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## Not surprisingly, council filings slow

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

With little more than two weeks left to file to run for office in the upcoming municipal elections slated for May, most area cities report things are moving along slowly.

In Big Spring, city council seats currently held by Woody Jumper (District 2), Gloria McDonald (District 4) and Greg Biddison (District 6) are up for

grabs.

McDonald is the only incumbent to have filed for re-election at this time, although Biddison has indicated he plans to file before the March 13 deadline.

While McDonald and Biddison have yet to draw a challenger, incumbent Jumper will be unable to seek a second term, having recently opted to run for Howard County judge.

Local resident Donna Gamboa

has filed to run for the District 2 seat.

Three seats are up for election in Coahoma, as at-large council members Warren Wallace, Ronnie Dodson and Paulette Lindsey will either have to run again or step aside.

According to city of Coahoma officials, no one — including the incumbent council members — has filed to run in the May election.

In Stanton, four seats are up for election. Seats held by Ronnie Christian (District 1), Jim Smith (District 2), James Jenkins (District 3) and Stanton Mayor Lester Baker.

All four incumbents have filed to run, but have yet to draw a challenger.

Filing information for Ackerly was not available at press time.

Big Spring, Coahoma and

Forsan are expected to contract with the Howard County Elections Administration for elections set to be held in May for the first time since the county office was created.

"Things are going fairly well at this point," said Sandra Bloom, Howard County's election administrator. "We're currently working on contracts

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## Content in Coahoma?

Coahoma residents invited to submit slogans that best promote their community

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Community leaders are asking residents to get creative, for fun and profit.

Spearheaded by the Rural Community College Initiative community development effort, civic leaders in Coahoma have begun a contest to devise a slogan or motto for the community.

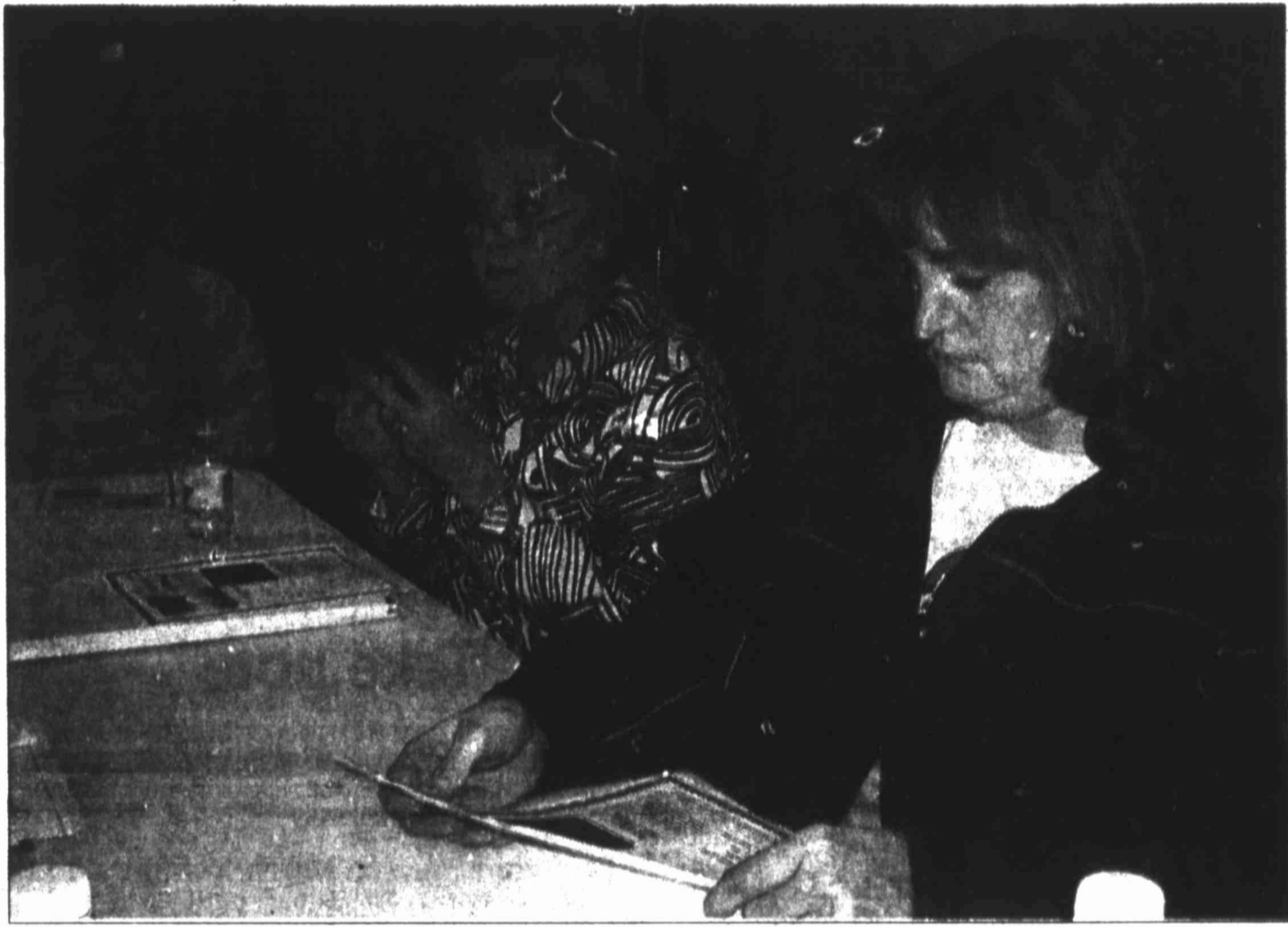
The contest, which will run until March 17, will encourage citizens to devise a slogan for their

community similar to the effort that resulted in the "Big Sky, Big Heart" motto for Big Spring two years ago.

The winner (or winners, if two or more people end up with the winning motto) will win \$100.

"You can use (the slogan) on a banner or the city council can put in on their letterheads," said RCCI leader Jan Foresyth, citing two possible uses for the slogan. "It kind of gives you an identity and it gets people

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Jan Foresyth, center, and members of the Coahoma Rural Community College Initiative program, make plans for a slogan contest during their meeting Tuesday at the Coahoma Community Center.

## Scout recruiting drive to feature movie

If you're interested

First grade and older boys and their parents should meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Ritz Theater, 401 Main St. in Big Spring.

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

What do scouting and a movie theater have in common? For one night in Big Spring, it's the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America and local children wanting to know more about the organization.

The local Boy Scouts organization will be holding a recruiting drive Thursday at 6:30 p.m. that includes a chance for youngsters in the first grade and older to see the new movie

"Down and Derby," and according to David O'Neill, district executive for the Buffalo Trail Council, it has a new, personalized twist.

"In September we invited the public to come out and check out scouting, and that's something we're also doing with this event," said O'Neill. "Now we're enlisting the kids that are already in the program to invite a friend. The program's called 'My Best Friend is a Cub Scout,' and they are all going to get invitations in the mail that

they can give to two friends or relatives to come and look at scouting.

"While they're checking out scouting, we have a little activity set as well. We're doing a movie night, so they can bring their friend and find out more about scouting. And after they sign up, the boys will get to watch a movie and have some popcorn and a soda. Also, the Cub Scout who brings their friend is going to earn their first recruiter badge."

O'Neill said he believes if the

parents and children see what scouting is all about, they will understand its value now and in the future.

"We've done a lot of different studies on the impact of scouting, and having friends involved makes a really big impact on how much the boys enjoy the program," said O'Neill. "Having their best buds along with them and enjoying the outdoors and the activities that they're involved

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## Health care costs are bound to keep rising, officials say

By KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Within a decade, an aging America will spend one of every five dollars on health care, according to government analysts who see no end to increases in the cost of going to the doctor and taking medi-

cine.

The nation's total health care bill by 2015: more than \$4 trillion. Consumers will foot about half the bill, the government the rest.

Hospital costs will rise more quickly than previously anticipated, reflecting a construction boom for urban hospitals.

Meanwhile, drug costs are expected to be lower because of a greater reliance on generics, and because insurers administering the new Medicare drug benefit were able to negotiate steeper discounts than previously anticipated.

The projections, published in the journal

Health Affairs, come as President Bush urges Americans to confront the rising cost of health care. In his State of the Union address last month, the president pushed health savings accounts, or HSAs, and the high-deductible insurance plans that go with them. The administration pre-

dicts that Americans would become more thrifty consumers if they had to pay more of the upfront costs, which occurs with health savings accounts.

"We don't expect HSAs to proliferate so dramatically that we would have an impact similar to that of the managed care era

of the '90s," said John Poisal, deputy director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' National Health Statistics Group. Then, health care flattened out at 13 percent of gross domestic product.

Overall, the analysts forecast a 7.2 percent

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### GALA IS SATURDAY

Tickets are on sale for the American Heart Association Gala, which is set for Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

The Gala — which features the theme "Wild at Heart" — will feature music, dinner and live and silent auctions.

