN CONNER  
BIG SPRING

# A better U.S.-Canada relationship?

Canadian voters will do what they'll do Monday, but if Stephen Harper, leader of the Conservative Party, emerges as the prime minister-elect, an unwritten book will have opened for Ottawa and Washington.

Relations between the United States and Canada have deteriorated badly in recent years and every American engaged with Canada knows it.

It would be an "opportunity to open a new chapter — especially if the results are clear-cut," says Dwight Mason, retired deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa. A majority government, he says, would be taken much more seriously in Washington.

Another American expert on Canada said a change of government in Ottawa would offer the hope "Canadian leaders would be talking to us" rather than "shouting across the border."

These revealing words may explain why Canadian concerns — and Canadian politicians — are now mainly invisible in Washington.

This bilateral low-point is a mixed bag for Stephen Harper. Washington knows what it doesn't like in Prime Minister Paul Martin and his Liberals. By default, Harper and his Conservatives offer new promise.

In Canada, though, making out with the Bushies is a potential kiss of death.

I talked to a few Canada watchers in Washington and there will be a session at the Center of International and Strategic Studies in Washington on the elections and their meaning.

Examining the likelihood of a changing of the guard in Ottawa, the local experts take nothing for granted. They want to see if Harper can deliver friendlier poli-

cies or whether political considerations will force him to keep a certain distance.

Dwight Mason raised one such possibility. "What," he says, "if Harper wins without Quebec?" Were that to happen, I reckon Harper would have to spend his political capital on holding Canada together and leave him little room for warming up relations with the United States.

The concerns may be overstated. In my eyes, the glass is half-full. Canada will muddle through, no matter who wins.

As to Canada's relations with the United States, my often-stated position remains unchanged. Canada has every reason to be the closest ally and no reason whatsoever to look for a "Third Option" or a France-Germany-Russia Axis, as former prime ministers Pierre Trudeau and Jean Chretien fantasized and angled for.

I believe in geography and history. The United States and Canada share a continent and Americans have not encroached on a scrap of Canadian territory — all previous conflicts having been with Great Britain.

Nor do I sweat angst because the United States is bigger, richer and infinitely more powerful than Canada. Americans are not panting for Canada, and notions that they do make me laugh.

Some in the Canadian media recently asserted that Washington is desperate for Canada's help with its national missile defense system. That's as hilarious as the deep-seated belief among Canadians that they're God's own peacekeepers on earth.

Americans don't need Canada for missile defense and, for decades, Canada has been in the basement league of U.N. peacekeepers.

That never stopped Canadian

smugness, sanctimony and compulsion to lecture. Obnoxious no matter who shows them. Jean Chretien distilled these traits as "Canadian values" and Prime Minister Paul Martin is peddling this snake oil while America-bashing in his desperate bid for re-election.

He proved the point a month ago when he blasted the United States at the Kyoto global warming conference in Montreal.

For him, it may have seemed like good election politics. For Washington, it was another case of galling hypocrisy because "greenhouse gas" pollution levels are falling in the United States but rising in Canada.

A Conservative government in Ottawa could offer an opening for better bilateral relations, but Stephen Harper walk through it alone. President Bush must do his part and he could start by honoring obligations under the North American Free Trade Agreement and World Trade Organization treaties, which the United States negotiated and ratified.

The Bush administration is holding \$5 billion of Canadian money and refuses to return it to its rightful owners. This cash was collected as duties imposed on Canadian softwood lumber exporters. In repeated decisions, NAFTA and the WTO have ruled these duties illegal.

Return the money, Mr. Bush. Return the money with interest. That's what you need to write a new and hopeful chapter in the U.S.-Canada history book of relations.

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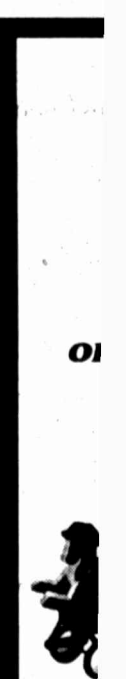
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# In-house bonding on agenda

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will revisit the idea of an in-house bonding program when they hold their regular meeting at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom.

The county-run program, proponents believe, would alleviate the overcrowding problem at the county jail, but several area bail bondsmen are opposed to the idea, saying it needs to be explored in greater detail.

Earlier this month, commissioners appointed a committee to explore the idea. Commissioner

and committee member Gary Simer said at the time that the idea could benefit both the county and area bail bondsmen as well.

"This program will change the rules where we'll be able to put these people out with ankle bracelets on," Simer said. "But someone has to bond them out, so there will be 25 to 30 people right off the bat that will need to be bonded out, so it ought to increase (bail bondsmen's) business."

The program, which was first pitched to county officials Dec. 20 by Midland County's Pretrial Bonding Administrator Tim Long

and a pair of Midland district judges, would offer prisoners a "second chance" to bond-out, hopefully taking a bite out of the jail population.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- Appointment of a board of directors for the Senior Citizens Center.

- A report from County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom on progress toward a joint election date for county political entities.

- Personnel matters and office supply bids.

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# Fire slows search for miners

MELVILLE, W. Va. (AP) — Intense heat from an underground fire slowed rescue crews and threatened to collapse part of a mine as the search for two missing miners passed 41 1/2 hours Saturday — the time it had taken to find the 12 miners trapped in the Sago Mine less than three weeks earlier.

Nineteen miners had escaped after a conveyor belt caught fire inside the Alma No. 1 mine Thursday evening, but two others never made it out.

Saturday afternoon, there had still been no contact with the missing men. Crews drilled into

the mine and pounded on a steel drill bit, hoping to hear some response, but none came, said Jesse Cole, with the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration. A camera and a microphone lowered into the hole detected no sign of them, he said.

"We are still very much in rescue mode," Gov. Joe Manchin said.

He said 40 rescue workers were inside the mine, and officials hoped to get the fire under control so they could reach previously inaccessible areas of the sprawling complex. The intensity of the heat and smoke had blocked the teams from getting

beyond the burning conveyor belt, said Doug Conaway, director of the state's Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training.

"Part of the problem ... with the fire is we are having roof falls," Conaway said. "The heat from the fire is deteriorating the roof."

For the first time since the fire broke out, the governor on Saturday publicly identified the two missing men: Don Israel Bragg, 33, and Ellery "Elvis" Hatfield, 47. Both are fathers, have more than a decade of mining experience and have worked for in the Alma mine for five years.

# Pakistan: Airstrike cannot be repeated

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's president told a senior U.S. official Saturday that the airstrike on a Pakistani village last week cannot be repeated, a foreign ministry official said.

Gen. Pervez Musharraf also assured U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns Pakistan would not waver in its support for Washington's war on terrorism, the foreign ministry official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record.

The comments were the first publicized reaction by Musharraf to the Jan. 13 attack on the village of Damadola that apparently targeted but missed Ayman al-Zawahri, al-Qaida's No. 2.

Musharraf met Burns at his office in Rawalpindi, a garrison city near the capital Islamabad.

The strike last week on three homes in the Bajur tribal region village is believed to have killed at

least four of al-Zawahri's close associates and at least 13 civilians, including women and children. The village is close to the border with Afghanistan.

The official said Musharraf told Burns: "What happened in Bajur must not be repeated."

Pakistan is a key ally of the United States in its war on terrorism, but it has lodged a protest with the United States over the airstrikes that have angered many in this Islamic nation.

Officials say Egyptian master bombmaker Midhat Mursi may be among the four al-Zawahri associates killed in the strike.

Mursi has a \$5 million bounty on his head and is on the FBI's list of most wanted terrorists.

The Pakistan and U.S. governments, however, have not confirmed the identity or nationality of any slain al-Qaida suspects.

Pakistan has only said four or five foreign terrorists were killed

in the attack, and their bodies were taken away by their companions. Authorities here say they were looking for the graves of the dead militants.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz told reporters in New York on Friday that there was no "tangible evidence" that any extremists had gathered in Damadola.

On Saturday, two Pakistani intelligence officials told The Associated Press that the attack targeted one of the homes where al-Zawahri had met Abu Farraj al-Libbi, the then al-Qaida No. 3, last year.

Al-Libbi, who twice tried to assassinate Musharraf over Pakistan's alliance with the United States, was captured last May after a shootout in another remote hamlet in northwestern Pakistan.

After his arrest in Pakistan, he was eventually turned over to Washington.



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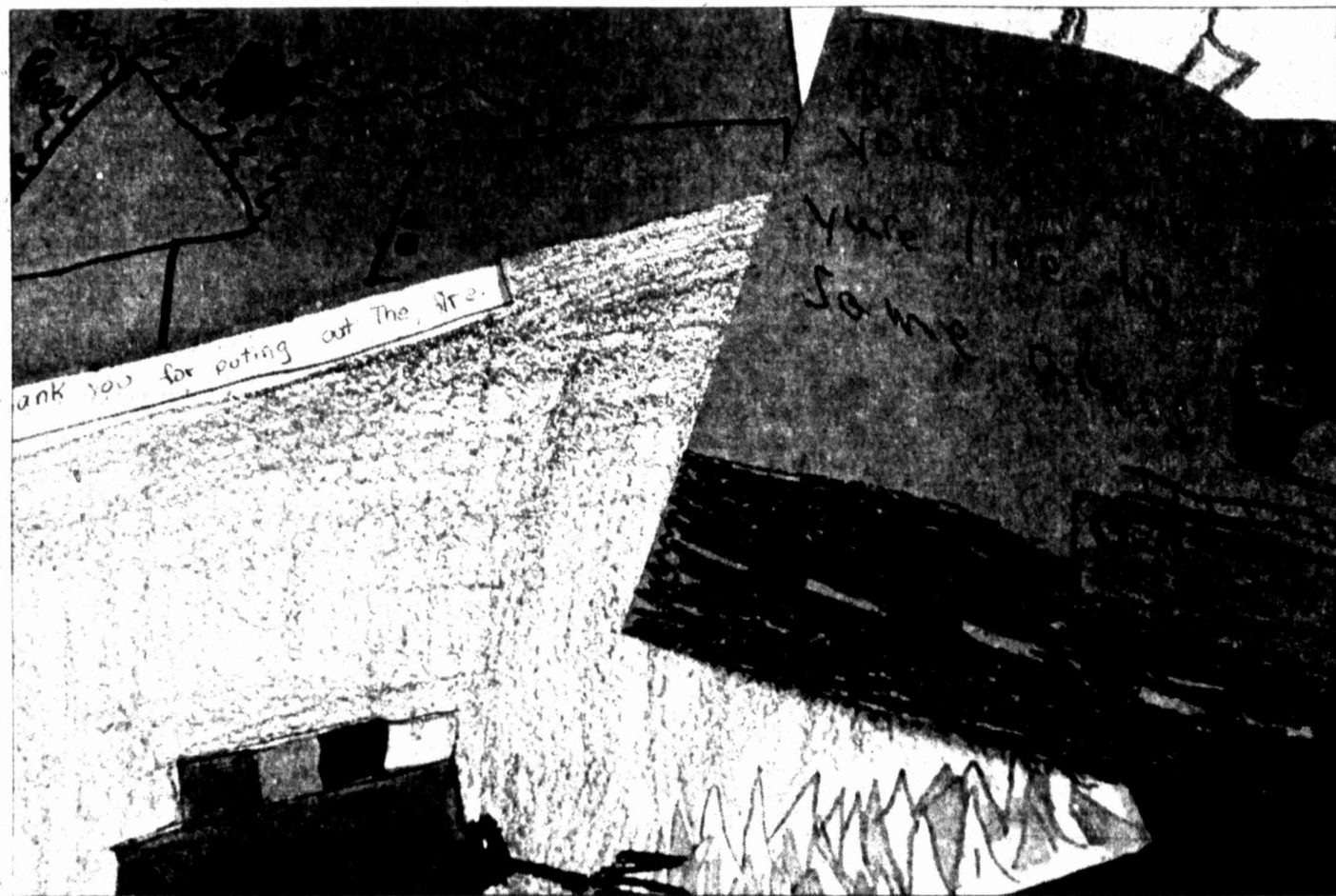
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Japan beef ban has producers upset and angry

LUBBOCK (AP) — As Japan halted imports of U.S. beef because of mad cow fears, angry cattle producers worried about the threat to their industry with the loss of the nation's largest overseas beef market.

With the market closed just six weeks after Japan lifted a two-year ban on American beef, some U.S. producers were angry with the New York meat-packing plant that shipped spinal column bone tissue — a mad cow disease risk, Asian countries say — in a shipment of veal.

"They shouldn't have done it," said Tim Wilhelm, part owner of the Tullia Livestock Auction and a cattle producer in the Texas

Panhandle. "I can't believe they did that. They need to be more careful."

The news angered producers at Harris Ranch in Coalinga, Calif., which says it sent the first shipment of U.S. beef to Japan six weeks ago.

Kathleen Kelley, a rancher from Meeker, Colo., and a member of R-CALF Stockgrowers of America, said the incident suggests that enforcement by the Agriculture Department is inadequate.

"We've said for a long time that we have to live by high standards, that it's our future," Kelley said. "We can't continue down this path or we're not going to have an industry."

Educators put their names on the ballot

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Fed up with inaction at the Capitol, at least 27 frustrated Texas educators are running for the state Legislature this year in an attempt to push along school funding reforms that have eluded other lawmakers.

"They were not happy with the debate and some of the bills that came out, so they're showing their irritation ... by running for the Legislature," political consultant Bill Miller said. "It's the great American way — if you don't like it, change it."

Both Republican and Democratic educators — former and current teachers, principals and school board members — have filed for places on the March 7 primary ballots. Most say they want to oust incumbents they blame for bungled attempts to resolve the state's education problems.

Since 2003, lawmakers have tried to find new ways to fund the state's \$33 billion public school system so that it's less reliant on property taxes. Despite two regular legislative sessions and three special sessions, lawmakers were unable to agree on new money sources for Texas' 1,037 school districts.

A group of school systems sued over the funding formula, and the Texas Supreme Court ruled last year that the state's dependence on local property taxes to pay for public schools was unconstitutional and ordered lawmakers to devise a new system by June 1. Republican Gov. Rick Perry is expected to call another special session this spring, likely after the primary election.

