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Wizards finish off Bulls in playoff series.

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Doggone good time

Kennel club show a hit for participants, spectators; continues through Sunday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Poodles and daschunds and boxers — oh my.

Dogs and the people who love them have taken control of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this weekend, but by all accounts, it has been a happy conquest. For the past few days, tiny chihuahuas have rubbed shoulders with mighty mastiffs and almost every breed in between at the 45th Annual Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show.

The event, which has expanded to four days to accommodate a partnership with San Angelo's Concho Kennel Club Dog Show, has attracted 860 dogs and their owners and handlers, not to mention numerous curious onlookers.

Treasa Wells of the local kennel club said the show has been an overwhelming success.

"Oh, man, it's been super, super good," Wells said. "Everyone has really been loving Big Spring and the show. They're saying how much they want to come back, and how much they hope we have another four-day event next year."

> ***"Some of these dogs definitely know when they're showing. They act like, 'Hey, look at me!' ... They get a little bit of an attitude. And they know when they win, too."***
>
> —Treasa Wells, Big Spring Kennel Club

Although crowds have been sparse for the Thursday and Friday shows, Wells was hopeful more people would attend

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Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Dog handler Morgin Powell has her hands full with a pair of Portuguese Water Dogs during the 45th Annual Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show Saturday morning. The show continues through Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

FISD eyes drug tests

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Forsan school officials will discuss the possible implementation of a drug-testing policy for district students at a public meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Forsan High School library.



Johnson

Parents of students in grades K-12 are invited to listen to an explanation of how these programs are normally implemented and then to express their opinions either for or against a drug-testing policy.

No drug-testing policy for Forsan students exists at this time, school officials said.

"Forsan ISD realizes that our society provides

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CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Young members of the Baile Folklorico de Guadalupe dance troupe from Snyder entertain the crowd at the Cinco de Mayo celebration in downtown Big Spring Saturday afternoon.

Three injured in shooting here

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A late Thursday night shooting incident resulted in three men being sent to the hospital.

Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, said the men were injured by a single blast from a shotgun in the incident, which

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Senior center directors' responsibilities, policies will come under review

❑ 10 a.m. Monday, Howard County Courthouse.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider several amendments to the Spring City Senior Center and its board of director's list of responsibilities and policies Monday morning, as the court moves forward in shoring up the facility's operations.

"The center's board of directors submitted these

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FLIGHT ACADEMY

A "short list" of contending cities for a government-contracted flight academy due to be released Friday has been "most-likely postponed" until Monday, according to Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp.

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Sharp said the list, which could make or break local hopes to bring the flight school to Big Spring, was not available late Friday afternoon, and may not be available until sometime Monday.

BLOOD DRIVES

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

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

Monday, May 16: Forsan High School, 411 W. 6th, Forsan, Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. To sign up, call Ms. Sims at 457-2223

AMERICAN PROFILE



Cover Story: Bill Hemmer, anchor of CNN's flagship morning news program "American Morning" discusses his journey that has taken him from his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio, to Iraq, Kuwait and Kosovo.

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Obituaries

William Lee Shively



Bill was born Oct. 31, 1948, and died April 25, 2005, from diabetes complications and other health complications related to his Vietnam War service.

His is survived by his wife, Diane Daywood-Shively of Big Spring. His two daughters are from Akron, Ohio: Christine A. Welday and her husband, Michael and their daughter, Kaitlyn Christine Shively, and Lori Lukuch and her son, Steven Lukuch.

Private family services were Wednesday, May 4, 2005, in Akron, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Carl Shively, and his mother, Edna Ruth Shively.

Bill Shively served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one Silver and two Bronze Stars, a Bronze Star Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal with three decorative Overseas Bars.

After his military career, he began a career in law enforcement. In 1977, he joined the Federal Bureau of Prisons and worked in Terre Haute, Ind., Kansas City, Mo., and Bastrop.

He married Diane Daywood April 26, 1991, in Bastrop. He came to FCI Big Spring in 1991, where he worked as a unit manager and paralegal specialist and retired in 1999.

Bill loved his friends in this community and always worked at supporting good causes. He was a founding member and first elected president of the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club of Big Spring. Even upon his death, he was thinking of others and made an organ donation (if possible) to help someone else live.

He believed in charitable causes and asked that donations be made in his honor to the Girl Scout Club of Howard County or the American Diabetes Association.

He appreciated the care provided to him by the VA Medical Center and never missed a chance to express his thanks to all veterans for their service to their country.

He can be described as a real gentleman who always reached out for anyone in need or just to listen. He would do as much for others as he would for his own family.

He loved the town of Big Spring and wanted to serve his community in the capacity of a sheriff but could not, due to his failing health.

He will be remembered as a big man with a big heart.

Paid obituary

Dale Hillger



Dale Hillger, 66, of Garden City died Friday, May 6, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2005, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Tom Barley, pastor of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall, officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery at 1 p.m. A Vigil/Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 8, 2005, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Born Aug. 9, 1938, in Big Spring, Dale was a fifth generation Hillger to live continuously in Glasscock County. His family settled in Glasscock County in 1893. He married JoAnn Deiterman in 1958 and lived in San Diego. After being discharged in 1960 from the United States Navy, he came home to farm and ranch with his father.

He and his family worked on various farms and ranches until he bought a farm in St. Lawrence. The family lived there for 24 years and raised three wonderful children. In 1999, he sold the farm and built a new home in Garden City, where they retired in 2000.

Dale never met anyone he did not like or anyone who did not like him. His infectious smile and easygoing ways just made you feel like you had known him all your life. He never sweated the small stuff, never let anything bring him down. His attitude was always upbeat and he fought a courageous battle with cancer for more than five years and was always in good spirits.

He laughed, loved, hoped, dreamed and believed till he received the ultimate invitation from God to live with him in paradise for eternity. Dale was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Hillger; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Nancy Hillger and Scott and Andrea Hillger; one daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Brian Cook; six grandsons, Justin Hillger, Brian Hillger, Darren Hillger, Trey Hillger, Kevin Hillger and Marcus Cook; one granddaughter, Britni Cook, all of Garden City; a sister and brother-in-law, Anna Lee and Paul Sims of Greenwood; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Leta Hillger of Greenwood and David and Debbie Hillger of Big Spring; one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Betty and Jerry Tanner of San Angelo; and numerous nieces, nephews and close friends, especially, Leon and JoAnn Halfmann, Vicki, Kenny and Leslie Batla.

Pallbearers will be Mark Halfmann, Larry Halfmann, Kenneth Kuethe, Dennis Fuchs, Michael Fuchs, Allen Fuchs, Jimmy Smith and Alvin Powell. Honorary pallbearers will be Leon Halfmann, Ervin Wooten, Paul Sims, Jerry Tanner, Steve Long, Butch Halfmann and all grandsons.

The family suggest memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121 Big Spring 79720-2121; Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St. Suite A, Big Spring 79720 or West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo 76904-9989

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

Paid obituary

John Edwin Fort Jr.



John Edwin Fort Jr., 72, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, went home to be with his Savior Friday, May 6, 2005, while vacationing in Branson, Mo. He lead a full life of being husband, dad, granddad and a great friend to all.

John was born Feb. 1, 1933, in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1951 and attended North Texas University. He married his childhood sweetheart, Rita Faye Wright of Big Spring in 1952.

He served in the Marine Corp during the Korean War. He was chief of aviation for Cosden Oil and Refinery from 1965 to 1980. He and Rita owned Rita's Flowers and Gifts from 1980 to 1985. He then went to work at Western Container and served 10 years as foreman in preventive maintenance, before retiring in 1995.

He was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Westbrook and was also very passionate about his involvement in the Kyros Prison Ministeries at John Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Fort of Colorado City; three children, Lori Miller and husband, Kerry of Midland, Mark Fort of Stanton and Lisa Currie of Big Spring; and four grandchildren, Allison Miller Creswell and husband, Lance of Lubbock, Drew Miller of Midland and Cody Carnes and Will Currie, both of Big Spring. Others include a sister-in-law, Lynn Ballinger and her children, Michael Russell of Midland and Pamela Vela of San Antonio; and two nephews, Rick Fort and David Fort, both of Big Spring.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John Fort Sr. and Francis and one brother, Richard "Dick" Fort.

The family will be receiving friends at Myers & Smith Funeral home Sunday, May 8, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Paul Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church of Westbrook, presiding. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will include Mike Russell, Pat Chesworth, Randy Weaver, Jerry Putnam, Elton Carlile and Bob Kimball. Honorary pallbearers include David Allen, Hulen Bagwell, C.W. Brumley and Gerald Rawling.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Samaritan Hospitality House, 1325 West Point Ave., Colorado City 79512.

Arrangements are under the Direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Online condolences can be made at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Marvin Wayne Clinkscales

Marvin Wayne Clinkscales, a retired agent with AllState, died Friday, May 6, 2005. Beloved father of Kelly Marie Verdin, Ali Rae, Robert K. and Amie Lee Clinkscales. Stepfather of Angelina Tully. Brother of Susan C. Hihar and the late Thomas William "Bill" Clinkscales. Son of Lea "Lee" Ray Clinkscales and the late Thomas Orr Clinkscales. Age 55 years. A native of Oakdale, La., and a resident of the Westbank for the past 48 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a funeral service in the chapel of Mothe Funeral Homes, 2100 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, La., Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at 9 a.m. Interment at New Hope Cemetery, Elmer, La. Parlors will be open Monday, May 9, 2005, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Tuesday 7 a.m. until service time. Commital service 2:30 p.m., New Hope Cemetery, Elmer, La.

Paid obituary

Polly Rowan

Polly Ann Rowan, 51, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at her home following a sudden illness. Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Monday, May 9, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Oct. 27, 1953, in Dallas and moved to Big Spring in 2003. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Israel Quintana of Big Spring; a daughter, Lisa Taylor of Balch Springs; a sister, Patsy Nava of Wichita Falls; three brothers, Danny Edmonson, Jerry Edmonson and Ronnie Edmondson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.myersandsmith.com.

Donald Barber

Donald Barber, 73, of Cleveland, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 5, 2005, in Cleveland. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

Milton Johnson



Milton Carroll "Whip" Johnson, 78, of Sand Springs died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, in a local hospital. Memorial services are 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at the VA Hospital Chapel in Big Spring with Chaplain Dean Thomas officiating.

He was born Sept. 27, 1926, in Bronson. He retired as a chief master sergeant after 30 years in the U.S. military. He served for three years in the U.S. Navy and 27 years in the U.S. Air Force. He received the Bronze Star and the Commemorative Award for outstanding service.

He moved to the Big Spring area in 1974 and built the "Whip-In RV Park" off I-20 in Sand Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Johnson of Sand Springs; two sons, Dwayne of San Antonio and Ronald of West Point, Texas; one daughter, Sissi; his stepmother, Estil Johnson; three half-brothers, Buddy, Keith and Randy; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of Texas.

He was preceded in death by one son, Carroll, his parents, Carroll Lopez and Blanche Johnson and two brothers, Tommy and Paul Johnson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the VA Medical Center, 300 Veteran Blvd., 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.

Police blotter

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

- **RICHARD ALTON GRAHAM,** 38, Fort Worth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID CANALES,** 20, 1101 E. 15th St., was arrested on local warrants.
- **THOMAS FAY,** 64, 2400 Alabama St., was arrested on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **OSCAR SAUL PADILLA,** 24, 1505 Wood St., was arrested on a local warrant.
- **ANGELA DAVILLA,** 27, 1401 N. Highway 87 No. 501, was arrested on a hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **GEORGE VERNON GONZALES,** 51, 108 E. 18th St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ASSAULT** was reported on the 3300 block of FM 700.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was issued on the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 1700 block of FM 700 and the 300 block of Owens Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 1600 block of Todd Road.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-17-18-21.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: $18,537.
Winning tickets sold in: Arlington, Houston.
Matching four of five: 129. Prize: $129.
Matching three of five: 4,101. Prize: $9.
Matching two of five: 40,914. Prize: $2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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MINOR INJURIES TO OCCUPANTS



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Big Spring Police Officer Art Dehlinger looks over this accident at the intersection of Goliad and 11th Place Friday afternoon. According to officers, the white Ford pickup was traveling south on Goliad when it was hit on the driver's side by a red Ford Mustang. No one was injured in the collision.

Police seek leads in vandalism case

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Crimestoppers of Big Spring is currently seeking information on vandalism that took place at the Comanche Trail Golf Course sometime after 2 p.m. Tuesday.

According to officials with the Big Spring Police Department, the vandalism is being treated as a felony criminal mischief, with more than $8,000 in damages done to the No. 10 green at the municipal golf course.

"Sometime between 2 p.m. Tuesday and 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, unknown suspect or suspects used an object to destroy the putting surface on the No. 10 green," reads a Crimestoppers report released this week. "The suspects inscribed the letters 'G and JL' into the new green at the course."

Unfortunately, the green will have to be replanted before it can be used for play, according to golf course officials.

Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to $1,000 cash for information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in criminal activity.

Anyone with information on the crime is encouraged to call 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS (8477). Information is confidential and callers may remain anonymous. No caller-ID is ever used.

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

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during the weekend.

"With Thursday and Friday, you had a lot of people who either had to work or go to school, so we really didn't expect many people those days," she said. "But we hope that picks up today and Sunday."

Unlike past years, no dominant breed or group of dogs have emerged as clear-cut winners. Thursday, a saluki from the hound group was named best in show, while a boxer out of the working group was crowned overall winner of Friday's show.

Saturday and Sunday competition begins in the early morning with best of breed judging, with best of group and best of show events beginning soon after lunch, Wells said.

And there's no question the dogs are the stars of the show.

Even the dogs seem to realize that fact, Wells said.

"Some of these dogs definitely know when they're showing," she said. "They act like, 'Hey, look at me!' ... They get a little bit of an attitude. And they know when they win, too."

The pace for event organizers has been extremely hectic, Wells said, but thoroughly worthwhile.

"It took us a year to get ready for this show, and we even started hiring judges for next year's show about two months ago ... We're here every morning at about 5:45, and we stay until after 10 p.m.," she said. "It's definitely a job, but we've had so much fun doing it."

The event runs through Sunday afternoon at Garrett Coliseum.

Admission is free, Wells said.

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many temptations. One of those temptations involves the use of illegal drugs," Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson stated in a letter to parents. "In order to assist our students in making healthy, positive choices, the Forsan ISD Board of Trustees is considering the implementation of a drug testing policy."

Current law allows the district to offer drug-testing only for students involved in extra-curricular activities, such as football or band.

"Schools across the state have begun to implement programs designed to assist students through this type of accountability program," Johnson stated. "Forsan has chosen to watch area school who have recently implemented this program in order to observe effectiveness and to avoid pitfalls.

"Big Spring and Coahoma implemented programs during this current school year," he added. "We are ready to move forward, but only after there is parental input."

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amendments following its April 28 meeting," said County Auditor Jackie Olson, who is expected to present the items for consideration Monday. "There are amendments to both the list of responsibilities for the board as well as the operational policies for the center."

Olson said the change to the board's responsibilities comes in the addition of a position — a vice chairperson.

"When the commissioners approved the document, there were only positions for the chairman and the secretary," said Olson. "This will allow for the addition of a vice chair, who has yet to be named."

The rest of the amendments are aimed at the operational policies of the center, according to Olson.

"The first amendment will require a copy of all health and safety reports be sent to the board," said Olson. "A second amendment will also require a copy of those same reports be posted at the center as a matter of public information.

"There is also an amendment proposed that will allow the board to have input on the hiring, reprimand or dismissal or personnel."

Olson said the final amendment would limit what information center officials could release to the media.

"It requires the center staff to get approval from the commissioners before releasing any potentially divisive information," said Olson. "It also provides for disciplinary action, including possible dismissal, for employees that don't follow this policy."

Also during the meeting, Olson is expected to give reports on invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments, bids for a dump truck and a cooperative agreement with Midland College concerning the Breath Alcohol Testing Program.

'Picasso' takes fourth at state one-act contest

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring High School One-Act Play company placed fourth with their presentation of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" at the state University Interscholastic League spring academic meet at the University of Texas in Austin Friday night.

Longview Pine Tree placed first in Class 4A, followed by Klein Oak High School and Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Memorial.

Tapley Holguin, who starred for the one-act play company, placed sixth in Class 4A poetry interpretation competition.

Forsan's Levi Johnson placed third in number sense in Class 1A competition at the state meet.

Also in Class 1A, Taylor Niehues of Garden City High School was fifth in mathematics and number sense, while GCHS placed second in team mathematics and number sense competition.

No other results were available as of press time Saturday.

Child emotions topic for parent information seminar slated Monday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Recognizing and dealing with your child's emotions will be the main focus of a parent information meeting Monday at 5 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria.

Clinical Psychologist Dr. David A. Koch of Midland will present "Understanding Your Child's Emotions" at the meeting, which is hosted by the Big Spring Independent School District's Special Education and Support Services department.

Bobby Waldrop, special education director for the district, said identifying and properly dealing with children's emotions can make the difficult task of child-raising a little easier.

"A lot of times, when a kid comes into the classroom, and he has a certain look on his face, the first thing parents or teachers say is, 'Lose that attitude,'" Waldrop said. "That's the wrong approach. We need to respond to each emotion appropriately."

Dr. Koch's address will help parents and teachers more readily identify 12 common emotions in children and the best way to respond to those emotions, Waldrop said.

"When we see a kid who looks a certain way, we need to understand the emotions they're going through," he said.

Waldrop said the meeting is useful not only for parents and teachers, but anybody.

"This will be helpful to anyone working with people," he said. "Adults have these emotions, too."

Also Monday night, parents of children with special needs — be they physical or psychological — can learn about summer camp opportunities tailored toward children.

Summer camps that cater to children who are educationally disadvantage, or have special medical conditions such as diabetes, are available to children in this area. Waldrop said information on these camps — including financial aid — will be available.

Fajitas will be served. For more information, contact the special education department at 264-4106.

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

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John Fort, 72, of Big Spring died Friday. Family will receive friends at the Funeral Home from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Sunday. Funeral Services will be 2:00 P.M. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Polly Ann Rowan, 51, died Wednesday. Graveside services are 10 AM Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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6 mos - *sits up, holds bottle, babble, repeat vowel sounds*
9 mos - *uses thumbs and fingers, copies sounds & gestures*
12 mos - *walks holding on to furniture, says 1 to 2 words*
18 mos - *feeds myself, names objects, keeps balance on steps*
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OUR VIEWS

This day set aside to honor a special lady

Today is Mother's Day, the day on which we honor the most important women in our lives — those who gave us life, and for about half of us, those who gave our children life.

This is a day to devote ourselves to praising and honoring those who by nature are perhaps the most devoted people on earth.

Mothers, after all, are nurturers. They are naturally giving, caring and fiercely loyal.