Among the auction items are tickets to games featuring the Dallas Mavericks and the Dallas Stars.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available the night of the event.

For more information on the gala, or to purchase tickets, contact gala coordinator and local AHA board chairman Bobby Roever at 270-1383.

### MOUTON ENDORSED

AUSTIN — Texas Parent PAC Tuesday endorsed Drew Mouton in the Republican primary election for State Representative in House District 85.

"Drew Mouton is the public education candidate in this race," said Texas Parent PAC chair Carolyn Boyle.

Texas Parent PAC is endorsing a small and select number of Republican and Democratic legislative candidates statewide. The PAC describes its endorsed candidates as "women and men of integrity, open and responsive to parents, actively involved in their communities, and committed to investing in public education to achieve economic prosperity in Texas."

### MMM, MMM GOOD

BURTON, Ohio (AP) — This would be one big short stack.

Local boosters want this Ohio village, known as Pancake Town USA, to repaint its water tower to resemble a stack of flapjacks — complete with dripping maple syrup and melting butter. Chamber of Commerce President Marie Lovas believes her proposal is appropriate considering an estimated 20,000 people crowd into Burton on March weekends just to eat pancakes.

"You think pancakes and you think Burton," said Lovas, who calls the idea "absolutely delicious."

Some people are worried that would be too tacky for the village's historic district.

## Obituaries

### Beatiz Roman Burton



Beatiz Roman Burton, 66, of Big Spring died Feb. 20, 2006, in Midland from heart problems. Private family services will be at a later date.

She was born Dec. 6, 1939, in Mathis and married Ronald Lee Burton June 2, 1963, in Mathis.

Beatriz was a wonderful and caring person. She gave up so many things so that the people she loved could have that they needed or wanted. She was a very beautiful person, inside and out.

Beatriz was loved by all her family and so many friends. She helped all of us out when we needed a shoulder to cry on. She gave us advise when we needed to hear words of wisdom.

We will miss her on this earth, but we know we can always count on her up in heaven.

Melissa Ann Tonner, her granddaughter, died Feb. 20, 1985, and Beatiz has joined her in heaven.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Ronald Lee Burton of Big Spring; four children, Leticia Ann Burton and her husband, Arthur, Rebecca Opal Burton and her husband, John W. Tonner, Karl Darrell Burton and Ronald Lee Burton Jr. and wife, Cynthia, all of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Ryan Keith Tonner, Mary Vanier, Sean Vanier, Lisa Marie Rudolph, Christopher Burton, Leah Burton, Cierra Burton, Cylei Burton and Elijah Burton; four brothers and four sisters.

The family will be at 701 E. 15th St. at 7 p.m. today to receive visitors.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home in Midland.

*Paid obituary*

### Jane M. Eason

Jane M. Eason, 57, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, in a Dallas hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at the First Baptist Church with Paige Baize of Wingate officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born June 8, 1948, in Spur and married Voy Eason June 8, 1966, in Spur.

Jane was a longtime resident of Howard County and worked as the office manager for Charlie Lewis Accounting for 18 years. She enjoyed fishing, working outdoors and driving around the ranch looking at newborn calves. She was a member of Prairie View Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Voy Eason of Big Spring; two sons, Wayne Eason and wife, Shannon and Thomas Eason, all of Big Spring; two grandsons, Justin and Blake Eason of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Joe Scott of Fort Sumner, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tommy and Dorothy Smith, an infant son, Timothy Eason and a brother, Jimmy Smith.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460 or to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene 79605.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Goldie Elizabeth Anderson



Goldie Elizabeth Anderson, 82, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at her residence. Graveside funeral services are 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will be at 2302 Roberts.

She was born Jan. 23, 1924, in Davis, Okla., and married Floyd Anderson Jan. 8, 1948, in Stanton. He preceded her in death Jan. 18, 1999. She came to Big

Spring in 1945 from Norton, was a seamstress and she and her late husband farmed in Martin and Howard Counties for many years. She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Wayne Stroup of Big Spring; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Ellen Anderson of Caney, Okla., Donald and June Anderson of Holley and Billy and Faye Anderson of Sterling City; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Relay for Life, Scenic Mountain Medical Center team in care of Kasi Walker, 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720, the Diana Currie Nichols Scholarship Fund at Howard College, in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720 or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

### Elzora Davis

Elzora Davis, 96, of Sterling City, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, in a Sterling City nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 41, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID GARZA SR.**, 42, of 511 E. 17th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of Sheppard.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
  - in the 500 block of 17th Street.
  - in the 1300 block of Sheppard.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- **ADRIAN ZARATE**, 32, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **DUSTY DAWN NALLEY**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **FREDDIE RAMOS**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a dangerous drug.
- **OLYMPIA STOKELY**, 47, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of felony theft.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of East Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMCC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMCC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Northeast 12th. One person was transported to SMCC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Northwest Lancaster. One person was transported to SMCC.

## Take note

• **DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED** at Myer's and Smith Funeral Home to help with the funeral expenses of Margaret Johnson. For more information, call William Statham 213-1606.

• **VFW POST NO. 2013 NINTH ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER** is Saturday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the post, 500 Driver Road. Plates are \$6 and include all the chili fixings with dessert and a drink. Plates for children younger than 12 are \$3. Call David Leonard at 393-5667 for more information.

• **AARP TAX PREPARATION FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION** is at the Senior Center Monday from 8 a.m. until noon. 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.

• **BLOOD DRIVE AT THE VA MEDICAL CENTER** is set for 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Call Iva Jo Hanslik at 264-4824.

• **YOUNGLIFE ROUNDUP BANQUET** is 7 p.m. Monday in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Call 432-213-4819 for more information.

• **PLANNING MEETING FOR THE WEST TEXAS PRODUCER'S AND FARMERS MARKET** is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

• **COMMUNITY LUNCHEON AND SEMINAR "CASHING IN ON BUSINESS,"** sponsored by the Big Spring Rotary Club and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is 11:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Tuesday in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are \$10, available at the chamber until Friday. Call 263-7641 for more information.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail [hiraney@crcom.net](mailto:hiraney@crcom.net).

## Bulletin board

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

### TODAY

- 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.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets at 9 a.m. at 1019 Nolan St., and then travels to Midland at 9:30 a.m. to visit the Quilt Shop and have lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

### SATURDAY

- American Heart Association Gala. Call 270-1383.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

### 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.
- 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.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the lower 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers in the morning. Highs around 60. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

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

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

## Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$203 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$175 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 14, 23, 27, 36, and 45. The Mega Ball number was 36.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-16-24-26.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-3

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# Bush says ports deal will stand despite security complaints

By TED BRIDIS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers determined to capsize the pending sale of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates said President Bush's surprise veto threat won't deter them.

risks of terrorism at American ports. In a forceful defense of his administration's earlier approval of the deal, he pledged to veto any bill Congress might approve to block the agreement.

The sale's harshest critics were not appeased. "I will fight harder than ever for this legislation, and if it is vetoed I will fight as hard as I can to override it," said Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. King and Democratic Sen. Charles

Schumer of New York said they will introduce emergency legislation to suspend the ports deal.

Another Democrat, Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey, urged his colleagues to force Bush to wield his veto, which Bush — in his sixth year in office — has never done. "We should really test the resolve of the president on this one because what we're really doing is securing the safety of our people."

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Wednesday the UAE company, Dubai Ports, "is

a reputable firm that went through a congressionally approved vetting process." He said the U.S. has "the necessary safeguards to make sure that the security of our country is in place" and that rejecting the deal would send "a dangerous signal to people overseas that America plays favorites."

"The president wants this deal to go forward because it was followed by the book and he wants Congress to understand that," Bartlett said on CBS' "The Early Show." He told

Fox News Channel that Bush felt strongly that "we need to be adding strategic partners" in the Mideast.

But Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said the bipartisan opposition to the deal indicated "a lack of confidence in the administration" on both sides.

"Sure, we have to link up with our Arab friends but ... we want to see and those in Congress want to know what ... safeguards are built in," Biden said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

## HEALTH

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annual increase in health care costs over the coming decade. That's in line with the 7.4 percent increase in 2005.

Still, the overall economy is projected to grow at a rate of only 5.1 percent over the coming decade, which means health care will play an ever-growing role.

"These changes could force payers and

providers to re-examine fundamental questions regarding the delivery and financing of health care services," the analysts said.

Another trend within the new government projections is an ever-growing reliance on the government to foot the bill for health care. By the end of the next decade, the government will pay for about half of the nation's medical costs.

Overall, the most important factor in health care

spending is income, the analysts said. As Americans make more money, they spend more to get healthy. People making \$90,000 are more likely to visit a doctor and get their prescriptions filled than those who make \$50,000, Poisal said.

Investment in research, equipment and people also drives the growth in health care spending, he said.

"It's consumption and investment," Poisal said. "But primarily it's about

consumption."

Medicare spending will more than double, from \$309 billion in 2004 to \$792 billion, in 2015. Medicaid spending will grow from \$293 billion to \$670 billion during the same time span.