"Voters around here are eager for a change," said Mike Alberts, a Republican teacher from the East Texas town of Troup who hopes to oust Democratic Rep. Chuck Hopson of Jacksonville. Alberts teaches 7th through 12th-grade history at a small rural school. "Texas has an education problem and we need an educator" to fix it, Alberts said. "I want to go and be a voice for our schools."

Powerful legislators facing opposition from educators include Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, who led school reform efforts as chairman of the House Public Education Committee.

He's being challenged by Republican Diane Patrick, a former State Board of Education member.

Rep. Jim Pitts, a Waxahachie Republican

who heads the House budget-writing panel, faces a GOP primary challenge from Duke Burge, vice president of the Midlothian school board.

"Education is ground zero. It's in play in an unprecedented number of primary races," said Richard Kouri, a lobbyist for the Texas State Teachers Association. "A lot of that is in response to what hasn't happened."

For many teachers, what hasn't happened in the Legislature is a fully funded pension system, sustained health care benefits and pay that matches the national average.

Legislative leaders blamed their failures on advocates for the state's 295,000 teachers. Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick said reform efforts failed when superintendents launched an attack on the House proposal.

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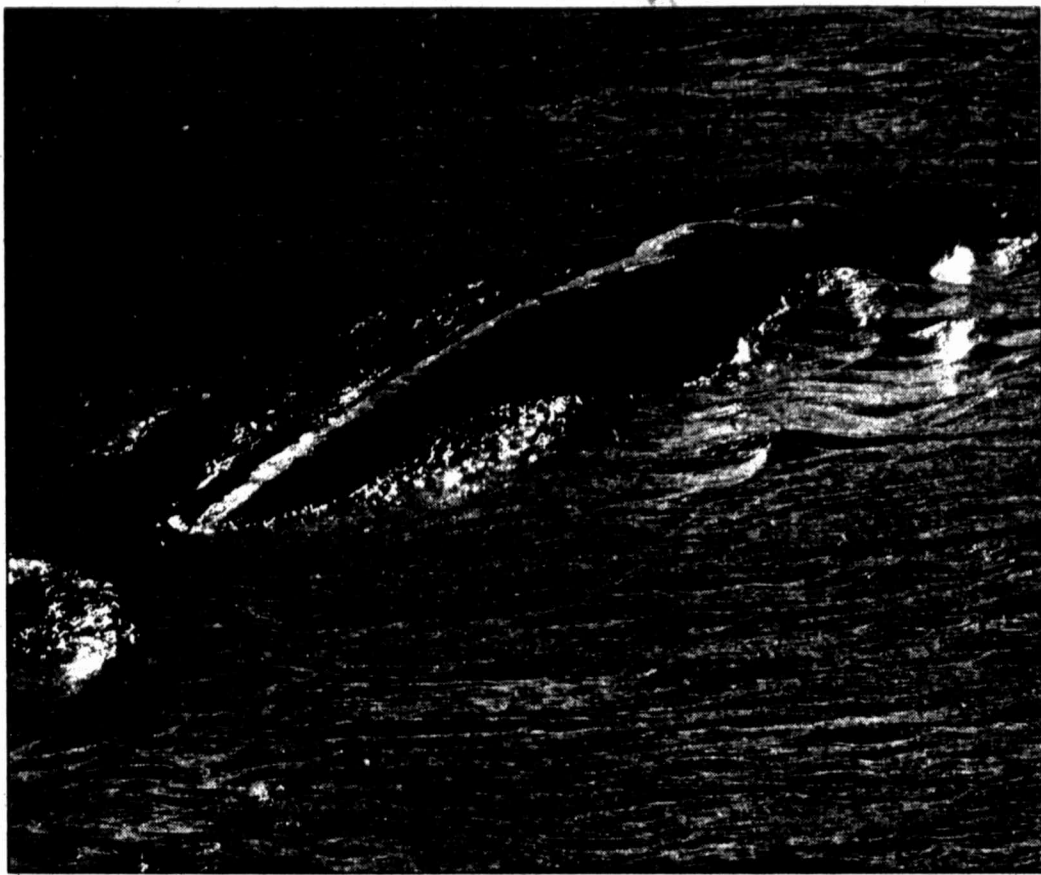
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### LONG WAY FROM HOME



A whale is spotted in the River Thames near Blackfriars Bridge, central London, Friday, January 20, 2006.

## Muslim group in Iraq to plead for release of kidnapped journalist

**By SAMEER N. YACOUB**  
Associated Press Writer  
BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. Muslim advocacy group arrived in Baghdad on Saturday to plead for the release of American hostage Jill Carroll, while an Iraqi official urged American forces to free six detained Iraqi women in a bid to save the journalist.

A deadline set by kidnapers, who threatened to kill Carroll unless U.S. forces released all Iraqi women in military custody, passed late Friday with no word on her fate. A delegation from the Council on American-Islamic Relations flew to Baghdad from neighboring Jordan in a bid to drum up momentum for Carroll's release. The 28-year-old was abducted Jan. 7 in a tough west Baghdad neighborhood.

"We are the only people who have come from outside of Iraq to call for Jill's release and we are very hopeful they will hear our message on behalf of American

Muslims," Nihad Awad, the group's executive director said at Baghdad International Airport. "Harming her will do (the kidnapers) no good at all. The only way is to release her."

Also Saturday, Deputy Justice Minister Busho Ibrahim Ali said Iraqi authorities have asked U.S. authorities to release six of the nine Iraqi women in U.S. military custody.

"I am making some contacts with the American side to hasten their release because this action might help hastening the release of the kidnapped journalist," Ali told The Associated Press.

Ali said he expected the detained women to be freed Monday or Tuesday, though he stressed their releases were not being arranged as part of an exchange for Carroll.

The U.S. military, which has confirmed it has nine Iraqi women in detention on suspicion of terrorism-related activi-

ties, has declined to comment on whether any were soon to be freed.

American policy is not to negotiate with kidnapers, but U.S. hostage situation specialists are chasing multiple leads to secure Carroll's freedom, including talks with Sunni Arab politicians who may have links to the insurgency.

Circumstances surrounding Carroll's abduction are murky. Since her abduction, the freelance reporter for the Christian Science Monitor newspaper has been seen only in footage obtained and aired by Al-Jazeera TV station Tuesday.

Her kidnapers, identified as a previously unknown group called "The Revenge Brigade," set a 72-hour deadline Tuesday for the Iraqi women to be freed or they would kill the reporter.

More than 240 foreigners have been taken captive since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, and at least 39 have been killed.

## Eleven indicted in arson conspiracy

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Eleven people have been indicted in a decade-long arson conspiracy involving scores of fires across the West that were blamed on the radical groups Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front, prosecutors announced Friday.

The 65-count indictment said the suspects were responsible for 17 incidents in five Western states in a conspiracy that dates back to 1996. The indictment was returned Thursday by a federal grand jury in Eugene, Ore., and unsealed Friday.

U.S. Attorney Karin Immergut, the chief federal prosecutor in Oregon whose office led the investigation, said the indictment resulted from "more than nine years of relentless investigation ... that finally allowed us to crack 17 cases that appeared as if they would go down in history unsolved."

Eight defendants have been arrested. Three people remain at large, and are believed to be outside the United States, according to a statement from the Justice Department.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said the indictment "tells a story

of four-and-a-half years of arson, vandalism, violence and destruction claimed to have been executed on behalf of the Animal Liberation Front or Earth Liberation Front, extremist movements known to support acts of domestic terrorism."

The suspects used improvised incendiary devices made from 5-gallon plastic buckets, milk jugs, petroleum products and homemade timers in a series of arsons from 1996 through 2001 in Oregon, Wyoming, Washington state, California, and Colorado, according to the indictment.

The targets included U.S. Forest Service ranger stations, Bureau of Land Management wild horse facilities, meat processing companies, lumber companies, a high-tension power line, a University of Washington horticulture station and a ski area in Colorado.

Responsibility for the crimes was claimed by either the Earth Liberation Front or the Animal Liberation Front. The two groups have said they are not terrorists because they do not seek to harm anyone.

In Eugene, two defen-

dants, Jonathan Christopher Mark Paul, 39, and Suzanne Nicole "India" Savoie, 28, were both ordered held without bail, pending further hearings.

A criminal complaint filed in federal court in Eugene accused Paul, a firefighter, of setting fire-bombs that burned down a horse slaughterhouse in 1997. The ALF claimed responsibility for that fire, which caused an estimated \$1 million in damage.

Savoie, who works in a group home for the developmentally disabled, is accused of serving as a lookout for a fire in 2001 that destroyed offices of a lumber mill. The ELF claimed responsibility for that fire.

The suspects range in age from their late 20s to late 30s. Some are college students.

The other defendants are Joseph Dibee, Chelsea Dawn Gerlach, Sarah Kendall Harvey, Daniel McGowan, Stanislas Meyerhoff, Josephine Overaker, Rebecca Rubin, Darren Todd Thurston and Kevin Tubbs.

Dibee, Overaker and Rubin have not been arrested. The other six were arrested in December.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of Howard College will hold a public hearing to receive public input in regard to the following proposed changes to the current trustee election system.

1) **Proposed Change to the Voting System:** Howard College is proposing a change to the Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting system similar to the Howard County voting system for in-person voters during Early voting and on Election Day. Hand counted "Paper Ballots" will still be used for Early Voting by Mail and Provisional Ballots. Under the current system, Howard College uses a hand counted "Paper Ballot" voting system.

2) **Proposed Change in the Election Day Joint Polling Place:** For Election Day voting, the following entities are proposing to move the Joint Polling Place for the City of Big Spring, the Big Spring Independent School District, and Howard College elections to the Foyer of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at the corner of Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Texas. Under the current system, the Joint Polling Place for the above three entities is located at the Cafeteria of the Big Spring High School, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas.

3) **Proposed Change To Contract for Election Services:** Howard College is proposing to contract with the Howard County Elections Administrator for all future elections.

A public hearing is scheduled for the above changes on Monday, January 23, 2006, at the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, corner of Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Texas, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees will receive public comments regarding changes in the trustee election system.

### AVISO PUBLICO

La Junta Directiva de Howard College llevara a cabo una audiencia publica para recibir la entrada publica en respeto a los siguientes cambios propuestos por el directivo para el sistema corriente de votacion.


1) **El Cambio Propuesto para el Sistema Electoral:** Howard College propone un cambio para el sistema de votacion Directo Registrando Electronico (DRE) parecido al sistema electoral de Howard County para electores que votan en persona en el Dia de Eleccion y durante el Voto Temprano. Todavia se usaran Balotas de Papel contadas por mano para la persona que votan Temprano y pro Correo y Balotas Provisionales. Bajo el sistema corriente, Howard College usa el sistema de votar Balotas de Papel contadas por mano.

2) **Cambio Propuesto en el Dia de Eleccion Junta Encuestando Lugar:** Para votar en el Dia de Eleccion, las siguientes entidades estan haciendo una proposicion a mover el Lugar de Junta Encuestada para la Ciudad de Big Spring, el Distrito Independiente de la escuela de Big Spring, y Howard College Elecciones al Foyer del Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, localizadas en la esquina de Birdwell Lane y Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Tejas. Bajo el sistema actual, la Junta Encuestando Lugar para los tres entidades arriba esta ubicado en la Cafeteria de la Escuela Big Spring High, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Tejas.

3) **Para Contratar los Servicios para la Eleccion:** Howard propone contratar con el Administrador de Elecciones de Howard County para todas las elecciones futuras.

Una audiencia publica esta programada para los cambios arriba en lunes, 23 en enero, 2006, en el East Room del Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, en la esquina de Birdwell Lane y Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Tejas, empezando a las 12:30 p.m. La Junta Directiva recibira comentarios publicos.

**January 2006 Employee of the Month:**  
*Sherrie Palomino*



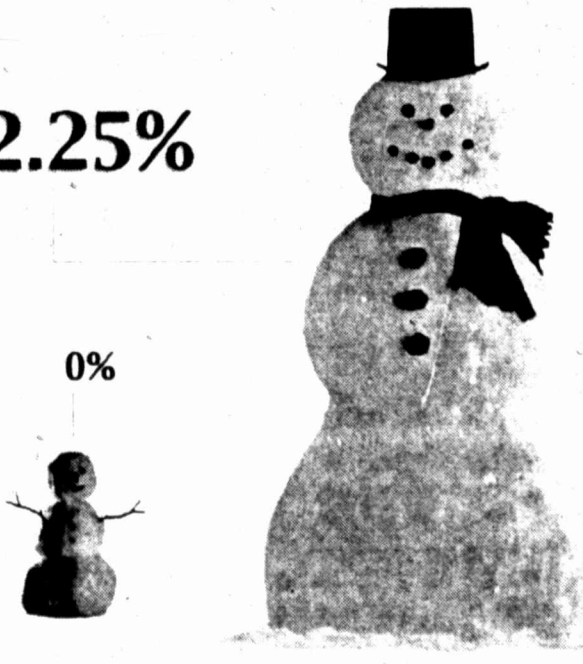
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# From the Earth to Pluto: Craft begins decade-long journey

By ROBYN SHELTON

The Orlando Sentinel  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The fastest spacecraft ever created is speeding toward the solar system's most distant planet, where it will study Pluto, its moon and the vast collection of icy objects in the nearby Kuiper Belt.

A Lockheed Martin Atlas V rocket blasted off Thursday at 2 p.m. EST from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, launching New Horizons on the start of its 3-billion-mile journey.

When the piano-sized spacecraft broke free of Earth's gravity less than an hour later, it was traveling at 36,000 mph.

It took a record nine hours to pass the Earth's moon, a destination that once took several days to reach. It will whiz past Mars in three months and giant Jupiter in a little more than a year.

Even so, the craft will take nearly a decade to reach Pluto.

If all goes well, New Horizons will fly near the planet in July 2015, collecting detailed imagery and data on the only uncharted world in the solar system.

The launch was delayed for almost an hour by low clouds. But the skies cleared in time for the 20-story Atlas to bolt from its launchpad with enough force to trigger a chorus of car alarms at Kennedy Space Center.