As a matter of fact, mothers perform the hardest job in the world — from giving us birth and providing all our needs as infants, to nursing myriad ailments and illnesses during our formative years and, finally, letting us cut the apron strings and allowing us to venture into adulthood.

Too many times we've forgotten to say "thank you." Too often we've taken their efforts for granted. And too often we've been embarrassed or chafed at what seemed too much concern on her part.

But not today, please.

What will you do for your mother today to show her how much you love her and appreciate the years of unconditional love she's given you?

Whether it's flowers, a special meal, a tender greeting card or a simple hug and uttered "thank you," offer them from your heart.

Lord knows they're deserved.

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Being left out in the cold



JULIANNE MALVEAUX

The Bush administration's proposal to slash the 2006 public housing budget could leave thousands of Americans out in the cold.

The cuts, which would be the largest since Washington first began subsidizing housing, could force agencies to fire maintenance workers, reduce services and close buildings. It could cut as much as $480 million, or 14 percent, of the $3.4 billion federal budget for day-to-day operations, according to the New York Times.

This could have a severe impact on the HOPE VI grant program, which Congress and the Department of Housing and Urban Development created in 1992 to help revitalize the nation's most distressed public housing communities and to help families move out of poverty. At the time, the government decided to upgrade the face of public housing and turn much of it into mixed-use housing in blighted neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, that goal seems to have no currency now.

After awarding HOPE VI almost $5.5 billion for a program that many describe as transformational and award-winning, the feds now want to zero out the funds - and even take back the $143 million that was allocated for fiscal year 2005.

HUD says that because HOPE VI has demolished more than 100,000 distressed units in a decade, the program doesn't need to do anything additional. Yet the department gets three applications for every HOPE VI grant it can award, and these grants leverage billions of dollars of private investment in blighted communities. What's more, improving public housing helps generate jobs and improve lives.

Why cut a program that works?

Because cutting programs is the name of the game for this Bush administration. More than 150 programs face the knife in the 2006 budget. Many of the cuts are focused on those at the bottom - people with low or moderate incomes -. or those who need a little bit of government assistance to get by.

According to the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, public housing is home to more than 2 million seniors, people with disabilities and low-income families with children. Many of them would likely experience hardship because of cuts in the public housing budget and other rollbacks.

Yet in the name of balancing the budget, both the House and the Senate have broadly agreed with the president's plan.

Penny-pinchers may rejoice in these cuts and see them as savings, but these "savings" could have serious — and more costly — long-term effects.

For instance, agencies may have to postpone badly needed repairs in public housing. The result of deferred maintenance is much the same in public housing as it is in our own homes. If we postpone repairs, the value of our property deteriorates, and problems that could be fixed for a few dollars end up costing hundreds, even thousands, in the long run.

The budget proposal would also cut services to those in public housing whose household incomes are at $11,000 a year. Some of the services include those that would help low-income families buy homes. Ironically, a department that says it wants to eliminate homelessness may be exacerbating it with these program cuts.

Reductions in the public housing operating fund and in the capital budget mean that the quality of life in public housing could decline. And with inadequate funding in public housing alternatives, even fewer people will have a place to go.

The Bush administration's budget could lead our nation's public housing programs to crumble to ruins.

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Martha Thierry/Detroit Free Press

Terrorism by the *real* numbers

No question: The news that the number of terrorist attacks rose significantly last year seems startling. In fact, the number went way up — from 208 "significant" attacks in America or on Americans worldwide in 2003 to 651 in 2004.

But this piece of information is sorely in need of some context.

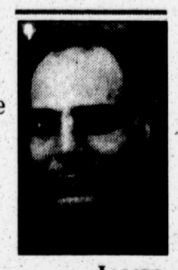
Every year since 1995, State Department officials have issued a "Patterns of Global Terrorism" report. In their 2004 report (which covers 2003), they claimed that terror attacks went down slightly, from 198 in 2002 to 190 in 2003. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., sensing a chance to make some political hay, labeled the decrease suspicious. State Department officials blamed it on a clerical error and altered the report to show 205 terror attacks in 2002 and 208 in 2003.

The matter probably would have been forgotten, but in this year's report, which covers incidents in 2004, State initially included no numbers at all. Officials explained that the method for reporting incidents had changed, so year-to-year comparisons were meaningless. This time it was Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who challenged the State Department.

So State belatedly supplied the numbers: 651, which, Rep. Waxman said, "undermine administration claims of success in the war on terror."

Or do they?

Problem is, the numbers don't tell the whole story. Professor Audrey Cronin, a noted terrorism expert with the Congressional Research Service, notes that the number of international incidents during most of the 1990s was half that of the 1980s. Between 1996, when al-Qaeda got into the terrorism business, and 9/11, many analysts looked at those declining numbers and concluded that terrorism was waning. Others, inside and outside of government, continued to ignore the numbers and warn of increasing danger from terrorism. The day after 9/11, of course, everyone realized that the second group had been correct.



JAMES JAY CARAFANO

Measuring success or failure by the number of attacks alone made little sense then and even less now. Consider Iraq. More than 200 of those 651 attacks took place there. Does that mean we're losing the war on terror? No, it means the United States freed 25 million people, and some of the Baathists who kept them terrorized don't appreciate our efforts. They want to be in charge again, and our soldiers — and, eventually, Iraq's own — stand in their way.

Let's face it: If you take the fight to the enemy, as we've done in the war on terrorism, you have to expect the enemy to attack you more furiously. He's facing a mortal threat, and he's desperate.

And given that the Iraqi people enjoy being free of the Baathists, and that the latter have yet to come to terms with this, the attacks might continue for some time. What matters is that the Baathists won't regain power and, more important, that they won't regain power because the rest of the Iraqi people are united in opposition to them.

States with long histories of suffering through terrorist campaigns, such as Britain, Germany, India, Italy, Spain and Israel, understand how attacks escalate in the face of a tough fight, so they aren't surprised by it. They also understand that countries can survive and even thrive in the face of terror.

If the number of attacks doesn't present an accurate measure of success in the war on terrorism, which numbers do? Consider these:

— Number of Taliban-style states created since 9/11: 0

— Number of countries that have recognized al-Qaeda: 0

— Number of nations that have adopted "state-sponsored" terrorism as an official policy: 0

— Number of states that have voluntarily given-up weapons of mass destruction programs since 9/11: 1

— Number of transnational nuclear smuggling networks broken-up since 9/11: 1

— Number of Middle Eastern states that have moved closer to democracy: 5

If, in World War II, our country had used the Waxman-Levin method of measuring success, we'd have capitulated after the opening battles in the Pacific and North Africa. Acolytes of Hitler would rule one side of the world; followers of Hirohito the other.

But we understood the war would be long and progress would be steady but uneven. Sixty years later, that's still the right formula.

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Bush acknowledges US role in contributing to European divisions following World War II

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press Writer

RIGA, Latvia (AP) — President Bush said Saturday the Soviet domination of central and eastern Europe after World War II will be remembered as "one of the greatest wrongs of history" and acknowledged that the United States played a significant role in the division of the continent.

Bush said the agreement in 1945 at Yalta among President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill "followed in the unjust tradition of Munich and the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact." The decisions at Yalta led to the division of eastern Europe and creation of the Soviet bloc.

"Once again, when powerful governments negotiated, the freedom of small nations was somehow expendable," the president said, opening a four-nation trip to mark the 60th anniversary of Nazi Germany's defeat. "Yet this attempt to sacrifice freedom for the sake of stability left a continent divided and unstable."

"We will not repeat the mistakes of other generations — appeasing or excusing tyranny, and sacrificing freedom in the vain pursuit of stability."

During a speech at a Riga cultural center, Bush commended the Baltic people for keeping "a long vigil of suffering and hope" during 50 years of oppressive Soviet occupation. He said the United States has a "binding pledge of the alliance" to protect the freedom of the Baltic nations.

"In defense of your freedom, you will never stand alone," he said before about 200 Latvian government and community leaders in the audience.

Bush's decision to bracket his trip to Moscow with visits to this Latvian capital and the ex-Soviet republic of Georgia prompted a letter of protest from Russia. Moscow views Bush's travel itinerary — along with U.S. support for democratic change in Ukraine and Georgia — as a sign of inappropriate meddling in its neighborhood.

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"Yet because we lifted our sights and held firm to our principles, freedom prevailed."

—President Bush

The Yalta agreement carved up post-World War II Europe, giving Stalin the whole of Eastern Europe. The agreement led to much criticism of Roosevelt, who was accused of delivering Eastern Europe to communist domination. The meeting took place in Crimea, in the Soviet Union.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's government recently angered Poland by saying it should be grateful for the Yalta treaty, which consigned Poland to the Soviet sphere for decades.

Bush said the victory over Nazi Germany soon gave way to decades of standoff with the Soviet Union.

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Bush met earlier with the leaders of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and said afterward that Russia has no cause to be angry at U.S. involvement in democratic progress on its doorstep and suggested that Moscow recognize the lingering pain caused by the decades-old Soviet annexation of the Baltics.

"The idea of countries helping others become free -- I would hope that would be viewed as not revolutionary, but rational foreign policy and decent foreign policy and humane foreign policy," Bush said. "I think countries ought to feel comfortable with having democracies on their borders.

"I will continue to speak as clearly as I can to President Putin that it's in his country's interests that there be democracies on his borders," Bush said.

Bush acknowledged the Baltics' lingering resentment over the Soviet Union's 1940 annexation of their homeland that led to 50 years of oppressive occupation. Though Bush did not directly call for Putin to apologize, the White House hopes the president's high-profile dive into the matter will encourage the Russians to confront a dark spot in their history, in which the end of World War II saw the Baltics merely trade Nazi domination for communist rule.

Putin, writing in a French newspaper Saturday, said the Soviet Union already made amends in 1989 and his country will not answer the demands of Baltic states for futher repentance. "Such pretensions are useless," Putin wrote in Le Figaro.

Putin said the Baltic nations are just trying to get attention, justify discrimination against Russian-speakers who live there and "mask the shame of past collaboration" with the Nazis.

In his speech, Bush recalled that the United States continued to support the Baltic countries during Soviet oppression by flying the flags of free Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia — illegal in those countries — over diplomatic missions in the United States.

But he said that the defeat of Nazism was a paradox because it spread further captivity in Europe.

"The end of World War II raised unavoidable questions for my country: Had we fought and sacrificed only to achieve the permanent division of Europe into armed camps?" Bush asked. "Or did the cause of freedom and the rights of nations require more of us?

"Eventually, America and our strong allies made a decision: We would not be content with the liberation of half of Europe — and we would not forget our friends behind an Iron Curtain," he said.

The Munich agreement resulted in the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, and the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact consigned the Baltic republics to Soviet rule.

Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus and Estonian President Arnold Ruutel both have chosen not to attend Moscow's World War II military parade in protest of Russia's refusal to say that the occupation was illegal.

Bush is going, but added the stop in Latvia and Georgia, two young democracies resisting Kremlin influence and turning West.

Bush flatly rejected the suggestion that Washington and Moscow work out a mutually agreeable way to bring democracy to Belarus — the former Soviet republic that Bush has called the "last remaining dictatorship in Europe."

Bush called for "free and open and fair" elections set for next year in Belarus, however.

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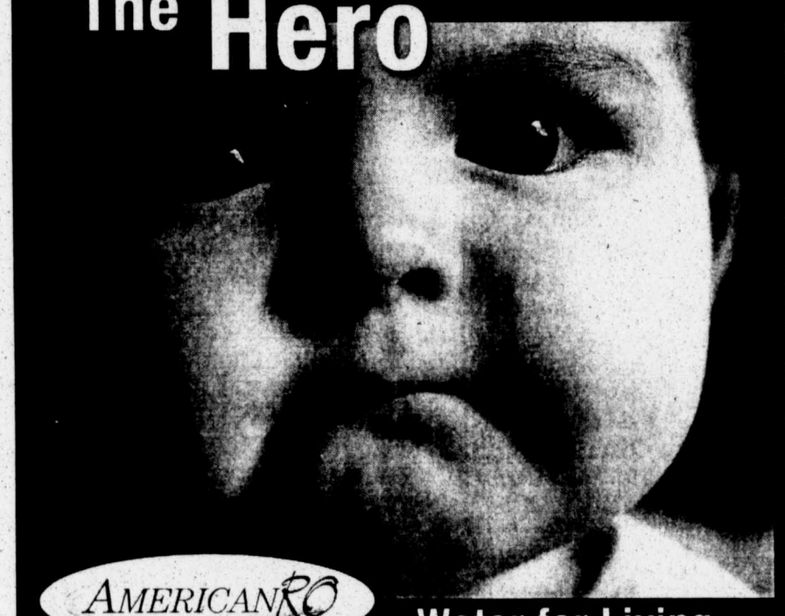
reportedly occurred in the area of Alamesa Drive in southeastern Big Spring.

Two of the men were treated for the injuries at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, while the third, who suffered more serious injuries, was transported to a Lubbock-area hospital Thursday night, Everett said.

Everett did not release the identity of the injured men or the alleged assailant.

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Tougher classes required under Senate's top 10 percent bill

By BRANDI GRISSOM
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AUSTIN (AP) — Students who want automatic admission to Texas universities would have to take tougher courses under a bill approved Friday by the Senate.

The bill would limit admissions under the top 10 percent law to those students who complete the state's recommended or advanced high school programs. Both are considered college preparatory programs.

The current admissions law guarantees all students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their classes admission to the public university of their choice, regardless of the courses they've taken.

"We are giving them an incentive to take those difficult courses," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, who sponsored the legislation.

Under the bill, the State Board of Education would be required to adopt a uniform transcript format for schools to transmit information to universities. The Higher Education Coordinating Board would be required to develop a standard method for calculating grade point averages for determining eligibility in the top 10 percent. More weight would be given for advanced courses.

West said the requirements are meant to make the admissions process more fair, giving an advantage to those who take more challenging classes.

The top 10 percent law has come under fire over the last several years. During this legislative session lawmakers have filed bills that would change or even eliminate it.

University administrators and some lawmakers say the law is squeezing out many qualified students, sending them out of state and tying the hands of admissions officials who want to review the whole of students' academic careers.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, proposed abolishing the law, saying it is unfair and irrelevant.

"We no longer have a reason to have the top 10 percent law," he said. "It has outlived its usefulness."

The university admissions law was adopted after a 1996 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision made affirmative action illegal in Texas college admissions. In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed that decision, allowing universities to use race as one of many decision-making factors.

The law primarily affects the state's flagship universities — the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University in College Station — where enrollment is most selective.

Administrators at UT Austin have long called for change in the top 10 percent law. They say a more holistic approach would allow for more accurate assessment of student qualifications.

More than 60 percent of the 2004 UT Austin freshman class was admitted under the law. At A&M, about 47 percent of 2004 freshmen class were top 10 percent graduates.

The presidents of both universities have recommended keeping the law but implementing a cap on the number of students who could be admitted under it. A bill that would do just that was approved this week by a House education committee.

The bill the Senate approved Friday now goes to that committee for its consideration.

During 2003, however, West and Sen. Leticia Van de Putte successfully filibustered similar legislation.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said the current law is doing what it was meant to do — increasing diversity, both ethnically and geographically, at Texas universities.

And top 10 percent students are outperforming their peers, said Sen. Kip Averitt, D-Waco.

"Students who get into the University of Texas at Austin under the top 10 percent rule have higher GPAs than students who are admitted otherwise," Averitt said. "I think that says our best and brightest are being admitted to our universities."

Agency finally releases documents after four months

EL PASO (AP) — It took the Texas Department of Public Safety four months to release potentially embarrassing documents related to its handling of DNA testing in the case of a man who was wrongfully convicted of rape.

The agency on Tuesday gave the El Paso Times more than 30 pages of key documents, including a memo that showed it knew eight years ago that lab work that helped wrongfully convict Brandon Lee Moon might have been deeply flawed.

Moon, now 43, was convicted in the 1987 gunpoint rape of an El Paso woman and was sentenced to 75 years in prison. He was exonerated by DNA tests in December 2004 after spending 17 years behind bars.

The 30-page release came more than a month after DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange told the newspaper that the agency had handed over all its documents related to DNA testing it conducted in the case in 1996.

This week, Mange blamed the mix-up on "human error."

"The Texas Department of Public Safety prides itself on prompt, complete responses to requests made under the Texas Public Information Act," she said. "Our agency responds to almost 2,600 open records requests per year.

Unfortunately, human error sometimes occurs, as it did in this case."

The El Paso Times submitted its first request under the Texas Public Information Act in January, seeking all DPS documents related to 1996 DNA testing.

The initial release of documents included more than 100 pages of records, which showed that DPS and the El Paso district attorney's office began but never finished DNA tests that could have freed Moon years earlier.

A follow-up request in February seeking documents that detailed the chain of custody of the Moon evidence produced more than 20 pages of lab sheets.

"We did not understand that the request also included lab worksheets," Mange said.

The Times then asked in late March that it be given all documents from the 1996 testing not previously released. At the time, Mange responded: "We have gone through the documents again and have found nothing new."

But when the Times showed the file to DPS scientist Donna Stanley, who wrote the memo questioning the validity of the test results, she said it appeared to be incomplete.

The newspaper issued another request for specific documents identified by Stanley, and the DPS on Tuesday gave the Times more than 30 previously unreleased pages.

The delay prompted criticism from Joel White, president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

"Another word for human error is negligence," White said. "People who are responsible for maintaining files that can send people to prison for life have an obligation to avoid those kinds of errors."

Official demoted amid claims he cuffed woman for declining sex

SAN ANGELO (AP) — An assistant police chief was demoted and stripped of his title Friday, less than a week after a woman accused him of handcuffing her because she wouldn't engage in a sex act with him or a female federal agent.

Ron Dooley, a 15-year veteran of the San Angelo Police Department, is on paid administrative leave as the Texas Rangers investigate the woman's claims. No charges have been filed in connection with the Sunday incident.

Regardless of whether Dooley is ever charged or convicted, his poor judgment made the demotion from major to lieutenant necessary, Police Chief Tim Vasquez said in Saturday's editions of the San Angelo Standard-Times.

"An officer's conduct has embarrassed this organization, the officers of the department and myself in the eyes of the community," Vasquez said in a statement. "I will not tolerate this type of behavior."

The incident is being investigated as a reported unlawful restraint, a misdemeanor under Texas law.

According to court records, Dooley told investigators he handcuffed the woman after she "became emotionally upset and uncontrollable" after spending time in a hot tub with him and Jennifer Sedgebeer, a San Angelo-based criminal investigator with the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Sedgebeer also is on paid administrative leave. The Associated Press could not locate a telephone listing for her.

Dooley had been in charge of the department's budget, as well as police training and community services.

Former Houston administrator pleads guilty in corruption case

CLEVELAND (AP) — A former Houston administrator pleaded guilty to federal conspiracy and extortion charges in a corruption case that investigators say spanned three states.

Monique McGilbra, former director of Houston's Building Services Department, entered the plea Friday in Cleveland.

