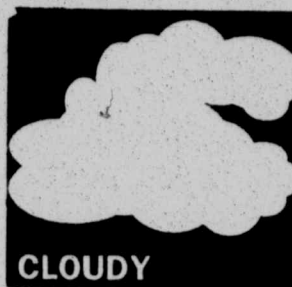


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Sunrise service

On Easter Sunday, area residents will have the opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of Christ with a Community Sunrise Service at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. A number of church leaders will speak during the service, which will begin at 6:45 a.m. and is expected to last about an hour. The service will be non-denominational.

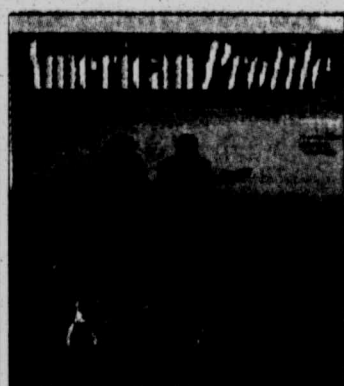
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Rip Griffin's is completely remodeled and maybe best of all, its restaurant has reopened and features that great buffet.

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Cox: Primetime report not a 'true reflection'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

In response to Primetime Thursday's investigative report questioning practices of some VA Health Care hospitals, administrators with the VA Medical Center in Big Spring opened the hospital doors Friday to media.

"Last night, Primetime Thursday ran a negative segment on the VA health care system," said VAMC Interim Director Bill Cox. "We thought by conducting an open tour it would allow the media and visitors to be able to come and see what great things we do on a daily basis."

"I think many times segments such as last night's overshadow the dedication and com-

"It was an unbalanced story, not a true reflection of what we are about in the VA, not a true reflection of the good things that we do..."

Bill Cox,
VAMC interim director



VA Medical Center Interim Director Bill Cox, right, visits with a few hospital patients during a media tour of the facility Friday. The tour was in response to a Primetime Thursday's investigative report questioning practices of some VA Health Care hospitals. The Big Spring facility was not one of the hospitals covered in the Primetime segment.

mitment our employees and our volunteers provide to our veterans every day," Cox continued.

The segment investigated claims of misdiagnoses of patients, mismanagement and deficient care at some of the 167 VA hospitals across the nation.

Cox said he felt the story didn't provide a true picture of the quality of health care in the VA system.

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County fine collection steps into higher gear

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If you get a bright pink postcard in the mail in the next few days, it's definitely not a love letter.

The Howard County Criminal Collections Office is cracking down on delinquent fines this week, sending out hundreds of notices on bright pink cards to people who have failed to pay their fines or court costs over the past several years.

"They should have most of them by Saturday," said Collections Officer Bobby Roever. "They're given until the 22nd of April to make good on it. Most of these are really old accounts — around five

or six years old — so we're asking for the full amount.

"Other counties have done this sort of mail-out,

they will get the chance to cool their heels in the same cells a bank robber would if they don't pay up.



"Sometime after April 22 we'll schedule a warrant roundup and go out and get these people and put them in jail."

Bobby Roever, collections officer

and it works pretty well, so we thought we'd give it a try. Sometime after April 22 we'll schedule a warrant roundup and go out and get these people and put them in jail."

Roever said the men and women that will be receiving the notices may not be bank robbers, but

"These are all Class A and Class B misdemeanors," he said. "They can range from anything like theft charges to driving while intoxicated, second offense. Simple assaults, family assaults, driving while license sus-

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Health Fair expected to draw large crowd

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

More than 2,000 people are expected to attend next Saturday's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair to ask questions of health professionals, receive promotional items, and



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undergo free screenings.

The yearly health fair will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Howard College Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Chamber officials have arranged for more than 60 businesses and organizations from West Texas health providers to participate in the health fair, said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director.

"We are especially excited

about the VA offering cholesterol screenings," ValVerde said.

The VA Medical Center will offer 200 cholesterol screenings on a first-come, first-served basis, she said. The Medical Center is one of 11 corporate sponsors.

Other corporate sponsors are Express Medical Supply, KBST, KBYG, Mountain View Lodge, Paradigm Physical Therapy, Scenic Mountain Medical Center,

What: Health Fair.

Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

When: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

Warren Chiropractic, Big Spring Physical Therapy, West Texas Centers for MHRM and Big

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1979 Wichita Falls twister led to safety measures

By ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

WICHITA FALLS — Walking through tornado-ravaged neighborhoods after a deadly storm 25 years ago, architect Charles F. Harper saw something strange: small closets or bathrooms that seemed to be rising from piles of debris.

In many cases, the center room of a house or business — even a bank

vault — was the only thing standing after a tornado up to a mile-and-a-half wide churned through town, hitting 5,000 houses and several apartments. Some 20,000 people — nearly one-fourth of the city's population — were homeless, while 42 were killed and 1,700 were injured.

Harper, who had developed disaster response plans for nearly 10 years for the American

Institute of Architects, started studying his town's damage with researchers at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

What they learned from Wichita Falls sped up the development of "safe rooms" — center rooms with reinforced walls designed to protect people during storms. Building plans and information about safe rooms are now

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DEADLIEST TORNADOES IN TEXAS

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| 1. May 11, 1953 — 114 killed, 597 injured in Waco | 6. May 6, 1930 — 41 killed, 200 injured in Frost |
| 2. May 18, 1902 — 114 killed, 250 injured in Goliad | 7. May 6, 1930 — 36 killed, 60 injured in Karnes and Dewitt counties |
| 3. April 12, 1927 — 74 killed, 205 injured in Rocksprings | 8. May 30, 1909 — 34 killed, 70 injured in Zephyr |
| 4. April 9, 1947 — 68 killed, 272 injured in Texas in tornado that struck the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma and southwestern Kansas | 9. May 22, 1987 — 30 killed, 121 injured in Saragosa |
| 5. April 10, 1979 — 42 killed, 1,700 injured in Wichita Falls | 10. May 11, 1970 — 28 killed, 500 injured in Lubbock |
| | 11. May 27, 1997 — 27 killed and 12 injured in Jarrell |

Source: National Weather Service.



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Obituaries

Romana Ybarra



Romana Ybarra, 77, of Greeley, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, died on April 8, 2004, in Greeley, Colo. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Eaton Cemetery in Greeley, Colo.

Mrs. Ybarra was born on Feb. 27, 1927, in Knippa to Sotero Polanco and Virginia Garcia. She married Santana Ybarra on March 4, 1985 in Big Spring.

Romana attended the Assembly of God Church in Gill, Colo. Romana had been a resident of Greeley for 10 years after moving from Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Santana Ybarra of Greeley; two daughters, Gloria Lozano and Maria Guadalupe Lozano, both of Greeley, Colo.; three sisters, Adela Quintino, Sara Diaz and Maria Elena Beltran, all of Florida; and one brother, Jose Polanco of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stoddard Funeral Home in Greeley, Colo.

Please visit an online memorial at www.mem.com.

Maxine Zant Miller

Maxine Zant Miller, 75, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, April 8, 2004, in a local hospital.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 12, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Billy Reed, minister of Anderson Street Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Miller was born on Nov. 1, 1928, in Fairview, and married Max Zant on Nov. 2, 1946. He preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 1977. She later married Gail Miller in 1992, and he preceded her in death on April 17, 2002.

She was a member of Anderson Street Church of Christ. Maxine taught in the Spring Independent School District for 25 years. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include three sons, Leslie Zant and John Zant, both of Big Spring, and Lloyd Zant of Bay City; two daughters, Lawanda Zant of Big Spring and Loretta O'Neal of Rio Rancho, N.M.; one sister, Jewel Adams of Arlington; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Key, one son Larry Zant and one daughter, LaVonne Zant.

The family will receive friends Sunday, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the funeral home.

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

Ramon Alvarez Sr.



Ramon Alvarez Sr., 82, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday morning, April 9, 2004, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 12, 1921, in Mexico.

He was the son of Jose Alvarez and Maria Ariez Alvarez. He moved to Big Spring in 1928. He married Esperanza Lujan on May 16, 1949, in Stanton.

He was a Veteran of World War II, having served in the army, and was a foreman for Kasch Brothers Construction Company for 30 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Esperanza Alvarez of Lubbock; four sons, Raymond Alvarez Jr. and Antonio L. Alvarez, both of Lubbock, David Alvarez of Odessa and Jose Alvarez of Big Spring; three daughters, Lydia Valdez and Berlinda Paul, both of Lampasas, and Lucy Brito of Big Spring; three sisters, Mary Sanchez of San Angelo, Juanita Gutierrez of Odessa and Elvira Olivas of Big Spring; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring State Hospital, Volunteer Services Counsel, 1901 North Highway 87, Big Spring 79720. The family will be at 1105 E. 13th.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Weather

Sunday...Cloudy. A 60 percent chance of rain showers. Highs around 50. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

• **ROBERT KEITH PARNELL**, 19, of 1307 14th St. was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication — minor.

• **ANN WESLEY**, 32, of Oklahoma was being held at the city jail Friday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **ELIAS LEE MUNOZ**, 48, of 204 N. Johnson was arrested Friday on a charge of injury to a child.

• **KIMBERLY SHAWN STILLMAN**, 40, of Orlando, Fla., was being held at the city jail Saturday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **STEPHANIE RENEE GIPSON**, 25, of 4914 S. Highway 87 was arrested Saturday on a charge of public lewdness.

• **KENNETH WAYNE COX**, 31, of Jal, N.M., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public lewdness.

• **SANTIAGO MORALES JR.**, 43 of 703 Lancaster was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **KEITH ANDREW HILARIO**, 19, of 1401 Highway 87 was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **DAVID CORNELUIS WESTBROOK**, 30, of 1703 Young was arrested Saturday on traffic warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Gregg, the 1100 block of Lamesa and the 400 block of Birdwell.