Alan Stern, a New Horizons scientist, tapped his chest over the heart and said he got a lot of exercise "right here" during the final minutes of the countdown. The Atlas V rocket performed flawlessly, setting the \$700-million New Horizons mission on course.

"The spacecraft is

where it needs to be and going at the right speed and in the right direction," said NASA launch manager Omar Baez.

The flight was witnessed by 93-year-old Patricia Tombaugh, the widow of astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered Pluto in 1930. Stern said some of Tombaugh's ashes were tucked aboard the spacecraft in tribute.

Though it will take years to reach its destination, New Horizons already has persevered through decades of false starts and budget cuts that stymied NASA's earlier plans to explore Pluto. New Horizons took shape only after the National Academy of Sciences ranked Pluto and the Kuiper Belt as high scientific priorities.

Astronomers say the outer solar system — kept in a deep freeze at its great distance from the sun — holds remnants from the birth of the solar system and, as such, could provide clues to its earliest days. The Kuiper Belt, where Pluto itself resides, is littered with chunks of ice and rock that never quite developed into planets.

These embryonic worlds could teach scientists much about the development of Earth and its neighbors.

"We think a lot of secrets about the formation and evolution of the solar system will be found there," said Hal Weaver, New Horizons project scientist.

On its way to Pluto, New Horizons will swing by Jupiter early next year and get a boost in speed from the massive planet's gravity. Scientists plan to test some of the craft's science instruments during the maneuver by col-

lecting data from Jupiter and perhaps some of its moons. The specifics will be planned as it draws closer.

But mostly, the spacecraft will remain in electronic hibernation during its long trip, coming to life in the last few months before reaching the frigid edge of the solar system.

The spacecraft carries seven instruments to examine Pluto and its moon Charon. Those instruments will take images, gather temperature data and identify the components of their atmospheres and surfaces.

The science will be done on a drive-by basis, as New Horizons zooms within 5,500 miles of the planet, then later as it speeds by Charon at a more distant 16,000 miles.

Its work will be powered by 24 pounds of radioactive plutonium, which provides heat through its

natural decay that is converted into electricity. At peak, the plutonium will generate about 200 watts of energy, with each instrument requiring no more power than what is needed to brighten a nightlight.

Anti-nuclear advocates opposed the mission, saying a launch accident could vaporize some of the deadly plutonium into the atmosphere. NASA and the Department of Energy had put the chance of a plutonium release during a mishap at 1 in 350, and the DOE dispersed teams with radiation monitoring equipment throughout Brevard County in the event of an emergency.

The successful launch caps an eventful week for NASA, which also celebrated the return to Earth on Sunday of its Stardust spacecraft that collected debris from a comet.

That mission is just one

of NASA's current robotic explorations, which includes the spacecraft Cassini's ongoing reconnaissance of Saturn, its rings and some of its moons; and two rovers on the surface of Mars, dubbed Spirit and Opportunity, which still are gathering data two years after their arrival on the Red Planet.

With the science community invigorated by the launch of New Horizons, Stern predicted earlier this week that more exploration into the distant corners of the solar system is inevitable.

"We're going farther to reach our target and we're traveling faster than any spacecraft ever has. This is a little bit about leadership, a little bit about re-writing the textbooks about the outer planets," said Stern, who is with the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo.



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A Lockheed Martin Atlas V rocket carrying the New Horizons spacecraft lifts off from Launch Complex 41 at Cape Canaveral.

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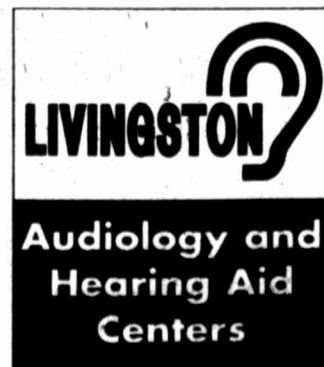
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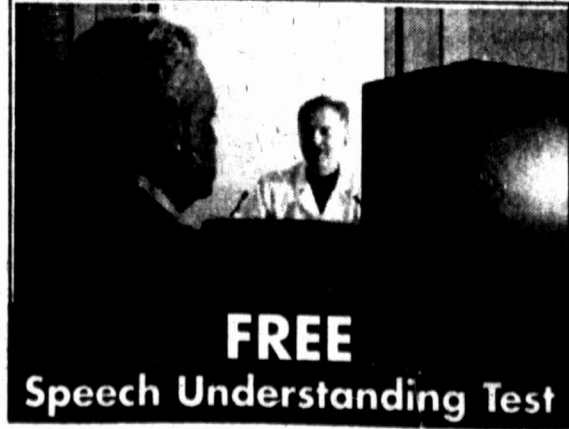
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### IN BRIEF

#### Garrand match set for Sportsman Club

The Western Sportsman Club will be hosting a M1 Garrand match Sunday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m. at the club range nine miles out on the Andrews highway (Highway 176). For more information, contact 263-1345.

#### Hingis takes big step in comeback at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Martina Hingis took another step in her Grand Slam comeback with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Iveta Benesova before stifling heat forced play indoors Saturday at the Australian Open.

Third-seeded Amelie Mauresmo was leading Michaela Krajicek 6-2 in the following match when the 17-year-old Dutch player withdrew because of heat stress.

Second-seeded Kim Clijsters beat Italy's Roberta Vinci in 44 minutes.

No. 12 Dominik Hrbaty beat Igor Andreev 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in 3 hours, 31 minutes, and Argentina's Juan Ignacio Chela, who ousted No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt in the second round, defeated Kristof Vliegen.

No. 25 Sebastien Grosjean upset No. 6 Guillermo Coria.

#### Mavericks roll past Brand, Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki had 26 points and 11 rebounds, and Dallas got Clippers leading scorer Elton Brand in early foul trouble as the Mavericks downed the Clippers, 101-81, Friday.

Six players scored in double figures for the Mavericks, who extended their winning streak to four games. They also improved their road record to 15-6 after setting a franchise record last season with a 29-12 road mark.

Sam Cassell scored 23 points for the Clippers, who went 7 minutes, 6 seconds between field goals in the fourth quarter. Brand, who came in as the only player in the league among the top 10 in scoring and rebounding, finished with 19 points and 10 boards.

#### McGrady leads Rockets to OT win

CHICAGO (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored 35 points, including the tying shot at the end of regulation and the go-ahead 3-pointer in the second overtime, to lead Houston over Chicago, 109-108, Friday.

After missing five games with back spasms, McGrady hit a 3 with 42 seconds left in the second overtime to break a tie.

McGrady was 13-of-29 as the Rockets (13-25) snapped a seven-game losing streak.

## Big Spring struggles against rival at Plainview

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
PLAINVIEW — The Big Spring basketball teams had rough games on the road Friday against District 4-4A rival Plainview.

The Lady Steers fell to the Lady Bulldogs, 62-31, while the Steers, who were coming off a huge emotional win against Frenship Tuesday, got

knocked down, 105-52.

#### Big Spring girls 31 Plainview girls 62

The Lady Steers dropped to 0-5 in district play Friday with a loss against Plainview.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out early, taking a 19-4 lead after one quarter and then put it in cruise control after that. Plainview won the second

quarter, 15-6, and outscored the Lady Steers, 28-21, in the second half.

Mallory Dunn led Big Spring (3-26) with 10 points. Plainview improved to 16-10 overall and 5-0 in District 4-4A.

#### Big Spring boys 52 Plainview boys 105

The Steers couldn't stop the Bulldogs from racking

up the points Friday. Plainview jumped out to a 39-11 lead after one quarter and won the second quarter, 29-9. The second half was better as Big Spring won the fourth quarter, 18-15.

Senior Matt Hilario and sophomore Jason Walker each scored eight points to lead Big Spring, which dropped to 8-15 overall and 1-2 in district play.

The girls will start the second run through of District 4-4A play Tuesday as the Lady Steers travel to Lake View.

The boys will take on Lake View for the first time this year. The Chiefs have just one win on the season. The girls game will tipoff at 6:30 p.m., while the boys game will begin around 8 p.m.

## Bearkats cruise to 5-0 start

#### Garden City boys score 88 points in win over Klondike

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
GARDEN CITY — The 17th-ranked Garden City boys basketball team improved to 5-0 inside of District 7-A play Friday after rolling past Klondike, 88-29.

The Bearkats scored 80 points from inside the lane and were able to score easy layups off pressure defense from their guards.

"The defense generated easy offense for us tonight," said Garden City head coach Koby Abney. "We won't ever stop playing defense."

The Bearkats were led by senior Cory Multer and junior Taylor Niehues, who each scored 22 points on the night, but six players scored at least eight points in the game.

"Our balanced scoring has been the main reason why we have been successful this year," said Abney. "If one guy is not scoring like normal, the other guys know they have to step it up and make shots."

The Bearkats scored the

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Garden City junior Colton Schwartz, right, defends a shot from a Klondike player Friday in Garden City. The Bearkats remained undefeated in District 7-A with an easy victory.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Garden City sophomore Lyza Lopez goes up for a shot inside the lane during the Lady Kats' win over rival Klondike Friday night. Lopez finished with seven points.

## G.C. girls grab control of 7-A

#### Lady Kats cruise past rival Klondike in Garden City

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
GARDEN CITY — The Lady Kats of Garden City finished the first run of District 7-A play with another victory Friday as they improved to 20-6 overall, taking down Klondike, 57-40.

Garden City finished with balanced scoring for the third straight game and are in great position for a run at the district title after starting 5-0.

"We were on the other end of the spectrum last season as we tried to catch Klondike and Grady after the first run through," said Garden City head coach Brent Kirkland. "We haven't won anything yet. The games will only get tougher from now on."

The Lady Kats jumped out quickly in the game, scoring the game's first nine points behind the inside scoring of juniors K'Lann Niehues and Lauren Plagens. Garden City would eventually lead 16-10 after the first quarter.

Niehues, junior Erin Hirt and junior Marissa Schwartz highlighted the second period.

Niehues scored four more points on two easy layups, Hirt connected on three 3-pointers and Schwartz added seven points in the quarter as she hit two layups and scored on a 3-point play. Garden City led 38-20 at halftime.

"The balanced scoring is great," said Kirkland. "Everyone usually tries to stop Erin, but some other players are starting to step up and are coming along for us."

There wasn't much scoring in the third quarter for either team. Garden City won the period, 9-6, however. Niehues started the quarter

with another layup and senior Tracy Eggemeyer connected from downtown moments later. The final four points were scored on back-to-back jumpers from sophomore Lyza Lopez.

"We tried to tire them down by shuffling in a bunch of players and I think it worked to our advantage in the first half," said Kirkland.

Dawson was able to put points on the board in the final frame, but it wasn't enough to get the win. Niehues added four more points in the fourth as Garden City went on to win by 17 points after a fourth-

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Courtesy photo/Tommy Wells  
Coahoma senior Liz Conley looks for a teammate during action against rival Colorado City Friday. The Bulldogettes improved to 5-0 in District 4-2A with a 36-21 win.

## Coahoma girls earn another 4-2A win

By TOMMY WELLS

Special to the Herald  
COLORADO CITY — Freshman Lacy Sterling scored 11 points and senior Kali Roberts added nine more Friday night as the Coahoma Bulldogettes weathered a late offensive slump en route to claiming a 36-21 victory over rival Colorado City High School at "The Pit."

With the victory, Coahoma improved its season record to 15-10 and, more importantly, remained atop the District 4-2A standings at

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## Buffaloes battle through pace, claim close win over McCamey

#### Lady Badgers march past Lady Buffaloes

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
MCCAMEY — The Forsan Varsity teams were in district action Friday night against the McCamey Badgers. In a game that tried their

patience, the Buffaloes came out on top, 29-24.

The Lady Buffaloes could not find the defensive intensity and lost 59-31.

In an odd strategy, down 7-6, McCamey began to run the spread offense attempting to run time of the clock as play began in the 1st quarter.

The Buffaloes stayed patient and capitalized on turnovers, never losing the lead.

The Badgers never wavered from their objective as they continued to play keep away deep into the fourth quarter. The game plan seemed to pay

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first 17 points in the game and led 27-5 after the first quarter. Multer scored 10 points in the period before picking up his third foul early in the second quarter. Niehues added three layups in the period and junior Alex Halfmann also scored six points on three layups.

With Multer forced to sit on the bench with three fouls, junior Colton Schwartz stepped it up inside, scoring all eight of his points on four straight possessions to start the second frame. Halfmann added six more points on three layups and the Bearkats led 50-13 at the break.

"The best thing about being up by this many points is that it gives our bench players a lot more minutes than they are accustomed to getting," said Abney.

The Cougars scored just four points in the third quarter. The first basket came after Garden City began the period with 14 straight points. The Bearkats also ended the quarter on an 8-0 run. Multer scored 12 points from inside the lane in the quarter, while Niehues and senior Shaun Maxie added six



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Garden City Junior Jason Flores, left, fights for a loose ball against Klondike Friday in Garden City. The Bearkats won the game, 88-29, and remained unbeaten in league play.

points. "If we can continue to hold teams to 40 points or less then this team will find a way to score 40 points," said Abney.

The Bearkats, who improved to 16-4 on the season, got outscored 12-10 in the final period. Niehues scored eight of the team's 10 points and Halfmann added a layup.

Following Multer and Niehues' 22 points, Halfmann scored 13,

Maxie added 10, sophomore Bo Eggemeyer scored nine and Schwartz pitched in eight.

"We've managed to win some games on the road this year and its been nice, but the rest of the league isn't just going to roll over," said Abney. "We do this five more times and we'll hang up Garden City's first-ever district championship banner."

Despite being 5-0 in league play, Abney would

still like to improve on a few things during the second half of the district season.

"We need to make our free throws, shoot the ball better and continue to play great defense," he said. "The poor free throw shooting hasn't hurt us yet and hopefully it won't."

Garden City will begin the second run through of district play Tuesday in Dawson. The game is set to begin at around 8 p.m.

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the midway point of the loop race with an unblemished 5-0 mark.