The country's aging population is expected to drive increases in two key areas of health care spending: nursing homes and home health.

Spending on nursing homes will grow from \$121.7 billion in 2005 to \$216.8 billion in 2015. Home health will grow from about \$49 billion last year to \$103.7 billion in 2015. It represents the nation's fastest-growing sector in health care.

Analysts expect annual health cost increases in the next decade to range from 6.8 percent in 2015 to 7.7 percent in 2008.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
June Kenemer, 70, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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with Coahoma and Forsan. We're also looking at the idea of holding joint elections."

Early voting in the municipal and school district elections is set to begin May 1, with elec-

tion day set for May 13.

"Early voting for the Big Spring elections — the city of Big Spring, Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College — will take place at the Howard County Courthouse," said Bloom. "Early voting for the entities in Coahoma and Forsan will most likely be held at their respec-

tive city halls."

Residents interested in running for one of the offices mentioned should contact their city officials for more information.

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

## RCCI

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to talking about Coahoma."

Contest rules and regulations will soon be distributed around town and will be included in Coahoma editions of the Herald within the next few days, Publisher Susanne Reed said.

The contest is open to

Coahoma residents only, Foresyth said.

"We want something that is descriptive of Coahoma, Texas," she said, "something that will help them sell their community."

Aside from the slogan contest, RCCI members also are making plans for another community cleanup effort in the spring.

Officials hope the next event is similar to the

December effort which ended with four dilapidated building being torn down.

Coahoma city council officials are looking at several sites in need of razing and hope to finalize demolition plans in the next few weeks.

The next cleanup, scheduled for April 22, will go hand-in-hand with a similar effort by Coahoma ISD students scheduled for March 29.

## SCOUTS

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in is just better for everyone."

O'Neill said the movie night is an effort to change the way the Boy Scouts recruit in Big Spring since the organization is no longer allowed to recruit at Big Spring Independent School District campuses, thanks to a policy change recently passed by the district.

"We've had a steady growth in enrollment over the last five years up until this fall," said O'Neill. "This is the first time in years we've experienced a drop in membership, and we believe its largely related to the

policies that are keeping us out of the schools in Big Spring. That policy change had a huge impact on scouting in Big Spring."

The event is expected to get underway at 6:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theater, located at 401 Main Street.

"Down and Derby" is a family comedy about a small town Pinewood

Derby competition that transforms an average group of dads into an awkward bunch of competitors.

For more information, call 263-3407.

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An estimated 17 million American women share a common healthcare concern: the uncontrolled flow of urine from their bodies, a condition known as urinary incontinence. For some women, the condition is brought on with coughing, sneezing or exercise. For others, it is a strong urge to urinate and an inability to make it to the bathroom in time. For all of these women, the effects can be devastating.

"Stress urinary incontinence limits lifestyles and relationships because of the embarrassment that accompanies odor and wetness," explains Dr. Rudy Haddad of Haddad Urology clinic. "Typically the symptoms worsen over time, and so lifestyles and relationships are further compromised as the condition progresses."

Stress urinary incontinence occurs when there is uncontrolled urine leakage during a physical activity like lifting, sneezing or coughing. It typically is the result of hypermobility, a shifting of the urethra and bladder neck from their normal positions, and intrinsic sphincter deficiency, a condition in which the urethral sphincter is unable to close tightly enough to hold urine in the bladder.

Any single condition or a combination of conditions can lead to stress incontinence. Pregnancy and childbirth, aging, medical conditions, infections and medications and obesity are common causes.

Currently, there are no medications available to treat stress incontinence. For some women, behavioral therapy (monitoring fluid intake), Kegel exercises, protective undergarments and bulking injections offer temporary solutions.

Fortunately, there also are solutions available designed to be more permanent.

One such solution is the female "sling" system for stress urinary incontinence. Doctors treat incontinence by surgically placing a narrow strip of material—called a sling—under the urethra to give it a point of support.

"The sling procedure is a minimally invasive, highly effective procedure," says Dr. Haddad. "It generally takes less than 20 minutes and commonly is performed on an outpatient basis."

Most patients are continent immediately following the procedure and can resume normal, non-strenuous activities within a few days.

Clinical studies support the enthusiasm that patients and physicians alike have for sling systems. One manufacturer, American Medical Systems of Minnetonka, Minn., reports a study in which more than 95 percent of patients remained completely dry and did not need any protection following the procedure with its Monarc™ Subfascial Hammock.

"The potential to give someone back their lifestyle before incontinence set in is great with sling systems," says Dr. Haddad. "It is life changing for so many patients, and yet such a straightforward procedure."

As with any surgical procedure, inherent risks are present. Although rare, some of the most severe risks with transobturator sling procedures include infection, erosion and vessel or urethra perforation. Some of the most common risks include urinary track infections, urge symptoms and urinary retention. Sling procedures should not be performed on pregnant patients.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Wild at Heart is fitting for AHA's gala

**W**ild at Heart. It's a fitting theme for Saturday night's American Heart Association Gala for obvious reasons — and maybe some not so obvious. The event is held to raise funds for AHA as well as to make people aware of heart disease and stroke and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Many of its participants have recovered from a stroke a heart attack or other heart-related problems, and truly those folks are "wild at heart." They are thankful to be survivors and we are thankful to have them here with us.

It's also Wild at Heart because of an incredible array of auction items, which include tickets to a Dallas mavericks basketball game, a Dallas Stars hockey game, an Odessa Roughnecks game and a whole lot more. There will be silent auctions as well as a live auction.

There will also be dancing and food — perhaps not wild, but certainly entertaining.

The goal this year is to raise \$25,000, a significant amount, but actually the organizers are hoping for more. They exceeded last year's goal by \$4,000, and would like to see that accomplished again for 2006.

Sponsors are still being sought and range from \$250 up.

Tickets for Saturday's gala — which will be held at the Big Spring Country Club — are \$15 each and can be purchased at the event.

If you can't attend but would like to make a donation, or if you'd like to be a sponsor, contact Bobby Roever, American Heart Association board chairman, at 270-1383.

We hope you'll decide to get Wild at Heart this weekend and attend this worthwhile event. It promises to be a lot of fun and it is for a very important cause.

### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Lord, teach us all to be more tolerant of those we do not understand.

Amen

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## A visit to the money factory

**L**ast summer we took a tour of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Fort Worth. It sure was fun seeing all that money. The multi-million dollar facility is modern, state of the art and produces more than half (52-54 percent) of the US currency. Although it opened in 1991, it didn't get much publicity until a couple of years ago when a visitors' center opened. A Web site, www.moneyfactory.gov, gets millions of hits and provides information on our dollar bills.

Only two places in the world make U.S. paper currency — Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth. To see where your bill was made, look at the top of the bill on the portrait side. If there is a small "FW" at the top, it came from Fort Worth. If there's no "FW" it came from Washington, D.C.

Early this year I talked with Charlene Williams, the CEO of the Western Currency Facility. It produces ones, twos, fives, tens, twenties and fifties.

"We actually did all the printing on the new 50 dollar bill and we're doing all the printing on the new 10 dollar bill which will be released March 2," says Charlene.

U.S. currency started having color with the new 20 dollar bill. Charlene says color makes the bills safer, smarter and more secure. She says about 67 percent of our nation's currency is circulated overseas.

The Western branch of the BEP employs more than 700 people who take an immense pride in their work. "They want to turn out a good product. They don't think of it as money. Engravers go thru a seven- to 10-year apprentice program before they begin their official duties. Printers and pressmen have a four-year apprentice program."

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing decided to add a second plant in 1982 after an Air Florida plane crashed into the 14th street bridge in Washington, D.C.

"Had that plane been closer to the Bureau," says Charlene, "that would have caused a major economic devastation. There had already been talk about putting another plant outside the Washington area. That incident

helped to push along that effort. The Bureau in Washington is interesting. It's in what was once an office building that was made into a production facility, so it's a multi-level operation. It's probably the second most popular tourist spot in Washington after the White House."

Eighty cities wanted the facility, but Fort Worth wanted it more than the others. Charlene says it's the civic pride that got the plant in Fort Worth.

"Fort Worth people were very committed to getting the facility to locate here. They donated 100 acres of property and a 240,000 square foot building. For the first 100 jobs offered here, we had 14,000 applications. When people come to work here, they pretty much make this their life. Sometimes I ask my employees to guide people on tours because it gives them a chance to talk about what they do and show the pride in their work."

The facility makes about 5 billion bills a year. A \$1 lasts two months, \$5s and \$10s last about three years, \$20s last five years, \$50s and \$100s last about nine years. Two-dollar bills have never worn out.



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### YOUR VIEWS

#### TO THE EDITOR,

This letter could be about you! All it takes is a sprain, strain, bruise, illness or even something as simple as an injection, and you have developed the cruel, punishing disease known as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome/Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy. (CRPS/RSD)

My name is Lucy Cordova and I also have CRPS/RSD (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome/Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy). I was employed by a store.