As part of a plea deal, McGilbra, 41, also will plead guilty to conspiracy next week in a Houston federal court.

She has agreed to cooperate with federal investigators and prosecutors in the case.

McGilbra faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a $250,000 fine and three years of supervised release.

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Two suicide car bombs explode in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgent car bombs struck a market and a police bus Friday, killing at least 25 people, and a dozen bodies were uncovered in a garbage dump on the outskirts of Baghdad — some victims blindfolded and shot execution-style.

Also Friday, Iraqi militants holding an Australian engineer hostage issued a 72-hour ultimatum for Australia to start pulling its troops out of Iraq.

The latest insurgent attacks were part of a surge in violence that has killed more than 270 people — many of them Iraqi soldiers and police — since Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced his new government April 28.

Representatives of al-Jaafari's Shiite-dominated alliance planned to meet with Sunni Arab leaders Saturday to discuss candidates for defense minister and six other unfilled posts.

Al-Jaafari hopes to win over the Sunni minority, which is believed to be driving the insurgency, by increasing their participation in his government.

Blair shuffles Cabinet, signaling confidence in longtime allies

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair unveiled his Cabinet on Friday, changing leadership in defense and health but keeping mostly familiar faces as he put his Labour government back in business after a third term victory dampened by a reduced majority in Parliament caused by the anti-war vote.

As expected, Blair kept his powerful Treasury chief Gordon Brown by his side as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Brown's strong stewardship of the economy played a key role in securing the government's re-election, and he is widely viewed as Blair's likely successor should the prime minister not serve the full term.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, a steadfast ally who has repeatedly defended the government's decision to back the U.S.-led offensive in Iraq, also kept his job.

Satellites see what may be preparations for North Korean nuclear test, official says

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. spy satellites have detected what may be preparations for North Korea's first test of a nuclear weapon, although analysts believe it could be a calculated ruse on Pyongyang's part, a U.S. defense official said Friday.

The satellite images show North Korea has dug and refilled a significant hole at a suspected test site in Gilju in the northeastern part of the country, said the official, discussing intelligence only on the condition of anonymity. The hole was dug in a manner consistent with preparations for an underground nuclear test, although it is not known whether the North Koreans deposited a weapon inside, the official said.

In addition, the official said, they have built some bleachers a sufficient distance from the hole, presumably for viewing any test.

Officials elsewhere in the U.S. government played down the remarks.

One who spoke on condition of anonymity said activity at the site could be consistent with preparations for a nuclear test, but other explanations are also possible.

Employers step up hiring, adding 274,000 jobs as unemployment rate holds at 5.2 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hiring around the country picked up briskly in April, with employers boosting payrolls by 274,000 and raising hopes of better days ahead for jobseekers and the economy as a whole. The unemployment rate held steady at 5.2 percent.

The latest snapshot of the nation's employment climate, released by the Labor Department on Friday, eased fears about the economy getting stuck in the soggy spot it hit in March.

April's payroll growth marked an improvement from the 146,000 new jobs created in March. Economists also were heartened to see that revised figures showed employers added 93,000 more jobs in February and March combined than the government previously estimated.

"The economy appears to be snapping back and the soft patch has probably evaporated," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management. "Jobseekers can now look forward to a more receptive climate. We are seeing jobs open up over a wide swath of industries."

Tipster tricked 'Precious Doe' suspect into providing hair sample

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — The tipster who helped crack the case of a beheaded 4-year-old girl went to police with his suspicions nearly a year ago and recently tricked the child's mother into providing a hair sample that he taped to a photograph and mailed to Kansas City, a community activist said Friday.

Police would not comment on what role the hair sample may have played in the arrests of Michelle M. Johnson, 30, and Harrell Johnson, 25, the girl's stepfather. The two agreed Friday to be returned to Kansas City to face murder charges.

Some of the hair came from the mother's brush, and she gave some of it to the tipster after he told her he would put it in a Bible under the 23rd Psalm to bring her good luck, said Alonzo Washington, a Kansas City community activist who has long championed efforts to identify the girl.

Washington said the tipster, who does not want his name released, first contacted police nearly a year ago and gave them all the pertinent details about the case, but investigators did not believe him.

Big bellies, related ills have big costs — in dollars and deaths

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Americans with metabolic syndrome — a condition marked by big waistlines, diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol problems — account for $4 of every $10 spent on prescription drugs for adults, according to a study.

The report by Medco Health Solutions, a huge prescription benefit manager, shows that adult use of medication for the syndrome jumped 36 percent between 2002 and 2004.

Annual prescription costs for people 20 and older with metabolic syndrome averaged $4,116 last year, 4.2 times the average amount spent on drugs for that age group, according to New Jersey-based Medco, which released the data exclusively to The Associated Press.

Medco reached its findings by studying prescription records from a random sample of 2 million clients.

Dr. Robert Epstein, Medco's chief medical officer, calls metabolic syndrome one of the country's top five health problems.

Report: Paula Abdul to make appearance on 'Saturday Night Live'

NEW YORK (AP) — Apparently Paula Abdul has no plans to keep a low profile.

The "American Idol" judge being investigated for an alleged affair with a former contestant will make an appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" this weekend, the entertainment magazine show "The Insider" reported Friday.

Abdul is a paid correspondent at "The Insider."

A spokesman for "Saturday Night Live" would say only that NBC was hopeful that such plans would come together.

A former "American Idol" contestant, Corey Clark, claimed this week that Abdul had an affair with him while he was competing in 2003 and coached him on how to do better on the Fox show.

Rumsfeld: Base closings may be less than half first estimate

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Far fewer military bases are likely to be closed and realigned than originally foreseen, in part because of the planned shift of tens of thousands of troops from bases in Asia and Europe to the United States, according to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld said surplus base capacity is not as great as earlier estimated — an assessment that will be comforting to communities hoping to retain bases they rely on for an economic boost.

"Without final figures, I would say the percent will be less than half of the 20 to 25 percent that has been characterized previously," Rumsfeld said in a conference call Thursday with newspaper editorial writers across the country, according to two writers who were on the call.

Rumsfeld had previously said the current round of base closings and realignment — the first since 1995 — would result in less shrinkage of base capacity than the 20 to 25 percent figure the Pentagon has cited for the past few years. But he had not previously said it might be less than half that range.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said in an interview Friday that in a meeting on Feb. 8 Rumsfeld told him and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison that about 15 percent of base capacity would be cut.

Rumsfeld has until May 16 to recommend which domestic bases should be closed or realigned. His recommendations will be the basis for deliberations by the independent Base Closing and Realignment Commission, which will submit its own list to President Bush by Sept. 8.

The Pentagon wants to close some bases to save money over the long run, and base realignments are aimed at advancing the ability of the military services to operate and train together.

States and cities are trying to avoid closures by making the case that their bases are crucial for national security. They have hired high-powered lobbyists with Washington connections and tried to make their facilities — through new construction and other improvements — more resistant to closure.

The Pentagon declined to release a transcript of Rumsfeld's remarks to the editorial writers until their editorials have been published. Two of the writers confirmed in telephone interviews Friday that Rumsfeld made the statement that the reduction in base capacity would be less than half the 20 to 25 percent range.

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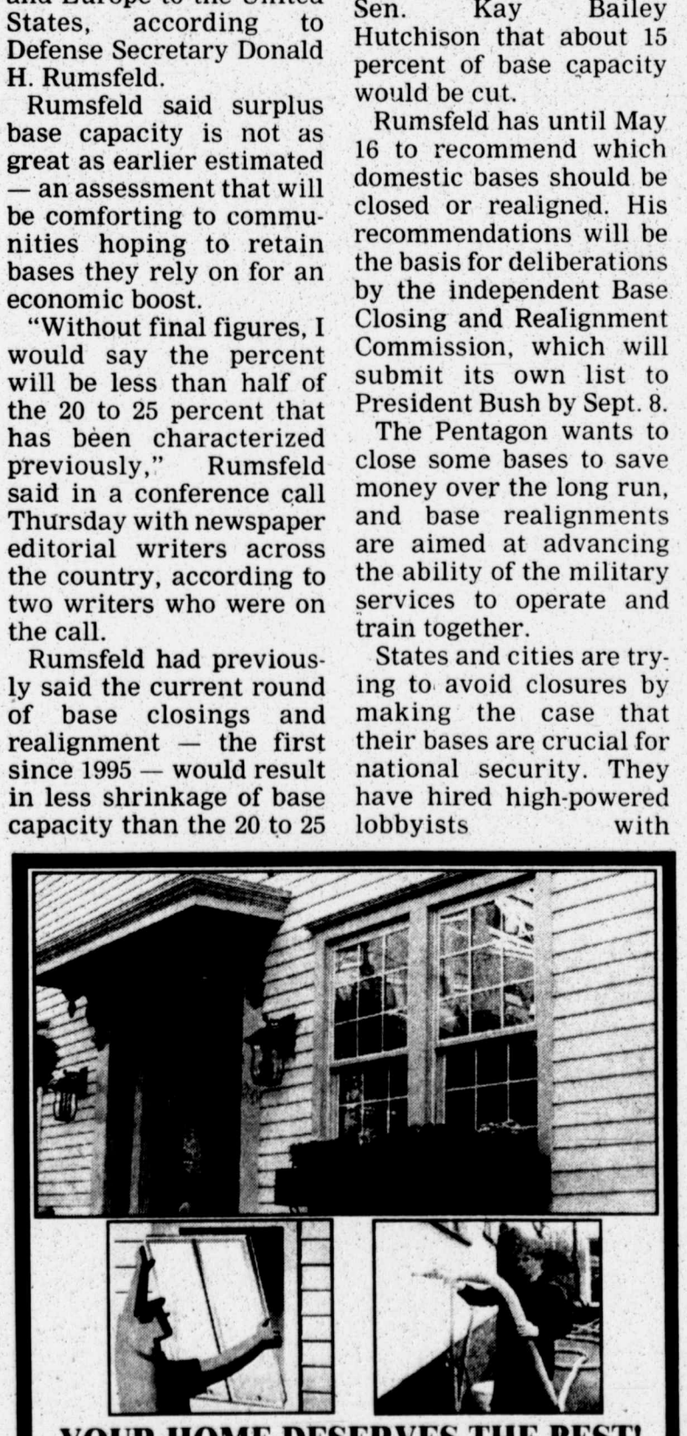
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Hardcover Fiction

1. "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner Books)
2. "The Mermaid Chair" by Monk Kidd (Viking)
3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "Star Wars Revenge of the Sith" by Matthew Stover (Del Rey/LucasBooks)
5. "The Innocent" by Harlan Coben (Dutton)
6. "In the Company of Cheerful Ladies" by Alexander McCall Smith (Pantheon)
7. "No Place Like Home" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
8. "Ya-Yas in Bloom" by Rebecca Wells (HarperCollins)
9. "Saturday" by Ian McEwan (Doubleday/Talese)
10. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)

Nonfiction/General

1. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
2. "Winning" by Jack Welch and Suzy Welch (HarperBusiness)
3. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
4. "He's Just Not That Into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
5. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
6. "And One More Thing Before You Go" by Maria Shriver (Free Press)
7. "My Life So Far" by Jane Fonda (Random House)
8. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
9. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
10. "Body for Life for Women" by Pamela Peeke (Rodale)

Mass Market Paperbacks

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams (Del Rey)
3. "The Taking" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
4. "Just One Look" by Harlan Coben (Signet)
5. "Hidden Prey" by John Sandford (Berkley)
6. "Nighttime Is My Time" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
7. "Kiss Me While I Sleep" by Linda Howard (Ballantine)
8. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (St. Martin's)
9. "A Loving Scoundrel" by Johanna Lindsey (Pocket Star)
10. "R Is for Ricochet" by Sue Grafton (Berkley)

Trade Paperbacks

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
2. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
3. "The Ultimate Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams (Del Rey)
4. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
5. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
6. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
7. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (St. Martin's)
8. "Sam's Letters to Jennifer" by James Patterson (Warner)
9. "Good Grief" by Lolly Winston (Warner)
10. "30-Minute Get Real Meals" by Rachael Ray (Clarkson Potter)

Best sellers — video

By The Associated Press

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

Top Kid Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Dora the Explorer: Big Sister Dora," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
3. "Thomas & Friends: Sodor Celebration," Hit Entertainment.
4. "Barbie: Fairytopia," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
5. "Barney: Let's Go to the Farm," Hit Entertainment.
6. "Spongebob Squarepants: Home Sweet Pineapple," Paramount Home Entertainment.
7. "Max & Ruby: Springtime for Max & Ruby," Mickelodeon Video.
8. "Dora the Explorer: Silly Fiesta," Paramount Home Entertainment.
9. "Aloha Scooby Doo," Warner Home Video.
10. "Mulan 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.

Top VHS Rentals

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

1. "Meet the Fockers," Universal Studios Home Video.
2. "Ocean's Twelve," Warner Home Video.
3. "Spanglish," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
4. "Sideways," FoxVideo.
5. "Hotel Rwanda," MGM Home Entertainment.
6. "Elektra," FoxVideo.
7. "Finding Neverland," Miramax Home Entertainment.
8. "After the Sunset (Widescreen)," New Line Home Entertainment.
9. "Ladder 49," Touchstone Home Video.
10. "The Incredibles," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.

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Top VHS Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Meet the Fockers," Universal Studios Home Video.
2. "The Incredibles," Walt Disney Home Video.
3. "Dora the Explorer: Big Sister Dora," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "The Spongebob SquarePants Movie," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
6. "Thomas & Friends: Sodor Celebration," HIT Entertainment.
7. "Barbie: Fairytopia," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
8. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
9. "Barney: Let's Go to the Farm," Hit Entertainment.
10. "Bambi (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.

Top DVD Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Meet the Fockers (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
2. "Meet the Fockers (Pan & Scan)," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "Ocean's Twelve," Warner Home Video.
4. "House of Flying Daggers," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
5. "The Incredibles (Widescreen)," Walt Disney Home Video.
6. "Sideways (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
7. "Hotel Rwanda," MGM Home Entertainment.
8. "Meet the Parents (Bonus Edition Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
9. "Meet the Parents (Bonus Edition)," Universal Studios Home Video.
10. "The Incredibles (Pan & Scan)," Walt Disney Home Video.

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Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

(Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental charts)

HOT POP SONG: "Hollaback Girl," Gwen Stefani.

TOP POP ALBUM: "Devils & Dust," Bruce Springsteen.

HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SONG: "Slow Down," Bobby Valentino.

TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM: "Disturbing tha Peace Presents Bobby Valentino," Bobby Valentino.

HOT COUNTRY SONG: "My Give a Damn's Busted," Jo Dee Messina.

TOP COUNTRY ALBUM: "Delicious Surprise," Jo Dee Messina.

TOP VHS RENTAL: "Meet the Fockers."

TOP VHS SALE: "Meet the Fockers."

TOP DVD SALE: "Meet the Fockers (Widescreen)."

TOP KID VIDEO: "Dora the Explorer: Big Sister Dora."

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2005-2006 Spring Registration for Current Big Spring Students:

Registration packets will be sent home on Monday, May 9, 2005, with your child.

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Military

Air Force Airman Clarence D. Wilkins Jr.



Air Force Airman Clarence D. Wilkins Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Bryan Wilkins and Evelyn Wilkins, both of Big Spring.

Wilkins is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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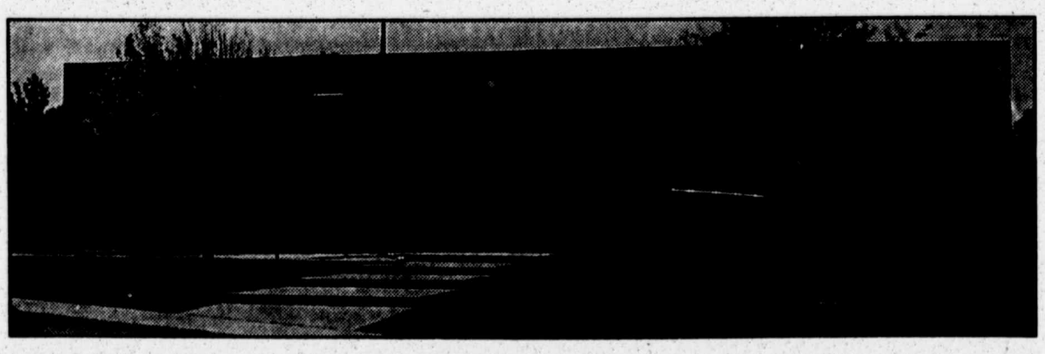


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Corps Cadets (Teen Bible Study).....5:30PM

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Timbrels.....5:00 PM
Gospel Arts.....5:30 PM
Home League/Men's Club.....6:00 PM
Bible Study.....7:15 PM

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: **breakfast**, breakfast burrito, pears and milk; **lunch**, cheeseburger, salad, potato chips, ranch style beans, vanilla pudding cups and milk.

Tuesday: **breakfast**, cereal, sausage patty, juice and milk; **lunch**, charboiled meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, wheat roll and milk.

Wednesday: **breakfast**, PB&J, applesauce and milk; **lunch**, grilled teriyaki chicken, seasoned rice, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches, rolls and milk.

Thursday: **breakfast**, cereal, ham slice, juice and milk; **lunch**, Mexican beef wrap, tortilla rounds, refried beans, ice cream and milk.

Friday, breakfast, banana muffin, pears and milk; lunch, pepperoni pizza, garden salad, French fries, mixed fruit and milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: **breakfast**, cereal, yogurt, juice and milk; **lunch**, pigs-in-blanket, pinto beans, pineapple orange salad, chips and milk.

Tuesday: **breakfast**, eggs, toast, juice and milk; **lunch**, meat and bean chalupas, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, Spanish rice, flour tortillas and milk.

Wednesday: **breakfast**, muffins, juice and milk; **lunch**, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed fruit, green beans, hot rolls and milk.

Thursday: **breakfast**, biscuits, sausage, juice and milk; **lunch**, pizza, corn, tossed salad, pears and milk.

Friday: **breakfast**, donuts, juice and milk; **lunch**, ham sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, baby carrots, brownie and milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: **breakfast**, oatmeal, ham, orange juice and milk; **lunch**, barbecue beef on a bun, potato salad, apples, milk and corn dogs.

Tuesday: **breakfast**, biscuits, gravy, sausage, jelly, apple juice and milk; **lunch**, meatloaf, corn, macaroni, mixed fruit, bread, milk and McRibs.

Wednesday: **breakfast**, donuts, ham, fruit and milk; **lunch**, green enchiladas, pinto beans, tortilla chips, pineapples, milk and burritos.

Thursday: **breakfast**, pop tarts, sausage, fruit, juice and milk; **lunch**, chicken spaghetti, peas, pears, bread, milk, ham and cheese sandwiches.

Friday: school holiday.