"We played pretty well in the first half, and even in the third quarter," said first-year head coach Chris Sumrall. "We knew they (Colorado City) were



a w fully quick and if we could defend their guards it would make life a lot easier. I think our defense stepped up and played really well."

Defensively, Coahoma turned in a gem. The Bulldogettes limited Colorado City to just four shots from the field in the first 16 minutes of the contest.

That was more than enough spark to fuel the CHS attack.

Roberts helped the Bulldogettes get off to a quick start. She poured in seven points in the first period and spearheaded a run that took Coahoma into the second holding an 11-3 advantage.

Colorado City, which recently snapped a two-year district losing streak, briefly battled its

way back in the second. The Lady Wolves pulled to within 15-7 midway through the frame on a short jumper from Brittany Hill.

Sophomore Christie Rich made sure that was Colorado City's swan song. The CHS standout highlighted a 7-0 run over a four minute span by scoring five unanswered

points and building the Coahoma lead to 22-9. Senior Sterling Gee also contributed to the run, scoring late in the frame. Rich finished the game with seven points.

Coahoma, thanks to seven points from Sterling, stretched its lead to 33-16 in the third with an 11-5 run.

The Bulldogettes, despite going more than seven minutes without a basket in the fourth quarter, easily salted the game away from there.

Janice Gonzales registered Coahoma's only points of the final eight minutes by knocking down a 3-pointer with 28 seconds left.

The Bulldogettes will begin the second half of district play Tuesday at home against Hawley with tipoff set for 6:30 p.m.

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quarter deficit of 14-10. "The kids know the games aren't over just because we have beaten everyone in our district," said Kirkland. "We still need to show up and play every night. Anyone is capable of beating us."

Niehues led Garden City with 14 points, while Hirt and Plogens each scored nine. Lopez and Schwartz scored seven points apiece, as well.

"They held Erin tonight from scoring points, but she distributed the ball well and was diving all over the ground for loose balls," said Kirkland. "They are trying to stop her, but we are getting scoring from others."

Klondike was led by McKenzie Gregory's 14 points. Gregory made just one shot from the floor, but connected on 12 free throws.

The Lady Kats will take a two-game lead into the second district rotation. They are two games ahead of Klondike and Grady.

**Friday's area winners**

- G.C. girls 47, Klondike 30
- G.C. boys 88, Klondike
- Coahoma girls 36, C-City 21
- Forsan boys 29, McCamey 24
- Grady boys 62, Dawson 41
- Grady girls 61, Dawson 42



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Garden City Junior Erin Hirt passes the ball to a teammate Friday against Klondike during the Lady Kats' 17-point victory.

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off as the Badgers moved within two with one minute left in regulation. However, Jeremy Johnson was able to convert a 3-point play after being fouled, giving the Buffs a five-point cushion.

With McCamey unable to score the rest of the way, the lead was enough to secure the win. Forsan improved to 18-4 overall

with the win and 3-1 in District 8-A play.

Jeremy Johnson was high scorer with 30 points.

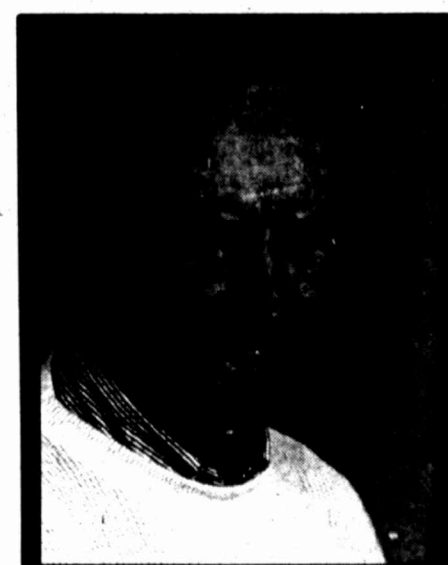
**Forsan girls 31  
McCamey girls 59**

In girls action, the Lady Buffs were unable to keep pace with the Lady Badgers offense, falling 59-31. Alyssa Hodnett led all Lady Buffs scorers with 12 points.

The Forsan teams will take on the Iraan Braves next Tuesday night at home.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
The Howard College men's top-ranked basketball team visited Marcy Elementary School Friday morning and talked a little about this year's squad. The students at Marcy will be welcomed to the Hawks' next home game free of charge. The game — which has been named Marcy Elementary Night — will take place Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum against No. 13 Midland.



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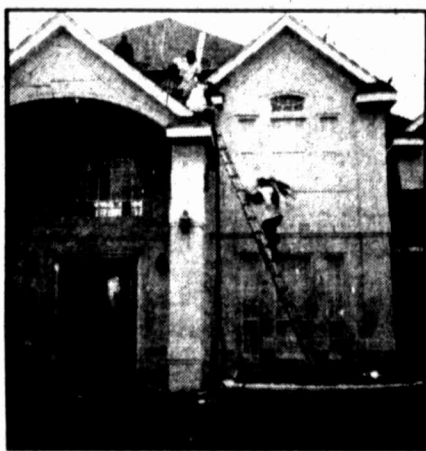
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# Coahoma offense continues to struggle in loss to Wolves

• Bulldogs drop to 0-3 in District 4-2A after loss to rival C-City

By TOMMY WELLS

Special to the Herald  
COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Wolves used a dominating inside game from senior posts Henry Reyna and Cyrus Goodman Friday night to claim a 40-22 victory over the Coahoma Bulldogs in a matchup of perennial district powers.

Reyna scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, while Goodman pumped in six points and had eight boards en route to helping the Wolves improve to 3-0 in District 4-2A play. Coahoma slipped to 0-3.

The Bulldogs, who picked up solid outings from Kamrun Green and Patrick Croft, managed to give Colorado City all it wanted in the early minutes of the contest. After the Wolves had raced out to a quick, 8-3 lead, Coahoma used a pair of late baskets from Green to pull to within 10-8 at the start of the second period.

The Bulldogs' fortunes



Courtesy photo/Tommy Wells  
Coahoma junior Curt Lang, right, tries to dribble past Colorado City's Cody Avalos during District 4-2A action in Colorado City Friday night. The Wolves took down Coahoma and grabbed hold of first place in the district.

didn't go as well in the second. Colorado City scored the first eight points of the frame and rolled to an 18-10 cushion before Coahoma's Stephen Ewing managed to end the run. The Wolves, who improved to 11-14 overall, outscored Coahoma by a 12-4 margin in the second and carried a 22-12 lead into the half.

Coahoma saw its deficit grow to 14 in the third period. The Wolves put

together a 7-3 mark in the frame and took a 29-15 advantage into the final eight minutes.

Coahoma managed to rebound offensively in the fourth. The Bulldogs scored seven points in the frame — six in the final two minutes. Green and Croft each finished the game with six points.

Coahoma, now 7-16 for the season and 0-3 in loop play, will return to action Tuesday when it hosts the Hawley Bearcats at 8 p.m.



# Bryan named 2005 Golf Pro of Year

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
Local golf pro Larry Bryan was honored recently as the 2005 Golf Professional of the Year for the West Texas Chapter.

The award, which Bryan has won twice, is given annually to an individual who demonstrates outstanding service to their chapter, section and the Association, along with performance in his or her job and promotion of golf. The award is based on the person's entire record and not solely on achievements during the current year.

"It's a great honor when you are recognized by your peers," said Bryan, who has been the president of the West Texas chapter the past two years. "It means a lot."

The selection process for the award consists of peer voting and reviewing the written information submitted by the candidate.

Bryan graduated high school from Midland Lee and finished up his college education at Abilene Christian, where he was a two-time all-American golfer and an academic all-American. Abilene Christian took third at the national tournament

during Bryan's senior year.

He became the golf pro at the Big Spring Country Club in 1997 after starting as an assistant pro at Ranchland Hills in Midland.

Bryan also said local golfer C.G. Griffin, who was the golf pro in Big Spring back in the 1970s, won the Distinguished Service award for this past year. Griffin is a lifetime member of the Professional Golfers Association and a current member at the Big Spring Country Club.

"It's quite an honor," said Bryan. "That's a big one."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of Howard College will hold a public hearing to receive public input in regard to the following proposed changes to the current trustee election system.

1) **Proposed Change to the Voting System:** Howard College is proposing a change to the Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting system similar to the Howard County voting system for in-person voters during Early voting and on Election Day. Hand counted "Paper Ballots" will still be used for Early Voting by Mail and Provisional Ballots. Under the current system, Howard College uses a hand counted "Paper Ballot" voting system.

2) **Proposed Change To Contract for Election Services:** Howard College is proposing to contract with the Howard County Elections Administrator for all future elections, and to give the Elections Administrator the authority to hold joint elections with the Forsan Independent School District and the City of Forsan.

A public hearing is scheduled for the above changes on Monday, January 23, 2006, at the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, corner of Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Texas, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees will receive public comments regarding changes in the trustee election system.

## AVISO PUBLICO

La Junta Directiva de Howard College llevara a cabo una audiencia publica para recibir la entrada publica en respeto a los siguientes cambios propuestos por el directivo para el sistema corriente de votacion.

1) **El Cambio Propuesto para el Sistema Electoral:** Howard College propone un cambio para el sistema de votacion Directo Registrando Electronico (DRE) parecido al sistema electoral de Howard County para electores que votan en persona en el Dia de Eleccion y durante el Voto Temprano. Todavia se usaran Balotas de Papel contadas por mano para la persona que votan Temprano y pro Correo y Balotas Provisionales. Bajo el sistema corriente, Howard College usa el sistema de votar Balotas de Papel contadas por mano.

2) **Para Contratar los Servicios para la Eleccion:** Howard propone contratar con el Administrador el Elecciones de Howard County para todas las elecciones futuras y para celebrar elecciones comunes con el districtor Independiente de la escuela de Forsan y la ciudad de Forsan.

Una audiencia publica esta programada para los cambios arriba en lunes, 23 en enero, 2006, en el East Room del Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, en la esquina de Birdwell Lane y Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Tejas, empezando a las 12:30 p.m. La Junta Directiva recibira comentarios publicos. La Junta Directiva recibira comentarios publicos respecto a cambios en el sistema de la elecciones de la Junta Directiva.

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# Forsan JV improves to 14-0

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
**MCCAMEY** — The Forsan JV teams traveled to McCamey last night, with the boys team improving their record to 14-0 and the girls squad falling short in a come-from-behind bid.

The boys defeated McCamey, 46-37, on the strength of Jeremy Robbin's 17-point effort. Blake Grantham also contributed 13 points in the win.

The JV girls cut into a 20-point deficit in the 2nd half, pulling to within four, but falling just shy

of the comeback, 40-36. The ladies were lead by Sandi Golleher's 16 points. Alyx Pappajohn and Faith Belew added seven and six points, respectively.

The Forsan JV teams will continue district play when they host the Iraan Braves Tuesday night.

# Grady wins two against rival

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

**WELCH** — Both Grady basketball teams improved their District 7-A records Friday night as the Lady Cats downed rival Dawson, 61-42, and the Wildcats ran past the Dragons, 62-41.

**Grady girls 61**

**Dawson girls 42**

Kelsi Howard's monster game helped improve the Lady Cats to 13-10 overall and 3-2 in district play as Grady ran away with a road win over Dawson.

Grady led by three after the first quarter before pulling ahead by 13 at

halftime, following a 19-9 second quarter advantage. Dawson outscored Grady in the third quarter, 17-12, but the Lady Cats rolled in the fourth period with, outscoring the Lady Dragons, 19-8.

Howard had a career-high 26 points and added 15 rebounds and five assists.

**Grady boys 62**

**Dawson boys 41**

Balanced scoring and a big third quarter helped the Wildcats prevail against rival Dawson on the road as Grady (12-10, 3-2) won by 21.

The Wildcats led by six

after one quarter and then grabbed a 28-21 lead at halftime before outscoring the Dragons, 19-8, in the third period.

Sophomore Justin Tubbs led all scorers with 17 points. Josh Pugh added 10 points, while Jonathan Tunnell, Brody Pinkerton and Clay Mitchell all scored nine and Tommylee Rivas put in eight.

Both Dawson teams dropped to 1-4 in District 7-A play. Both Grady teams will host Borden County Tuesday. The girls tipoff at 6:30 p.m., while the boys will begin around 8 p.m.

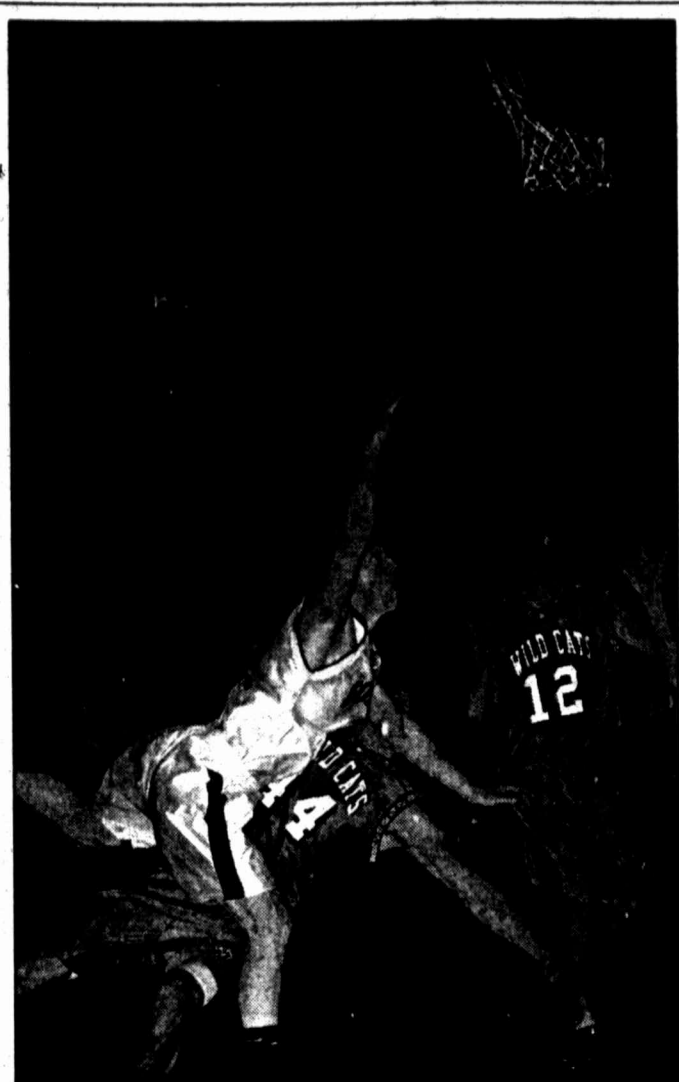
# Ginobili injured in S.A. win

MIAMI (AP) — San Antonio guard Manu Ginobili was carried into the locker room by teammates after spraining his right ankle in the third quarter of the Spurs' game against Miami Friday night.