On Oct. 1, 2002, I started to unload a truck when boxes trampled my left wrist and my left leg was pinned between the pallets and the dock doors. It caused damage to the nerves in my wrist, and bruises to my left leg. A doctor here did surgery on my left wrist and started me in physical therapy. I did not get any better; instead I kept getting worse and I began having a horrible burning pain in my wrist. The best way I can describe this pain is if you were to leave a light on all day and then hold the bulb in your hand. This burning continued all the way through my left neck, arm and hand. Severe muscle spasms continued to spread from my upper left arm all through my

left leg.

The doctor here stated that he believed I had symptoms of CRPS/RSD and it was out of his medical realm of practice. He suggested a pain doctor in Lubbock for further evaluation. The store's insurance company denied this request, but did send me to a doctor in Midland, who was qualified to diagnosis me with CRPS/RSD. I had been seeing the doctor in Midland for several months and attending occupational therapy. We were seeing some improvement when the insurance adjuster decided this doctor was not acceptable to them. The insurance company sent me to Lubbock where a team of doctors also agreed that I did have CRPS/RSD. The insurance company sent one of their nurses with me to all office visits to help the company understand what CRPS/RSD is and that all the treatments for it are experimental.

Once we learned this was a disease without a cure and without any precise treatment, I never thought I would have to worry about medical treatment, medication or therapy because I thought my company would take care of me. I did not realize, even though I

signed a paper stating that the company had its own insurance and did not carry Texas Workman's compensation, that the insurance had a medical/financial CAP on an injured "employee." Once I reach the medical cap...Where did this leave me? This left me with an undisclosed monetary settlement that would not even cover six months worth of medical care, medication and occupational therapy, which I did not realize at that time.

I am now alone. There are no nurses, no insurance and no medical care.

CRPS/RSD is a very lonely, sad, miserable, painful, depressing and financially devastating disease without a cure!

It not only effects me, but also my family, friends and anyone who cares about me.

I encourage anyone and everyone who has been diagnosed with CRPS/RSD, lets get together, make a stand and fight for a cure! No one should have to suffer like this, much less alone.

Please feel free to call me at 432 264-1213

LUCY CORDOVA,  
BIG SPRING

## Democrats: Leave Cheney alone

**F**ew batted an eye when Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean said Vice President Dick Cheney should resign, since such personalization of political differences has become the way of Washington these days.

Yet, this is one of those situations in which Dean should be careful. He might not like what could happen if his political rhetoric were to become reality.

After all, that would allow George W. Bush to name a new second-in-command, and go a long way toward anointing the president's potential successor in 2008.

Dean's comments reflect the mentality of talking first and thinking later that is all too prevalent inside the Beltway. Whomever Bush would pick — unless that person at the time immediately took themselves out of the 2008 running — would almost certainly become the clear front-runner for the GOP nomination. That would potentially avoid, or at least limit, a messy Republican nomination fight.

Now, let's be clear here. Barring revelations that would be shocking even to the most cynical, the chances that Cheney will resign aren't even between slim and none.

They are none and none. President Bush is a loyal guy, and a lame duck at that. He needs to curry public opinion to maximize his leverage on Capitol Hill for his legislative program, but he is never going to face the voters again. He worries little of the

spillover on himself from any Cheney problems.

Now, one might imagine that the Democrats want the Republicans in 2008 to have the messiest, longest-lasting primary process possible in order to bleed party fundraisers dry and maximize disunity within the GOP.

Cheney is certainly a fat target. He was never popular with the public anyway, and of late, he has become the subject of the day for journalists and late-night comedians, not to mention Democrats, and even some Republicans.

But if one were to think strategically, there is little gain and much risk for the Dean team if Cheney were to accede to his request.

Dean, apparently figuring he needed another headline to continue the Democratic offensive that the White House and GOP are ethically challenged, used an appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation" to make his suggestion.

Referring to former Cheney Chief of Staff "Scooter" Libby's indictment in connection with the disclosure of a CIA operative's identity, Dean said that if the vice president had authorized such a leak, then Cheney should not remain in office.

"It may be that the vice president leaked security information in a time of war in order to discredit political opponents. I don't think the vice president has any credibility on national security whatsoever and I think he's in deep trouble," Dean said. "If it turns out that Scooter Libby, who said this week that his superiors ordered him to leak the information for political reasons, then this vice president may not be vice president very much longer. ... If that's true the vice president cannot remain in office."

Now, the allegations about Cheney authorizing the leak are just that, but even if they were established fact, why in the world would Dean want Cheney out of office?

If that happened, then the next time Cheney was involved in a hunting accident no one would care.

Seriously though, it has been 40 years since the Republicans entered the presidential primary process without a clear front-runner if not presumptive nominee. This has led to relatively mild primary campaigns and the ensuing unity gets at least some credit for the GOP winning seven of the past 10 presidential elections.

Cheney has no presidential ambitions and Sen. John McCain of Arizona is probably the leader at this point in the GOP contest for 2008. But, his edge is a tenuous one and subject to questions about his acceptance among core conservatives, who dominate the GOP candidate selection process.

Why would Dean want to give the president a chance to strengthen the GOP hand for 2008? Who knows whom Bush would pick — maybe McCain, or perhaps someone more conservative and relatively unknown who might benefit considerably from three years in the public eye as vice president.

It makes me wonder if the cut-throat mentality that has taken over Washington these days isn't overriding common sense.

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# 'Grateful Dads' blaze a family hiking trail

By Jackie Burrell

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WALNUT CREEK, Calif.

Fog drifts across the surface of the Lafayette Reservoir and drips from the trees on this wintry weekend morning, but the Grateful Dads are well-bundled and eager to hit the trail. They strap on baby backpacks and adjust fleece hats on the rosy-cheeked occupants-to-be — the toddler members of this eclectic hiking group.

The way things are going, the Grateful Dads may go worldwide.

The concept is irresistible — dads and tots hiking together, aerobic workout, beautiful surroundings, fathers bonding while moms sleep in. And the name? That's a nod to the legendary band, of course.

Before the birth of his daughter Maddie in 1998, founder Jonathan Marks had worked for the Grateful Dead, trekked the Himalayas and hiked the Alps. So it's no surprise that impending life changes were on his mind the morning he went for a hike with his then-pregnant wife, Paula.

"Everyone says, 'Your life changes, your life changes,' but I enjoyed my life too much," says Marks. "This idea came to me that would incorporate my love for the outdoors and hiking with a new child. The Grateful Dads was born."

What began with eight dads and seven babies — one nervous new mother didn't want to let her infant go hiking the first time out — now has 300. But the premise is still the same. There are no fees, no R.S.V.P.s and no one takes roll. You just show up.

On any given weekend, six to 20 dads show up with babes in tow at California's East Bay chapter. They tote them in slings or backpacks, slather on the sunscreen and tramp the trails with water bottles and tied-on baby toys flapping against the pack frames.

The group mixes the

pace, opting for the paved path around the Lafayette Reservoir one month and the steeper trails of Joaquin Miller Regional Park the next.

As they hike, they talk — not just about life, work and sports, says Marks, but about "the more critical aspects of life, from 'How do I still remain a cool husband, a cool guy?' to 'How do I deal with lack of sleep?' It's a casual, easygoing forum."

And it's a lovely, free morning for the mothers.

"There are many in the group who say it should be called the Grateful Moms," Marks says with a laugh.

The benefits go beyond a weekend walk. Dads bond with their kids on the trails, he says, and they learn paternal self-sufficiency.

"Dad's on a hike in the middle of Mt. Tam, and your kid starts to cry for no discernible reason?" says Marks. "You have to figure it out."

Marks' daughter Maddie was just a few months old when the Grateful Dads debuted. Now, he totes his youngest, Gabriel, in the backpack, while his daughters hike alongside. There are fathers with infants and toddlers, single dads, and men with a 10-year-old by the first wife and a 1-year-old by the second. There are poets, engineers and Realtors and then, there are friends.

And the Grateful Dads are spreading, Marks says with delight. Chapter-launching inquiries have come in from fathers across the country. One of the original Dads moved to Spain and started a chapter there. The possibilities are limitless, Marks muses: global Grateful Dads, a worldwide network of dads and kids in the great outdoors.

The Bay area got its second chapter three years ago, when Allen Mueller got tired of schlepping across the Richmond bridge for outdoor adventure and remembered that the East Bay has amazing



KRT photo  
Allen Mueller, left, walks with son, Evan, 21 months, behind his back and daughter Cassidy, 6, along with Sean Pletcher, 4, center left, with his father Brett Pletcher, and Chris Pagel, right, with son Dylan, during a hike around the Lafayette Reservoir in Lafayette, Calif. The group, Grateful Dads, 200 members strong, combines cardio workouts with baby bonding.

trails of its own.

"There are so many neat places in the Bay Area that you just don't see if you're just going to work every day," Mueller says, "and I was looking for something to get back in shape and do something with my daughter."