• **INJURY TO A CHILD** was reported in the 200 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

• **GRASS FIRE** was reported on Andrews Highway.

• **GAS DRIVE OFF** was reported at the Town and Country.

• **RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported on Northeast Broadway and west bound Interstate near the 199 Mile Marker.

• **FIGHT IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 1600 block of Eubanks Road.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of North Anderson Road.

Take note

□ **HAVE YOU SEEN** the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question "Is the Passion True or False?" Call 263-0680, leave your name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

□ **LIFETIME BIG SPRING** resident Mary Lancaster has been diagnosed with cancer, and is in need of several scans that are not covered by her health insurance. Lancaster's family is asking for donations to cover the cost of the scans, which range in the thousands of dollars. Donations can be made at Wood Forest National Bank, located in Wal-Mart, in the name of Mary Lancaster.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 08-09-15-32-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 115. Prize: \$535.

Matching three of five: 4,393. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 46,360. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 01-04-06-14. Bonus Ball: 08.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching four of four: 12. Prize: \$1,159.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 24.

Prize: \$71.

Number matching three of four: 1,225. Prize: \$18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 836.

Prize: \$18.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,701. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 8,324. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$725,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-6

Bulletin board

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

SUNDAY

• Community-wide Easter Sunrise service at 6:45 a.m. in the Amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park.

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• A Stitches' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

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

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.

Applications for new students wishing to attend Bauer Magnet School (Grades K-4) during the 2004-2005 school year will be accepted on Thursday, April 15, from 7:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. at Bauer Magnet School.

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By LYNDEL MOORE
Staff Writer

The Stanton School theaterment will host a theater one-act production of "Twelve Jurors" By Reginald Hill on Tuesday.

The production of a fund-raiser between the school act play program and FCLA organization.

"Part of the money goes to the one fund, and part help send a local member to the convention in this summer," director Jonam "Bonnie Ram" recently elected office of regional president of public relations for FCLA will represent our state and national conventions.

The dinner will be 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria with a rise at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Tickets are \$7 and \$5 for children and \$5 for children and \$5 for children. The menu will include roast, potatoes, beans, salad, dessert and a drink.

"Twelve Angry Men" cast members Billett and Graves walked the stage last night at the University Interscholastic League 2-A Act contest on Tuesday.

The play around 11 jurors convinced of the accused, but the juror has no doubt. The jury through the recreation and come to conclusions.

"We chose because I love it and it is a great Myrick said.

Cast members Megan Cook, Foreman, juror Anderson, Bill Harp, Laura T. Allred, Kelita Linsey Dugan, Smith, Stephen Graves, Alex J. Bonnie Ramirez Guard.

Crew members Bobby Decker, Ireton, Jessie and Katie V. Alternates are Cox and Mary.

For more information about the event, call 3080 or 756-3322.

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Stanton slates dinner theater Tuesday night

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The Stanton High School theater department will host a dinner theater one-act production of "Twelve Angry Jurors" By Reginald Rose on Tuesday.

The production is part of a fund-raising effort between the school's one-act play program and the FCCLA organization.

"Part of the money will go to the one-act play fund, and part of it will help send a local FCCLA member to the national convention in Chicago this summer," said play director Jonama Myrick. "Bonnie Ramirez was recently elected to the office of regional vice president of public relations for FCCLA. She will represent our school and region at both the state and national conventions."

The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria with curtain rise at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years old and younger. The menu will consist of roast, potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, dessert and a drink.

"Twelve Angry Jurors" cast members Johnny Billett and Kourtney Graves walked away with honorable mention all star cast honors at the University Interscholastic League 2-A zone One-Act contest on March 27.

The play revolves around 11 jurors who are convinced of the guilt of the accused, but the 12 juror has reasonable doubt. The jurors sift through the evidence, recreate the actual crime and come to surprising conclusions.

"We chose this play because I love the movie, and it is a great script," Myrick said.

Cast members are Megan Cook as the Foreman, jurors Blake Anderson, Billett, Shelby Harp, Laura Teveni, Dex Allred, Kelita Bryand, Linsey Dugan, Savannah Smith, Stephanie Klein, Graves, Alex Shafer and Bonnie Ramirez as the Guard.

Crew members are Bobby Decker, Matthew Ireton, Jessica Stovall and Katie Van Curen. Alternates are Ashley Cox and Mary Klein.

For more information about the event, call 756-3080 or 756-3326.

TWISTER

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included in brochures distributed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"That event was unequivocal proof that you could build an above-ground structure that could withstand tornado winds," said Chad Morris, associate director of what is now the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center at Texas Tech.

The April 10, 1979 tornado that hit Wichita Falls is the state's fifth-deadliest and one of the largest in U.S. history.

On that spring day, three large supercell storms developed, each producing a series of tornadoes that moved quickly across the northern Texas and southern Oklahoma plains.

Some of those twisters killed 11 people in nearby Vernon, one in Harrold and three in Lawton, Okla.

The Wichita Falls tornado stayed on the ground an hour and traveled 47 miles as it wiped out a fifth of the city and damaged even more areas before dissipating in Oklahoma. It is rated an F4, with winds from 207-260 mph.

"I don't know if any tornado in Texas has affected so many people," said Alan Moller, a Fort Worth-based National Weather Service meteorologist who spent a week in Wichita Falls after the tornado. "And we really learned a lot in terms of safety."

Tornado sirens sounded in Wichita Falls about 30 minutes before the storm, and television and radio stations aired warnings until power went out just as the twister moved through town about 6 p.m. Thousands of people crouched in storm cellars or basements; some bank employees huddled in a vault.

Although the mall was heavily damaged, no shoppers died inside. Several who ran to their cars were killed or severe-



ly injured.

More than half of those killed, including the girlfriend of Harper's son and her sister, were in cars trying to flee — believing that buildings were more dangerous — or were passing through town and had not heard the warnings.

"The big lesson learned was that if you're in a reinforced structure, you need to stay there when a tornado's approaching," Moller said. "Automobiles are a steel death trap in a tornado."

Many people at that time had only seen narrow, funnel-shaped clouds and didn't recognize that the approaching wide, wedge-shaped mass was a tornado, Moller said.

In assessing damage, researchers realized that they had been giving the wrong advice in telling people to open windows as a tornado approached, Harper said. They realized that what blew the roofs off houses was wind getting inside — and that homes with storm doors and windows or shutters fared better.

"We rewrote the book on what happens in a tornado and how to mitigate damage," said Harper, 74.

The town slowly rebuilt, with the help of the Goals for Wichita Falls committee that developed plans to improve all aspects of the city, including economic development, schools and parks.

Just two years later,

Wichita Falls was named an All-America City by what is now the National League of Cities.

Since the tornado, some builders say the demand has increased for safe rooms — with walls made of concrete blocks or plywood with reinforced steel beams. Buchanan Construction Co. builds safe rooms with 6-inch-thick concrete walls, and only builds concrete houses to meet customers' demands for tornado safety in addition to energy

savings, said owner Jay Buchanan.

"I hear more about safe rooms now than I did 20 years ago," Buchanan said.

Today, the town has few reminders of the storm. Near downtown, a memorial park features large sculptures representing crape myrtle trees that bloomed after the storm and became a symbol of the town's resolve. Another park has a plaque with the names of 45 victims, including three who died of heart attacks right after the storm, and a tree planted for each one.

Even now, the tornado still haunts many.

Dale Sanders, now 56,

survived by huddling in her neighbor's cellar with three dozen other people and two dogs. Several men struggled to keep the door closed by clutching the rope.

When Sanders emerged, she didn't recognize her surroundings because houses, street signs, power poles and trees were gone. She saw a dazed man, his arm severed, walking down the street.

"I don't want to remember it," Sanders said. "The only thing I do really is watch for storms, and I do a lot of praying."

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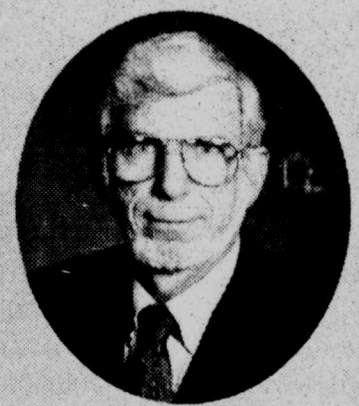
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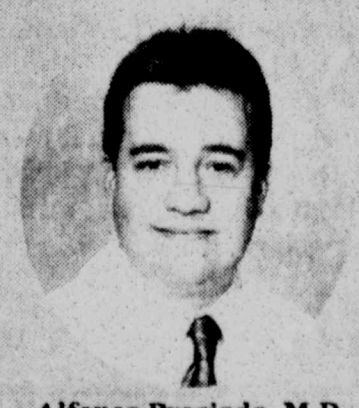
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Activities also will be provided for children, ValVerde said. Dimples the Clown, who creates masterpieces out of balloons, will entertain the young folks.

Air Xtreme will provide an obstacle course in the coliseum parking lot for

children to maneuver during the health fair. "We think it will be a lot of fun," ValVerde said, "and we're excited about adding them to our health fair."

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OUR VIEWS

9-11 hearings are much ado about nothing

It's called a "grandstand play." In sports, it's used to refer to situations where a player goes out of his way to bring attention to his or her self. And in Congress, it's simply the matter of trying to look good to the American public without offering any substance.

Take for example ... well, take the current 9-11 Commission hearings for instance. They are a fine example.

These hearings are, as Shakespeare might have said, much ado about nothing.