"He'll be out a while, that's for sure," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said after his team beat Miami 101-94. "He sprained it pretty good. It's not broken, but it's sprained pretty good."

Ginobili drove the lane and tumbled awkwardly with 8:59 left in the period, then rolled over and immediately began grabbing the ankle. X-rays were taken and the team said he'd be re-evaluated Saturday.

Ginobili missed eight games earlier this season with a sprained right foot, plus two others in early December with a sprained right ankle.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Forsan senior Tye Baker draws contact with a Wink defender last Tuesday. The Buffs defeated McCamey Friday and improved to 3-1 in District 8-A play.

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<p>2005 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - White w/Leather, All Power, Only 9,000 Miles. <b>Was \$30,995</b> <b>NOW \$28,995</b></p> <p>2005 Ford Mustang - Red Fire Clearcoat, V-6, Automatic, Sport Pkg., Spoiler, All Power, CD, 13,000 Miles. <b>Was \$21,995</b> <b>NOW \$20,995</b></p> <p>2005 Ford Taurus SEL - Silver Frost, All Power, Keyless Entry, Anti Lock Brakes, Moonroof, 18,000 Miles. <b>Was \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2005 Ford Taurus SEL - Merlot Clearcoat, All Power, Keyless Entry, Anti Lock Brakes, Moonroof, 15,000 Miles. <b>Was \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2005 Ford Taurus SE - Silver Frost, All Power, Moonroof, Keyless Entry, Antilock Brakes, 13,000 Miles. <b>Was \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2005 Ford Focus ZX4 SE 4-DR. - Cloud 9 White Clearcoat, Automatic, Air, Speed Control, All Power, Tilt, 20,000 Miles. <b>Was \$13,995</b> <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>2005 Ford Focus ZX4 SE 4-DR. - Silver Clearcoat, All Power, Automatic, Tilt, Speed Control, 14,000 Miles. <b>Was \$13,995</b> <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>2005 Ford Focus ZX4 SE 4-DR. - Arizona Beige, Automatic, Tilt, Cruise, 13,000 Miles. <b>Was \$13,995</b> <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>2004 Ford Freestar S Van - Gray, All Power, 4,000 Miles. <b>Was \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p>	<p>2001 Ford Crown Victoria L.S. - Silver w/Cloth, All Power, One Owner w/40,000 Miles. <b>Was \$11,995</b> <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>2001 Pontiac Grand Prix 4-DR. - Silver, V-6, All Power. <b>Was \$8,995</b> <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>2000 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Silver w/Leather, Locally Owned w/45,000 Miles. Has New Michelins!! <b>Was \$15,995</b> <b>NOW \$13,995</b></p>	<p>2003 Ford Explorer XLS - Arizona Beige w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner. <b>Was \$13,995</b> <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford Escape XLT - Red, V-6, All Power, Local One Owner w/50,000 Miles. <b>Was \$17,995</b> <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter, w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles. <b>Was \$21,995</b> <b>NOW \$20,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Explorer - Silver w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/49,000 Miles. <b>Was \$17,995</b> <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2002 Cadillac Escalade AWD - Sandstone w/Leather, Fully Loaded, Local One Owner w/40,000 Miles. <b>Was \$32,995</b> <b>NOW \$29,995</b></p> <p>2002 GMC Yukon XL SLT 4X4 - Red, Leather, All Power, OnStar, Local One Owner. <b>Was \$20,995</b> <b>NOW \$19,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - White/Silver, All Power, Local One Owner w/51,000 Miles. <b>Was \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2001 Lincoln Navigator 4X4 - White, Leather, All Power, One Owner. <b>Was \$20,995</b> <b>NOW \$18,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Explorer Spt 4X4 2-DR. - Blue, All Power, w/57,000 Miles. <b>Was \$12,995</b> <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - White w/Cloth, All Power. <b>Was \$12,995</b> <b>NOW \$9,995</b></p> <p>2000 Chevrolet Suburban LT 4X4 - Black w/Leather, All Power, One owner w/73,000 Miles. <b>Was \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>1999 Dodge Durango - Silver w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/Only 57,000 Miles. <b>Was \$12,995</b> <b>NOW \$11,995</b></p> <p>1999 GMC Suburban - Tan w/Leather, All Power. <b>Was \$12,995</b> <b>NOW \$9,995</b></p> <p>1997 Ford Expedition XLT 4X4 - Silver w/Leather, All Power, One Owner. <b>Was \$9,995</b> <b>NOW \$8,995</b></p>
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<p>2004 Ford GT Convertible - Silver w/Black Top, Silver Leather, Anniversary Edition, All Power, automatic, One Owner w/34,000 Miles, 4.6 V-8. <b>Was \$21,995</b> <b>NOW \$20,995</b></p> <p>2004 Chevrolet Cavalier L.S. - White, Automatic, All Power, One Owner w/22,000 Miles. <b>Was \$9,995</b> <b>NOW \$8,995</b></p> <p>2003 Dodge Neon SE 4-DR. - White, One Owner w/68,000 Miles. <b>Was \$8,995</b> <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>2003 Toyota Avalon XL - Seafoam Green, All Power, One Owner w/43,000 Miles. <b>Was \$21,995</b> <b>NOW \$19,995</b></p> <p>2003 Cadillac DeVille 4-DR. - White w/Leather, All Options, Local One Owner w/43,000 Miles. <b>Was \$23,995</b> <b>NOW \$22,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Focus SVT Hatchback - Black, Leather, 6 Speed, Local One Owner w/60,000 Miles. <b>Was \$11,995</b> <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Taurus SES - Arizona Beige, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/49,000 Miles. <b>Was \$11,995</b> <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>2001 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. - White, w/Leather, All Power, One Owner w/62,000 Miles. <b>Was \$11,995</b> <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p>	<p>2001 Ford F150 Supercab STX 4X4 - Yellow w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/33,000 Miles. <b>Was \$25,995</b> <b>NOW \$24,995</b></p> <p>2004 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4-DR. - Blue/Arizona Beige, Tan Leather, 5.4 V-8, All Power, Local One Owner w/36,000 Miles. <b>Was \$24,995</b> <b>NOW \$24,995</b></p> <p>2004 Dodge Ram 3500 Quad Cab - Silver, 5.9 V-8, All Power, Local One Owner w/36,000 Miles. <b>Was \$30,995</b> <b>NOW \$29,995</b></p> <p>2003 Chevrolet Avalanche Z-66 - Dk. Gray, Cloth, XM Radio, OnStar, Local One Owner w/36,000 Miles. <b>Was \$24,995</b> <b>NOW \$22,995</b></p> <p>2003 Chevrolet C1500 Ext. Cab Silverado - Blue, Cloth, All Power, Extra Clean. <b>Was \$11,995</b> <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4X4 - Blue/Silver, 5.4 V-8, All Power, Local One Owner, w/46,000 Miles. <b>Was \$23,995</b> <b>NOW \$22,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford F350 Crew Cab Lariat 4X4 Diesel - Black/Arizona Beige, Tan Leather, One Owner. <b>Was \$22,995</b> <b>NOW \$21,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - White, V-8, All Power, One Owner w/70,000 Miles. <b>Was \$14,995</b> <b>NOW \$13,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Tan, V-8, Cloth, All Power. <b>Was \$13,995</b> <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT V-10 - Red, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner, w/79,000 Miles. <b>Was \$16,995</b> <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>1999 Chevrolet Classic C1500 Ext. Cab L.S. - Pewter, 350 V-8, All Power, Local One Owner w/56,000 Miles. <b>Was \$12,995</b> <b>NOW \$11,995</b></p> <p>1998 Nissan Frontier Kign Cab XE - Tan, 5 Speed, 4 Cyl., Air, 45,000 Miles. <b>Was \$9,995</b> <b>NOW \$8,995</b></p>	<p>2005 Chevrolet Tahoe L.S. - White w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/12,000 Miles. <b>Was \$26,995</b> <b>NOW \$25,995</b></p> <p>2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Red/Tan, Leather, DVD, Power 3rd Row Seat, Dual Air/Heat, One Owner w/46,000 Miles. <b>Was \$30,995</b> <b>NOW \$29,995</b></p> <p>2003 Chevrolet Tahoe L.S. - Black, All Power, Dual Air/Heat, One Owner. <b>Was \$19,995</b> <b>NOW \$18,995</b></p>
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\*\*\* TRUCKS \*\*\*

2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - White w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/49,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2002 Cadillac Escalade AWD - Sandstone w/Leather, Fully Loaded, Local One Owner w/40,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2002 GMC Yukon XL SLT 4X4 - Red, Leather, All Power, OnStar, Local One Owner. **SOLD**

2001 Ford Explorer Spt 4X4 2-DR. - Blue, All Power, w/57,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2001 Lincoln Navigator 4X4 - White, Leather, All Power, One Owner. **SOLD**

2001 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - White w/Cloth, All Power. **SOLD**

2000 Chevrolet Suburban LT 4X4 - Black w/Leather, All Power, One owner w/73,000 Miles. **SOLD**

1999 Dodge Durango - Silver w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/Only 57,000 Miles. **SOLD**

1999 GMC Suburban - Tan w/Leather, All Power. **SOLD**

1997 Ford Expedition XLT 4X4 - Silver w/Leather, All Power, One Owner. **SOLD**

\*\*\* VANS \*\*\*

2003 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - Blue, V-6, All Power, 54,000 Miles.  
**Was \$14,995** **NOW \$13,995**

2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, Fully Loaded, One Owner w/58,000 Miles.  
**Was \$15,995** **NOW \$13,995**

2003 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - Blue, V6, All Power, 54,000 Miles.  
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Fans of Big Spring's own Crimson Soul heard great news this week.

They are appearing in concert at Municipal Auditorium Jan. 28 as part of their new CD release "Time Stands Still."

"This new CD is really what we are about, who we are, our style, our message. One hundred percent of what we do is about our faith, to glorify God, but we offer songs that relate to everyone," said Crimson Soul's guitarist and lead vocalist Brandon Tant.

Presented by Scars Entertainment, Jim Koerber, president of the record company, said the group — 18-year-old Tant, his 22-year-old drumming brother Ryan and 19-year-old bass player Burke Atkerson — has fared well in Dallas and is ready to move forward.

"They strive for excellence in everything they do and they are so excited about this new CD, co-produced by two-time Grammy award winner Ron Schrank. These guys have been getting a lot of attention in Dallas and we really hope to pack the house in Big Spring," Koerber said.

This concert, opening the "On the Run Tour," is the first time Crimson Soul will appear in their hometown since they moved to Dallas, seeking fame and fortune, in the summer of 2005.

Locally, the band performed for several different Battle of the Bands contests over the past several years, winning many times.

But they actually got their start nearly five years ago, as a last minute fill-in for a band at Scars Café in Midland. Brandon is a 2005 graduate of Forsan High School, as is Atkerson. Ryan graduated from FHS in 2002. Sonny and Sharon Tant are the parents of the brothers and Atkerson's parents are Charles and Mary Jo Atkerson, all of Big Spring.

"They were young, 14, 15 and 18 and they had applied to perform in my restaurant and I said no because I did not want the immaturity I expected from a teenage band," Koerber said.

"But when they came to do sound checks, I was so impressed I canceled my trip to Lubbock and stayed to hear them play that night. Then they signed with my record company and we did their first CD, "Shifting Gears," which was something exciting, to have their first CD at 14," he said.

Describing their sound as alternative rock does not detract from the message songwriter Brandon Tant puts in all his lyrics.

A strong man of faith, Tant offers messages of hope in real-life situations, he said.

"We want to get positive music in the hands of ordinary people," he said.

"We are really excited to be kicking our tour off with the release of our new CD in Big Spring. What better place to introduce the CD than in our home town. We are looking forward to seeing our old fans as well as making new fans," said Brandon.

This CD offers 12 original tracks with a bonus track. The music recorded provides the listener with a roller coaster of emotions, from ballads to guitar-driven rock songs, Koerber said.

"Being with Schrank has taken the band to a whole new level of professionalism. Being in Dallas has opened doors for them in many different venues for performance and given them new challenges musically and professionally," Koerber said.

Tickets to the concert are \$10 and are available locally at Bean's World Café or Cowboy's Steakhouse. Tickets will be available at the door the night of the concert, or log on to the Web site, www.crimsonsoul.com.

More information may also be found at www.myspace.com/crimsonsoulrock.

Scars Entertainment, the company presenting the concert, is a collaboration between Koerber, Atkerson and Derek Hobbs.

Contact Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.

Courtesy photos/Tracy Beltran  
Crimson Soul, right, are Burke Atkerson, left, Brandon Tant and Ryan Tant. Also appearing Jan. 28 with Crimson Soul is Levi Smith, below.





## Anniversary

Moore's to celebrate  
50 years of marriage

Jean and R.M. (Jimmy) Moore of Big Spring will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a party with friends and family at the Big Spring Country Club Jan. 28.

The celebration is hosted by their children and features a casino theme.

He was born in Houston and the former Jean Daw was born in Jay, Fla.

They met at church and were married Jan. 27, 1956 in the Salvation Army Citadel.

They have four children, Debi Gazzale of Navarre, Fla., Kathy Henry of Hawley, Penny Owensby of Abilene and Tammy Allen of Big Spring.

They have six grandchildren.

He worked for the Edwards Brothers Ranch and at Texstone as a mason for 34 years.