Mueller's daughter Cassidy was just 2 when she started hiking with her dad. She'd ride in a backpack or traipse the trails with her stick pony, Blackie No. 1. Now 5, Cassidy gallops along the Lafayette Reservoir path on Pinky, the newest member of the Mueller's stick pony stable. Little brother Evan — age 2 and pink-cheeked with excitement — trades rides on Blackie No. 2 with his buddy, Sean Pletcher.

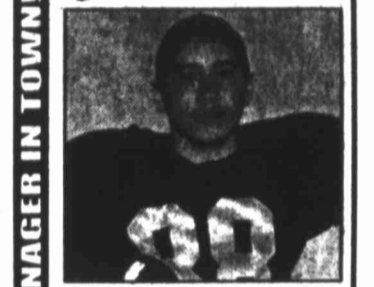
"We've always been hikers," says his father, Castro Valley attorney Brett Pletcher. "But it was harder after we had Sean. They're heavy to carry, but the dad's group goes slow enough. It makes it easy."

Mueller dragged Pletcher along on the Grateful Dads' first East Bay hike, a trek at Del Valle Regional Park. A month later, the new chapter had 30 members, and the numbers just grew from there. They added a "friends and family hike" at Tilden Park, then an annual family campout at Chabot. Now they're thinking bikes — an Iron Horse trail ride is scheduled for April.

## TIPS FOR HIKING WITH TODDLERS

- Bring a Snuggli-type front pack for babies up to 6 months old, or a backpack for carrying older tots. Have an experienced person adjust the fit to make sure your child is safely strapped in.
- Pack a mini first-aid kit, emergency whistle, map of the area being hiked and a compass. If your child walks, give him an emergency whistle and stay close.
- Exposure is the No. 1 concern in the backcountry. Bring wide-brimmed hats, fleece jackets, sunscreen and rain gear for both of you. Make sure you both drink plenty of water.

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## Persistent pig finds love

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shortly after his mate went to hog heaven, Willy the Red River porcine spied a new mud-pen pal in what officials are calling one of the oddest pairings at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Willy is a 10-year-old, 187-pound hog and his new mate is a 16-year-old bongo named Nicole, the largest member of the forest antelope family.

The couple shares a

muddy zoo exhibit where they nap and cuddle together — even nuzzling snout to nose.

"It's adorable. Wherever that bongo is, the hog is usually nearby," zoo spokesman Jason Jacobs said.

Willy's previous mate Ruby died last summer of cancer and within a week the hog turned to Nicole for companionship, Jacobs said.

"I think he was proba-

bly lonely. He definitely was aware that his mate was gone," exhibit curator Jeff Holland said.

Nicole wasn't interested in Willy at first, but the persistent pig eventually won her over. They now share breakfast, groom each other and take walks together. Nicole leads, and Willy trails closely behind.

"I think he definitely likes her more than she likes him," Holland said.

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# Doctors face ethics showdown in California execution case

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**  
AP Medical Writer

For hundreds of years, doctors have been involved in executions. But their efforts to get out of this grisly business put them on a collision course this week with a federal judge who ordered that they assist in killing a California inmate.

"There's been an attempt to medicalize executions all the way back to the French Revolution," when Dr. Joseph-Ignace Guillotin invented the guillotine as a humane method of death, said University of Minnesota bioethicist Dr. Steven Miles.

"Doctors then got involved again in designing electrocution for the same reason in the United States," he said. "The medical profession has been trying to dig itself out of this" ever since.

The most recent example is the case of Michael Morales, convicted of raping and murdering a teenage girl in California.

On its face, what doctors were asked to do might seem humane — ensure that Morales was adequately sedated before two painful drugs to end his life were injected. In fact, the judge ordered their participation after Morales' lawyer argued that the inmate would suffer cruel and unusual punishment if not sedated properly.

However, two anesthesiologists refused to participate in the 12:01 a.m.

Tuesday execution after learning they would be expected to tell prison officials whether Morales needed more sedation or possibly even give him more medication, thereby allowing the execution to proceed. Late Tuesday, prison authorities called off the execution indefinitely.

"They weren't just going to observe," which by itself would still violate medical ethics, said Dr. Priscilla Ray, a Houston psychiatrist who chairs the American Medical Association's council on ethical and judicial affairs.

The AMA and many other medical groups have long opposed doctors having any role in executions, including monitoring a prisoner's vital

signs or giving technical advice.

"They should not even certify death," because if they find the patient has not died it would lead to more drugs or electrocution to kill the patient, Miles said.

"The ethical standard is pretty much universal," said Leonard Rubenstein, a lawyer who is director of Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights.

"It's the same reason physicians can't be involved in coerced interrogations," or help certify prisoners as psychiatrically fit to be executed, he said.

It's a voluntary rule and no doctors have been reprimanded or defrocked for taking part in executions. In the California case,

the anesthesiologists would have joined another doctor who is on duty during all California executions.

That doctor does not insert any of the intravenous lines and is not in the room during the execution itself; typically the physician watches the inmate's vital signs on electronic monitors outside the death chamber and declares the prisoner dead.

Most states have devised strategies to avoid involving doctors.

Illinois, for instance, adopted a law saying that assisting death was not practicing medicine, thus freeing the state to hire non-physicians to do the job. Many states use "execution specialists" who are trained in how to start

intravenous lines to administer lethal injections.

Texas has used such volunteers, many of whom have military training, for the 359 executions it has conducted since 1982, said Michelle Lyons,

spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Doctors are involved "very, very little" — only to pronounce a prisoner dead and not being present when the person was put to death, she said.

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HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

One of the more interesting books to arrive is "Widow of the South," by Robert Hicks. In a review found in Booklist, his first novel follows the saga of Carrie McGavock, a lonely Confederate wife who finds purpose transforming her Tennessee plantation into a hospital and cemetery during the Civil War.

Carrie is mourning the death of several of her children, and in her husband's absence, has left the care of her house to her capable Creole slave Mariah.

Before the 1864 Battle of Franklin, Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest commands her house as a field hospital. In alternating points of view, the battle is recounted by different witnesses, including a Union lieutenant and a

Confederate sergeant.

By the end of the battle, 9,000 soldiers have perished and thousands of Confederates are buried in a field near the McGavock plantation. After the war has ended, Carrie fights to relocate the buried soldiers when her wealthy neighbor threatens to plow up the field after the war. This is an impressively-researched first novel.

In "No Excuses: The Inspiring True Story of a Congenital Amputee Who Became a Champion in Wrestling and in Life," author Kyle Maynard B MAY K) delivers a tremendous success story functioning as the byproduct of three factors: a devoted family, a strong religious faith and a "no excuses" attitude toward the boundaries of one's potential.

When Kyle Maynard was born, he was missing his limbs below the elbows and knee, which is the result of a rare birth defect. However, this birth was not allowed to interfere with his potential to excel in life.

Throughout his 19 years of life, Maynard has accomplished plenty — playing middle school football as a defensive lineman, becoming a high school wrestling champion and establishing a new world record for weightlifting.

This book demonstrates that it is possible for anyone, even a person with congenital amputation, to live life to the fullest, effectively demonstrating that one can accomplish

just about anything once they put their mind to it.

Greg Iles' books can usually be found in the Mystery section, but this particular one is more of a novel.

His latest, "Guardian Angel," (F ILE G) is a gripping legal mystery set in Natchez, Miss. Penn Cage has just learned that his best friend, Dr. Andrew Elliott, was the secret lover of 17-year-old Kate Townsend, a high school senior found murdered.

Though Penn is furious with Drew for his relationship with Kate, he signs on to represent him in court and unearth the real murderer. Things look bleak for Drew as a D.A. with political aspirations comes up with plenty of evidence against him.

When people start to die and the secret lives of the town's high school students are revealed, Penn begins to doubt not only Drew, but himself as well.

This is a study of character and morality, but also of place, as Iles

shows Natchez to be emblematic of racial, social and economic issues. This review is from Booklist.

The library has received Annie Proulx's novella, "Brokeback Mountain" (F PRO A). It is a spare story, one that was originally published in The New Yorker and then as part of the collection "Close Range."

Annie Proulx's short story packs a punch. Cowboys Jack Twist and Ennis del Mar find love or something like it watching over a herd of sheep one summer on Wyoming's Brokeback Mountain. Their lives diverge and intersect again and again as they simultaneously resist and are drawn into a doomed, impossible romance.

The movie has been nominated, I believe, for an Academy Award.

Marta Segel in Booklist reviews "The Thralls Tale," by Judith Lindbergh (F LIN J). Katla is a thrall, or slave, in pre-Christian Iceland. Her mother is an Irish

Christian captured and beloved by her Viking owner.

After her mother's death, Katla follows her master to Greenland. There she is violently raped by her owner's son, who leaves her scarred and pregnant. As an act of protection, she is sold to Thorbjorg, a pagan seer.

When Katla rejects her baby, Thorbjorg takes the baby, Bibrau, as her apprentice. Bibrau becomes both powerful and vengeful, and when Leif Eriksson brings Christians to Greenland, Bibrau is part of a tragic culture clash. This somewhat melodramatic novel, told in alternating viewpoints, runs a little long.