Congress, as it has always done, decides to spend a great deal of our money investigating the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington — supposedly seeking answers as to how al-Qaida could have hijacked commercial jetliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon.

Apparently a scapegoat is needed in Congress' mind. And sadly, a large portion of the American public is buying into that notion.

But the simple fact is that nobody could have envisioned that terrorists would hijack commercial jets and use them as missiles in a suicidal mission.

Was there a lack of communication between governmental agencies?

Of course there was.

Was there a lack of security inside our domestic airports.

Certainly.

Were domestic airlines far behind those of some other nations in providing cockpit security?

Yes.

But we needn't ask why. The answer to that question is simple. Until Sept. 11, 2001, none of us — not in government, nor in business, nor those in the general public — would have been willing to pay the cost or inconvenience.

Prior to that terrible day, we'd have bolted at the idea of it taking the time to go through security screening now in place just to board an airplane.

Had airline executives wanted to make cockpits in their planes more secure, they couldn't have convinced stockholders that the cost was warranted. And they most certainly couldn't have convinced Congress to fork over the money to retrofit their planes.

And Congress... Well, it simply would never have had the courage to overhaul government agencies, nor pay for the costs of nationalizing airport security, even if it had possessed the foresight to do so.

The bottom line is that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans will always in some way leave us vulnerable to attacks like those they occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

We've learned some lessons from that day and we'll obviously learn more in the years to come. But you learn and press on.

That's what we must do, and that's what Congress should do.

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Delay and Texas campaign finance laws

You may be wondering why House Majority Leader Tom DeLay is raising money for a legal defense fund and telling his fellow Republicans in Washington to be prepared to name his replacement in the event he is indicted. DeLay and Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick may have achieved the near-impossible by breaking Texas campaign finance laws. Since Texas essentially has no campaign finance laws, this is no mean feat.



MOLLY IVINS

In Texas, anyone can give any amount of money to any candidate — the sky's the limit — you just have to report it. You would think that pretty much solves any legal or ethical complaints, but there is just this one little tiny rule: no corporate or union cash to candidates.

PACs are one way around that, as are "issue ads." As Jake Bernstein of the Texas Observer wrote: "An unprecedented coordination between the Republican administration and big corporate interests held the country tightly in its grip. In most instances, the machine simply enjoyed the exercise of raw power with little effort to justify its actions. Come election time, though, the party of privilege and its moneyed patrons drowned out opponents with the sheer volume of their propaganda. Never before had so many dollars been spent to mass-market a political image. Above all, the machine pushed the message that it was the true guardian of patriotism, indistinguishable from the Stars and Stripes: Then, once in power, it opened the public treasury to a rapacious corporate elite. ...

"Business lobbyists dictated the law at every level. Legislation was cooked behind the closed doors of private clubs and then passed into law. While the lobby fought ferociously against any check on its

prerogatives, it had a special distaste for corporate taxes. Aided by its legislative enablers, the corporate elite indulged in a natural inclination toward monopoly — especially when it came to media and transportation."

That was Texas in 1905. That was the year populist reformers in the Lege voted to stop company executives from using corporate funds to contribute to political campaigns without stockholder consent. Texas law also prohibits "in-kind" gifts of goods and services, such as office space, staff time and polls.

On Nov. 7, 2002, two days after Republicans had swept state office for the first time, Craddick, who everyone knew was slated to be the first Republican speaker, held a victory press conference at the state capitol. At the bottom of the invitation to the press conference is a small notice, "Paid for by Texans for a Republican Majority."

Texans for a Republican Majority is a political action committee (TRMPAC, pronounced "Trimpac.") created in part by Tom DeLay. Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle began an investigation in December 2002 into public boasting by the Texas Association of Business (TAB) that it had collected and contributed money from corporations to elect candidates to the Texas legislature.

That investigation led to TRMPAC, which allegedly also raised and used corporate money for political purposes. TAB insists it does not have to reveal the names of its corporate donors (!), Craddick is now scrambling away from TRMPAC, and the whole mess is under investigation by a grand jury.

One of the saddest pieces of evidence in the case, found by the Texas Observer, is a memo from a fund-raising trip to Houston taken by a TRMPAC staffer, Susan Lilly. In five and half hours, she met with six Houston energy and

finance executives. TRMPAC and TAB were coordinating the campaign to take 22 House seats for the Republicans, enough to give them a majority and elect Craddick speaker.

Lilly met with a vice president of Compass Bank, who agreed to donate "22K direct" from the bank's PAC to each of the Republicans in the highly contested districts. Next to the contribution is the handwritten note of what Compass wanted in return. "Wants to clean up home equity lending."

They cleaned it up, all right. In the following session, the Lege voted for a constitutional amendment that allows home equity loans on lines of credit, a sort of credit card against the value of your home equity, which allows banks to charge even more than they do on lump-sum home equity loans. When the amendment passed, a Compass Bank spokesman said proudly, "We were first to the market with this."

The case before the grand jury is complex, involving both TAB and TRMPAC, and includes allegations of money-laundering, improper contributions by Craddick to influence the speaker's race and much more. For a fuller account of the case, I recommend the Texas Observer, starting with the Aug. 29, 2003, issue, and then both the Feb. 27 and March 12, 2004, issues.

No one is naive enough to think campaign contributions don't influence the way legislators vote, but there's something so cold about seeing the sum listed next to the purpose for which it's given. The memo is posted on the Observer's website and deserves to be titled, "Death of Democracy."

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband and I awoke this morning to another glorious spring day. The birds are singing, the sky is a beautiful morning blue, the air is fresh and cool and we began our morning routine. Our yard is finally turning a wonderful color of freshly mowed green. The yellow and purple iris are in full bloom and the peach and apricot trees are covered in tiny fruits. How awesome to be able to wake up to such blessings.

As we took the trash container to its normal pick-up spot by the curb, we noticed a young career man had parked his car on the side street by the curb. He was pulling the donut out of his trunk. Apparently, he had a flat tire. He noticed that the donut in his trunk was almost flat so he called his wife to bring her car in hope that her donut might fit his car. She soon pulled up behind him and parked her car close to his. What a wonderful sight to see a very attractive young lady step out of her car in defense of husband's early morning dilemma.

There he was, on his way to work with a flat tire and her arriving in support, with two very young children strapped in the back seat. As the young man started the task of replacing the flat tire with the donut, the young wife proceeded to change the diaper of one of the children. Once she finished changing the dirty diaper, she folded it neatly and proceeded to toss the dirty diaper in the middle of the street, got in her car and drove away.

"Can you believe she threw that dirty diaper in the middle of the street?" I said to my husband in amazement. He just looked at me and shook his head.

The young man realized we noticed her garbage in our street. "Just fixing a flat," he stated. "Then realized my donut was almost flat."

My husband acknowledged him and started for his truck to go to work.

As my husband pulled out of the garage, we both noticed the young man walked to the dirty diaper and picked it up. He tossed it into the back seat of his car, wiped his hands and drove away.

I can only hope when he goes home this afternoon he admonishes his disrespectful wife and inform her that it's just as easy to take her trash home with her rather than toss it into someone else's neighborhood.

It's appalling that we have to walk

through streets and parking lots littered with nasty, dirty diapers simply because mothers are lazy, disrespectful and don't care where they toss their personal garbage. The right thing to do would be to carry extra plastic bags in your back seat for just such reasons. If you have to change your child, at least have enough decency to put the diaper in a plastic bag and take it to the nearest dumpster. Better yet, take it home to your own garbage can, but don't throw it in the middle of the street or parking lot.

We don't want our neighborhood littered with smelly trash either!

We both want to thank the young man for picking up the dirty diaper and taking it with him and hope he explains to his wife that you shouldn't throw your trash in someone else's street.

Pictures are worth a thousand words and that act alone says a lot about both of characters.

MR. L.W. HOOPER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

With sadness and mixed emotions, I walked down the Moving Vietnam Wall.

I read a few names as I walked. Two young men helped me find the one I knew was there. I had seen it when the wall was here before. The man was not related to me, but I knew him personally and visited his grave in Hawaii. His remains were not there, only his marker. He was killed when the helicopter he was flying, was shot down in Vietnam. And again I asked the same question. Why? Why are wars necessary? I turned toward the flag as they blew Taps and I got my answer.

I have live through four wars. And I have seen the same sadness and heartache for many. But never in all these years have I heard such ugly criticism come from the mouths of a people who are living in a country where so many died to give them freedom. They died that you might have freedom of speech and religion. And to show your appreciation of this freedom you have cut this freedom to ribbons of hate.

Criticizing our leaders regardless of how it is being done, has undermined our county and if you did not go and vote, you do not have the right to criticize. You criticize our local government, and you did not go vote here either. Why don't the people who do all the griping and grumbling run for president, govern-

nor, mayor or whatever? If they think they can run the country any better, why do they not put their name on the list and be voted in?

If you want changes, begin in your own back yard. Clean your own attitude and speech. You have not been asked to sacrifice one single thing in this war, unless you have someone serving. In World War II, we rationed sugar, tires, gasoline, nylon stockings, meat and dozens of other things, so our military could be fed and clothed.

What have you done without in the war we are fighting today? Those people died for our freedom also. In the Korean War, we were fighting for our neighbor's freedom. I drove the bus with Korean children who were put out of their country by Communist rule. When they were put on boats and sent away, they never got to go back home. They never saw their parents or grandparents again. When the Vietnam War was being fought, we had draft dodgers and cowards who left America to keep from going.

My son went, and he came home to an America that literally spit on him and cursed him for fighting for your freedom and theirs. And now I have grandchildren in Iraq and they are fighting to keep your freedom and theirs. And what thanks are they getting from you?

Today's headlines are "regardless of the price of gasoline, the people are still buying and traveling." They are still eating, regardless of the price of groceries. They are not rationed or have to do without.