Sands ISD

Monday: **breakfast**, biscuits and sausage; **lunch**, corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pork-n-beans, applesauce and milk.

Tuesday: **breakfast**, pancake on a stick; **lunch**, steak fingers with gravy, sliced potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, mixed fruit and milk.

Wednesday: **breakfast**, muffins; **lunch**, chalupas, refried beans, salad, corn, cheese, peaches and milk.

Thursday: **breakfast**, cereal; **lunch**, oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello and milk.

Friday: **breakfast**, cereal; **lunch**, pizza, corn, salad, cookies and milk.

Westbrook ISD

Monday: **breakfast**, breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice and milk; **lunch**, beef fajitas, cheese, salsa, corn, tossed salad, strawberry yogurt and milk.

Tuesday: **breakfast**, sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, fruit juice and milk; **lunch**, nachos with meat and cheese, peppers, tossed salad, Spanish rice, peaches and milk.

Wednesday: **breakfast**, oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit juice and milk; **lunch**, chicken patty on bun, lettuce, tomato, pork-n-beans, fruit cup and milk.

Thursday: **breakfast**, pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice and milk; **lunch**, bologna, cheese, peanut butter, turkey salad sandwiches, French Fries, fruit roll ups and milk.

Friday: school holiday

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday: steak fingers, potatoes, broccoli and cheese, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.

Tuesday: chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, cornbread and pudding.

Wednesday: chicken strips, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.

Thursday, large baked potatoes, chili, sour cream, broccoli and cheese, salad, milk, crackers and pie.

Friday: meatload, black-eyed peas, okra, salad, milk, cornbread and fruit.

Who's Who

Kristina Melton


Melton

Kristina Melton, daughter of Tommy and Laurie Melton of Odessa and grandaughter of Clois and Peggy Snell of Coahoma, auditioned and was selected to perform at the Johnnie H:gh's Country Music Revue in Arlington March 4.

She will perform again at the theater May 20.

She is a 2003 graduate of Permian High School and has been studying commercial music at South Plains College and will graduate in May with an associate of arts degree.

While attending South Plains, she has been a member of several country music ensembles, entertained at the Miss Caprock Pageant, performed the national anthem at several basketball games and the Texas Tech Rodeo.

She also performed the national anthem at the Sand Hills Rodeo at the Ector County colliseum in January.

She will continue her education at the University of Texas in Arlington in broadcast communications and will continue her music performance, employed by Eclipse Entertainment in Arlington.

The Johnnie High Country Music Revue has been a Texas tradition for the past 30 years. Many of today's top recording artists spent years honing their talents on the stage of the Country Music Revue.

The show is a four-time winner of Live Country Music Show of the Year by the National Organization of Country Music Associations, based in California.

Melody McDaniel

Melody McDaniel of Big Spring, has received a yearly $3,000 music scholarship from Texas Wesleyan University. She has also been awarded the Ram Academic Scholarship of $2,000 per year for each year she attends the university.

McDaniel will begin her studies at Texas Wesleyan University this fall, pursuing a degree in music performance with a double minor in para-legal studies and psychology.

VAMC to celebrate National Nurses Week

Spoecial to the Herald

The West Texas VA Health Care System will celebrate National Nurses Week this week.

All former VA nursing service employees are invited to attend a reception on Friday from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in Room 219 of the VA Medical Center.

Throughout the week, nurses will be honored in a variety of ways, medical center officials said.

The West Texas VA Health Care System of Big Spring and Nursing Services are privileged to recognize the nurses who work for the VA during National Nurses' Week, officials said.

The West Texas VA Health Care System has served this area since 1950.

Play It Safe coming to Coahoma schools

Herald Staff Report

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association will bring its Play It Safe safety awareness campaign to Coahoma Elementary School on Wednesday.

About 100 children in third and fourth grades will attend at 1:30 p.m., followed by 112 fifth and sixth graders at 2:15 p.m.

The campaign, targeting school age children, features a friendly mascot, Safe T Turtle, appearing with a safety specialist who warns children of potential hazards in the oil patch.

Coahoma Elementary principal Patricia Bennett arranged the program.

Andy Cobb, Senior Environmental/Safety Specialist for Energen Resources Corp., will be joined by mascot Safe T Turtle for the presentation.

Cobb will demonstrate typical oil field safety equipment during the interactive program with the students and will show a short video program.

The children will also receive safety decals showing a cartoon illustration of Safe T and the campaign slogan, "Play It Safe & Don t Take Chances!"

The PBPA Safety Committee, chaired by Jane Wolf of Midland, developed the

campaign, which was inspired by a tragic accident in which teenagers died as a result of exposure to toxic gases while playing on an oil storage tank in East Texas in early 2003. Earlier this year a teenage girl was killed while playing on a pumping unit near Farmington, N.M.

Other public school programs have been scheduled in Hobbs, N.M., Midland, Odessa, Rankin, Denver City and Grand Falls.

In addition to BP, participating members of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, including major contributors Oxy Permian, Bandera Drilling Co., ChevronTexaco and Devon Energy Corp and Schlumberger support the campaign.

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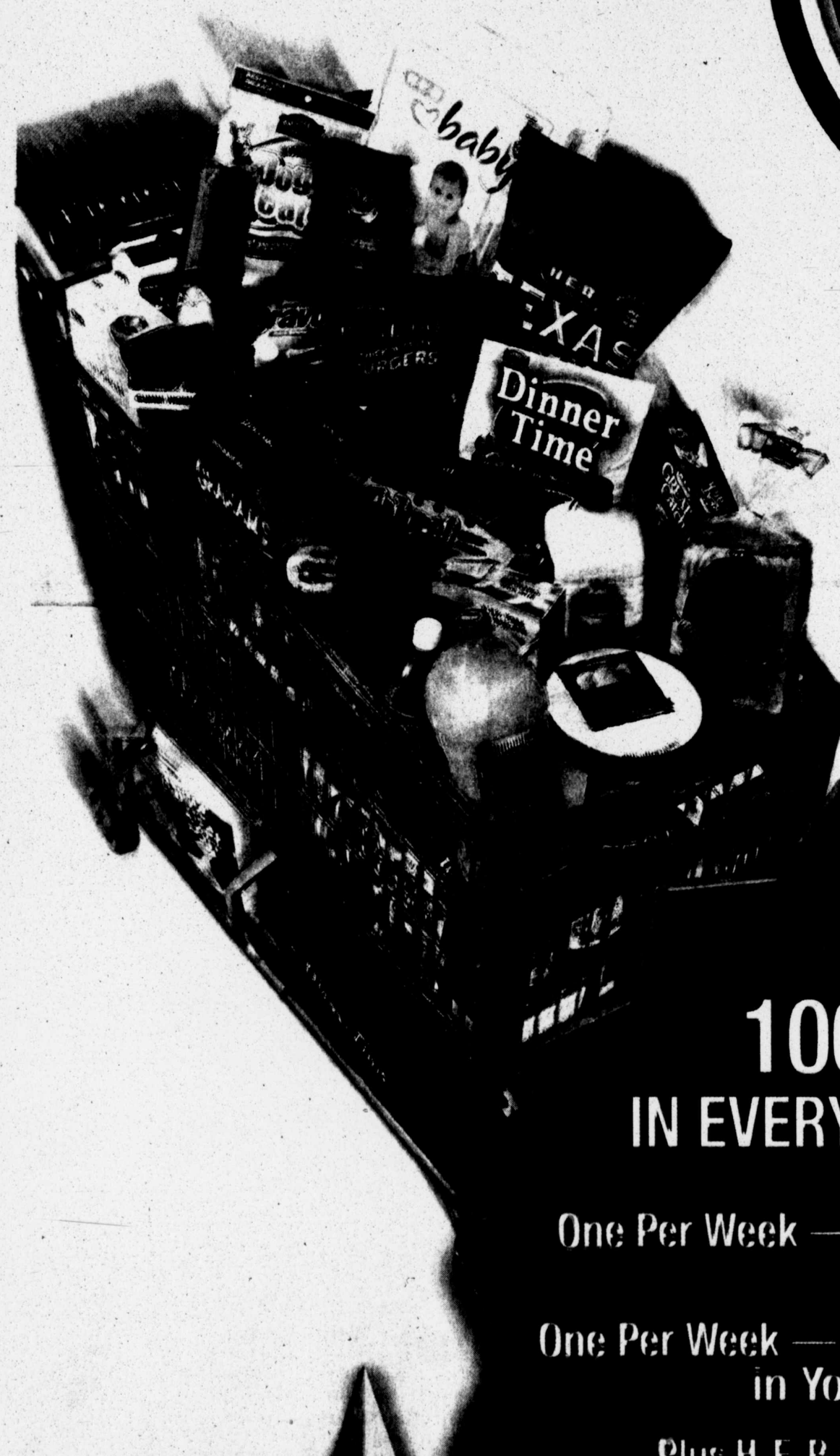
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• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
• Coffee @ PRL - 10:00 am
Supper Club - "Casa Blanca" -5:30 pm
May 4 • Wednesday
• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Eat For $2.00 In The Hospital Cafeteria)
Trauma Awareness Day - Rockhound Stadium, Midland
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May 5 • Thursday
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am (Cofee with members)
• Volunteer Jewelry Sale 8:30 - 5:00 pm - Hospital Lobby
May 6 • Friday
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May 7 • Saturday
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May 8 • Sunday
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• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)
• SMMC Volunteer Awards Banquet 12:00 Noon - China Dragon
May 10 • Tuesday
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
Supper Club - "KC Steakhouse" 5:30- pm
May 11 • Wednesday
• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Eat for $2.00 in the Hospital Cafeteria)
• Midland Shopping - 9:00 am
May 12 • Thursday
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
May 13 • Friday
• Relay For Life - Blankenship Field
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Child Birth Classes - 9:00-4:00 pm
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• Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30 am
• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)
May 17 • Tuesday
• Mall Walkiing - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
• Supper Club - "China Dragon" - 5:30 pm
May 18 • Wednesday
• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Eat For $2.00 In The Hospital Cafeteria)
• Meet & Greet Tea & Scones Party 2:00 pm - Hospital Classroom
• Games - 3:00 pm
May 19 • Thursday
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
May 22 • Sunday
• "Over The Tavern" (Comedy) - Midland Community Theater - 1:00 pm
May 23 • Monday
• Lunch & Bunch & 23 Birthdays "KFC" - 11:30 AM
• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)
May 24 • Tuesday
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
• New Mexico Casino Trip - 10:00 am
May 25 • Wednesday
• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Eat For $2.00 In The Hospital Cafeteria)
• Supper Club - "Red Mesa" - 5:30 m
May 26 • Thursday
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am (Eat For $2.00 In The Hospital Cafeteria)
• Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am
May 30 • Monday
• Senior Circle - Office Closed Holiday
May 31 • Tuesday
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet At The Mall & Walk Together)
• Supper Club - "Cowboys" - 5:30 pm
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club announces couples tournament

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

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

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

For more information, call 267-5354.

BSISD has set up chance to get athletic physicals

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

The physical form can be obtained through your coach, athletic trainer or online at bsisd.esc18.net (look under schools, BSHS, athletics and athletic forms).

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

Coahoma announces all-sports banquet

Coahoma has announced that its all-sports banquet will take place Tuesday, May 17, at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets for non-athletes and parents are $7 and they can be purchased that night.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Coahoma High School Office at 394-4536.

Also, the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club would like to announce a meeting to elect members for next year.

The meeting will take place Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Lady Steers set date for sports banquet

The Big Spring Lady Steers sports banquet will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

General admission tickets can be purchased for $10 through Kay Cook at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

For more information, call Janet Abner at 263-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez at 263-6100.

Illinois guard Brown to test NBA waters

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Illinois junior Dee Brown, the Big Ten player of the year, will enter the NBA draft but has not signed with an agent.

By not signing with an agent, Brown can attend workouts with NBA teams while leaving open his option to return to school.

Pena, Fairley see reasons to stay at Howard

• Diddle decides on bringing back two from last year's women's squad

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Last year's women's basketball season would just soon be forgotten at Howard College by head coach Earl Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodewald.

But two players from the Hawk women's team, which won just one conference game last year, won't be.


PENA

It will be a fresh start next year, but two of last year's best players will help start the foundation for next year and years to come as freshmen Jennifer Pena and Latoya Fairley signed their letters of intent to return to Howard next season.

"I think these two girls serve as the foundation of what we are trying to build here at Howard," said Diddle. "They have the character, attitude and work ethic that we are looking at."

Both players exercised other options after the season, which is common at the JUCO level, but in the end decided to return to Howard for one more year.

"I didn't want to rush into a four-year college and I didn't want to be that player that jumped around from college to college in my four years of playing," said Pena. "I also have confidence that the coaching staff will get things turned around through recruiting."


FAIRLEY

Fairley's ultimate goal after Howard is to move to a high-profile Division I program and knows Diddle can help her get there.

"I like Howard and I will stay focused on what I got to do here," said Fairley. "I also know coach Diddle can get me to where I want to go."

Fairley named Texas, Texas Tech and North Carolina as being on her wish list for Division I programs, but said the main goal is just to play big-time basketball somewhere.

Pena wants to play at a four-year college, but also wants to see time on the court.

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Villarreal earns trip to state tourney

• Area players prepare for UIL state tennis tournament in Austin

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

After three unsuccessful trips to the Region 1-4A tennis tournament, Big Spring senior Veronica Villarreal got over the hump last month and grabbed second place and will make her first and last trip to the state tournament as a high school netter.

Villarreal's journey to a state title will begin at 10:15 a.m. at Penick-Allison Courts on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. She will take on Rebecca Lange of Dallas Highland Park in the quarterfinal round.

"Things have been going pretty good at practices and she is going to state just wanting to play her best," said Big Spring coach Sarah Corse. "That is all you can really ask for at this point.

"We don't know much about Rebecca and not have seen her play, but we do expect her to be a pretty good tennis player."

The Villarreal/Lange winner will take on either Jessica Wente of Whitehouse and Emily Gorham of Boerne at 2 p.m.

Also competing in the state tournament Monday will be five Class A area qualifiers from both Garden City and Grady.


courtesy photo

Garden City sophomores Taylor Niehues, left, and Alex Halfmann show off their regional tennis medals after the boy's doubles team took home the silver medal last week. The second place regional finish sent the duo to the UIL state tennis meet in Austin, which will take place Monday and Tuesday.

Garden City sophomores Alex Halfmann and Taylor Niehues will make their run at a state title Monday at 11:30 a.m. against Diego Coronado and Robert Ortiz of Rocksprings at the Lakeway World of Tennis courts.

Grady's three representatives are Amanda Cooper, Brianna Pribyla and Ericka Medina.

Cooper, a freshman, makes her first appearance to the state tournament and will begin competition Monday at 10:15 a.m. at Lakeway. She will take on Samantha Jones of Wolfe City.

Pribyla and Medina will try their luck in the Class A girl's doubles competition. They will challenge Jenna Acker and Jamie Birkenfeld of Nazareth in the first round Monday at 3 p.m. at Lakeway.

The layoff between match action could be the thing that hurts most tennis players at the state meet, but Corse feels like Villarreal, whose last tournament came at regionals two weeks ago, shouldn't be affected by it.

"It shouldn't hurt a person like Veronica because

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HC's Tidwell takes round ball talents to UT-Tyler

Howard sharpshooter turns down bigger schools to play at 'comfortable' fit

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Howard College's most prolific women's 3-point shooter has decided to further her college basketball career as sophomore Ciara Tidwell signed a letter of intent to play at the University of Texas at Tyler, an NCAA Division III program, next season.


TIDWELL

Tidwell, who owns records at Howard for most 3-pointers in a season and in a career, chose Tyler over two bigger schools, but said it was a good fit for her.

"I turned down all of my bigger offers because I wanted to be closer to home and closer to my sister who will be a senior at Boyd High School next year," said Tidwell. "I like the coach at Tyler and I really enjoyed being around the players on the team that I have met. I feel comfortable there."

"Coach (Terri) Deike is real straight forward and she doesn't sugar coat things and that is what I like. She said 'this is how we are going to do it and this is how is going to be.'"

Tidwell also had offers from Division I Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Division II Angelo State University. She also had interest from Texas College, an NAIA Division I school also in Tyler. Tidwell's teammate at Howard, Lyndzay Longacre, will attend Texas College next year.

"Ciara was an asset to the program at Howard and will be a key figure at UT-Tyler during her two years there," said Howard assistant women's basketball coach Eric Rodewald.

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Laurikkala makes Coahoma history at state

• Bulldogette has as good of a chance as anyone at Class 2A state golf tournament

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Coahoma's Sini Laurikkala will make her first trip to the UIL state golf meet this year after a successful run at the regional tournament late last month.

It is also the first time a girl golfer from Coahoma has ever been to state.

"I am very excited to be going to state," said Laurikkala, who is a foreign exchange student at Coahoma this year. "It is a big deal here I guess and I am just happy to be playing."

Laurikkala will tee off at around 7 a.m. both Monday and Tuesday at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin. And it is her first time on a course in quite some time because of uncooperative weather.

"She has not been able to practice a lot since regionals because of rain, but she is a good enough golfer to have that not affect her at state," said Coahoma coach Kim Nichols. "She is usually hitting golf balls somewhere so that will help."

Laurikkala advanced to the state meet after playing consistent golf all year long despite not knowing many of the courses prior to playing on them. Still, Nichols doesn't think that her unknown knowledge of the courses will hurt her.

"She's been pretty steady all year and it is a course she has not played on this year, but after a practice round Sunday she should be ready to go," said Nichols. "She is a good enough golfer to adjust to the settings. She will take notes and mark off distance. She is pretty smart with those things."

Some of the qualifiers played at state last year and will be familiar with the course. Advantage?

"It will be a bit of an advantage," said Nichols. "However, Sini hasn't really been familiar with any course this year and she has still done well."

Nichols knows who Laurikkala's competition will be in Austin, but has not seen any scores of their respective regional tournaments. He does feel like Laurikkala has as good of a shot as anyone to win it and definitely thinks she will do well.

"I will try to play my best, but I am not expecting any particular place," said Laurikkala. "I am just going to play golf and hope my scores take care of the rest."

The Class 2A state golf tournament will be held at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course both Monday and Tuesday and will consist of 18 holes both days.

Coahoma Softball

Class 2A Regional Quarterfinal

No. 6 Coahoma (19-9) vs. Hawley

Best-of-three series

Friday: @ Snyder
Game 1: 5 p.m.
Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1
Saturday: @Hardin Simmons University in Abilene
Game 3: 1 p.m. (if necessary)

Odessa Roughnecks Football

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To order group tickets (10 or more people) for $7 per person, contact Ernie Salcido at 332-7277.

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Chicano Golf Association sets up monthly tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has set its monthly tournament for Sunday, May 15.

The tournament will be a 12-player low-ball contest and it will have a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration for the event must take place before 9:45 a.m. on the day of the tourney.