She was a Big Spring Independent School District school bus driver for 35 years and is a retired real estate agent.

They attend First United Methodist Church, enjoy hunting, fishing, gardening and RVing.

Of their 50 year union, they commented: "Grandchildren are the greatest reward."



Jean and R.M. (Jimmy) Moore today and in 1956.

## Engagement



Shannon Nicole Andre and Andy Mott



Chelsea Ann Helsley and Jeremy Alan Reddin



Megan Caroline Klaus and Brandon Matthew Smith

## Andre, Mott to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Andre and Ms. Jan Andre of McKinney are pleased to announce the engagement of Keith and Jan's daughter, Shannon Nicole to Dr. Andy Mott.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mary Tuggle and the late Grover Tuggle of McKinney.

The groom-to-be is the son of Sara Mott of Midland and Howard Mott of Lubbock.

He is the grandson of Ruth Manuel and the late Kenneth Manuel of Big Spring.

The couple will exchange vows at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 in Playacar, Mexico.

She is a 1996 graduate of McKinney High School.

She earned her bachelor of arts degree from Texas Tech University and her master of science degree from Amberton University.

She works as the Dallas-Fort Worth regional representative for Louisiana State University.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Texas Tech University and his doctorate of chiropractic from Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas.

He recently opened Proactive Chiropractic and Acupuncture in McKinney.

The couple will continue to live in McKinney.

## Helsley, Reddin to wed

Chelsea Ann Helsley and Jeremy Alan Reddin, both of Waco, announce their engagement and intention to marry at 2 p.m. May 27 at First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bruce and Beccie Helsley of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Gene and Anna Helms and the late George and Leona Helsley.

A 2002 Big Spring High School graduate, she received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Baylor University in 2005.

She is employed with

Children's Protective Services in Waco.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mark and Pam Reddin of Nederland.

He is the grandson of Melvin and Virginia Sangwin of Port Arthur and Harold and Dorothy Reddin of Nederland.

He is a senior mechanical engineering student at Baylor University.

## Klaus, Smith to wed

Megan Caroline Klaus of Big Spring and Brandon Matthew Smith of Lubbock announce their engagement and intention to marry at 6 p.m. Feb. 25 at Kokopellis.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronny and Pam Klaus of Big Spring.

The groom-to-be is the son of Dennis and Jobeth Smith of Sparenburg and Jennifer Stewart of Dallas.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of Howard College will hold a public hearing to receive public input in regard to the following proposed changes to the current trustee election system.

1) **Proposed Change to the Voting System:** Howard College is proposing a change to the Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting system similar to the Howard County voting system for in-person voters during Early voting and on Election Day. Hand counted "Paper Ballots" will still be used for Early Voting by Mail and Provisional Ballots. Under the current system, Howard College uses a hand counted "Paper Ballot" voting system.

2) **Proposed Change in the Election Day Joint Polling Place:** For Election Day voting, Howard College is proposing to move the Polling Place for Vincent and Sand Springs elections to the Coahoma Community Center located at 306 North Avenue, Coahoma, Texas. The Coahoma Polling Place will continue to be at the Coahoma Community Center. Under the current system the Coahoma Polling Place is at the Coahoma Community Center, the Vincent Polling Place is at the Vincent Baptist Church, and the Sand Springs Polling Place is at the Sand Springs Community Center.

3) **Proposed Change To Contract for Election Services:** Howard College is proposing to contract with the Howard County Elections Administrator for all future elections, and to give the Elections Administrator the authority to hold joint elections with the Coahoma Independent School District and the City of Coahoma.

A public hearing is scheduled for the above changes on Monday, January 23, 2006, at the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, corner of Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Texas, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees will receive public comments regarding changes in the trustee election system.

## AVISO PUBLICO

La Junta Directiva de Howard College llevara a cabo una audiencia publica para recibir la entrada publica en respeto a los siguientes cambios propuestos por el directivo para el sistema corriente de votacion.

1) **El Cambio Propuesto para el Sistema Electoral:** Howard College propone un cambio para el sistema de votacion Directo Registrando Electronico (DRE) parecido al sistema electoral de Howard County para electores que votan en persona en el Dia de Eleccion y durante el Voto Temprano. Todavia se usaran Balotas de Papel contadas por mano para la persona que votan Temprano y pro Correo y Balotas Provisionales. Bajo el sistema corriente, Howard College usa el sistema de votar Balotas de Papel contadas por mano.

2) **Cambio Propuesto en el Dia de Eleccion Junta Encuestando Lugar:** Para votar en el Dia de Eleccion, las siguientes entidades estan haciendo una proposicion a mover el Lugar de Junta Encuestada para la Ciudad de Vincent y la Ciudad de Sand Springs Elecciones al Centro Comunidad de Coahoma localizado en 306 North Avenue, Coahoma, Tejas. Bajo el sistema actual, la Junta Encuestando Lugar para la Ciudad de Coahoma esta ubicado en el Centro comunidad de Coahoma, la Junta Encuestando Lugar para la Ciudad de Vincent esta ubicado en la iglesia de Bautista de Vincent, y la Junta Encuestando Lugar para la Ciudad de Sand Springs esta ubicado en el Centro Comunidad de Sand Springs.

3) **Para Contratar los Servicios para la Eleccion:** Howard College propone contratar con el Administrador de Elecciones de Howard County para todas las elecciones futuras y para celebrar elecciones comunes con el districto Independiente de la escuela de Coahoma y la ciudad de Coahoma.

Una audiencia publica esta programada para los cambios arriba en lunes, 23 en enero, 2006, en el East Room del Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, en la esquina de Birdwell Lane y Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Tejas, empezando a las 12:30 p.m. La Junta Directiva recibira comentarios publicos. La Junta Directiva recibira comentarios publicos respecto a cambios en el sistema de la eleccion de la Junta Directiva.

**A CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN MUSIC: GEORGE GERSHWIN'S "PORGY AND BESS"** with the Big Spring Symphony Chorus is scheduled for 8 p.m. April 8 in the Municipal Auditorium.

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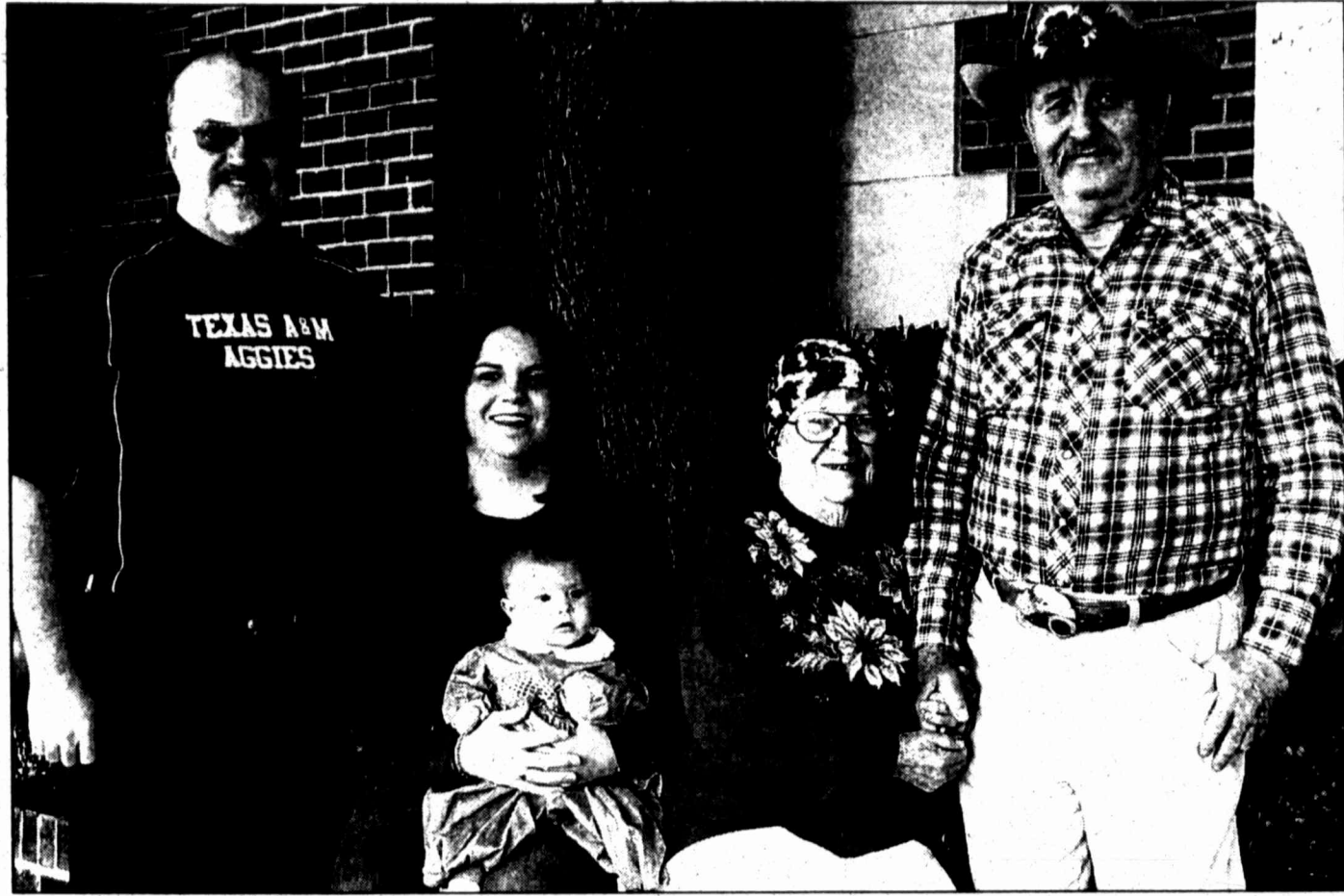
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**FIVE GENERATIONS OF DODDS**



Courtesy photo  
Five generations of the Dodds family gathered in Big Spring recently. From left to right, Dennis Dodds of Greenville, Amanda Mendoza of College Station holding 5-month-old Madison Mendoza, Mamie Lee Dodds, Madison's great-great-grandmother and Arthur Dewey Dodds III, Madison's great-grandfather, both of Big Spring.

**Missing Things**  
by Robert Lowe

Sitting in this place,  
Day after day,  
Looking at every saddened face;  
Not knowing what to say.

Feeling pain and loss  
Families pulled apart,  
Realizing the great cost;  
Of the many destroyed hearts.

Singing a song,  
That makes you cry,  
Missing family all along;  
Remembering them with a sigh.

Memories of lost pets,  
Feelings of depression too,  
Wishing family would return yet;  
To be reunited with you.

A wife away from you,  
Seems like more than enough,  
Wanting to my heart again share too;  
Feeling like the loss is too rough.

We all need Someone,  
No matter whom it is,  
While standing in the noon-day sun;  
Tis' our loved ones we surely miss.

Rob Lowe, a Katrina evacuee now living in Big Spring, wrote this while in a shelter Oct. 14, 2005.

**Births**

**R**iley Jo Reid, a boy, was born Dec. 5, 2005, at 12:28 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long.

His parents are Jody and Tessa Reid of Coahoma. His grandparents are Neal and Paul Henry and Donnie and Darlene Reid.

He was welcomed home by siblings, Reagan and Ryan Reid.



Riley Jo Reid

**E**than Daniel Barker, a boy, was born Dec. 30, 2005, at 10:35 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Kevin and Lauren Barker of Big Spring. His grandparents are George and Debby Hensley of Levelland and Steve and Jeri Barker of Big Spring.

**L**illyAnna Sylvia Hernandez, a girl, was born Jan. 11, 2006, at 4:29 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Tiffany Villareal and Jeremy Hernandez of Big Spring.

Her grandmothers is Elida Cruz and BIRTHA Gutierrez.

She was welcomed home by her sibling, Rayna Nashae Hernandez.

**features policies**  
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2:00 p.m. Women's Basketball Game...Falcon Dome Vs. Southwest Assemblies of God  
4:00 p.m. Men's Basketball Game...Falcon Dome Vs. Southwest Assemblies of God (King and Queen Crowned at Half-time)  
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# Wedding Planner

So the proposal is made and accepted and the date is set. As a bride-to-be assembles those closest to her to help make that important day more memorable, one of the key roles, aside from the top two, is Matron/Maid of Honor. But what duties are expected on a Maid/Matron of Honor, and what is the difference between the two? A matron of honor is a married woman who assumes the role of first attendant, best friend of the bride, while the maid of honor is an unmarried woman stepping into those shoes. However, recent weddings find the role renamed to reflect that the honor and responsibilities may go to the best male friend of the bride, the Male of Honor.