Freedom is not free. The price is high. When America won her freedom from England, we had dissenters then also. They would rather have paid the high taxes and lived under a king's rule.

Wars are necessities, because we have people who would rather fight than switch. Peace is not in their vocabulary.

We need to spend our time being thankful for our freedom and help our children understand what being free means.

Yes, there are rules to live by. And as my mother used to say when she corrected my misbehavior, "Who made the law? Moses did and who broke it? You did."

And if we lose our freedom because we refuse to be obedient to simple rules, the punishment will be just.

CHRISTENE HORN
BIG SPRING

VA Medical Center's quality of care
PrimerTime Thursday
has used the system
didn't give an answer

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that we do, a reflection of the care, not a true of the technology have, not a true of how the veterans not a true reflection day-to-day health that we deliver thousands of that we serve.

On Friday, I toured the nursing floor, the acute care unit and clinic. The atmosphere showed cleanliness.

"We're very what we do," said. "We 15,000 veterans

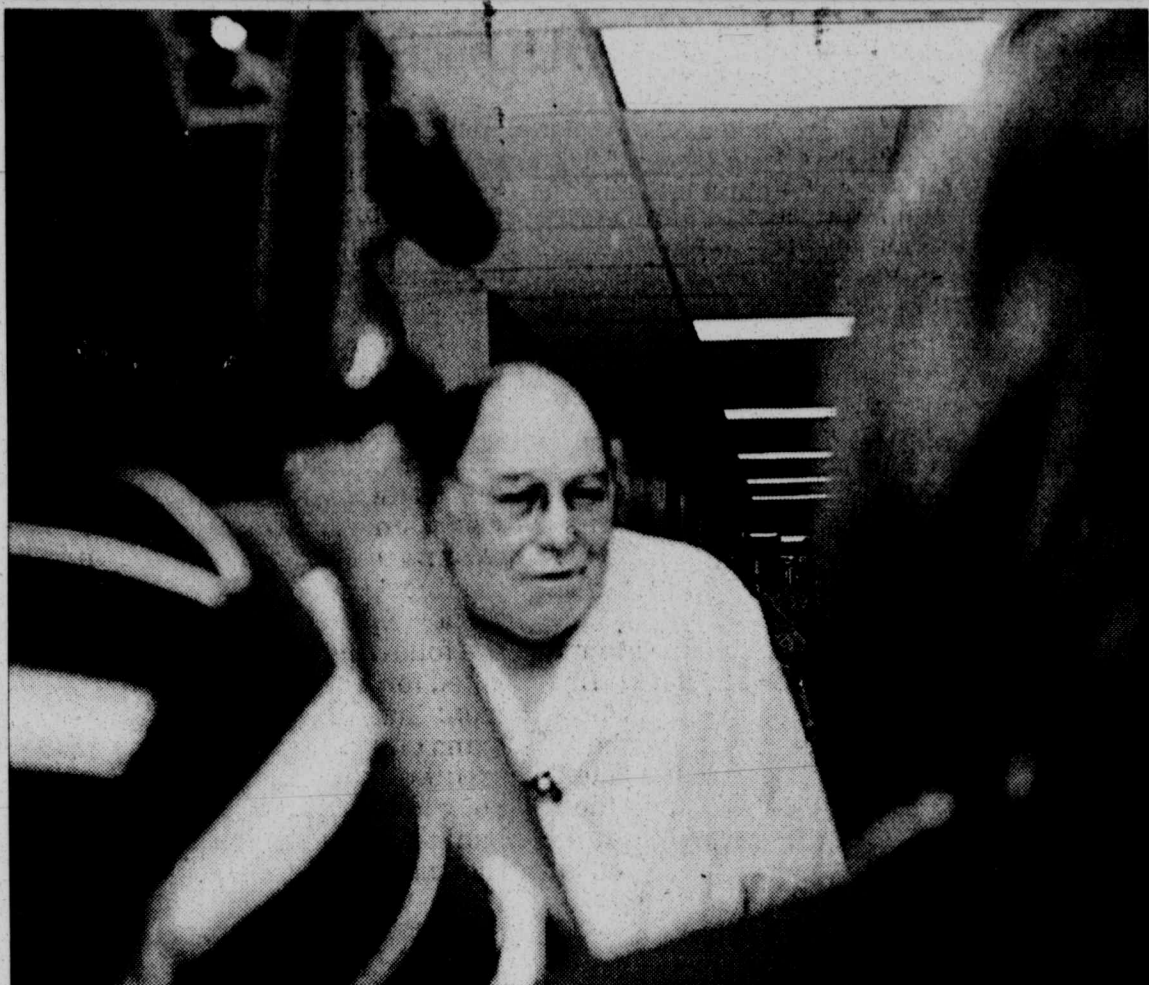
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FALLUJAH, — Government forces entered the city of Fallujah as fierce battles elsewhere in Iraq, including Baghdad. Iraqi forces were U.S. servicemen, two Germans, an American, an American was captured, Crescent of gunned down.

Several more Iraqi Government met with Fallujah leaders, trying to handover of killed and missing American citizens. They are insurgents to the militant council council Mahmoud Othman Brig. General Kimmitt said a battalion of the new Iraqi



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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

VA Medical Center patient Lionel Crisp fields questions from area media about the hospital's quality of care on Thursday. Crisp was responding to an investigative report aired by Primetime Thursday questioning practices of some VA Health Care hospitals. Crisp, who has used the system for 40 years, said he has received excellent care and felt the report didn't give an accurate view of the system as a whole.

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that we do, not a true reflection of the quality of care, not a true reflection of the technology that we have, not a true reflection of how the veterans feel, not a true reflection of the day-to-day health care that we deliver to the thousands of veterans that we serve," he said.

On Friday, media toured the nursing home floor, the acute intensive care unit and outpatient clinic. The areas toured showed clean conditions. "We're very proud of what we do here," Cox said. "We treat about 15,000 veterans on an

annual basis. We serve 46 counties in Texas and one in New Mexico. Within that geographic area resides more than 60,000 veterans."

Although he didn't see the Primetime segment, Alejandro Garza, a Marine veteran, said he has received very good care at VA hospitals.

"This is something that the vets need, especially now that there are vets coming out of Iraq," Garza said. "This one in Big Spring really serves a wide range. It's going to be hard if they close it down."

Garza was referring to a recommendation by the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services

(CARES) independent commission for the Department of Veterans Affairs to implement a study considering the feasibility of the Big Spring hospital's existence.

The recommendation, made in February, was included in the CARES final report reviewing a plan to realign the DAV's medical care services.

Department of Veteran's Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi has yet to make any final decision concerning the CARES report.

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FINES

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ended... It's nothing hard-core. It's just misdemeanors that people have never been held accountable for and they aren't paying their bills."

The Criminal Collections Office is a new addition to the county's arsenal to bring in more funds in trying economic times, and having already brought in \$27,648 since December, Roever said things are going well.

"I started my position on Nov. 3, 2003," said Roever. "My first month on the job I did training in Lubbock and a seminar in Austin. I saw my first client in December, and things have been going really good."

"About 90 percent of the new people that we've put on payment plans are taking care of their business and paying their fines like they are supposed to. The other 10 percent just aren't going to pay. I send them three letters, and the third letter says it's all due by a certain date, and if it isn't paid then

we issue a warrant and they can lay it out in jail or come up with the money."

Roever said miscommunications have been to blame for some of the unpaid fines and court costs in the past, but for those who think they can just "out-wait" collection efforts, they are sadly mistaken.

"Some of the people that we've talked to tell us their probation officer told them they were finished," said Roever. "They were finished with probation, they just forgot to tell them they still owed fines and court costs."

"This is a judgment that has been set down by the court, and it stays in effect until it's paid. There is no statute of limitations on payment of fines or court costs. Even if you haven't heard anything about it for five or six years, it's still there."

"In June of 2003 the legislature put in a new law which includes Class A and Class B misdemeanors," he said. "Any offense that occurred after that date, if you don't pay your fine and court costs, your driver's

license can be flagged and you won't be able to renew it until you get it taken care of. Those that have fines from before that date don't have to worry about their driver's license, but they do have to worry about a warrant officer knocking on their door."

Anyone with questions on the status of their fines or court costs can call Roever's office or the County Clerk's office, a "just to be safe" maneuver that could save a lot of time and money.

"They can call my office at 264-2271, or the County Clerk's office at 264-2213," said Roever. "We can look it up and see if they are paid up. If you have your receipt and our records show you still owe and you know you don't, bring the receipt in. It's possible that something could have been lost when we moved to the computer systems. If they have proof, we're not going to put them in jail. We're going to get them off the books."

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U.S. seeks truce with militants

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Government negotiators entered the besieged city of Fallujah Saturday as fierce battles raged elsewhere in central Iraq, including Baghdad. Forty Iraqis were killed, two U.S. servicemembers and two Germans were missing, an American civilian was captured and a Red Crescent official was gunned down.

Several members of the Iraqi Governing Council met with Fallujah city leaders, trying to win the handover of people who killed and mutilated four American civilians last week. They also want the insurgents to give up foreign militants in the city, council member Mahmoud Othman said.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said a third battalion of Marines and a battalion of troops from the new Iraqi army were

being moved to Fallujah to join the siege of the city. Two battalions of 1,200 Marines are already in place.

Kimmitt said the military was seeking a ceasefire during the talks, but that insurgents continued to shoot at the U.S. troops. Explosions and sporadic gunfire continued to be heard Saturday afternoon in the city. The Marines largely remained in the industrial zone they hold in the eastern part of the city, 35 miles west of Baghdad.