For more information, contact Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful announces fund-raising tourney

A golf tournament fund-raiser to benefit Keep Big Spring Beautiful has been set up for Saturday, May 21.

The tournament is a four-person scramble, begins at 9 a.m., includes lunch and will take place at the Big Spring Country Club. The tournament will award the winner $240.

The fund-raiser costs $100 and for that amount a company's name will be featured as a hole sponsor on a banner posted on one of the holes on the day of the event.

For more information or to enter a team and claim sponsorship, call Brenda Concienne at 264-6830.

Jack enters draft, keeps options open

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Tech point guard Jarrett Jack entered his name in the NBA draft, but he won't hire an agent and is still torn about whether to return for his senior season with the Yellow Jackets.

Jack's decision will allow him to work out for NBA teams, giving himself a better idea of where he would be picked in the draft.

Favored Texas loses to rival Jayhawks

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Jared Schweitzer went 2-for-4 with a home run as Kansas beat Texas 5-2 Friday.

Schweitzer's solo shot for Kansas added to a three-run inning in the bottom of the fifth that gave the Jayhawks a 4-1 lead over Texas.

Matt Baty and Ritchie Price both were 2-for-4 for Kansas.

TIDWELL

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Tidwell expects to step right in and play when she arrives at UT-Tyler next fall. She will play various positions on the floor, but will pretty much roam the 3-point line as a shooting guard or small forward.

"I think I have a chance to step right in and start next year," said Tidwell. "They are looking for a 3-point shooter because its best shooter is gone from last year."

There is no question Tidwell can shoot from beyond the 3-point line. She broke the single season record of 49 3-point baskets during her freshman year at Howard as she hit 65 shots from long range. She then made 50 3-pointers this last year and set the career record of 115. The single season record was previously owned Karlita Washington, who set the mark in 1998. Tidwell shattered the career mark as the previous record holder, Linda Waters, made just 75 during a two-year span in 1988-90.

"With her versatility and the ability to play multiple positions, I think Ciara has a chance to spend a lot of time on the floor at Tyler," said Rodewald.

Tidwell was an all-conference member her freshman year and averaged 10.8 points per game this year, which was third on the team. Tidwell also averaged 5.2 rebounds per game and had 41 steals.

UT-Tyler fared well in its respected conference last year and Tidwell just hopes to get back to winning games and having fun.

"I hope to have fun and win, but more importantly I want to get my degree," said Tidwell, who plans on majoring in criminal justice at Tyler.

Tidwell said she wants to try to be a part of the FBI or secret service upon graduation from UT-Tyler.

Hot Shots Take Third



courtesy photo

The Forsan Hot Shots basketball team poses with their medals after taking third place at a Georgetown Tournament recently. Front row, from left: Sydney Larson, Kadie Saverence, Miranda Jennings, Morgan Harbour, Briana Park, Madison Churchwell. Back: Hali Wells, Miranda Park, Morgan Forshee, Larissa Dykes, Kayla Schliph.

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"I don't really care where I go from here as long as I am going to get to play," said Pena. "If I can't play at the Division I level I don't want to go there. I would rather go somewhere where I know I will see time on the floor. I just want to get my education paid for."

Both Pena and Fairley are excited about next season and are confident the team will get things turned around with a great offseason program and constant recruiting from Diddle and Rodewald.

"I am excited about next season and I trust the coaches and their recruiting abilities," said Fairley. "Getting some quality players in here will me stay focused because I will have to work a little bit harder and make sure I stay on top of my game."

Pena added, "Having good players here is going to help us a lot. It will makes us work harder in practice."

Both Fairley and Pena found themselves all over the stat books last season.

Fairley averaged a team-high 18.5 points (18th in the nation) and 7.8 rebounds per game and was voted the all-WJCAC team. She also made more than 50 percent of her shots from the field.

"She can definitely score and rebound, but we have to get her the ball more inside next year if we want to be successful," said Diddle. "Having more scoring options next year should take some pressure off her, as well. Last year, she was often our only chance to score points."

Pena was the team's second leading scorer at season's end. She averaged 11.2 points per game, pulled down rebounds at a 3.2 per game clip and dished out 85 assists from her point guard position. She also shot 82 percent from the free throw line and made 45 3-pointers.

"She was a stable factor for us last year even though she was playing out of position," said Diddle. "She is an awfully good shooter and a great team player. Her total emphasis this offseason is trying to develop a better first step and if she can get that where she wants it she will be tough to handle."

As good as the duo was on the court, they both realize they can and need to get better with some parts of their games.

"I need to work on my perimeter game because I most likely won't play down low at the Division I level," said Fairley. "I need to work on my dribbling and shooting and I could use some more strength, too.

"I know I have to get better, but I am expecting to have a good season."

Like Diddle mentioned, Pena wants to work on driving to the basket among a few other things.

"I want to be a better passer and lead more on the floor," she said. "I need to penetrate more and penetrate more effectively."

Several things happened last year which led to a less than subpar season for the Hawk women and a lot of it was because players didn't get along and players didn't care, said Pena.

"I want us to get along next year and have one goal in mind," added Pena. "We had a lot of diversity last year and I think that played into why weren't as good as we could or should have been. I am glad the coaches are starting over because some of the players on last year's team didn't want to be here and if they don't want to be here then I don't want them here.

"Next year's season needs to start in the preseason and the schedule should help us get ready for the (Western Junior College Athletic Conference) season. We needed a fresh start and that start has to begin with players that want to be here."

Fairley somewhat agrees, but also said she will miss some of her teammates, especially Milica Rogic.

"Milica and I got bonded really well and became good friends," said Fairley. "I am sad she is not coming back, but she will do fine wherever she goes."

To prevent next year's team from having the same diversity problems as last year, Pena said her and Fairley are going to have to do a better job leading as sophomores.

"We need to show the new players what hard work is and we both have to be on the same page," she said. "I am excited that Latoya decided to come back because I think we are going to have a great year."

Diddle said recruiting is going well thus far. He is putting the heart of his team into West Texas and said with time the women's basketball program will be back to winning.

"It is going to take all summer to get players in here for next year and there is no such thing as a quick fix in women's basketball," he added. "We are looking for stability and a good foundation and it will take some time to accomplish this. I am willing, though, to put in the time and the energy to getting it done."

Pena doesn't know what to expect from next year's team, but said her early goal is to reach the regional tournament.

"I want to get to the regional tournament," she said. "And then we will have to see what happens from there."

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she knows what she has to do," she said. "Unlike other sports, we can play matches in practices so she has played since regionals."

Corse also said nothing has been done to tweak Villarreal's game either.

"We can't really change things at this point," she said. "It is just time to play."

The first two rounds of the state tournament will take place Monday, while the championship rounds begin Tuesday morning. Villarreal's title match — if she advances that far — will take place at 9 a.m. at the Penick-Allison Courts. The state meet is a single elimination tournament.

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Wizards too much for youthful Bulls

By JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — During the Washington Wizards' locker room celebration, the players were asked to look ahead.

Question to Brendan Haywood: Will it help that the next opponent, the top-seeded Miami Heat, might be a little rusty after a week off?

Haywood chuckled and shrugged his shoulders.

"I'm the wrong person to ask," he said. "I've never been to the playoffs. I don't know. It's the first time I've experienced anything like this. Hopefully, it'll give us an edge. We need any edge we can get."

Only two players on the Wizards' roster have experienced anything like this; just Larry Hughes and Anthony Peeler have journeyed past the first round of the NBA playoffs. Washington's franchise hasn't been there in 23 years, but the drought is over after Friday's 94-91 series-clinching victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Washington won the final four games to take the series 4-2, advancing for the first time since the Bullets' 2-0 sweep of New Jersey in 1982, back when the first round was best-of-three.

This was the ninth time in NBA history a team recovered from an 0-2 deficit to advance, but the Wizards aren't getting much of a break to enjoy their success.

They open Sunday at the Heat, who have been twiddling their thumbs since finishing a sweep of New Jersey last weekend.

Two other series will be decided Saturday, when Indiana visits Boston in the Eastern Conference and Houston is at Dallas in the West. Both best-of-seven opening-round series are tied at 3-3.

"For a while, we were known as losers in this league," said Haywood, who has been with the Wizards for all of his four NBA seasons. "I think our coaching staff and general manager brought the right players in here where we've turned that tag around."

The biggest and brightest of those players is Gilbert Arenas, who won Game 5 with a buzzer-beating shot and turned the tide in Game 6 by coming from behind to block Kirk Hinrich's fast-break layup. If Hinrich had scored, the Bulls would have been leading by six with 2:41 to play.

Instead, Chicago never scored again. The Wizards finished with a 7-0 run.

"I could have easily just fouled him, but I thought I could go for the block and I did," Arenas said. "It stopped them from going up six. It was a great turnaround."

It took a bizarre play to finish the victory. With 36 seconds remaining and the score tied, the Bulls called a timeout to set up a play. But Chris Duhon turned his back just as Hinrich threw the inbounds pass, and the ball bounced off Duhon's back and was scooped up by Jared Jeffries, who raced downcourt for a dunk with 33 seconds remaining.

"I wasn't even expecting the pass. I should have been looking at the ball," Duhon said. "I thought I was doing one thing, and Kirk thought I was doing another thing."

The Bulls had two more possessions, but Jannero Pargo missed badly with a jumper, and, after Washington's Juan Dixon made one of two free throws, Andres Nocioni missed a 3-pointer. Tyson Chandler rebounded, but shot an ill-advised 2-point attempt with his team needing a 3 to tie.

Arenas rebounded and tossed the ball into the crowd, the final seconds ticking off the clock as the ball was airborne.

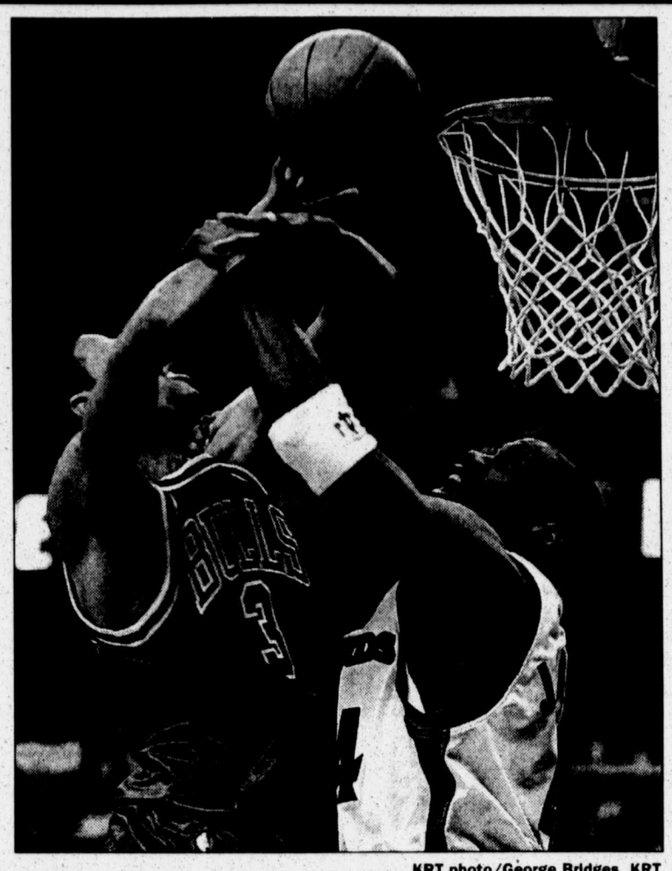
"We defended out butts off out there the last minute and a half," Arenas said. "No one scored. People say we can't play defense, but we did it just then."

Nocioni and Hinrich scored 22 points apiece for the Bulls, who made a remarkable comeback from an 0-9 regular-season start to make the playoffs for the first time in seven years. They kept the game tight from the tip-off despite being given little chance after the heartbreaking Game 5 loss at home.

Chicago hasn't won in Washington since 2001, a losing streak that has reached 11 games.

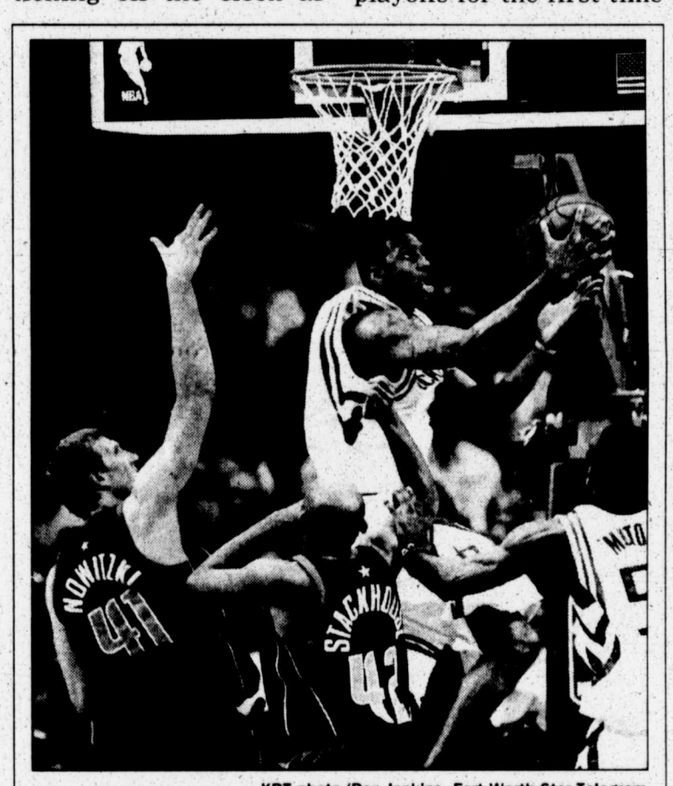
Hughes scored 21 points for the Wizards. Arenas and Antawn Jamison finished with 19, although Arenas was just 6-for-24 from the field.

"Gilbert didn't shoot the ball well," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "But there are players who have a will and a determination to win, who will do anything they have to do to help their team win."



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Chicago Bulls' Tyson Chandler, left, is fouled by Washington Wizards' Antawn Jamison during their playoff game played at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., Friday. The Wizards won the game by three points and advanced to the second round.



KRT photo/Ron Jenkins, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (left) and Jerry Stackhouse watch the Rockets' Tracy McGrady drive inside during the first period of Game 6 of the Western Conference quarterfinals Thursday. The Rockets won the game and forced a Game 7. The final game of the series was played Saturday, but the score was unavailable at press time.

Rangers get into big hole, battle back, fall short against Indians

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians were so happy to be scoring runs that they didn't really care how close things got at the end.

A team that has struggled at the plate had a seven-run first inning and held on to beat the Texas Rangers 8-6 Friday night. The Indians had scored seven runs or fewer in 24 of their first 27 games.

Jhonny Peralta also had a two-run homer in the first, the Indians' highest-scoring inning this season. They scored all the runs on six straight two-out hits, five of them for extra bases.

But the Indians managed just one run off four relievers after that and needed closer Bob Wickman to get the final three outs.

After Wickman walked pinch-hitter David Dellucci to start the ninth, Michael Young grounded into a double play. Young, still upset with a checked-swing strike called by first base umpire Gary Darling on the previous 2-1 pitch, said a few words going back to the dugout.

"It wasn't like he rung me up on strike three," Young said. "I didn't get it done. ... Even though I was upset at the call, he didn't roll over that slider for a double play."

Manager Buck Showalter then got in an argument with Darling, turning his hat backward and getting face to face with the umpire. He was ejected for the first time in three seasons with Texas, and threw his cap into the stands while leaving the field.

"We had enough opportunities not to make an umpire's call matter that we didn't take advantage of," Showalter said. "I was frustrated for them. It was right there for us."

Alfonso Soriano hit a pair of two-run homers for Texas, which had its three-game winning streak snapped. Hank Blalock had three hits, including a solo homer.

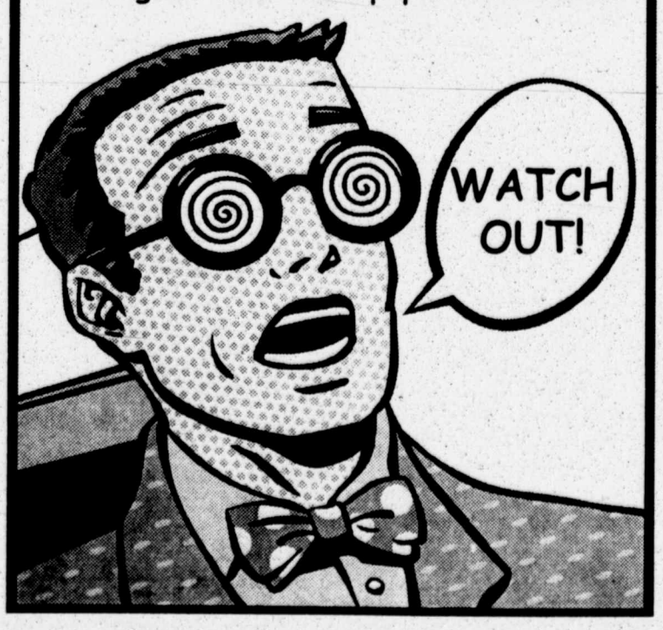
Hafner's homer, which made it 2-0, was hit so high and far that right fielder Richard Hidalgo just turned and watched. The homer by Peralta, the No. 9 hitter, chased Pedro Astacio (1-4).

Cliff Lee (3-1) was the beneficiary of the seven-run lead before throwing a pitch and held Texas to three runs and eight hits over 5 1-3 innings.

Cleveland, which matched a season high with 14 hits, was batting just .227 with 3.7 runs a game, both among the worst in the AL through 27 games.

The only Indians without hits in the first were Aaron Boone and Victor Martinez. But in the fourth, Boone had a leadoff double and Martinez drove him in with a single that made it 8-1.

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Braves spoil Berkman's return to Houston, rough up Oswalt

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — John Smoltz's back was aching, but it sure didn't show on the mound.

While Atlanta roughed up Roy Oswalt, Smoltz allowed only two hits in five innings for his third straight win, leading the Braves past the slumping Houston Astros 9-4 on Friday night.

Johnny Estrada hit a three-run homer and six of his teammates also had RBIs. The surging Braves — they've won 11 of 14 — outscored Houston 18-7 in the first two games of the four-game series.

Smoltz (3-3) strained a muscle in the middle of his back while coughing a few days ago. He thought the pain had gone away, but it returned while he warmed up before the game.

The right-hander still managed to retire the first 10 hitters and give up only run before coming out after the fifth — long enough to qualify for the win.

While the injury wasn't thought to be serious, he's willing to sit out his next start at Colorado if the back is still bothering him.

The Astros knew they had squandered a chance to produce some runs against the hard-throwing right-hander.

Oswalt (4-3), a 20-game winner last season who beat Atlanta in the deciding fifth game of the division series, gave up 10 hits and nine runs — including a career-high seven earned runs — in a grim five-inning stint.