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### Little League umps needed, signup days announced

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Anyone interested in umpiring little league baseball games or for more information on the little league signups, contact Chuck Rosenbaum at 432-816-9984 or 432-263-1792 or Randy Phillips at 432-264-6600 (day) or 432-263-5314 (night).

### Italian upstages Davis, Hedrick in men's 1,500 skate

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Skating in front of a rabid home crowd, Enrico Fabris of Italy won the gold medal in men's 1,500-meter speed skating Tuesday, dropping American rivals Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick to silver and bronze, respectively.

Fabris posted a time of 1 minute, 45.97 seconds, then waited anxiously to see if any of the remaining four pairs could better him on the slow ice.

Davis went in the final pair, knowing full well the time he had to beat. He finished in 1:46.13.

Hedrick skated in the next-to-last pair, covering 3 3/4 laps in 1:46.22, going much slower on his last lap than Fabris.

The Texan knew he wasn't going to win when he crossed the line, shaking his head.

The Italian broke up the American hold on gold medals at these games, becoming the first non-U.S. skater to win one in a men's individual race. It was Fabris' second gold, having helped the Italians win the team pursuit.

Americans Joey Cheek and Derek Parra, the defending Olympic champion, were ninth and 19th, respectively.

### Johnson loses crew chief Knaus for three more races

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR suspended crew chief Chad Knaus for three more races Tuesday and fined him \$25,000 for making an illegal modification to Jimmie Johnson's car during preparation for the Daytona 500.

Knaus was ejected from Daytona following the cheating scandal, and Johnson went on to win the race in a legal car.

Now Johnson must compete in the next three events without his crew chief. Knaus won't be eligible to return to a race track until the March 26 race in Bristol, Tenn.

# Forsan moves on after victory over Marfa

## • Baker's 27 points leads the way for Buffs in victory

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
FORT STOCKTON —

The long road trip to Fort Stockton turned out to be well worth the drive as the Forsan Buffaloes walked away with the bi-district championship Tuesday night, defeating Marfa 61-56.

Both teams came out hot early and it looked as though the contest would be a barnburner, as they combined for 10 3-pointers in the first period.

The Shorthorns connected six times from behind the line while Tye Baker and Seth Johnson rang up two each.

Adam Bailey had a big first quarter scoring 10 of his 15 points in the frame. Bailey also pulled down



seven boards on the night.

Going into the second, Forsan led 27-20, but went cold not scoring again until the 2:45 mark of the period.

Marfa took advantage and went on a 7-0 run to open the quarter tying the game with three minutes left in the half.

Bailey and Steven Chavez tried to help the Buffs hold on to a small lead, but two big 3-pointers from the Shorthorns gave them a one-point advantage at the half, 35-34.

Marfa hit from downtown 13 times in the contest with the Buffs close behind seeing 10 3-pointers find the mark.

The Buffs made use of a poor-shooting third period from Marfa to regain the lead going into the fourth.

Baker scored eight of

the nine Buffalo points in the third quarter, outscoring Marfa single-handedly as the Shorthorns scored five and Forsan led heading into the fourth quarter, 43-40.

In the fourth, Marfa regained its shooting touch, outscoring the Buffs 11-5 and taking a three-point lead early.

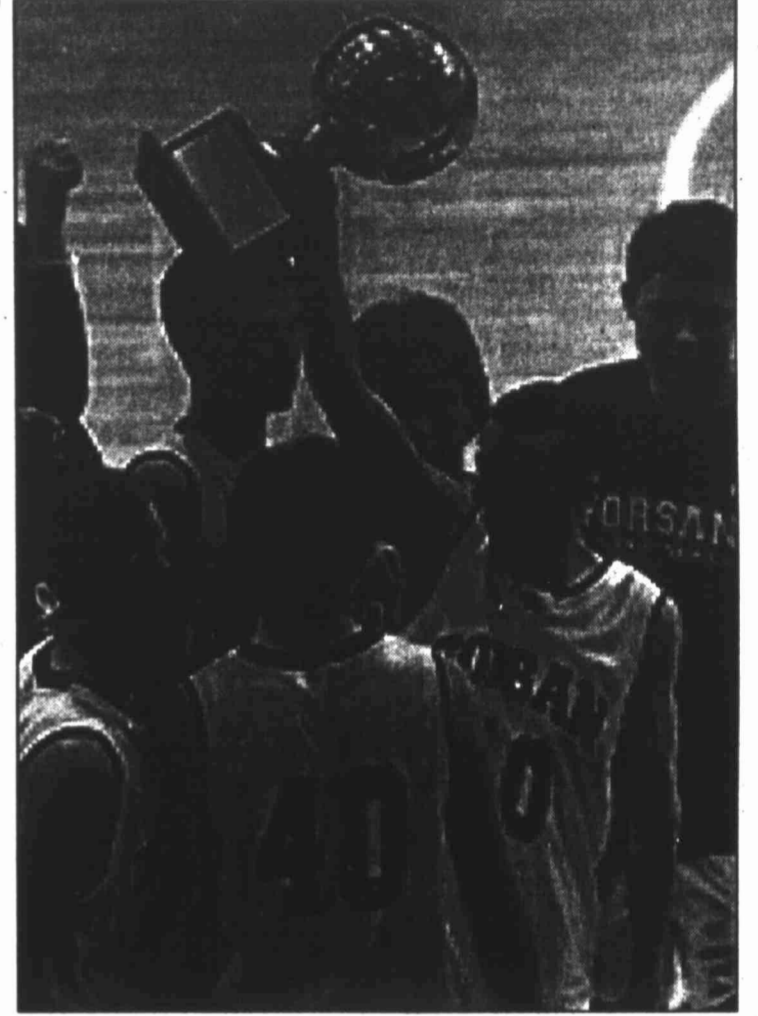
But Baker, who scored a game-high 27 points, and Josh Paredes hit consecutive 3-point shots to give the Buffs the lead, 54-51, with less than two minutes to play.

Marfa closed the gap to one on a bucket in the paint from Mario Serrano, who led the Shorthorns with 17 points.

But that was a close as Marfa would get. With time running down, Marfa was forced to begin fouling, sending the Buffs to the line five times in the final minute of the game.

Forsan calmly hit seven of nine free throws, securing and extending

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Forsan's Josh Paredes, second from right, holds up the bi-district championship trophy after the Buffaloes took down Marfa in Fort Stockton Tuesday. Forsan will take on Smyer Friday in the area championship game.

# Jim Ned knocks out Stanton boys

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
ABILENE — The Jim Ned Indians had no trouble with Stanton Tuesday night in Abilene as the Buffaloes lost in bi-district playoff action, 58-36.

Jim Ned led 11-6 after the first quarter and led by 16 at halftime before breaking the game open with four 3-pointers to start the third quarter.

The Indians outscored Stanton 19-10 in the third frame, but Stanton won

the fourth quarter, 13-10.

Sophomore Garrett Fulton had 13 points to lead Stanton, which ends its season with a 13-16 record. Mike Carmona and Chase Pinkerton added eight and seven points, respectively.

Jordan Kaufman and Cameron Decker each had 13 points to lead Jim Ned, which improved to 22-10 on the year and will play Wall in Stanton Friday at 4 p.m. in the area championship game.

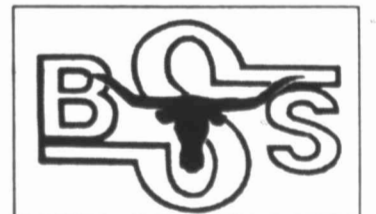
# Billalba, McCormick lead B.S. golf teams in shortened meets

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
The cold weather cancelled some of the action on the golf course this weekend for the Big Spring golf team, but the boys managed to get 18 holes in at Plainview, while the girls shot nine holes in Snyder.

The Big Spring boys team finished 11th out of 24 teams. The Steers got senior Tommy Billalba back and he led the attack with a 79, while senior Chance Cain was just one shot back with an 80. Brian Hale shot a 94, while Blaze Carroll pitched in with a 99.