Some Marines moved a few blocks into a nearby neighborhood, breaking into homes, witnesses said, in an apparent attempt to clear out gunmen firing on them. An AC-130 gunship airplane raked insurgent positions with gunfire Friday night.

Members of the

Governing Council have expressed increasing anger over the U.S. siege, calling it a "mass punishment" for the city's 200,000 residents. A Shiite member suspended his council seat in protest, and a Sunni council member said he would quit if the Fallujah talks fell apart.

In Baqouba, northeast of the capital, gunmen attacked government buildings and police stations, fighting U.S. troops in battles that killed around 40 Iraqis and wounded several Americans, said Capt. Issam Bornaies, spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade.

Insurgents also fought U.S. troops in Baghdad's northern, mainly Sunni neighborhood of al-Azamiyah.



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Greeks struggle to meet Olympics deadline

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — In a land where ancient proverbs are usually taken to heart, Greeks seem to be planning the Athens Games with "better late than never" in mind.

With just 18 weeks left before the Aug. 13-29 games, organizers are still struggling to meet deadlines on many of the most grandiose designs.

"We don't need words any longer. What we need is lots of work," urged Deputy Culture Minister Fani Palli-Petralia, a key Olympics coordinator.

Palli-Petralia's conservative government, elected March 7 after ousting the Socialists, decided to take matters into its own hands.

It canceled a roof for the main Olympic swimming pool, curtailed the length of an ambitious tram line running from central Athens to seaside Olympic venues and scaled back a project to widen the marathon route.

The government also promised to double or triple work crews on numerous projects, including a steel-and-glass roof designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava for the showcase Olympic stadium.

Muslim Americans angered over violence

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — Muslim Americans are growing increasingly alarmed by the escalating violence in Iraq, and said the bloody fighting has overshadowed the happiness they felt on the first anniversary of the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Disappointment and outrage at the violence in Iraq was matched at the Ahlul Beyt mosque in Pomona on Friday by anger at the Bush administration's policies.

Widespread fighting across Iraq raised the toll of U.S. troops killed there this week to 46. The fighting has killed more than 460 Iraqis. At least 647 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

Al-Hussaini and others gathered at the mosque — which caters to Iraqi-Americans, most of them Shiite Muslims — blamed the United States for the rise of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a young, anti-U.S. cleric.

"What we see today — the bloodshed, the war, the clashes — this is a result of the mismanagement of this administration," said Sayed Moustafa al-Qazwini, an imam at the Islamic Educational Center of Orange County.

Soaring steel prices have down side

CLEVELAND (AP) — Soaring steel prices, a boon to a troubled U.S. industry, also have a downside: American consumers eventually will pay more for automobiles, refrigerators and even roller coaster rides.

Analysts and other industries say it's just a matter of time.

Steel prices are rising because its production is costing more for several reasons, including a shortage of raw materials such as scrap and coke.

Prices for scrap, used in most steelmaking, have

risen from \$120 per ton last summer to \$252 a ton this month, mainly because China is buying all it can find to feed its rapidly growing steel industry. The same is true for coke, the fuel used for blast furnaces.

As a result of the shortages, American steelmakers lucky enough to get the raw materials are able to charge more for their finished product.

The average U.S. price of hot-rolled coil steel — which is sold to car makers and others — hit \$605 a ton this month, a 68 percent surge from December's low of \$360, according to steel consulting firm Meps International.

States join to help migrating bird

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — States from Maryland to New York have joined in an uncommon effort to help a struggling bird's 8,000-mile migration from the tip of Argentina well into Canada.

Every spring, the 5-ounce red knot travels from South America, feasting on horseshoe crab eggs in the Chesapeake Bay before taking on the last leg of the route through New Jersey and New York into Canada.

The plump bird that leaves winter homes as far south as Tierra del Fuego near the tip of Argentina arrives on the East Coast sparrow-thin — and needs the crab eggs to survive the rest of the trip.

But a decline in the population of horseshoe crabs, which are used mostly as commercial fishing bait, and the thousands of eggs each bird needs to replenish itself, have pushed the tourist and bird-watcher favorite toward extinction.

Audubon and other environmental and wildlife groups are working with officials from Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York to help the bird by limiting the horseshoe crab harvest. In March, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission adopted limits on how many horseshoe crabs could be taken beginning this spring.

Gun convention for women a success

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — In what organizers call "the softer side of shooting," a gun convention for women is offering classes ranging from hunting and gun safety to gourmet game cooking and fancy hat making.

The Shooting for Women Conference was created for the female gun enthusiast who doesn't enjoy the testosterone-charged environment at most gun events, said Susan Long, editor of Shooting for Women magazine and a promoter of the four-day conference, which began Thursday.

The idea is to create a more feminine place so women feel comfortable learning about guns. Long said women and younger people are the fastest growing group in shooting sports.

About 550 women from around the country registered for the conference. Organizers have promised it will be the first of many.

Deficit forecast for state health care programs

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' health care programs for low-income state residents are expected to run a \$582 million deficit by the end of the current budget, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is projecting a \$529 million shortfall in state funding

for the Medicaid program and a \$53 million deficit for the Children's Health Insurance Program, commission spokeswoman Kristie Zamrazil said.

Zamrazil blamed a higher than expected caseload for the shortfall, which is close to the \$524 million legislators shifted out of the Medicaid budget last spring while trying to balance the budget.

House Republicans transferred the money to public education while fighting to overcome a \$10 billion state budget deficit. Democrats at the time warned that the transfer would lead to a Medicaid shortfall in the current budget cycle.

Kathy Walt, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry, said the Legislature could use \$420 million to \$580 million in unspent federal funds to balance the current shortfall in the health care programs. But she questioned whether the preliminary caseload estimates would hold true over the next 18 months of the state's budget.

"These projects are preliminary numbers six months through the first half of the first year of the biennium," Walt said. "They may hold true. They may not."

Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said he was surprised to see a projected shortfall for CHIP, since children have been falling off the program's rolls at a faster than anticipated rate.

Lawmakers expected about 161,000 children to drop off the program during the biennium because of eligibility changes and more frequent certifications, Coleman said. Less than halfway through the budget cycle, however, about 121,000 already have left the rolls.

Zamrazil said the shortfall is not expected to hit the programs until sometime in 2005,

giving the Legislature time to secure funding for the



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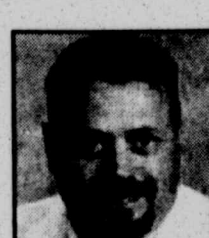


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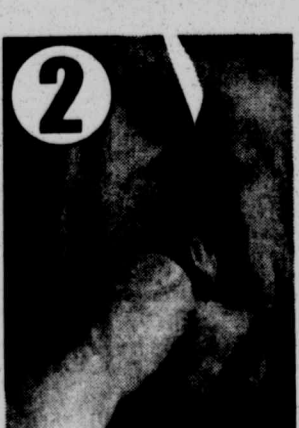
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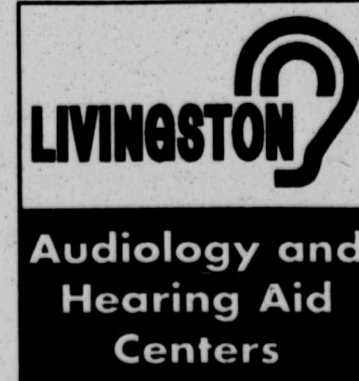







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IN BRIEF

CGA to hold benefit tournament for Relay

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for Saturday, April 24, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament's format will be a four-man scramble. Entry fees are \$20 per player and all players must be registered by 10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m.

Coahoma UGSA still offering last chance

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will be holding last chance sign-ups for Division I, II and III players with no late fees starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Softball Complex.

Anyone needing additional information should contact association president Patricia Robinson at 393-5622.

Umpires needed for Little League season

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester at 264-7777 or Don Booth at 263-6597.

Teen League slates registration

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding registration through April 16 at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The league is open to all ages 13-16.

For more information, contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

Life Church takes top spot in league play

The team from Life Church took first place in the Church Recreational Basketball League following the 2004 season. Primera Iglesia Bautista finished second.

A total of 10 teams participated in the league, playing their games at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center.

BSCC schedules four-man scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for April 24-25 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player plus cart rental, but private carts are welcomed.

Play begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

For more information, call the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

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The King and the kid steal show at the Masters

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The King said goodbye. The Masters is now in the hands of a kid.

Arnold Palmer walked out the 18th fairway one last time Friday to an ovation longer and louder than any other in his 50 years at Augusta National, unable to hold back tears as he reflected on a career built on Sunday charges, green jackets and an army of fans.

"It's not fun sometimes to know

it's over," Palmer said.

For 23-year-old Justin Rose, the fun might just be starting.

Rose, the youngest professional in the field, played a steady hand under an increasing spotlight with a 1-under 71, including a superb bunker shot to save par on the final hole for a two-shot lead.

"Playing under pressure for the right reasons is fun," said Rose, who missed his first 21 cuts after turning pro. "Playing under pressure for the wrong reasons, that's awful. This is much, much bet-

ter."

On a wild day of charges and collapses, the Englishman rarely got into trouble and finished at 6-under 138 to lead Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain and Alex Cejka of Germany.

Olazabal, a two-time Masters champion, quickly renewed his hopes with an eagle-birdie-birdie stretch on the back nine and a 3-under 69. He and Cejka (70) each bogeyed the 18th hole and were at 140.