"I thought it was the best fastball he's had all year," Garner said. "That's why I stayed with him as long as I did."

Oswalt didn't get much help from his defense, either. The Astros misplayed two fly balls in Atlanta's three-run second, and Lance Berkman, playing out of position in his return from the disabled list, made a throwing error at first base that led to a pair of unearned runs in the fifth.

"I feel better tonight than I have in a long time. That's the funny thing," said Oswalt, who's been bothered by a sprained foot. "A few balls here and there could have been caught."

Berkman went 0-for-4 in his first game since offseason surgery, needed after he tore up his right knee in a flag football game. He's a welcome addition for the Astros, who have lost four in a row and 10 of their last 13.

But Houston is still hurting.

Berkman played first with Jeff Bagwell missing his third straight game because of a sore shoulder. Bagwell is unlikely to start the rest of the series.

The Braves got off to a quick start against Oswalt — Rafael Furcal and Marcus Giles led off the first with singles — but the right-hander had a chance to escape when he fanned Adam LaRoche for the second out.

Oswalt couldn't get by Estrada, however. The Braves' catcher got hold of a curve at his ankles, golfing the pitch into the right-field seats for a 3-0 lead and his first homer since Sept. 10 of last season.

The Braves scored three more in the second while the Astros staggered around in the outfield. Again, Atlanta struck for all its runs with two outs.

Furcal hit a drive to the edge of the warning track in left, potentially the third out until Mike Lamb circled the wrong way, stuck out his glove out too far in a futile attempt to catch the ball and almost got hit in the arm.

Furcal sped around to third, credited with an RBI triple.

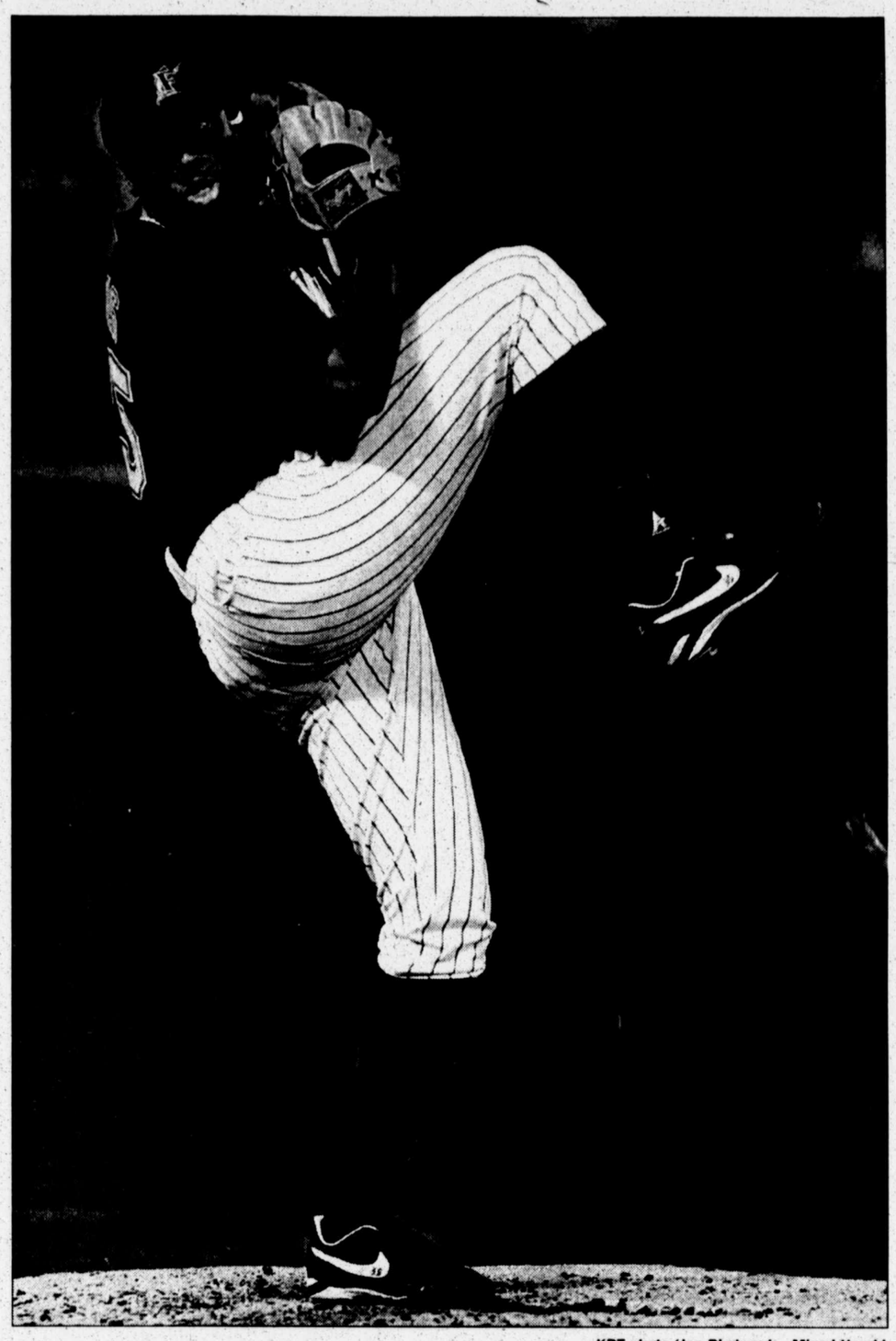
Giles followed with a liner to center. Willy Tavares probably could have caught the ball without moving, but he broke to his right, then scrambled back too late to reach a ball that fell in for a run-scoring double. Chipper Jones finished off the inning with an RBI double of his own.

The Braves had another three-run outburst in the fifth.

Berkman, normally an outfielder, started at first for the first time in his seven-year career to take some of the strain off his knee.

"I'm not 100 percent, but I'm good enough to where I feel like I can be competitive," Berkman said. "I just need to be out there."

WILLIS BECOMES FIRST TO SIX VICTORIES



KRT photo/Joe Rimkus Jr., Miami Herald

Florida Marlins pitcher Dontrelle Willis winds up against the Colorado Rockies in the second inning. Willis picked up his sixth victory of the season, as the Marlins defeated the Rockies, 7-0, at Dolphins Stadium in Miami, Fla., Friday. Willis struck out 10 batters in seven innings of work.

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Mother's Day

My Mother's Aprons

By Martha Christy

I can remember the aprons that my mother used to wear. As far back as I can remember, she wore aprons.

She wore the types that had a bib top and had to be pulled over her head and tied in the back. She even wore it to the cotton patch.

In fact, she wore it from sun up until sundown. When my brother and I were growing up, about the only time she took it off was when we were expecting company.

If someone came by unexpectedly and knocked on the door, it was kinda funny to see how fast she could remove that apron and tuck it away.

I've seen her wipe a spot of dust off the furniture, or if I had a speck of dirt on my face, she would spit on the hem of her apron and wipe my face.

I'm not sure that would be accepted today, but back then, I thought it was an act of love and caring.

Her apron wiped a lot of runny noses and wiped away a lot of tears.

The pockets of her aprons carried many small items. I can still see her take out a hair pin and put it in her hair to hold a strand that had fallen loose.

I've seen her sit at her sewing machine and make some very pretty aprons, trimmed with pretty colors of rick rack. She had more aprons than she had dresses.

When it came time to launder them, she would make up the starch and after they were washed, she would dip them in the thick starch. Later, she'd spend a long time ironing them.

My mother was a very neat person, so her aprons had to look just right. You would have thought she was ironing for a queen.

Many, many years later, when Mother was up in her years and her health was failing, she had to go into a nursing home.

She still wore an apron. She would watch the clock and when it was time for the meals to be delivered, she would put on her apron and be ready to eat.

She still felt she needed to protect her clothes.

There was a lady who use to visit the residents at the home and she noticed my mother's aprons, so she made a blue and white one and gave it to Mother.

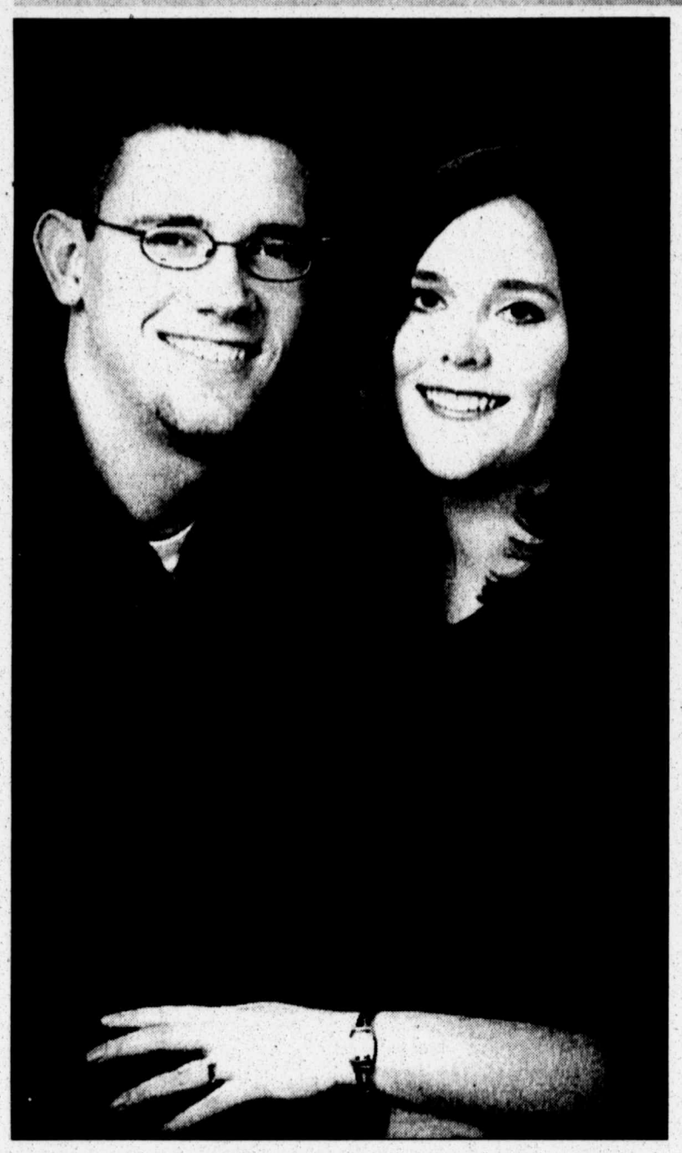
My mother was so proud of that apron. Today, I still have that apron. In fact, I have a lot of her aprons. They bring back really great memories.

Now, if I walked into a store and asked for a woman's cooking apron, I'm sure the salesperson wouldn't know what I was talking about.

But for all of us older people, I'm sure we share a lot of good and funny memories of those days, so long ago, when our mothers wore aprons.



Engagement



Erica Michele Klick and Chad Christopher Winn

Klick, Winn to wed

Erica Michele Klick of Mesquite and Chad Christopher Winn of Mesquite will exchange vows at 7 p.m. July 16, 2005, in the First United Methodist Church in Duncanville.

She is the daughter of Frank and Lorraine Tolerton of Mesquite.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of arts degree from McMurry University and a master of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

He is the son of Amy Choate of Coahoma and Scott Winn of Florida and the grandson of Lorene and the late Jarrell Barbee of Big Spring, Era and the late Jesse Burns of Stanton, Curtis and Kay Winn of Seguin and Gladys and the late Leslie Groff of Seguin.

The groom-elect is a 1998 Coahoma High School graduate. He earned a bachelor of business administration degree from McMurry University. He is employed by SBC Communications in Mesquite.

Wilde, Braden engaged

Heather Jo Wilde of Ballinger and Chris Alan Braden of Garden City announce their engagement and their plan to exchange vows at 3:30 p.m. July 16, 2005, in St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Daniel and Cindy Wilde of Ballinger and the granddaughter of August and Nancy Haechten of Lowake and Erwin and Viola Wilde of Wall.

She received a bachelor of science degree from Angelo State University, a master's of physical therapy degree from Texas Tech University Health Science Center and a doctorate in motor behavior from Texas A&M University. She is currently an assistant professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio in the physical therapy program, where she teaches graduate school, completes research and serves as a clinical physical therapist in the community.

The groom-to-be is the son of Charles and Janet Braden of Garden City and the grandson of LeRoy and Elaine Pelzel of Miles and Alfrieda Braden and the late Elmer Braden of Wall.

He earned his bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University, a master's of science degree from Texas A&M University and will receive his doctorate degree in soil and crop science from Texas A&M University this summer. He is completing his service as a cotton incorporated fellow and will pursue work as a plant breeder after graduation.

UTEP offers scholarship

A four-year scholarship in the amount of $2,000 per year is available to any incoming freshman student in the 2005-2006 academic year at the University of Texas/El Paso.

To be eligible, a student must graduate from high school in the state of Texas, from other than El Paso County and be able to show financial need. Any academic field of study will be considered.

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Amanda Jean Buske and Jacob Acosta Cavazos

Buske, Cavazos to wed

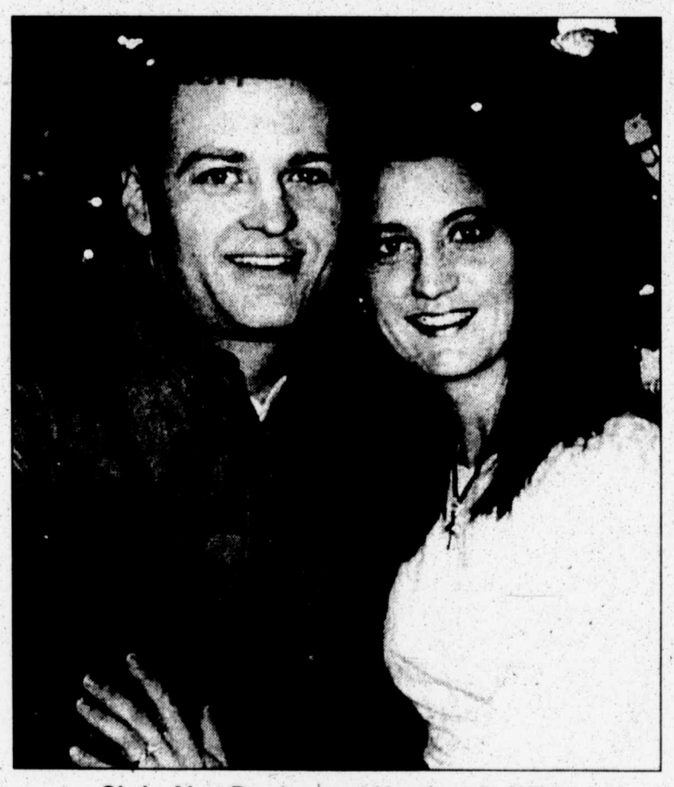
Amanda Jean Buske and Jacob Acosta Cavazos, both of Big Spring, are planning to be married July 9, 2005, at 2 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Wanda Brock of Big Spring and Pat and Paula Buske of Coahoma. She is the granddaughter of Lottie Heckler Harris and the late George Heckler and the late Russ and Nan Buske of Big Spring.

She is a 2000 graduate of McCamey High School.

The groom-elect is the son of Joe and Mary Cavazos of Crane and the brother of Joe Jr., Jennifer and Carmelita Cavazos.

He is a 1998 graduate of Crane High School.



Chris Alan Braden and Heather Jo Wilde



Ryan North and Angie Gorski

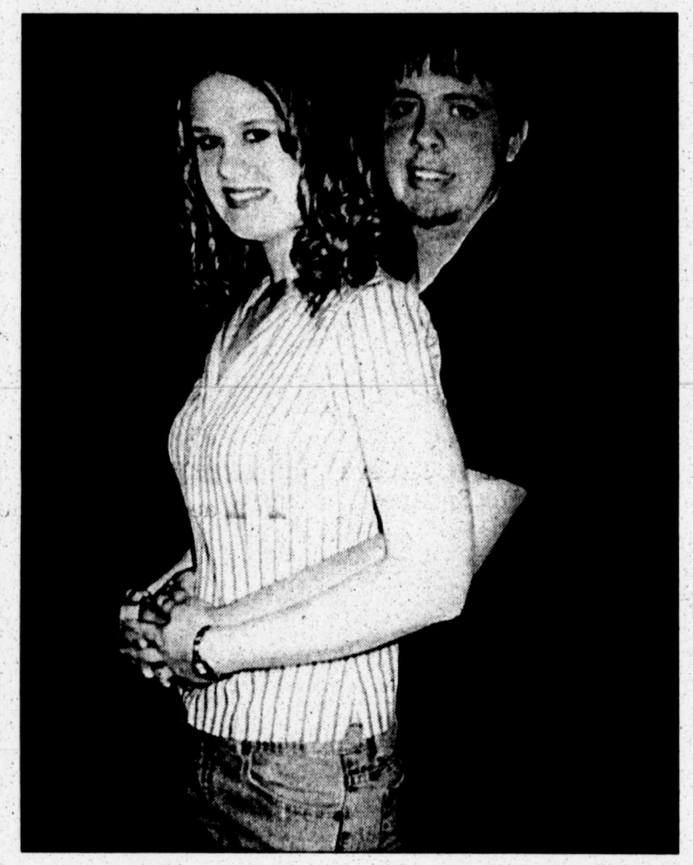
Gorski, North engaged

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

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

Ryan will graduate from Texas Tech University in December, 2005. His degree will be in restaurant, hotel and institutional management.

They will be married May 28, 2005, in Lubbock at the Texas Tech Alumni Center Courtyard. They will honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.



Betsy Lynn Toman and Jimmy Edwards

Toman, Edwards to wed

Betsy Lynn Toman and Jimmy Edwards, both of Big Spring, will exchange vows at 4 p.m. June 4, 2005, at kokopellis.

She is the daughter of Joe and Lynn Toman of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Joe and Evelyn Toman of Ashland, Wis., and Betty and the late Joe Bradle of Ashland, Wis.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 Big Spring High School graduate and is employed at the Big Spring State Hospital.

He is the son of Gary Edwards of Andrews and Devona Edwards of andrews, and the grandson of G.C. and Dorothy edwards of Ardmore, Okla., and Ressie Bridges of Little Rock, Ark.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Andrews High School and is employed by Cornell Corrections.

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Wedding

Simmons, Holley wed

Rebekah Lynnae Simmons of Snyder and Daniel Glen Holley of Big Spring were united in marriage at 2 p.m. March 19, 2005, at the American Wind Power Center in Lubbock.

Hartley Simmons, grandfather of the bride, performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Blane and Brenda Simmons of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Millie and the late Thomas L. Samuels of Carslbad, N.M., and Hartley and Vadis Simmons and the late Helen Simmons, all of Emory.