The girl's team was limited to just nine holes in Snyder, but Megan McCormick made the most of it with a second-place finish. She shot a 45, which was three strokes better than teammate Cassie Guinn's 48. Amber Miller finished with a 53, while Joy Seay and Porscha Knowlton

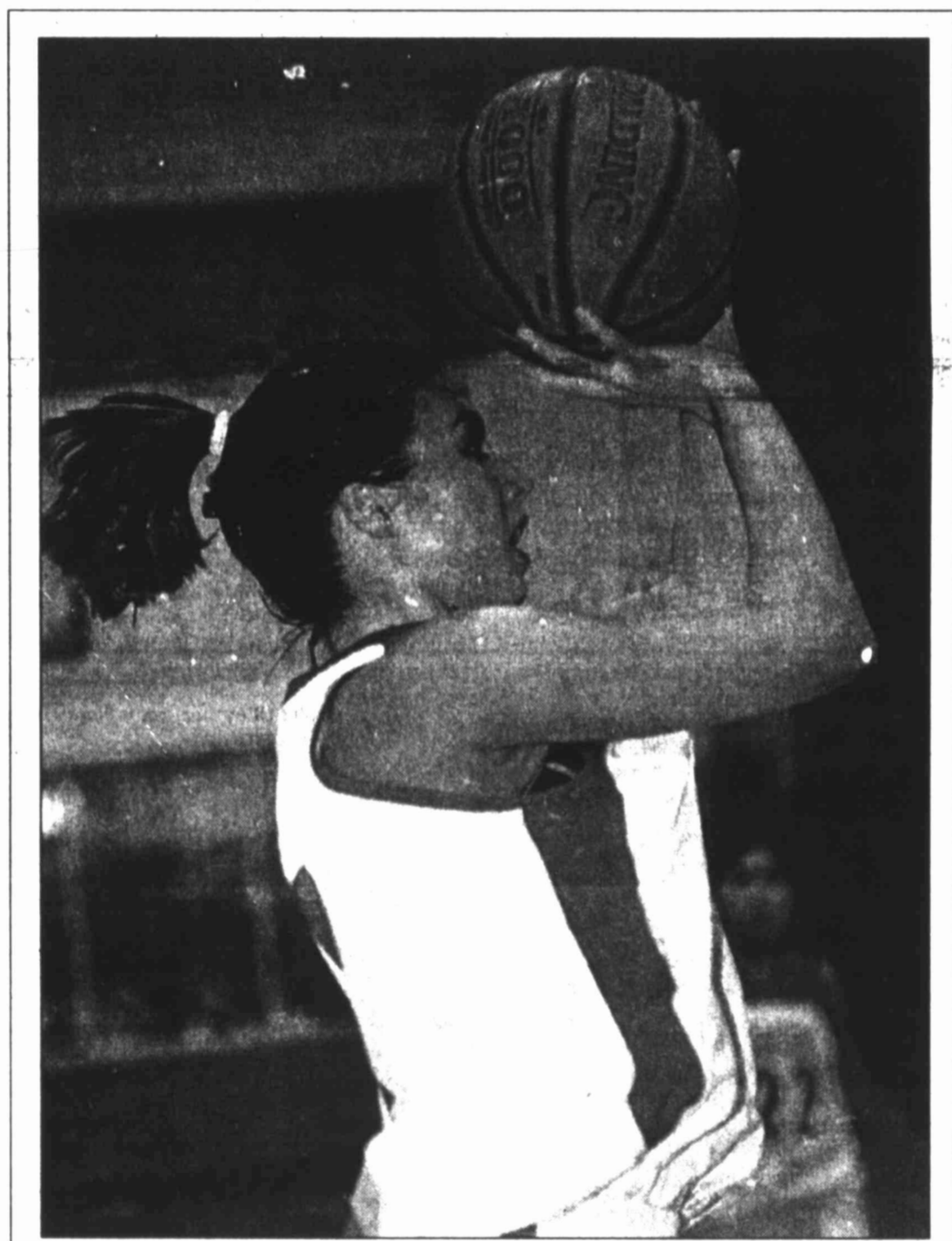


each shot 60s. The Lady Steers finished third overall as a team.

The boy's team will be in action this weekend in Midland, while the girl's will travel to Fort Stockton.

The junior varsity teams traveled to Andrews this past Thursday and gained valuable experience at the Andrews Country Club, according to head golf coach Steve Ward.

The Steers were led by Dan Painters and Josh Rodriguez' 110 and Rance Terry finished with a 115. The girl's team was led by Hollis Bancroft's 121 and Sophia Gonzales scored a 123. Both JV teams will be in action Wednesday in Lamesa.



Coahoma senior Sterling Gee scores two of her 11 points during the Bulldogettes' playoff loss to Jim Ned Tuesday night at Merkel. Coahoma led for three quarters, but lost the game by four, ending its season at 21-13.

# Playoff heartbreak

## •Jim Ned ends Bulldogettes' season short of semis

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

MERKEL — The Coahoma girl's basketball team gave Jim Ned everything it could handle and more Tuesday night, but it wasn't enough to advance to the regional tournament as the Bulldogettes lost to the Lady Indians, 50-46, at Merkel in the regional quarterfinal.

The Bulldogettes were huge underdogs heading into the game, but led after each of the first three quarters and nearly pulled off the Class

2A upset. "I felt like we could play with them and even beat them," said Coahoma head coach Chris Sumrall. "They were able to win the game because they got some offensive rebounds and forced us into some turnovers in the fourth quarter."

Freshman Laci Sterling did her part and more for Coahoma. She scored 25 points in the game and often dominated whoever was guarding her in the post.

"I thought our size

inside would give them trouble and it did," said Sumrall. "Laci's an impressive freshman, but what is more impressive is the fact that our upperclassmen are unselfish and have never complained about her shooting too much. That shows that our seniors have tremendous character."

Coahoma, which ended its season 21-13, led 9-5 after one quarter. Sterling scored six points inside and senior Sterling Gee added a

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Area Championship playoff games

- Garden City boys vs. Lamesa, Friday, 7 p.m.
- Forsan boys vs. Smyer @ Dorothy Gamm Coleburn Jr. in Lubbock at Rio Valley Center, Friday, 8 p.m.

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jumper off a steal and a free throw with 1:20 to go in the period.

The second quarter went back-and-forth as neither team could grab an advantage. Sterling scored inside early in the period to push the Coahoma lead to four, but two free throws and a layup tied the game at 11-11 with 4:27 to go until halftime. Sterling scored again after that, but a 3-pointer gave Jim Ned its first lead of the game. The quarter continued to be tight, but the Bulldogettes managed to go into the locker room at halftime leading 21-20. Sterling had 14 of Coahoma's 21 points.

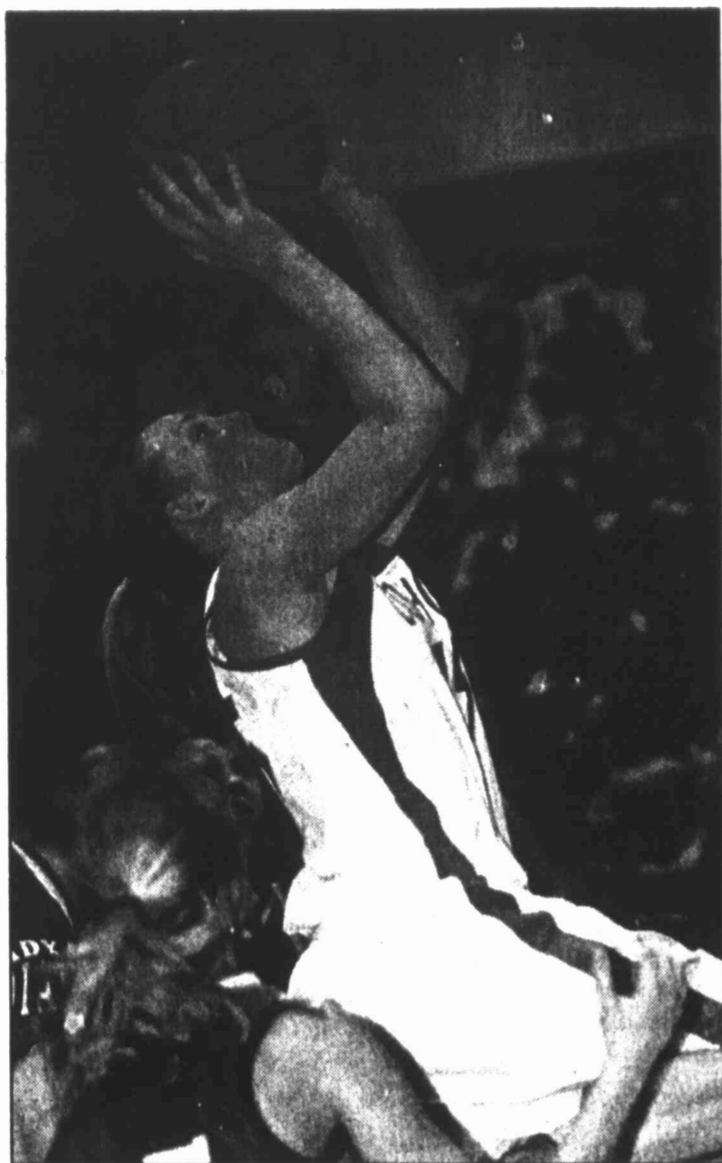
Sterling continued her dominance in the third quarter as she scored 11 points. Gee's 3-pointer after a Sterling free throw early in the period gave the Bulldogettes a five-point lead and a 3-point play by senior Kali Roberts pushed it to six later in the quarter. The lead eventually grew to seven as Sterling scored 10 straight points for her team.

Jim Ned scored just before the buzzer in the period, but still trailed by three heading into the final frame.

The Lady Indians found a way to stop Sterling in the fourth quarter as she was held scoreless. Gee started the quarter with a baseline jumper to put Coahoma up five.