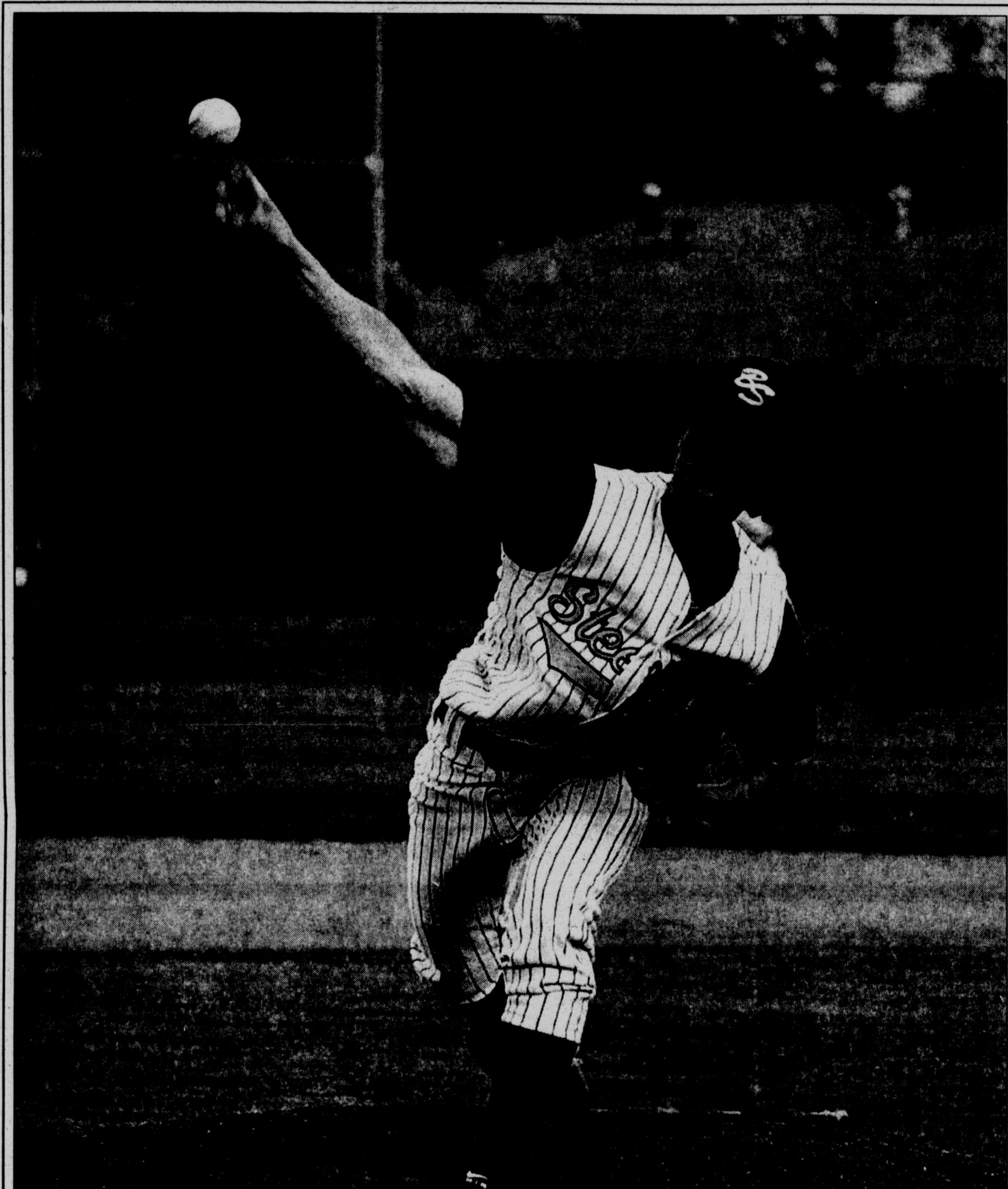
Phil Mickelson got into the mix for his first major, getting a huge

break on the par-5 13th when his ball stopped short of going into Rae's Creek. He turned a bogey into a birdie and shot 69, three shots out of the lead.

And don't count out Tiger Woods just yet. Instead of throwing his clubs, he threw his fist into the air with a 40-foot birdie putt on the 16th for a 69 that left him six shots behind.

Still, the day belonged to a 74-year-old man who missed a 4-foot putt on the final hole for an 84.

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Steers pitcher Chad Heinis puts over the plate for a strike during Thursday's game against San Angelo Lave View's Chiefs. The Steers will travel to Levelland on Tuesday in hopes of chalking up their first District 4-4A win.

Avalanche takes 2-0 series lead over Stars

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — The Dallas Stars were intent on stopping Peter Forsberg's line in Game 2 of their playoff series against Colorado.

Wishful thinking. The trio of Forsberg, Alex Tanguay and Milan Hejduk combined for two goals and four assists Friday night, lifting the Avalanche to a 5-2 victory over the Stars.

Forsberg and Tanguay scored for the second

straight game and had an assist each, and Hejduk added two assists to give Colorado a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. Joe Sakic also scored for the second straight game and Dan Hinote added a goal.

Dallas struggled on the road all season and the playoffs have been no exception.

The Stars were 1-for-7 on the power play after going scoreless in five chances in Game 1, and gave up three power-play goals.

Game 3 is Monday in Dallas, where the Stars were 26-7-8 this season.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first nine minutes on Wednesday, Dallas took its first lead in the series on Mike Modano's power-play goal 8 1/2 minutes in on Friday.

It didn't last long. Sakic tied it on a power play just 1:03 later, sneaking in for a one-timer on Forsberg's pass from behind the goal.

Then things really heated up.

The crowd and Sakic were furious late in the first period when Tanguay was called for a penalty after bumping into goalie Marty Turco along the sideboards.

Sakic had a heated conversation with one official after the call, but Colorado was able to kill off the penalty.

Dallas was called for too many men on the ice at the end of the power play, and Tanguay took advan-

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Rangers win first at home

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON

Michael Young struck out in his first at-bat and made throwing errors his first two fielding chances. Alex Rodriguez's replacement then helped the Texas Rangers win their home opener.

Young, who moved from second base to shortstop when the AL MVP was traded just before spring training, drove in three runs and scored twice Friday in the Rangers' 12-4 win over the Anaheim Angels.

After opening the season with a three-game sweep of Seattle, the Angels missed a chance to start 4-0 for the first time since 1970. The loss left Detroit (4-0) as the only unbeaten team in the major leagues, a year after the Tigers started 0-9.

Laynce Nix, Kevin Mench and Hank Blalock, who snapped an 0-for-13 stretch with three hits, all homered for the Rangers.

R.A. Dickey (1-0) pitched seven solid innings — the only three runs he allowed were unearned after throwing errors by Young on consecutive plays.

Young had 14 fielding chances without an error in the opening three games at Oakland. On his first play at home in place of Rodriguez, a two-time Gold Glove winner, Young fielded Jose Guillen's grounder and threw wide of first base.

Tim Salmon then grounded to Young, whose throw to force out Guillen was wide of Alfonso Soriano, the second baseman who came from the Yankees in the A-Rod deal.

An out later, No. 9 hitter Adam Kennedy hit a three-run homer on a golf-like swing at a pitch just inches off the ground for a 3-1 lead.

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Jarrett still optimistic despite slow start

By JOHN MCFARLAND

Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH — This was supposed to be a big rebound year for Dale Jarrett.

Coming off a 26th-place finish last season that resembled his early years more than his championship form of seven straight top-10 finishes, Jarrett brought a new crew chief and a revamped racing team into 2004.

So far, at least in the standings, it's not looking like the good old days for the 1999 NASCAR champ.

Jarrett goes into next week's race at Martinsville ranked 20th in the NASCAR Nextel Cup

standings, 311 points behind leader Kurt Busch. He has just two top-10 finishes, no wins and no poles after finishing 18th in Texas.

But Jarrett and team owner Robert Yates say they're miles ahead of last year's troubled season. They blame the slow start on bad luck and the painful process of overhauling the once-proud operation that won 26 races from 1996-02.

"If you look at the points, you might not see any difference," Jarrett said. "But we could have very easily finished in the top 10 in every race. That gives us hope that there are a lot of good things in the future."

Among the reasons for optimism is the return of crew chief Mike Ford, an original member of Jarrett's crew when he joined Yates in 1995. Ford left Yates in 2000 and helped Bill Elliott to four wins and 41 top-10 finishes. Now he's continually fine-tuning Jarrett's new faster engine, Yates said.

New general manager Eddie D'Hondt also was hired late last year, and has recruited top talent for Jarrett's revamped pit crew.

"We've rebuilt it and it'll soon be solid," said Yates, whose team did get a victory at Texas Motor Speedway with Elliott Sadler. "I have a lot of confidence in the drivers, a lot of confidence in the

teams. We know Dale can get it done. We know Mike can get it done."

This season, bad breaks have gotten the best of Jarrett.

At Rockingham, a design problem led to little pebbles shredding belts and Jarrett came in 40th in the only race he didn't finish.

At Darlington, several tires went flat and he finished in 32nd place.

Jarrett was hoping to turn things around in Texas, where he won in 2001 and has two second-place finishes. Instead, he hovered around 20th and failed to lead for the first time in eight TMS appearances.

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Calhoun's skills — bring

From leaky field house roof to national prominence

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Associated Press Writer

STORRS, Conn. — Back in the 1980s, the University of Connecticut basketball program was a sorry sight.

Games were played in a dilapidated fieldhouse with a leaky roof and few fans, and the Huskies received scant media coverage.

Today, UConn is nothing short of a college basketball dynasty. The men's and women's teams both won NCAA titles this week, an unprecedented feat. The women have won five of the last 10 national titles, and the men have claimed two championships since 1999.

How did they do it? Fundamentals. Not just dribbling, passing and shooting. But recruiting, marketing and lobbying.

The two people behind UConn's transformation from obscurity to basketball superpower are coaches Jim Calhoun and Geno Auriemma, fierce competitors who helped bring success on the court.