These are some of the tradition duties of a Matron/Maid/Male of Honor:

- Help with details of wedding planning, such as address envelopes, making favors, and going on shopping excursions.
- Pay for her/his own wedding attire.
- Host a shower for the bride, whether alone or with bridesmaids.
- Organize or appoint someone to organize the bachelorette party, if you are having one.
- Help organize the bridesmaids with their fittings.
- Keep all bridesmaids informed of all parties, functions and rehearsals.
- Attend the rehearsal dinner.
- Oversee the bridesmaids in the wedding day by coordinating gowns, make-up, jewelry and flowers.
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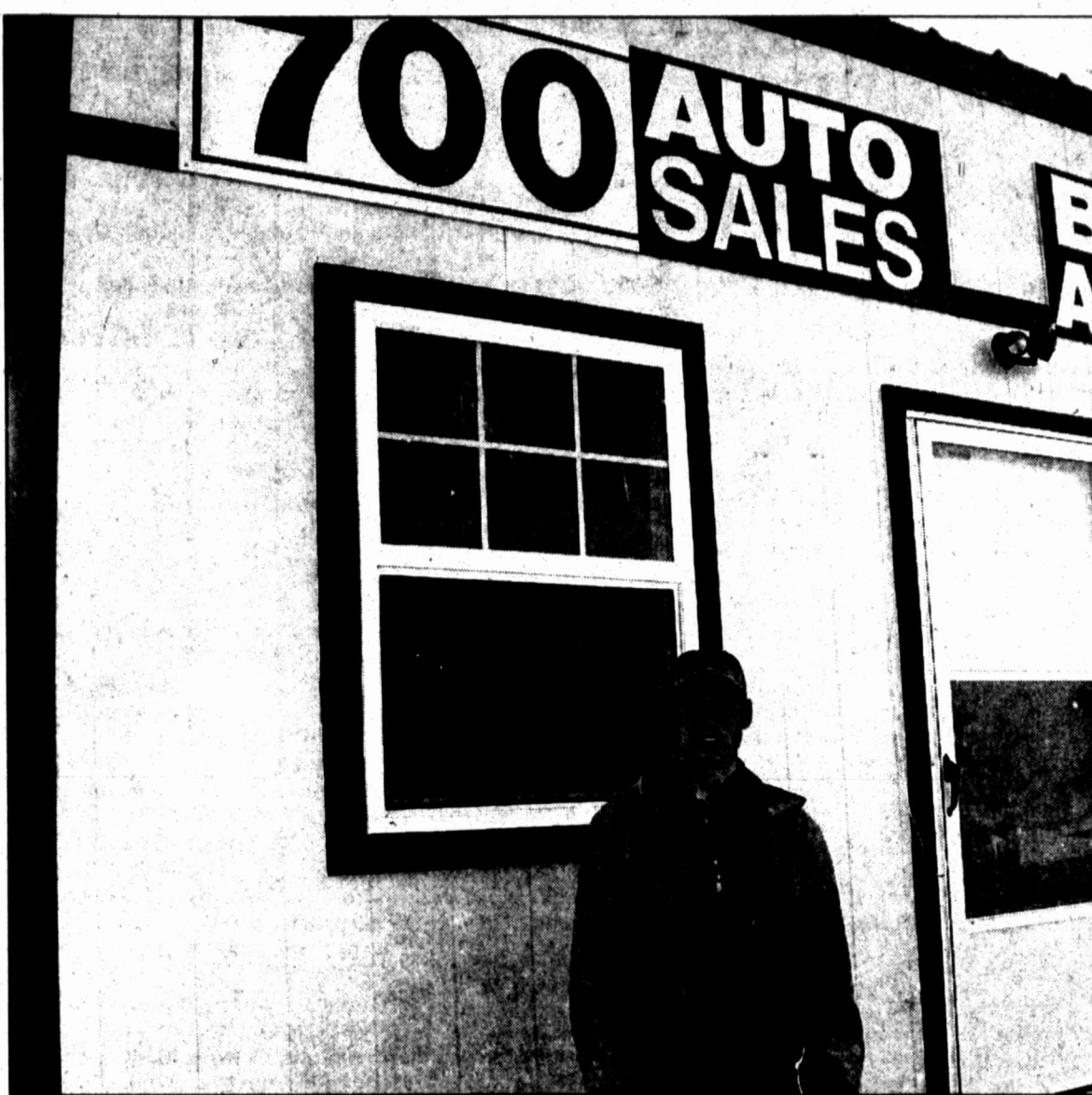
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**Jake Smith, salesman at 700 Auto Sales, will help customers find a vehicle that is right for them. The new business is located at 2900 West FM 700.**

## USDA-NRCS accepting EQIP applications for 2006

Special to the Herald

Farmers and ranchers still have time to apply for Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

USDA cost-share funds have been released earlier this year to give farmers and ranchers more time to make sound decisions regarding conservation practices before planting season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern identified by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

The Howard County USDA Service Center will be accepting EQIP applications for 2006. The deadline for applications on 2006 EQIP funding is Feb. 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before that date

will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Howard County. Last year EQIP funding in Howard County totaled \$280,145.00.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Howard County, these include water quantity on rangeland and soil erosion on cropland. Eligible conservation practices include mechanical brush control on mesquite and cedar, spraying prickly pear, spraying salt cedar, range seeding, prescribed grazing, terraces and waterways.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring or call (432) 267-1871, ext. 3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS Web site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

## ValVerde receives 10M recognition

Debra A. (Debbie) ValVerde, IOM, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recently graduated from Institute for

Organization Management (Institute), a four-year professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, held at the University of Arizona in Tucson. "Chamber Institute is a four-year program. It's a week long once each year and it requires classes everyday from about 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.," said ValVerde. "You get networking time with people from other chambers of commerce and learn what they are doing as well, and I really think that was important for me."



ValVerde

For more than 80 years, associations and chambers have used the U.S. Chamber's Institute as a training platform for the professional development of their future leaders. Participants receive training in leadership, organization manage-

ment competencies, as well as targeted curriculum in membership, technology, and financial management. Graduates of Institute receive the IOM recognition, signifying completion of more than 90 hours of nonprofit study and dedication to the nonprofit profession. Institute students also earn points toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) designations.

The Institute program offered at the University of Arizona is one of five Institute programs held each year at U.S. college campuses. Nearly 1,500 individuals attend Institute annually.

"They taught us a lot, from financials to getting new members and retention, which is very important to our chamber," said ValVerde. "It was good training. I've been asked to go back as a class advisor, and I want to go back to take part in graduate electives."

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## Quality with no hassles: 700 Auto Sales has it all

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
Staff Writer

Clean, honest and no hassles.

Everything you would want in a car lot is available at 700 Auto Sales located at 2900 East FM 700 in Big Spring.

Billy Smith, owner of the newest pre-owned car dealership in town, will offer high quality used cars and trucks at low prices.

"An extended warranty is offered on every vehicle as well as in house financing on some vehicles and bank financing on the rest," said Billy Smith, owner.

The dealership's full service shop will inspect the vehicles to ensure quality before they are available for

purchase.

The extended warranty provides the customer with the opportunity to have vehicle maintenance available as well. The warranty is available for up to four years.

Locals may recognize a familiar face upon visiting the business. Long-time Big Spring pre-owned car dealership owner, John Brenham, is coming out of retirement.

Acting as buyer for the new business, he will be there to help provide the customer with the best pre-owned vehicles available.

Brenham is the former owner of Brenham Auto Sales.

Customers can pick from the variety of cars, SUV's

and trucks on the lot. However, if nothing strikes your fancy or if you are looking for something in particular help is readily accessible.

"We can find just about any vehicle a customer wants," said Jake Smith, salesman.

The dealership is located just east of the Big Spring Mall and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The dealership provides customers a clean, honest, no hassle pre-owned dealership to purchase their used vehicles," said Smith.

For more information on available vehicles or on provided services call 700 Auto Sales at 267-3955.

## Falling down creates new opportunity for ex-patient

By **JAN NORMAN**

The Orange County Register  
SANTA ANA, Calif. — Ron Davenport has learned a lot from falling down.

In 1987, a fall led to the diagnosis of an 8-inch-long, benign tumor on his spine.

During the subsequent hospitalization, he fell again because his hospital-issued nonskid bed socks slid on the floor. That experience led to his invention of Ergo-Sox, which grip, not slip.

During his five-year rehabilitation from the back surgery, Davenport frequently fell while using wheelchairs and relearning to walk with the help of canes.

He came up with dozens of ideas for health devices, including a safety cane-tip that he patented.

Now Davenport has launched Watkins-Witt Group LLC, a research and development company in Tustin, Calif., that is creating health care and safety-related products.

He has assembled an advisory panel of doctors and business people to help him build the company.

The first product to reach market is the Ergo-Sox, which has a fabric top and patent-pending foam sole; Davenport created a subsidiary, Ergo-Sox LLC, to make and distribute the product.

Davenport has yet to earn a

dime from his efforts, which illustrates how many years of careful research, product design and willingness to heed expert advice are required in new-product development.

"My life is making lemonade" — from lemons, of course — says Davenport, a boisterous 49-year-old who laughs frequently and uses the hook of his cane to pull a coffee cart close to his straight-back chair. His work is now starting to bear sweeter fruit.

UCI Medical Center is starting a three-month trial of the Ergo-Sox in January, says Gary Brentlinger, program manager in the acute rehabilitation unit.

Approximately 1,000 patients at the hospital will use the Ergo-Sox instead of a standard terry-cloth sock that has nonskid appliques on one side.

Although the Ergo-Sox's price of about \$15 is about 10 times greater than the other socks, Davenport's footwear may cost significantly less in the long run.

More than a third of adults over the age of 65 fall each year and 5 percent of those falls result in bone fractures, Davenport explains.

Falls are a leading cause of traumatic brain injury and even death among older people.

The cost of treating an injury resulting from a fall is \$19,440. By 2020, the total national cost of fall injuries is projected to be \$43.8 billion.



Ronald Davenport of Tustin, Calif., developed a new hospital bed sock, the Ergo-Sox, to prevent sliding.

Insurance companies are interested in cutting those costs if possible, Davenport says. In addition, hospitals and nursing homes have significant costs because employees hurt themselves trying to catch falling patients.

In UCI Medical Center's test of the Ergo-Sox, "we will look at the impact on (reducing) patient falls and on staff safety," Brentlinger said.

"If it is useful, then we will increase the trial to other areas (of the hospital) as well."

Davenport expects that UCI Medical Center's trial will help

market Ergo-Sox to other UC hospitals and then to other hospitals and nursing homes. In preparation for that, his company is seeking \$175,000 in equity investment to build up inventory.

This marketing approach is slower but is often necessary for a start-up firm without a lot of financial backing, said Irvine, Calif., marketing expert Doug Russo, who has discussed Watkins-Witt Group with Davenport but is not one of his official advisers.

"I like all his ideas because there are a lot of people out

there who are incapacitated," Russo said. "A friend of mine fell in the hospital because of those dumb slippers they give you."

When Davenport dreams of the big picture and the long term, he can envision sales into nonhealth-care markets, such as cruise ships and hotels, where foot comfort is a factor as well as injuries from falls.

The enormous market potential for the Ergo-Sox is a primary reason Davenport is putting all current efforts into that product rather than the cane tip, which he patented first.








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Dear Prudence

Dear Prudence: Some time ago, I met what I thought was a wonderful man...

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He would e-mail me often, and we spoke on the phone. I got to meet part of his family, his staff, friends and clients, and he would share with me top-secret stuff about his work. But just yesterday, one of my friends was leaving through a

year-old magazine and found a picture of him with what we are sure is his wife.

He never told me he was married, and I am horrified that he made me part of something so despicable as an affair. Had I known this, I would have never had anything to do with him. Even more disheartening is that it's possible it will be found out, and our respectable family name will be dragged through the mud in our country.

I believe I deserve an explanation, but I don't know how to go about getting it. My first impulse is to lash out in a harsh manner, but I don't think that's the best way. And if he is recently divorced, why did he not tell me? — Hurt and Confused

Dear Hurt: A good way to get an explanation is to ask for one. Typically, people in a romance disclose details like whether there are ex-spouses or soon-to-be exes. The rats, however, omit information about current

ones. This may be one bit of top-secret information he kept to himself.

Your inamorato may have a perfectly legitimate explanation for the magazine picture, but Prudie doubts it. — Prudie, straightforwardly

Dear Prudence: I don't know where to turn or what to think. While getting my father ready for a nursing home, my older sister and I helped our mother clean out the house. Most of the papers made their way to my house. I read some letters my dad sent my mom, and now I don't know which end is up.

Sis and I were always told that she was premature, having been born seven months after my parents' marriage. That may not be true. If it isn't, that's no big deal by today's standards, and we couldn't care less, but understand why they might want to hide it.

However... my father speaks of "the baby" and doing "what is best for her." My parents, being of different races, were going to face many hardships in their relationship, and biracial children in the early '60s had a hard time.

If this is what happened, do my sister and I have a right (obligation?) to look for our missing sister? This would be a full sibling who could possibly give my sons cousins, and me nieces or nephews, something I sorely miss. My mind says it was before my time and not my decision, but my heart aches for a sister I will likely never know. How do I reconcile all this? — Still the Youngest

Dear Still: If your father is of an age to go into a nursing home, your parents are elderly. The meaning of "doing what is best for the baby" is hard to know without asking your mother.

Prudie thinks you ought to respect your parents' wish to keep the secret. It seems highly unlikely that you would even be able to locate this person, were she actually the first child. If such a person were to find you, that would be a different story.

Do your mother a kindness and don't bring up a piece of the past she obviously wished that you not know about. — Prudie, discreetly

Hi, Prudie: A dear friend and co-worker, "Randi," is planning her wedding. While talking a few days ago, she said she'd decided

who she wanted in the wedding party. She went on to tell me that I am such a good friend, so organized, detail oriented, careful, etc., that she knew she could trust me with certain things on the day of the wedding and wanted me to take the role of "personal attendant."

As she described everything she wanted me to be responsible for, I honestly felt like she'd just punched me in the stomach and I was being penalized for being the most competent of her friends. She said it would be up to me to make sure the wedding party came in on time, the dinner was being served on time, make sure the DJ started every song on cue, make sure "every" aspect of the wedding would go according to schedule.

I'm torn. I love Randi dearly and want to be there for her on her big day, but the more I think about the responsibilities, the more I'm dreading it. I could never ask a friend to take responsibility for all she's asked. I can't help but feel let down. Help! — Truly Disappointed

Dear Tru: There are bridesmaids, and then there are wedding planners. We do not have ladies-in-waiting in this country. Randi is asking far too much of someone who is a bridesmaid. Tell her this is above your pay grade. Well, actually, don't say that, but tell her you do not feel up to the task and you are sorry to disappoint her. — Prudie, reasonably

Dear Prudie: As I was getting ready for bed, my husband's computer started making weirder noises than usual. I turned it off, then back on to make sure it was working. It seemed to be hanging up, so I pushed the refresh button (I thought), but it was actually the history button.

I was surprised to see a number of escort sites in a city that he's visited a lot. I check the cell-phone minutes periodically to make sure we have plenty, and noticed a number of local calls in this city. I checked further, and they were to escort services.

When I confronted my husband, he got very upset and couldn't believe I would think he would do such things. He claimed he looked at a couple porn spam e-mails and they must have set themselves up as favorites. He also claimed he never called the phone numbers in question; he said someone else was doing that.

My questions are: 1) How stupid am I if I believe any of this? 2) Is it possible for someone else to use your cell-phone number to make calls? 3) How likely is it that the history feature would show that one escort site was visited 294 times?