The groom is the son of Glen and Kaye Holley of Big Spring and the grandson of Wilma and the late Wylie Holley and the late Omar Cashion, all of Big Spring and the late Daniel and the late Evelyn Clark of Howard County.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Blane Simmons. The father and the bride arrived in a horse-drawn carriage and then proceeded down the aisle to meet the groom and the wedding party, who were positioned under an archway. The landscape backdrop to the wedding was of windmills and blue skies with white clouds.

The bride wore a white, princess-style satin gown with a long train center seam covered with fabric buttons the entire length of the train. Her mother fashioned the tulle veil, which was hemmed with satin ribbon. She carried a bouquet of white tulips.

Canon in D was performed on steel guitar for the bride's aisle processional and Josh Grayson's "Nothing To Lose" introduced the bride and groom at the end of the ceremony.

The matron of honor was Sarah Simmons, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Powers, Amy Armstrong and Shelley York. The flower girl was Samantha Beth Mayes. The ring bearer were twins Matthew and Trevor Holley.

The best man was Jason York. Groomsmen were Tye Holley, David Holley and Daniel Simmons. The carpet rollers were M.J. Holley and Tavian Holley.

Guestbook attendants were Danielle Ditto and Tana Holley.

The reception in the patio of the American Wind Power Center featured tables decorated with a western theme of denim and white. The bride's cake was a five-layer cake adorned with jute rope and fresh-flower tulips. The groom's cake was red velvet, fashioned in the shape of a cowboy boot.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Rebekah Simmons

A video of the bride and groom as children was shown during the reception.

Jason York caught the garter thrown by the groom and his fiancee, Mandy Bridgeman caught the bouquet.

The couple left in a horse-drawn carriage driven by Leon Pinkert of Slaton. After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., they made their home in Snyder.

Howard College and SWCID graduates

Howard College and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the deaf graduate May 13. Call 264-5000 or 264-3700 for more information.

Big Spring High School graduates

Big Spring High School graduates May 27.

Call 264-3600 for more information.

Forsan, Coahoma high schools

Forsan High School and Coahoma High School graduate May 26. Call Coahoma ISD at 394-4536 or Forsan ISD at 457-2223.

Births



Jocelyn Mikyeli Sumner

Jocelyn Mikyeli Sumner, a girl, was born April 27, 2005, at 10:58 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

She is the daughter of Robert and JoVena Sumner of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Noah and JoAnne Albin of Eureka, Calif., and Bobby and Margie Sumner of Big Spring.

Carlee Brooke Carson, a girl, was born April 30, 2005, at 4:44 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Alicia and Russell Carson of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Donny Joe Ake, Monalisa Ake, Beverly Spencer, Cindy Mize and Royce Carson.

Kailie Anissa Fierro, a girl, was born March 22, 2005, at 11:47 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

She is the daughter of Roger Fierro and Michelle Haro of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Sylvia Milan, Eloy and Yolanda Moran and the late Jesse Fierro.

Kailie was welcomed home by big sister, Emilie Shae Fierro.

Branne Lynne Cook, a girl, was born April 29, 2005, at 1:58 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 8.5 ounces and was 18 inches long.

She is the daughter of Catisha Cook and the granddaughter of Charlene Cook and the late Joseph Cook.



Raeden Michelle Trevino

Raeden Michelle Trevino, a girl, was born April 29, 2005, at 2:12 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Tabytha Garcia and Frank Trevino of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Larry and Cynthia Garcia, Blanca and Jimmy Melchor, Alex and Becky Trevino, all of Big Spring and Angela Brown of Belton.

Jacob Daniel Guzman, a boy, was born April 30, 2005, at 2:23 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Tommy Guzman Jr. and Jaclyn Smith.

He is the grandson son of Susan C. Smith of Big Spring and the late Daniel R. Smith, Tom Guzman of Big Spring and Brenda Contreras of Lamesa.

Jacob was welcomed home by sibling, Iliah Christopher Guzman.

Sabrina Marie Alvarado, a girl, was born April 26, 2005, at 11:24 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Sarah Olivas and Martin Alvarado of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Linda Olivas, Guerrero Olivas, Emma Alvarado and Vincente Alvarado.

Sabrina was welcomed home by sibling, Serena Nicole Alvarado.

Jacob Cruz Diaz, a boy, was born May 2, 2005, at 1:45 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Ernesto Diaz and Alicia Trevino of Big Spring.

Jacob was welcomed home by siblings, Kristian Diaz and Ernesto Diaz III.

Karly Desirae Cruses, a girl, was born May 2, 2005, at 2:20 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She is the daughter of Julie and Margarito Cruses of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Aniceto Aguinoga, the late Ellen Aguinoga, Mary Ann Perez and Mary Ellen Salinas.

Noah Ezekiel Cruses, a boy, was born May 2, 2005, at 2:21 p.m., weighing 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.

He is the daughter of Julie and Margarito Cruses of Big Spring.

He is the grandson of Aniceto Aguinoga, the late Ellen Aguinoga, Mary Ann Perez and Mary Ellen Salinas.

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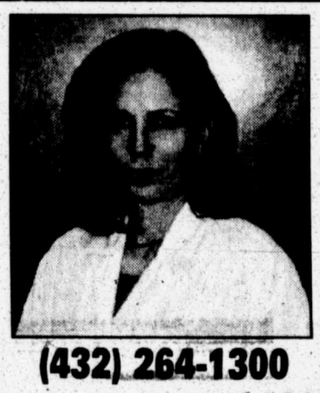
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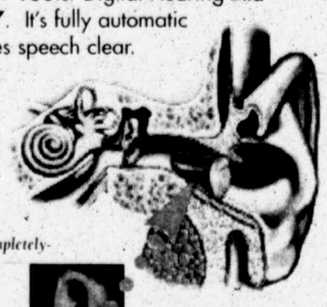
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White is West Texas Centers for MHMR Employee of the Year

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

West Texas Centers for MHMR Data Coordinator Valerie White — a 20-year-employee of the mental health and mental retardation authority — was named the Center's Employee of the Year during Friday morning ceremonies at First United Methodist Church.

White was one of 12 employees recognized during the ceremony and reception that also spotlighted employees who have reached certain milestones in their careers.

West Texas Centers is the designated mental health and mental retardation authority for 23 counties in rural West Texas, and employs 326 workers in those counties.

The center grew out of the community services division of Big Spring State Hospital.

"When we laid the groundwork for this center 12 years ago, we attended many meetings in Austin and the surrounding area," Smith said. "We fought and we fought and we fought to get this center started. We were the first center to get this many counties because these board members had the unshakable vision that local control was in the best interest of care."



Courtesy photo
West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith and Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart present Valerie White with the Center's Employee of the Year Award.

Smith also honored the five founding West Texas Centers board members with the Distinguished Service Award and recognized each one for the special talents they bring to the board.

The five founding members honored were: Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart, Garza County Judge Giles Darby, Winkler County Judge Bonnie Leck, Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer and Terry County Judge Doug Ryburn.

In presenting the award to White, Smith said the Center chose someone with a strong work ethic, dedication, confidence and compassion. "She represents courage, and tenacity in facing life's challenges with great fortitude."

White was diagnosed with ovarian cancer last July and was pronounced "cancer-free" at the end of January.

"Her very positive attitude has influenced our department and the way she has overcome the challenges this year in

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IN THE NEWS

Harrold attends School of Professional Photography

Special to the Herald

Local professional photographer Carla Harrold, of GreenHouse Photography, attended Texas School of Professional Photography at Texas A&M University last week.

She spent a week studying with nationally-renouned photographer Darton Drake at the school, which was sponsored by the Texas Professional Photographers Association. Harrold is a member of the Professional Photographers of America and earned two merits from the national organization for completing the course. The school draws students from across the United States and is recognized as one of the premier photography schools for professionals.



Harrold

"No matter how long you have been a professional photographer, there are always things you can learn about our craft, and people who inspire you to reach for that 'extra' bit of art that is within us," said Harrold, who has been a professional photographer for more than 25 years.

"It is always important to stay fresh and to find new inspiration in what you love," Harrold said. "Darton is known for capturing the spirit of the people he photographs, and for doing it with incredible lighting that makes it almost seem the portrait is alive ... that you could reach out and touch the person. It was an honor to learn from him and I came back inspired."

Big Spring Refinery processes 68,643 barrels of crude per day

ALON USA's Big Spring Refinery averaged 68,643 barrels per day in May, a top output for the plant.

The previous all-time month had been May of 2003, when an average of 64,200 barrels were produced daily.

"It should even get better than that over time," said Joe Concienne, manager. "Of course when you have processed record amounts of crude it relates to producing a record amount of gasoline and other products as well."

Vesicular Stomatitis gets an early start

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), a domestic viral disease that primarily affects horses, cattle and swine, has appeared early this year. Laboratory tests completed April 27 confirmed the infection in two horses on a premises in Grant County, in southwest New Mexico. VS appears sporadically, usually involving New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Colorado and occasionally, other states. Recent outbreaks occurred in 1995, 1997, 1998 and 2004, with initial cases detected in mid-May or early June. Outbreaks usually end in early winter.

VS outbreaks cause concern among ranchers, because signs mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), a highly contagious and dangerous foreign animal disease. VS can cause production losses, because affected livestock may develop blister-like lesions and open sores in the mouth, dental pad, tongue, lips, nostrils, hooves and teats. During the usual two- to three-week healing time, infected animals may be lame, or refuse to eat or drink. Dams may reject their nursing offspring, and dairy cattle can experience a severe drop in milk production.

"VS-infected animals, and all other susceptible livestock on a premises are quarantined until 30 days after all lesions are healed," said Dr. Dee Ellis, who heads up field operations for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "This ensures that sick animals are not moved, and helps prevent the disease from being spread by direct contact or through contaminated saliva or drainage from sores. Prior to quarantine release, animals are re-examined by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian."

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Dr. Ellis noted that some states place prohibitions or restrictions on livestock moved from VS-affected states. TAHC regulations require livestock from affected states to be accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection (health paper) on which the accredited veterinarian certifies the animals are not from a quarantined premises.

"We urge livestock owners in Texas to report any signs of VS to their private veterinary practitioner or the TAHC," commented Dr. Ellis. "History could repeat itself. In 2004, Texas had confirmed cases on 15 premises. In Colorado, VS was detected on 199 ranches, and on 80 sites in New Mexico."

"A free laboratory test will ensure the animal's blisters or sores are from VS and not from an introduction of foot-and-mouth disease into the U.S," urged Dr. Ellis. "If you examine sick animals, wear latex or rubber gloves and practice good hygiene, as VS can be contagious to humans, resulting in short-term flu-like symptoms."

To report suspected cases of VS, owners and private veterinary practitioners should call the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

BOB BROCK FFA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS





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Bob Brock Ford, in conjunction with the Ford Motor Co., recently awarded college scholarships to area Future Farmers of America students. In the photo at left, Bob Brock Vice President Rondel Brock, second from left, and General Manager Randy Gee, are shown with scholarship recipients, from left, Lauren Yeater of Coahoma High School, Danielle Ferguson of Klondike High School and Elizabeth Olvera of Lamesa High School. In the photo above, scholarship recipeient Cassidy Rinehart, of Borden County High School, is shown with Gee.

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Chad Brown, 3901 Ave.
Douglas Brown, 205 W.
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Maria Campos, 751 Agu
Wayne Carpenter, 376
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Stormi Chandler, 309 N.
Mary Clem, 10911 Wooc
Andrea Coxey, P.O. Box
Stephanie R. Daniels, 5
James Ditto, 501 W. 17t
Katfli Duke, 337 Greenb
Shannon Fonda, 910 N.
Kenneth Galindo, 6830 E
Eric Garza, 3200 Ave. C
Christopher George, 21
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Frank Gibbs, 1102 Hwy.
Katherine Gladhill, CR 7
Michael Glidewell, PO B
Billy Gonzales, 1212 S.
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Ray Charles Green, 30
Midland
Jeremy Royce Harman,
Big Spring
Erin Hernandez, 2901 R
John Hernandez, 4405 N
Roman Hines, 901 Baylo
Sharon Annette James
Street, Big Spring
Mae Jennings, 1904 E. 2
Danny Johnson, 2601 N.
Erica Johnston, 3100 Ca
Andres Juarez, Rt. 3 Bo
Ryan Kendrick, 1425 E.
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Randy Key, 20964 S. Hw
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Jonathan Lanham, 3708
Shawn Lowe, 500 S. Ayl
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Elva Perkins, 2414 N.
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Karla Quimby, 1005 W. D
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Sierra Ramos, 200 W. Es
Salome Rios, 2511 Albro
Jessie Robles, 1417 Mills
Evelyn Rodriguez, 3402 I
Jennifer Roth, 2630 Dow
Debra Ruth, 1311 Mobile
Allen Stanford, 774 E. Ei
Stephan Street, 2611 Ry
Adelina Tercero, 127 Art
Jacob Unger, Co. Rd. 40
Willie Everett Wilkins, 1
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District Filings:
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Santiago Tercero Jr., 31,
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Robert Paul Newton, 28,
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Warranty deeds:
Grantor: Isela Rodriguez
Grantee: Steven Dickson
Property: Lots 1 and
Addition
Date Filed: April 28, 2005

Grantor: Billy T. Smith
Grantee: Tracy S. Griffith
Property: Lot 15, Block
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Date Filed: April 28, 2005

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Grantee: Keith Crane anc
Property: Lot 10, Block 1,
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: James L. Banks,
Banks, Kit Jake Banks, F
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Grantee: Bluford A. Jone
Property: A tract of lanc
Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: Billie J. Lewis ar
Grantee: Angel O. Castel
Property: Lots 3 and 4,
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Grantor: Michael J. Nairn
Grantee: Lupe Ybarra
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Grantee: Helen F. Sander
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Chad Brown, 3901 Ave. D, Snyder
Douglas Brown, 205 W. 14th, Monahans
Paul Calhoun, PO Box 482, Plains
Maria Campos, 751 Agua Pasada, El Paso
Wayne Carpenter, 3766 Patriot Dr. No. 10, Abilene
Stormi Chandler, 309 N. Bryan, Garden City
Mary Clem, 10911 Woodmeadow, Dallas
Andrea Coxey, P.O. Box 1042, Sterling City
Stephanie R. Daniels, 506 N. Ave. T, Snyder
James Ditto, 501 W. 17th St., Big Spring
Kathi Duke, 337 Greenbow, Summerville, Ga.
Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels, Coahoma
Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Dr., El Paso
Eric Garza, 3200 Ave. C, Big Spring
Christopher George, 215 S. Third St. No. 30, Laramie, Wy.
Frank Gibbs, 1102 Hwy. 176, Big Spring
Katherine Gladhill, CR 7670, Lubbock
Michael Glidewell, PO Box 204, Ft. Davis
Billy Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah, Hobbs, N.M.
Lahoma Renee Goodblanket, 3802 Connaly, Big Spring
Ray Charles Green, 3016 S. Co. Road 119, Midland
Jeremy Royce Harman, 6713 E. Robinson Rd., Big Spring
Erin Hernandez, 2901 Runnels, Fort Worth
John Hernandez, 4405 N. Garfield, Midland
Roman Hines, 901 Baylor, Big Spring
Sharon Annette James, 1311 W. Second Street, Big Spring
Mae Jennings, 1904 E. 25th St., Big Spring
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Erica Johnston, 3100 Caldera Blvd., Midland
Andres Juarez, Rt. 3 Box 389, Big Spring
Ryan Kendrick, 1425 E. Sixth St. No. 34, Big Spring
Randy Key, 20964 S. Hwy. 277, Christoval
Robert Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs, N.M.
Jonathan Lanham, 3708 28th St., Lubbock
Shawn Lowe, 500 S. Aylesford, Big Spring
Diana Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, Brownfield
Tracy Martin, 3198 Fruitland Farm Ct., San Angelo
Valerie Martinez, 1408 E. 16th St., Big Spring
Daniel Eugene Mata, 1207 Settles, Big Spring
Judy Mata, 6309 E. Midway Rd., Big Spring
Linda Molina, 1545 Locust, Colorado City
Debra Montez, 103 N. 18th, Lamesa
Esiquei Moreno, 508 S.E. First St., Andrews
Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Cove, Cedar Park
Dandra Ortega, 2300 Camp Dr., Midland
Erica Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big Spring
Elva Perkins, 2414 N. Anderson Rd., Big Spring
Lori Ann Pichon, 65159 Sylve St., Lacombe, La.
Karla Quimby, 1005 W. Debaca, Hobbs, N.M.
Margarita Olivarez Ramirez, 538 Westover Road Apt. 223, Big Spring
Sierra Ramos, 200 W. Estes Avenue, Mildand
Salome Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring
Jessie Robles, 1417 Millspaugh, San Angelo
Evelyn Rodriguez, 3402 Lancaster, Odessa
Jennifer Roth, 2630 Dow, Big Spring
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Stephan Street, 2611 Ryan Pl., Fort Worth
Adelina Tercero, 127 Arthur, Longview
Jacob Unger, Co. Rd. 402, Seminole
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Date Filed: April 28, 2005

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Grantee: Keith Crane and Rebecca Crane
Property: Lot 10, Block 1, Hayden Addition
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: James L. Banks, Doris J. Banks, Cary Banks, Kit Jake Banks, Russell R. Banks and Toya J. Dyess
Grantee: Bluford A. Jones
Property: A tract of land out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: Billie J. Lewis and Amber M. Jones
Grantee: Angel O. Castelan
Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Amended Central Park
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: Michael J. Nairn
Grantee: Lupe Ybarra
Property: A tract of land out of Section 43, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: Jimmy O. Leal and Rhonda Leal
Grantee: Jimmy O. Leal Jr.
Property: Lot 10, Block 6, North Belvue Addition
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Billy W. Sanders and Adeline Elaine Tubb
Grantee: Helen F. Sanders
Property: Lots 21, 22, 23 and 25, Block 22, Original Town of Coahoma
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Helen F. Sanders
Grantee: Rebecca Pritchett
Property: Lots 21, 22, 23 and 25, Block 22, Original Town of Coahoma
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Linda M. Sneed
Grantee: Linny K. Simpson
Property: Lot 13, Block 4, Kentwood Addition Unit 1
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Linny K. Simpson
Grantee: James D. Richardson
Property: Lot 13, Block 4, Kentwood Unit 1
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Dorrace June Smith
Grantee: A.E. Kelley
Property: Lot 6, Block 1, Edwards Heights Addition
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Janet Louise Curry Billings
Grantee: Jack Madison Curry
Property: Lots 17 and 18, Block 16, Washington Place Addition
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Anna Knopp
Grantee: Jason Caldwell and Theresa Caldwell
Property: A tract of land out of Section Sectgion 36, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Brent Ray Brooks
Grantee: Jonathan Barker and Dawna Barker
Property: Description not provided
Date Filed: May 3, 2005

Grantor: Michael Towne
Grantee: Alex J. Patterson
Property: Lot 40, Block 1, Capehart Addition
Date Filed: May 3, 2005

Warranty deeds with vendors lien:
Grantor: Alejandro Munoz and Judy Lynn Munoz
Grantee: Robert T. Perez and Amberlee M. Perez
Property: Lot 8, Block 18, McDowell Heights Addition
Date Filed: April 27, 2005

Grantor: A-1 Construction Co.
Grantee: Robert G. Muchleroy III
Property: A 2.5 acre tract in Section 4, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: April 27, 2005

Grantor: Frank C. Davis and Toni J. Davis
Grantee: James A. Bell and Joan F. Bell
Property: A 4.4 acre tract out of Section 44, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: April 27, 2005

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum and Pete Rosenbaum
Grantee: Name not provided, 707 E. Third Street
Property: Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Block 2, Boydstun Addition; The E/60 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Block 2, Boydstun Addition
Date Filed: April 28, 2005

Grantor: Halena Wozencraft Nichols
Grantee: Mike Abusaab
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, Fairview Heights Addition
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: Karen Peachey and Kay Johnson
Grantee: Jamie D. Redwine and Sara M. Redwine
Property: Lot 8, Block 3, Amended Plat of College Heights Addition
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: Levi Patrick Carter IV and Rhonda Jo Carter
Grantee: Sirva Rellocation
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Western Hills Addition
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

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Grantee: Kathy Degenstein-Gartman and Tommy Gartman
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Western Hills Addition
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: Steven Edward McDaniel and Lois Pearl McDaniel
Grantee: Vicki L. Alexander
Property: Lot 2, Block 2, Wasson Place Addition
Date Filed: April 29, 2005

Grantor: Ben Boadle and Madeline Boadle
Grantee: Gerald Richter
Property: A tract of land out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Tommy Lee Gartman and Kathy Degenstein Gartman
Grantee: Daniel R. Freshour and Stacey L. Freshour
Property: A 1 acre tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Jose Martinez Jr.
Grantee: Steven M. McDaniel and Lois P. McDaniel
Property: A 4.7 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor:Jack Madison Curry
Grantee: Martha J. Warren and Richard M. Warren
Property: Lots 17 and 18, Block 16, Washington Place Addition
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Troy Koening
Grantee: Teresa Morales
Property: Lot 10, Block A, Merrick Greene Addition
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Barbara A. Brumley
Grantee: Jimmie Bruce Schooler and Belle Elizabeth Schooler
Property: A tract of land out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: State National Bank
Grantee: Jorge L. Parra
Property: Lot 6, Block 7, Central Park Addition
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Donald Brent Fite
Grantee: Benjamin E. Morgan and Billie M. Morgan
Property: Lots 12 and 13, Block 5, Washington Place Addition
Date Filed: May 2, 2005

Grantor: Kevin L. Ritz and Juanita P. Ritz
Grantee: Sarah Hinojosa
Property: Lot 3, Block 26, Monticello Addition
Date Filed: May 3, 2005

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her life has been such an influence in our department, and how we treat our customers and each other," White's supervisor, Angela Newton said.