That, in turn, brought the school big-league clout with lawmakers, administrators and alumni and paved the way for a \$1 billion development project that made UConn an even more enticing campus for top recruits.

Auriemma, the women's coach, "tells us stories about when he first started and there were five people in the stands, there were leaks in the ceiling and the floor was cracking," sophomore guard Ann Strother said. "Now it's turned into such an amazing program. I think that's a reflection of what they've done and the way they demand perfection out of us every day."

Auriemma is known as a rigid disciplinarian and a fiery competitor with a wry sense of humor. He has referred to archrival Tennessee as the "Evil Empire." (Auriemma's teams have defeated Tennessee in the national title game four times).

Calhoun is equally passionate about the men's team, and his tough-love coaching style has made him popular with players.

"Players get better when they're there and become even better people," said Donny Marshall, who played for Calhoun from 1991-95. "That's what he does. He's done a phenomenal job. He gives us a father figure, a friend, a disciplinarian."

This land of white picket fences, red farmhouses and rolling green hills started to emerge as a basketball powerhouse upon the arrival of Auriemma in 1985 and Calhoun in 1986.

In 1990, state and private funding combined to help both programs move out of the 4,500-seat, creaky fieldhouse to the 10,000-seat Gampel Pavilion, now consistently sold out.

At about the same time, both teams began drawing key recruits who laid the foundation for the dynasty.

The women reached their first Final Four in 1991, and that helped UConn land Rebecca Lobo, one of UConn's greatest stars. The 1995 team led by Lobo went undefeated, attracting an ever-growing number of power players to Storrs.

Calhoun's recruiting skills — bringing in such

key players as Ray Allen and Donyell Marshall — enabled him to build men's squads that dominated the Big East beginning in the 1990s.

Many say a major factor in the success has been a supportive administration that believed successful sports and solid academics were not mutually exclusive.

"You go back 15 years

and you take a team that was trying to compete in the Big East conference and you say, 'How in God's name could they ever accomplish that?'" Auriemma said. "You can have a good sports program and have good academic program."

That was the theory behind a 10-year, \$1 billion project that led to sweeping campus renova-

tions in the 1990s. But the project became a reality only after Lobo appeared at a rally and promoted the plan after the team's 1995 championship, said Tom Ritter, then speaker of the state House.

"Everybody in the chamber knew it was going to pass, and everybody wanted to be a part of it," he recalled.

With a new chemistry

building, library, dormitories and another 10-year, billion-dollar-plus development commitment in the future, the entire university — not just basketball — is flourishing.

The university's endowment skyrocketed from \$49 million in 1995 to \$209 million in 2003. Officials mailed back more than 500 applications this year because the freshman

class filled up early. The school held a housing lottery because the dorms were full. And for the first time, out-of-state applications outnumbered those from state residents.

Last year, a brand-new stadium for UConn football opened. And there are other national championships to talk about, including the men's soccer team in 2000.



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From Jack Nicklaus to Average Joe, everyone came to salute the King.

In one of the more poignant moments, Nicklaus was on the 16th hole when he looked up at Palmer on the sixth tee. The Golden Bear gave him a thumbs-up, and Palmer responded with a bow.

No one cared about Palmer's score, they just wanted to see him play.

The gallery was 10-deep before he even arrived on the 18th tee, and it seemed as though everyone — players, caddies and dozens of Augusta National members in green jackets — was there for the end.

"When I look out into the galleries and I see them wishing me good luck, and I think how

much I owe them ..." Palmer said, his voice cracking.

He couldn't go on, bowing and wiping tears from his eyes.

"I guess it's more difficult for me because I'm sort of a sentimental slob," he said.

The stage now shifts to a younger generation that reflects the global state of golf.

Three Europeans were at the top of the board. K.J. Choi of South Korea tied a Masters record with a 30 on the front nine, only to follow that with a 40. Still, he was at 3-under 141 with Mickelson.

Charles Howell III, who grew up five minutes from the course, had a second straight 71 and was in a large group at 142 that included Ernie Els (72), Fred Couples (69) and Davis Love III, who charged into contention

with a 67, matching the best round of the week.

It all starts Saturday with Rose, who lacks major championship experience but certainly not the real-life variety.

Along with missing the cut in his first 21 tournaments as a pro, Rose's father and coach, Ken Rose, died in September 2002 of leukemia just one month after watching his son play his first major in the United States.

"Not to say that leading a major is easy, but I think I am lucky in a lot of ways in terms of, at the age of 23, I feel like I can draw on a couple of things that have happened to me," Rose said.

Rose has felt plenty of pressure before.

He finished fourth at the '98 British Open when he was 17, and he became Britain's rising star when he decided to turn professional a week later. Then,

Rose went 21 consecutive tournaments before he finally cashed a check.

"Trying to make my first cut, I was putting a lot of pressure on myself," Rose said. "And when I finally did, it was like winning a tournament. Those sorts of experiences will be what I draw from."

Rose said he never looked at a leaderboard in the second round, relying on the vibes from the gallery to let him know he was in the lead.

He might not have that luxury on the weekend.

"As you get close to the finish line, you know what's up for grabs," Rose said. "And I'm sure it will get tougher."

Twenty players were within seven shots of the lead.

"Anyone in the red has a chance on the weekend," said Mark O'Meara, who had a 70 and was in the

red at 1-under 141.

His buddy Woods might take exception to that.

Woods dragged himself back into contention with a 69 that left him at even par, only six shots out of the lead.

"I'm still here," Woods said, a subtle dig at those who suggested he might not extend his record cut streak to 121. "You have to take baby steps. I got back to even, and that's viable."

The cut was at 4-over

148.

Because anyone within 10 shots of the lead makes the cut, Rose knocked out several players with his par save from the bunker on the final hole.

Among them was Mike Weir. But he bogeyed the 18th when his approach sailed over the green.

Rose knows how they feel, but that now seems so long ago. The kid is after a green jacket this weekend.

STARS

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tage by tipping Rob Blake's shot from near the blue line to put the Avalanche up 2-1 with 2:8 seconds left.

Then it was the Stars' turn to be angry.

Colorado's Teemu Selanne slashed Steve Ott on the back of the legs after the horn sounded,

but the officials didn't see it. Dallas forward Bill Guerin did. He went after Selanne and had to be restrained as he skated toward one of the officials.

The Stars' fortunes didn't get any better in the second period.

Forsberg scored 6:48 in on a centering pass that caromed past Turco off the skate of Dallas defenseman Richard Matvichuk.

The next goal, a short-hander by Hinote, came six minutes later after Andrei Nikolishin whiffed on a shot and Turco swiped it back toward his net.

Chris Therien made it 4-2 late in the period on a one-timer from the slot after no one picked him up, but Steve Konowalchuk answered with a power-play goal early in the third by redirecting a shot from Blake.

Notes: Colorado forward Paul Kariya will travel to Dallas to keep receiving treatment for his sprained ankle, but the Avalanche aren't sure if he'll be able to play in Games 3 or 4. ... Dallas RW Scott Young returned after missing 19 regular-season games and Game 1 with back spasms. ... Sakic has 73 playoff goals, passing Esa Tikkanen for 11th on the NHL career list.

RANGERS

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Nix's solo homer in the second came before consecutive doubles by Gerald Laird and Young tied the game. Blalock followed with an RBI single off Ramon Ortiz (0-1), pushing home Young with the go-ahead run.

The Rangers' five-run outburst in the third included Young's RBI single and Blalock's three-run homer off Aaron Sele, pushing the Rangers ahead 9-3. A sacrifice fly by Young in the sixth made it 12-3.

Rookie catcher Gerald Laird and Mench had three hits, and the Rangers had 18 in all. Brad Fullmer, who played for Anaheim the last two seasons, was the only Texas starter without a

hit.

Dickey, the Rangers' 1996 No. 1 draft pick, struck out five and scattered six hits over seven innings. He didn't have a walk while throwing 75 of 108 pitches for strikes.

Texas starters have a 2.33 ERA (seven earned runs over 27 innings) after compiling the worst staff ERA in the majors last season. The only starter who didn't go at least seven innings was Colby Lewis, and he got a win by pitching 5 1-3 innings at Oakland.

Ortiz gave up seven runs and nine hits in 2 2-3 innings, with four strikeouts and a walk. Sele, the first-time reliever after 11 major league seasons as a starter, allowed five runs and eight hits over 3 1-3 innings.

Troy Glaus' third homer made it 12-4 in the eighth.

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A riotous good time with plenty of hoops, hollers and cheers greeted the Easter bonnet-wearing members of the Family Motor Coach Associate Roughnecks Friday at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

"This group is so much fun and we always have a really good time. We're all a bunch of crazies," said Margie Tindall of Lufkin.

Tindall, and all the Easter bonnet artists belonging to the FMCA Roughnecks, 14 rigs in all this year, gather in their recreational vehicles in Big Spring each year.

And this group of people have a lot of great things to say about Big Spring.

"We always get the most gracious welcome in Big Spring. We always find new places to tour when we're here, and everyone makes us feel so welcome," said Mary Ann Snider, organizer and host for the group.

The FMCA Roughnecks travel to Big Spring and stay in the Texas RV Park on South Highway 87 each April. Snider said this is the fourth year the group has visited, and reservations are made for the group to visit again in 2005.

"The community does not realize what an impact we make. We eat at the restau-

rants, shop in the malls, and what we do really does make a difference for a community," she said.

Along with the Easter bonnet contest at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, the RVers toured Hope Industries, the wind turbines, Hangar 25 and had a box lunch at the spring in Comanche Trail Park.