So, I need help in deciphering some of this high-tech stuff about what is and is not possible. It is alarming to believe this of my husband of 30 years, but then, how astounding was it for the woman who found out her husband was the BTK killer? — Shell Shocked

Dear Shell: Prudie is not surprised that your husband was shocked, "shocked" that all these incriminating technical glitches were happening to him.

In answer to your first question, "gullible" is a better word than "stupid." The answer to your second is no; in order to use your cell-phone number, someone would have to use your cell phone. Regarding the third question, it is technically possible due to adware and embedded programs.

However, too many things here spell out e-s-o-r-t e-r-v-i-c-e-s. Your spouse sounds like the man whose wife catches him in bed with another woman, but he denies everything. His challenge to her is, "Who are you going to believe — me or your own eyes?"

Prudie does not know what you would do if you decided your suspicions were correct, but whatever it is, you should probably start doing it. — Prudie, reluctantly

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15 Art style  
16 Frequent flier  
17 Side by side  
18 Motet relative  
19 Muggers  
20 Raspy-sounding  
22 Palmas  
23 Baudolino author  
24 Incentive, so to speak  
25 Close kin  
26 More aloof  
28 Cheer start  
29 Repetitive process  
30 Formed  
32 Takes stock of  
34 Not popularly priced  
36 Oregon, to Yves  
37 Gaddled about  
41 Depletes  
45 They may be high  
46 Extreme  
48 "Some Enchanted Evening" singer  
49 Ballpark figures  
50 Stereo components  
52 Ghent's river  
53 Dundee refusal  
54 Mall tenant

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1 Orange County city  
2 Nightshade family member  
3 Uproar  
4 Festive nights  
5 Latin pronoun  
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7 Helps to understand  
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10 Emergency CB channel  
11 Gathered dust  
12 Emphatic type  
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Bid forms will be available for pick up at the Director of Public Works office, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas. Bid forms can also be mailed upon request by calling (432)264-2501.  
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#4840 January 22 & 29, 2006.

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A Public Sale to satisfy a landlord's lien will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 2:00 PM at Park-N-Lock Storage, 711 West 4th Street, Big Spring, TX. Sale is by sealed bids on entire content of each unit. Seller reserves right to not accept any bid or withdraw property from sale. Property in each unit will be sold by unit. Property being sold includes contents of storage units:  
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#4839 January 15 & 22, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE  
The Local Employee Committee (LEC) of the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) is accepting applications from (IRS 501c3) Health and Human Service charitable organizations, including federations of such organizations, desiring to participate in the Permian Basin 12-county campaign area of the 2006 SECC. Call the current campaign manager at (432)685-7708 for application kits. Applications kits will be provided automatically to organizations that participated in 2005. United Way (or comparable federation) member or service provider agencies applications are due to the respective United Way/ Federation and must be received by March 22, 2006 no later than 5:00 p.m. Other charities' applications and United Way/ Federation applications must be received by the LEC April 5, 2006 no later than 5:00 p.m.  
#4843 January 22, 2006.

This Scorpio moon has a brooding intensity that goes well with creativity, art, literature and music. Try to fit something cultural into your day — you're likely to understand the mind of the artist behind a creation with new clarity and possibly even have a soul-enriching encounter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Face it: Deep down, you're a softy. You can't stand to see a certain person cry or be uncomfortable in any way. Today, you're in luck — you can prevent your loved one from experiencing the world as a harsh place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Cutting junk from your diet keeps your energy and production up — but that's not the only way. Since you're low on willpower and high on intention, another tact is to simply resolve to be electric, charismatic and hugely effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Eleanor Roosevelt once said that no one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Test the theory today. Model confidence, and resist the urge to be defensive toward people who are, well, pretty much idiots.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Step back from what others expect of you, and do what you think is best. Take time to analyze, investigate and sort through. If you're willing to take responsibility, others are willing to give it to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Resolve a tangled situation by placing phone calls. An understanding ear is on the other side, waiting to hear from you. But you should know: Your communication must be super-simple to be understood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You command respect by remaining mysterious. A love prospect will be more interested when you hold back your cards. Also, business requires your complete discretion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The competitive spirit is high, and anticipation of a long-awaited victory has you feeling fidgety. Distractions like sports or a crazy flirtation at work help relieve the tension of a long wait.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a unique talent and an unusual

way of expressing it. If you still don't know what it is and how to show it to the world, the stars are perfectly aligned for you to explore and figure it out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It seems you are ill-adjusted to what is going on in the world around you now — but what if it's not you, it's "them"? The stars suggest you are saner than you feel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Set your sites on your goal, and start chipping away at it. If it's at all possible, it's extremely fortuitous to pay off a debt in full by the end of the week. Leo and Pisces people are your partners in crime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The word that describes you most now is "driven." You've mastered other areas of expertise, and you'll be able to do the same with this new one. One exquisite cheerleader on your team makes a huge difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your success is not entirely yours. Loved ones play their supporting roles brilliantly. So, don't wait for a reason to make loved ones feel special, cherished and important.

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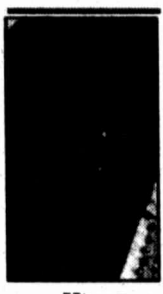
WEEK AHEAD: The Greeks saw Mercury as a gorgeous young messenger of the gods whose winged feet gave him the expediency of FedEx. And like many ambitious young professionals who start in the mailroom of a company to prove their potential, Mercury is overqualified and bored with his status as "mail boy" and, therefore, has a tendency to create mischief. This week, he zips into the eclectic realm of Aquarius, stirring up some zaniness among friends and loved ones in the process. I like to think of Aquarius as the post-modern sign of the zodiac. Being second to last on the zodiac wheel, Aquarius has the energetic qualities of every other sign before it and melds bits of information, experience and resources together in the most unlikely but brilliant ways. Mercury, in this eccentric placement, bodes for strange and exciting advancements in the realm of communication. This is true on a global level in terms of new communication technology — but truer on a personal level. With a little focus, you can develop a fast, effective method of working with

colleagues and loved ones. Little has to be said for much to be communicated. Developing a special "language" fortifies tribal identity and teamwork and strengthens friendly, practical and intimate connections.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Forever in blue jeans" and forever in our musical hearts, singing/songwriting crooner Neil Diamond is a uniquely talented Aquarian with a huge year ahead. Diamond's new recording, "12 Songs," will introduce him to a new generation of fans, who I predict will flock in droves to see this original stylist perform. Aquarian artists have a special knack for communicating with youth of all ages.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am 37 years old and have been married for 13 years. My wife and I have a 7-year-old daughter, "Cindy," who was born with mild cerebral palsy.

The problem is the constant meddling by my in-laws. My wife's stepmother, "Angela," is a retired nurse, and she is always giving unsolicited advice and expects us to follow it, even if it contradicts what the doctors or physical therapists have

said. Cindy recently had surgery to correct bone and muscle irregularities. Before the surgery, Angela demanded we cut Cindy's hair to allow an easier hygiene schedule. Cindy didn't want her hair cut, so we made arrangements to have her hair professionally washed and braided. When we told Angela, she said she would no longer help us after the surgery because we didn't follow her orders.

Cindy had to spend three weeks in full leg casts, and my wife and I took time off from work to care for her. My family also was very helpful. The first week Cindy was home, my in-laws dropped by unannounced. Angela told us the house was too messy and Cindy's legs could become infected. She threatened to report us to Child Protective Services. I thought she was joking, but the next day, a caseworker showed up to investigate a "charge of neglect." I gave him the names of Cindy's therapists to call as references, and they closed the file and exonerated us.

I have so much anger and rage toward my in-laws that I have sought counseling. I've asked Angela to apologize, but she refuses. I do not want Cindy to see her grandparents again. I don't trust them anymore. However, my wife wants to normalize relations. How should I handle this? — Still Enraged in Kentucky

Dear Enraged: Angela sounds like quite a piece of work — overbearing and disrespectful of your authority as parents. Since your wife wants a relationship, give your in-laws one more chance, but you must present a united front — and be sure to do it in front of Dad. Let them know if they overstep their bounds again, they will be cut off from Cindy (your wife can see her parents on her own), and be sure your wife understands how important this ultimatum is to your child's emotional security. It is outrageous for Angela to threaten to have Cindy taken away from her parents.

Dear Annie: I've been told several times that I "clean up real nice." What does this mean?

I always look good when I go out, fashionable and well coordinated. The first time I heard this, I was having dinner with people I generally don't see except when I'm running. But even when I run, I always look put together.

Is this a compliment? If

(it is, it's a rather strange one. How am I supposed to respond? I always say "thank you," but I'm really confused. — All Cleaned Up in Montreal

Dear Montreal: "You clean up real nice" is a compliment, saying how smashing you look when you dress up — your college roommate in a suit and tie, the waitress in a cocktail dress, the person they usually see running in sweats who puts on a nice outfit for dinner. "Thank you" is the appropriate response.

Dear Annie: I can relate to "Not a Grandma Yet," the 40-something mother who, when people see her

Ruby financially because she seems to have no interest in supporting herself. She is very stubborn and not agreeable to any solutions we have offered. I personally feel the only way things will change is if she is cut off and has to fend for herself, even if it means her becoming homeless. Other relatives are not ready for this yet.

Are there any programs out there to help someone like Ruby? Is it cruel to cut her off? I'm afraid she bled some of our relatives dry if this continues.

Concerned Cousin  
Dear Cousin: If Ruby has mental health issues, she may not be capable of supporting herself. Please don't throw her out — the streets are filled with mentally ill homeless people, and that is tragedy enough.

Unless you are one of the relatives who is giving her money, you ought to stay out of the decision about whether or not to continue helping Ruby financially. However, you certainly can suggest that your family members contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness ([www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)) at 1-888-999-6264 and ask for assistance.

Dear Annie: I am responding to "A Grieving, Shattered Family," whose grown daughter falsely accused them of childhood sexual abuse after undergoing "repressed memory" hypnosis.

Two years ago, our then-39-year-old daughter underwent hypnosis, regression and counseling for "low self-esteem." She then accused us of sexual abuse recurring throughout her childhood. She recounted, in writing, bizarre, depraved acts in painstaking, minute detail — events that never happened. I think it is tragic and deplorable that the general public is not aware of the ease with which false memories can be implanted. — Another Shattered Family

Dear Shattered: These estrangements are so sad, and in some cases, have led to unwarranted prison terms for the accused.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

with her baby son, is assumed to be his grandmother. I am a 50-year-old new father of a beautiful baby boy. I also have two grown children from a previous marriage, one of whom has two children of her own.

When people think my son is my grandson, I tell them, "No. My grandson lives in California with his mother. This is my grandson's uncle." It usually takes a few seconds for the light to come on, but most people finally get it. — Proud Father in Peoria, Ill.

Dear Proud Father: Very clever. (It reminds us of the song "I'm My Own Grandpa.")

Dear Annie: My cousin, "Ruby," lost her job several months ago and has not been able to keep a job since. Ruby is middle-aged and has moderate mental health issues as well as addiction problems (although she is in denial over both).

Several family members have been supporting will

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Tuesday: Breakfast, cheese omelet, orange smiles, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, pineapple Jello, wheat rolls, (high school second choice, grilled ham and cheese).

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake-on-stick, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, taco salad, refried beans with cheese, Spanish rice, oranges, (high school second choice, chicken salad).

Thursday: Breakfast, cheese sticks, mixed fruit cup, milk; Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, California veggies, apple-sauce, rolls, (high school second choice, chili dogs).

Friday: Breakfast, toaster pastry, orange juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger salad, French fries, pork and beans, cookies, (high school second choice, pork roast.)

**Coahoma ISD**

Monday: Breakfast, sweetened rice, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, baked beans, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, French toast, sausage, syrup, apples, juice, milk; Lunch, homemade burritos, tater tots, apples, milk, corn dogs.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, soft taco, salad, pinto beans, cookies, milk, burritos.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti, corn, peaches, bread, milk, barbecue

beef-on-bun, pickle spears.

Friday: Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, orange juice, milk.

**Forsan ISD**

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, lettuce and tomatoes, apples, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, baked potatoes with ham, broccoli with ranch, Texas toast, pears, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, juice, milk; Lunch, corn dog, baked beans, chips, assorted fresh fruit, milk.

**Sands CISD**

Monday: Breakfast, muffins; Lunch, fajita chicken breast, rice broccoli and cheese, bread sticks, peaches.

Tuesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks; Lunch, burritos, tossed salad, orange quarters, cookies.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cereal; Lunch, chicken nuggets, quick baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, rolls.

Thursday: Breakfast, pop tarts; Lunch, pizza, tossed salad, apples, chocolate cake.

Friday: Breakfast, hot pockets; Lunch, barbecue on a bun, pickle spears, tater tots, corn coblette, fruited gelatin.

**Stanton ISD**

Monday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, steak burger, potato chips, chicken noodle soup, apples, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, peaches, hot rolls, milk, cream gravy.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, pizza cheese sticks, peas/carrots, garden salad, fruit cocktail, milk, ranch dressing.

Thursday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, chicken casserole, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burritos, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, hamburger, French fries, hamburger salad, orange slices, milk, mustard, mayonnaise.

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Tuesday: Lunch, ham and cheese sandwiches, potato soup, lettuce/tomatoes, milk, cobbler.

Wednesday: Lunch, beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, chips, milk, fruit.

Thursday: Lunch, catfish, French fries, coleslaw, milk, cornbread, fruit salad.

Friday: Lunch, roasted beef, potatoes, green beans, milk, bread, strawberry shortcake.



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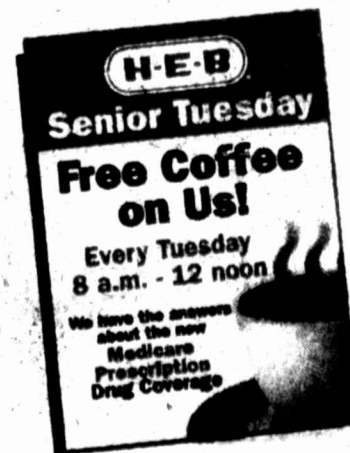
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