"I love the people," White said following the ceremony. "They are wonderful people to work with and I couldn't ask for a better bunch of people to be around." White began her career at Big Spring State Hospital in 1984, and moved over to the center when it broke away from the hospital in 1987.

The 11 other employees nominated for the Employee of the Year award were: Amelia Araiza, Charles Bale, Zena Brown, Karen Edmondson, Jackie Hampton, Rita Harless, Jamie Scott, Norma Leach, Margie Gutierrez, Paula Hunt, and Diane Szabo.

Employees who have worked at the center for 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years were recognized and presented the plaques for their years of employment. Mental Retardation Services Coordinator Senaida Loya-Parra was honored for 25 years of employment.

West Texas Centers for MHMR is the mental health and mental retardation authority for 23 rural counties in West Texas. More than 2,000 people with mental retardation and mental illness and their families receive service each month.

AFTER-PROM DONATION



Courtesy photo

Scenic Mountain Medical Center CFO Bill Beauchamp presents a donation to Parents Who Care member Veronda Vassar, left, and her daughter, Heather, for the Big Spring High School after-prom party, scheduled May 14 at Big Spring Junior High School. Parents Who Care is sponsoring the event and giving away more than $5,000 worth of prizes. Any businesses, groups or individuals who would like to donate to the effort can call the Master's Touch at 263-0497.

H-E-B shopping spree giveaway begins

Special to the Herald

You've stretched your legs. You've retied your shoelaces at least a dozen times. You're beginning to feel the pounding in your heart as the adrenaline courses through you.

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Beginning Wednesday, almost 2,000 H-E-B customers across Texas have a chance to experience the rush of racing up and down the aisles of their local H-E-B store to collect up to $250 worth of groceries in 100 seconds. It's the H-E-B 100 contest, the latest promotion in H-E-B's yearlong Centennial Celebration.

"Our Centennial Celebration is as big as Texas and we've developed a number of fun contests and prizes to thank everyone who has made H-E-B successful over the past 100 years," said H-E-B Centennial Project Director Kate Rogers. "The H-E-B 100 contest is the second in a series of customer-appreciation promotions that will give our customers and Partners even more opportunities to celebrate with us in the stores."

Playing the game is simple. Through June 14, every time a customer purchases five H-E-B Own Brand or Hill Country Fare products , he or she will win the chance to receive one of four prizes including a 100-second spree.

Every week for six weeks one lucky customer in each H-E-B store will have the opportunity to fill their carts with as many grocery items as possible (up to $250 worth) in 100 seconds. Each eligible store department and section will be cleared for racing during the shopping spree.

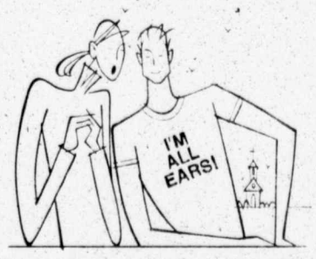
Each week, more than 100 instant-win prizes will be awarded in every H-E-B store. Additional prizes include:

— The value of the groceries in a customer's cart at checkout (up to a $100 value),

— A $10 H-E-B Gift Card (five per store each week for six weeks),

— A $1-off discount voucher (100 per store each week for six weeks).

For all prizes other than the 100-second shopping spree, customers must mail their winning game piece to the address printed on the piece. When the game piece is verified, the winner will receive their prize by mail. Customers can redeem the $1-off voucher at any H-E-B store on their next shopping trip. Customers who win the shopping spree must take the game piece to the business center in their store for verification and to schedule the shopping spree.



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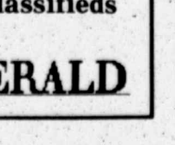
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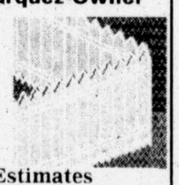
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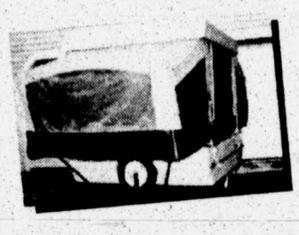
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Vehicles

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Legals

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

TO: LESLIE LEROY THOMASON Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 23 day of May, 2005, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 15th day of DECEMBER, A.D., 2004, in this case, numbered 43940 on the docket of said court, and styled,

IN THE MATTER OF
THE MARRIAGE OF
MARY DELORIS THOMASON
Vs.
LESLIE LEROY THOMASON

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

DIVORCE

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ hall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this the 6TH day of APRIL A.D. 2005.

#4521 April 17, 24 & May 1, 8, 2005.

**City of Big Spring
Zoning Board of
Adjustments and Appeals**

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:

Jimmy Honea, LT 1 BK 1 of Rock Division, Located at 2603 Cactus St., is requesting a carport variance.

Ward's Western Wear, LT 2 BK 4-5 of Original Town Addition, Located at 1109 Gregg St., is requesting a sign variance.

Kenny Davis
Chief Building Official
#4539 May 8 & 11, 2005

Legals

**NOTICE OF SEIZURE
U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

The Texas Department of Public Service and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation seized the following property on the dates indicated

On March 1, 2005

Property seized westbound on Interstate 20 in Howard County, Texas.

Description of the item(s) seized:
74050031
$15,707.00 in United States Currency

The above named property is subject to administrative forfeiture under the provisions of 18 USC 981 due to the property's involvement in a transaction, or attempted transaction, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956. This property is also subject to forfeiture under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 981 as the proceeds of specified unlawful activity.

Any person claiming an ownership interest in the above listed property must file, under oath, a verified statement of interest (claim). You must also provide documentary evidence of your interest in the above property and explain the extent of your ownership interest. The claim must be sent to:

Special Agent in Charge
Internal Revenue Service
Criminal Investigation
Attn: Asset Forfeiture Coordinator
601 NW Loop 410, Suite 290
San Antonio, Texas 78216-5511

The verified statement of interest, filed by any party not previously served by US Mail, must be received before the close of business on **June 7, 2005.** Otherwise, the property will be forfeited to the United States of America effective **June 8, 2005** and disposed of according to law.

Harlan J. Carter
Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio Field Office
#4526 April 24 & May 1, 8, 2005.

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Legals

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
(TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TXDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6115-91-001 for MISCELLANEOUS CULVERT WORK in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on June 14, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of $282, 063.43.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/ or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 16480

State Office

Constr./ Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/ Div Office(s)

Abilene District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

#4538 May 8 & 9, 2005.

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Legals

LEGAL NOTICE

The Forsan Independent School District, Forsan, Texas is accepting bids for the following:

Year 2005 Improvements -
New Practice Gymnasium
for Forsan ISD

All bids must be submitted by 3:00 P.M. local time, **19 May 2005**, and addressed to or faxed to:

Forsan Independent School District
c/o Grimes and Associates -
/CM Dept.
P.O. Box 65
21103 FM 179
Wolfforth, Texas 79382
Fax: (806)863-3350
Fax: (806)863-2479

Plans, Specifications and Bid Packages are available and may be acquired from:

Grimes and Associates, Consulting Engineers, L.P.
PO Box 65
Wolfforth, TX 79382
806-863-2462
or on the website:
www.grimesengineering.com

The Construction Manager will receive separate bids for each individual package or a combination of bid packages.

A pre-bid Conference will be held at 3:00 P.M. local time, **5 May 2005.** All interested parties should meet **Forsan High School Board Room, 411 W. 6th, Forsan, Texas.**

The Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.

#4534 May 1 & 8, 2005.

WEST TEXAS CENTERS for MHMR, 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas is accepting sealed bids on the following used vehicles:

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1996 Ford Taurus Station Wagon
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2 small trainers

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#4541 May 8 & 15, 2005.

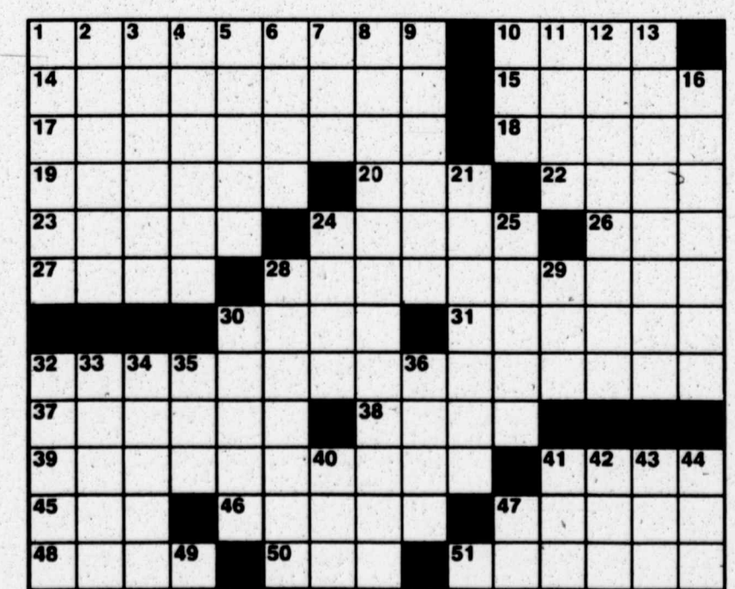
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SATURDAY STUMPER by Doug Peterson
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1 On-again, off-again
10 Boom-box button
14 Up in the air
15 Yes or no follower
17 Record holder
18 Solemn sound
19 Willingly entertaining
20 Computer giant
22 Gulf of Finland feeder
23 Geographic regions
24 Tired
26 USPS acronym
27 Baseball stats
28 Saps
30 Binder
31 Structural component
32 Got up to speed
37 Sell quickly
38 Chooser's first word
39 Some clerks
41 Bamboo, for one
45 PA site in the news in '79
46 M. Toulouse-Lautrec
47 Broadway restaurateur
48 Pad cost
50 Respectful title
51 Second man on the moon
52 Above it all
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58 Six preceder
59 Posse quarry

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4 Stretches
5 They're usually rigged
6 Comics canine
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9 Honeycomb, for one
10 Try to get
11 Where Voyageurs Natl. Park is
12 Fail to act
13 Hawthorne contemporary
16 Slips by
21 U.S. Grant's publisher
24 Scoot along
25 Sam Nunn alma mater
28 Heavy hitters
29 Union agreement
30 Rub together
32 Every five years
33 Created cloisonné
34 Comprehensive
35 Future flukes
36 Pad opener
40 Foray
41 Chase castmate
42 Slips
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47 Catfish coating
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53 Macaroni
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BBF Discount - 4,865
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **George Von Hassell et ux Rose Marie Von Hassell**

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:

Lot 34, in Block 13, Douglass 2 Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **$7,707.00** exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs, against **George Von Hassell et ux Rose Marie Von Hassell,** as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **18th DAY OF MARCH, 2005,** in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GEORGE VON HASSELL, ET UX ROSE MARIE VON HASSELL,** for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **T-4877** that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, theron up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law theron, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 6 **day** of June, **2005** before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse therof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to an including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 18 day of April, A.D. 2005.

Priscilla Ginnetti
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#4528 May 8 & 15, 2005

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"Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit"

Schlachter Operating Corporation, P.O. Box 259005, Dallas, Texas is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation. The proposed injectors are the Crawford - Strain Unit numbers 724; 1007 and the 2304 wells. The proposed injectors are located 10 miles Northwest of Colorado City, Texas in the Sharon Ridge 1700" Field in Mitchell County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1550 feet to 1750 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the state-wide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for Public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 79711 (512)463-6780.
#4542 May 8, 2005

Answer to previous puzzle

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The sensual aspects of mother are highlighted this Mother's Day under the new moon. Although our connection to Mom is a complex weave that's as beautiful as it is inextricable, today things are rather simple. Treat her nicer than she'd treat herself. Don't be afraid to spend a little (or a lot). The Taurus moon loves what it can't afford.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). All of the little blips in your plan would seem like mistakes to the untrained eye. But tap into your wisdom, and you'll realize that there are no mistakes. A grander plan is in motion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A temporary setback does not deter you from your goal. Being stubborn is in your favor. A less determined person would have jumped ship from this project, but you have no intention of failing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've bitten off more than you can chew, but a lot of it is gristle. Spit that nasty stuff out, and focus on the meat. When you zone in on what's important, you are spectacularly productive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're incredibly resourceful. When a family member is unable to sort out the details of a project for herself, you're there like a loyal secretary. Your experience is invaluable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone's intake procedure is different. You'd much rather get out there and learn by doing. Let your mind wander into fantasyland. Imagine it, and then get on the phone and make it happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have both the will and the way. Others question your reasoning, but what appears to be a radical departure from the normal is actually just your own inventiveness and logic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Trying to fill in a missing part of your life is today's mission. Make an effort to see beyond what's lacking. Your many blessings are apparent to everyone around you, so if you forget them, just ask your friends what they think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even if you think you've long since forgotten a childhood dream, unbeknownst to you, you've been working toward it for years. Take a minute to remember it -- it turns out you're still excited about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The best way to show your love today is to give your trust. Reveal what no one else knows to one person or count on someone to do something, and then back off completely!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You receive what you supply. Today, it's all about being sensitive to the subtleties of human interaction. Loved ones are telling you exactly what they need and want. All you have to do is pay attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your friends know to expect the unexpected. Give them what they want, and plan a group outing. What seems perfectly normal to you could spark an epiphany in a more conventional person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Many tasks went undone because you simply didn't feel like taking them on last week. You'll get golden moments of productivity this afternoon. Do everything that you set aside so you can start fresh tomorrow.

FORECAST FOR THE

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **William O. Daves**

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:

E/2 Lots 17 & 18, Block 2, Gordon Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **$5,641.43** exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs, against **William O. Daves Estate,** as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **18th DAY OF MARCH, 2005,** in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. WILLIAM O. DAVES, ESTATE** for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **T-4876** that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 6 **day** of June, **2005** before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to an including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 18 day of April, A.D. 2005.

Priscilla Ginnetti
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#4529 May 8 & 15, 2005

Annie's Mailbox ®



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I wrote this in honor of all the women I know, and especially for my mother, whom I love more than anything. Could you please print it on Mother's Day? Thank you. — Jennifer Lapin, Ontario, Calif.

Dear Jennifer: With pleasure. Here it is:

I have known strong women in my lifetime

Women who have shown so much courage and grace

Women who have held everything together under all the pressures of life,

And who did so beautifully,

Women who have sacrificed so much for the happiness of others

Women who have given so much, tirelessly and without complaint

Women who have raised their children all on their own

Women who have put their dreams on hold to help their children achieve theirs first

Women who have battled their own addictions and won the fight

Women who have beaten the odds when they were told there was no hope

Women who have broken the abusive cycle and lived to tell others how to do the same

Women who have fought bravely and given their lives for our freedom

Women who have taught children simply because they want a better future for them

Women who have given up a child in the hopes that they will have a better life with someone else

Women who have worked hard all their lives and never taken no for an answer

I am amazed by strong women every day

I am proud to be the daughter, daughter-in-law, niece, sister, cousin, granddaughter and friend of incredibly strong women

I hope to one day be as strong as they are

Love as strong as they do

And live up to the legacy that all strong women have left behind them

And pass it on to the next generation of strong women.

Dear Annie: I just have to get this off my chest. Though I've raised several children, I've never yet looked forward to Mother's Day. That's because I spend the two weeks before worrying about gifts and cards for my mother-in-law and my stepmother. (My own mother died many years ago.) By the time the actual day rolls around, I want my husband and children to keep it very simple.

Mothers are the ones who plan holiday celebrations, birthday celebrations, etc. How about canceling Mother's Day so mothers can finally relax and not have one more celebration to worry about? — A Faithful Reader

Dear Faithful: There's no question that women do the majority of the work when it comes to planning family events, but that doesn't mean those events should be canceled to avoid the hassle.

Mother's Day can be particularly hectic if you are fortunate enough to have living mothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law or grandmothers. You often miss the chance to have your own moment of recognition while arranging everyone else's. So . . . stop.

Next year, let your family know you are taking the day off, and any dinners, brunches, cards and gifts will be arranged by husbands, fathers, sons and daughters. If something is overlooked, so what? The world will not end if, for one day, you refuse to make the entire family's happiness your responsibility. Relax, Mom.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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