That lead was short-lived as Jim Ned scored 13 straight points and took a commanding eight-point lead, the game's largest.

Jim Ned went into stall mode when the lead reached six points. Coahoma was not out of it yet, however. Gee, who finished with 11 points, drained a 3-pointer with just less than three minutes to go to cut the lead to five and then senior Liz Conley hit her only basket of the game — a 3-pointer — with 1:09 to go



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma freshman Lacl Sterling hits a shot in the lane against Jim Ned Tuesday during regional quarterfinal action at Merkel. Jim Ned won the game, 50-46.

to make it a two-point game.

The Lady Indians played keep away until Coahoma fouled them with less than a minute to go. Jim Ned (22-6) missed the front end of a one-and-one with 33 seconds and again at 18 seconds to give the Bulldogettes life, but an offensive rebound after the second miss sealed the win as the Lady Indians drained two free throws with four seconds to go.

Free throw shooting did not ultimately decide the game, but Coahoma struggled to make shots at the line in the first half and finished five-for-11 for the game.

"We haven't shot free throws well all year so its not too tough to take when you don't expect to go 20-for-20 anyway," said Sumrall.

The Bulldogettes lose

three senior starters — Gee, Roberts and Conley — to graduation this year, but bring back Sterling and three other young talents — sophomores Janice Gonzales and Christie Rich and freshman Shelbi Paige — to build around and the Coahoma JV team just finished an undefeated district season as well.

"I am very pleased with our seniors this year as no one expected any of them to do much, but what they accomplished was impressive," said Sumrall. "The young kids we have coming back will help us next year. This game gives us experience we maybe didn't have entering this year. We can learn from this and take it into next season."

The other three graduating seniors include Drew Wells, Sarah Dunn and Ashle New.

Cohen wins short program in Turin

TURIN, Italy (AP) — U.S. champion Sasha Cohen dazzled the judges with a sensational short program and slipped past world champion Irina Slutskaya of Russia by a slim .03 points.

Cohen scored 66.73 points and Japan's Shizuka Arakawa, the 2004 world champion, was third with 66.02.

The razor-thin margin means Cohen will need to be at her very best again in Thursday night's free skate if she wants to stand at the top of the podium.

American Kimmie Meissner was fifth while

Emily Hughes, added to the U.S. team nine days ago when Michelle Kwan withdrew with a groin injury, finished seventh.

Skating in front of a rabid home crowd, Enrico Fabris of Italy won the gold medal in men's 1,500-meter speedskating, dropping American rivals Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick to silver and bronze.

Using a shiny American convertible, Shauna Rohbock and Valerie Fleming won a silver medal in women's bobsled, ending an 0-for-Olympics stay for the U.S. sliding teams.

Two Austrian athletes are said to have confessed to a team official that they "may have used illegal methods" at the Olympics.

And it was revealed that evidence seized in a surprise sweep over the weekend included unlabeled drugs, a blood transfusion machine and dozens of syringes, including some at the Olympic residence of the banished coach.

The IOC said it will set up a special panel to investigate the doping scandal involving the Austrian Nordic ski team.

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its lead as the Shorthorns found the range only once drawing to within three with 11 seconds left.

After a Marfa timeout, Baker hit the last two free shots, giving the Buffs a 61-56 lead and a trip into the area round of the playoffs.

Forsan had three players in double figures, including Baker and Bailey. Johnson finished with 11.

The Buffs move into the second round, which will be played Friday.

Head coach Terry McDonald said the game would be played either in Big Spring at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum or in Lubbock at the Rip

Griffin Sports Complex at 8 p.m.

The Buffaloes' opponent will be Smyer, which defeated Hamlin Tuesday night and is the champion of its district.

The location of the game will be determined by a coin toss between McDonald and the Smyer head coach, but that information was not available at press time.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
The Sagittarius moon promotes the tolerance of people, places and points of view very different from your own. It's a time to learn about how and why others behave as they do. (Such learning happens after we give up trying to change others.) You will be amazed at how energized and inspired you become through the simple act of listening.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're in the thick of a project. Stay fluid as you gather more information - avoid being fixed to having things go your way. Seminars, classes and presentations are lucky and worth the money - sign up.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Get rowdy. Doing the same thing will obviously lead to the same results, so go a new way, surprising everyone - even yourself - at how far outside the box you can actually think.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Neighbors and friends of friends are sources for employment. Be specific about which jobs you are willing to do and which ones you are not willing to do. Otherwise, someone tries to get you to do his dirty work.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You draw an eligible partner into your force field. Exercise caution in romance no matter how eager you both may be. It's too easy today for misunderstandings to occur!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There are forces waiting to support your every desire when you are willing to let go of those old thought patterns that drag you down. It's about time you forgave an old hurt.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You actually yearn. Make your desire known. Otherwise, the passion you want will continue to elude you. Group situations sometimes make it difficult for you to feel and act like yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have legitimate priorities that make sense both for you and your organization/family/social network. So, get them on the day's agenda. Don't let distractions of everyday life get in the way of your needs.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is something new to contend with at every turn. Be tolerant.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** He's a mature voice with boyish good looks - an old soul in a young man. I'm describing Piscean singing superstar Josh Groban, who ensnares audiences around the world with his classic style. Imaginative Pisceans like to switch it up though, so look to Groban this upcoming year to take a more modern approach with a contemporary, rocking sound that will garner him even more fans.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your job matters, and you'll feel a new commitment to it this afternoon. Dedication looks sexy on you! Loved ones notice. Passionate kisses are featured in the p.m.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Making money is a snap! (Yes, really!) Recognize the ways in which you are prosperous - this will help you realize even more prosperity. Complaining has the opposite effect.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today is utterly chaotic. Train your eye on the goal, and don't even look anywhere else. Not everyone has your imaginative view. As you move toward your vision, you will be gently guided.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The resources seem limited - too limited, perhaps, to accomplish your aim. It's a test. Do your best with what you have. This, done habitually, will make you a star.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "What can you say for the finances of someone born July 19, 1960?"

With your natal sun, Mars and Jupiter all in Cancer, you truly feel your way through financial matters. You tend to spend with your emotions rather than logic, and you spend like a good mother - on things that will nurture others, help them and make them feel important. Often, you go without what you want out of a sense of duty to those you care about. You are better at spending and saving than earning, which is not a negative - as Ben Franklin said, "A penny saved is a penny earned." Your financial scene is like the tide, ebbing and flowing cyclically, consistent in its own way but seemingly less stable than you observe finances for others to be. This summer brings you abundance. Right now, you are very attractive to potential employers and buyers. Do you have anything to sell? You are also powerfully creative - you could sell your wares for more than you thought possible! Having a bake sale, garage sale or taking part in an online auction in the next month is a symbolic activity that will lead to more good luck.

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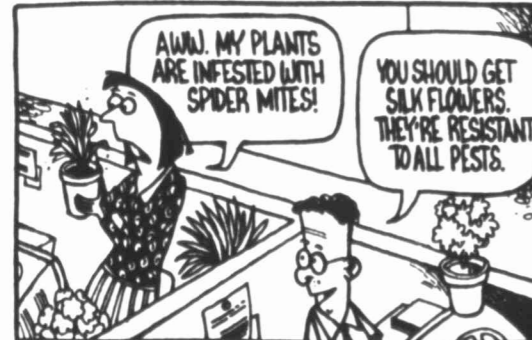
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2006. There are 312 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 22, 1732, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born at his parents' plantation in the Virginia Colony. On this date: In 1819, Spain ceded Florida to the United States. In 1879, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a 5 cent store in Utica, N.Y. In 1889, President Cleveland signed a bill to admit the Dakotas, Montana and Washington state to the Union. In 1892, "Lady Windermere's Fan," by Oscar Wilde, was first performed, at London's St. James's Theater. In 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House. In 1935, it became illegal

for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1973, the United States and Communist China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1980, the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets at Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1984, a 12-year-old Houston boy known publicly only as "David," who'd spent most his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58.

One year ago: A powerful earthquake struck central Iran, killing more than 600 people. A Virginia man was charged with plotting with al-Qaida to kill President Bush. (Ahmed Omar Abu Ali was convicted on all counts in November 2005.)

Today's Birthdays: Announcer Don Pardo is 88. Actor Paul Dooley is 78. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 76. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-

Mass., is 74. Movie director Jonathan Demme is 62. Actor John Ashton is 58. Actress Ellen Greene is 56. Actress Miou-Miou is 56. Actress Julie Walters is 56. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Julius Erving is 56. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 47. "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin is 44. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 40. Actress Jeri Ryan is 38. Actor Thomas Jane is 37. Actress-singer Lea Salonga is 35. Actor Jose Solano is 35. Tennis player Michael Chang is 34. Actress Drew Barrymore is 31. Actress Liza Huber is 31. Actor Daniel E. Smith is 16.

Thought for Today: "The passion for setting people right is in itself an afflictive

Answer to previous puzzle

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