In fact, all of the vacationers raved about the box lunch, which was provided in decorated boxes made by fourth graders from Carol Boyd's and Tonya Graves' classes at Kentwood Elementary.

"The one I received had been signed by the student. It was so cute, and as a teacher for 28 years, this really impressed me," said Frances Stewart from Seagoville.

Snider said keeping the group's members busy is one of her jobs as hostess.

"This group really likes to do things, they expect to go to places. And in Big Spring there is always so much for us to do," she said.

Tindall said not a boring day had been

experienced by any of the group since they arrived in Big Spring.

"We've hidden Easter eggs, and we're dying Easter eggs to make deviled eggs. And the dinner David Snider prepared for us — well you just need to ask him for the recipe. He's a real chef," Tindall said.

The RVers have traveled as far away as North Carolina and Wisconsin. They frequently travel to RV parks in Texas and Louisiana, she said.

"We joined in September of 1993. Usually somebody you know will invite you to a rally, and then you can decide if you want to join or not," she said.

Snider added that one of the most important things that draws her groups to an area is the cleanliness and ease of use for facilities available. She said the only disappointment the group had was with conditions at

the spring.

Texas RV Park owners Bonnie and David Lambert brought their rig to the park to provide the group with rest rooms, she said.

"Those are the kinds of things we look for. You have a lovely park and nice facilities there," she said, adding that continuing maintenance would make the park even more attractive.

The VA Medical Center is another draw for the group.

"A lot of our groups are veterans," she said.

Snider also brings the Texas Bluebonnet Bounders to Big Spring each year. This year 11 rigs came to the community for a week-long stay. "The people here really impress us," Snider said.

By Marsha Sturdivant, features editor. Contact life@bigspringherald.com



Easter Parade

In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade!

I'll be all in clover, and when they look you over I'll be the proudest fella in the Easter Parade!

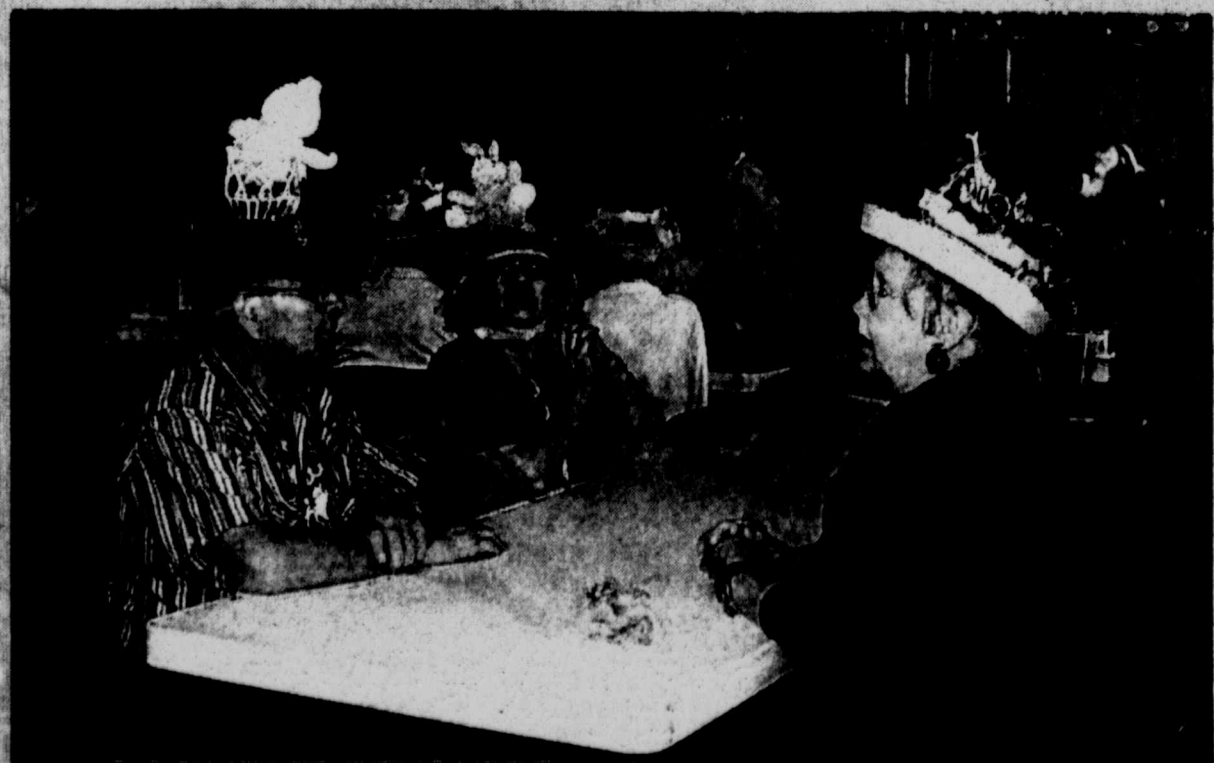
On the Avenue, Fifth Avenue, the photographers will snap us and you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.

Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet and of the girl I'm taking to the Easter Parade!

Composer Irving Berlin wrote "Easter Parade" more than 60 years ago.

Herald photos by Marsha Sturdivant

Pictured at top right, Marjorie Cooper won the Most Creative prize for her Easter bonnet made with an inverted Easter basket and a dancing rabbit that plays the Easter Parade song. In the photo above on left, Bud and Rita Russell from Kerrville won the Most Unexpected prize for placing an Easter basket on top of her decorated straw hat; Becky Snyder, below, with her husband Wynn, won the Prettiest Easter bonnet award; Mel and Vee Davidson from San Antonio, top right, dress in green to match their decorated Easter bonnets; Marjorie and Ben Cooper from Livingston wear their Easter hats; hostess Mary Ann Snider and her husband David talk with Frances Stewart and Dorothy Gorup at right; Janell Myers, below, decorates her bonnet in a Noah's Ark theme, while Clarise Lybarger, beside his wife Shirley, positions an Easter basket and rabbit on his baseball cap; Betty Scott wears her sailor's cap decorated with Easter grass and candy.



Wedding



Alyson and Powhatan French

Alyson Anne Duncan and Powhatan Ernest Kirkpatrick French, both of Midland, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, March 27, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the La Sala Room of Hotel La Valencia in La Jolla, Calif., with the Rev. Dr. Richleigh Hale Powers presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Duncan II of Midland and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan of Big Spring and Mrs. and the late Peter C. Harmonson of Midland.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robert French Jr. of Fort Worth and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall Fuller of Fort Worth, the late Lloyd Robert French of Midland and Mrs. L.W. Bettis of Brownwood.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Dave Duncan, and wore a

strapless tulip gown of duchess satin by Carolina Herrera that featured a pleated hemline and a cathedral length veil with scattered crystals.

Music was provided by Camelot Strings.

Lindsey Paige Duncan, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Flower girls were Annabelle French and Millicent French, nieces of the groom.

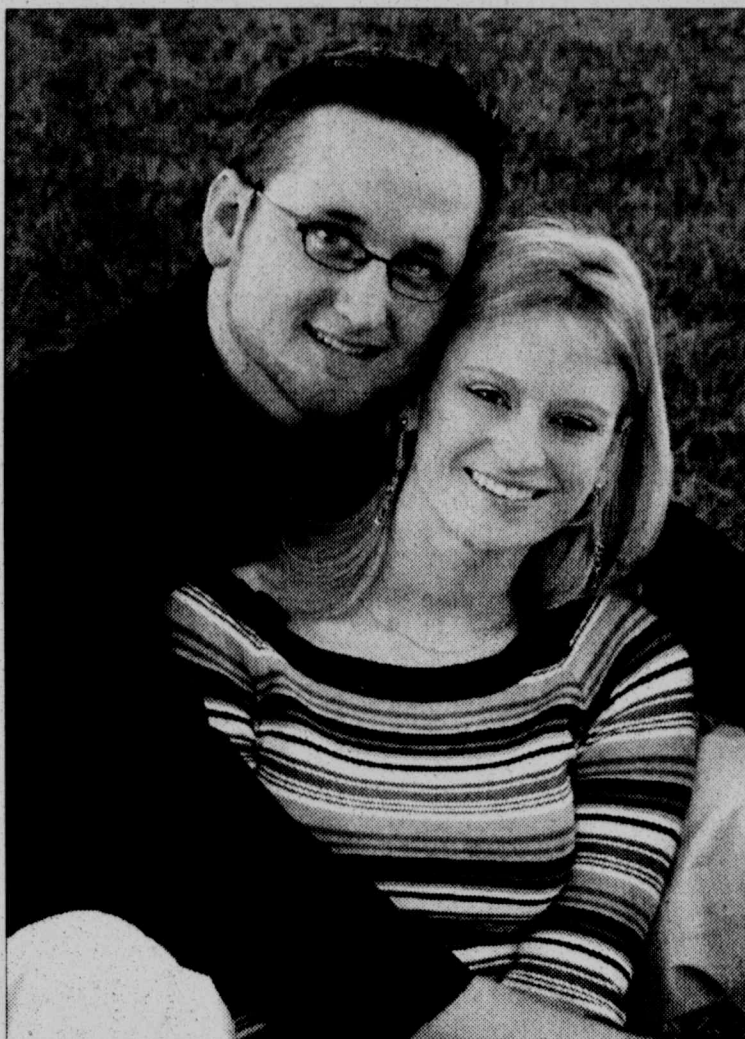
Lloyd Robert French Jr., father of the groom, served as best man.

Ushers were Lloyd Robert French III, Fuller French and Bo French, brothers of the groom and Hayes McMillan.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the Veranda Room at the Hotel La Valencia.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held in the Restaurant Maitre D' in La Jolla, Calif.

Engagements



Jessie Bennett and Samuel Campbell

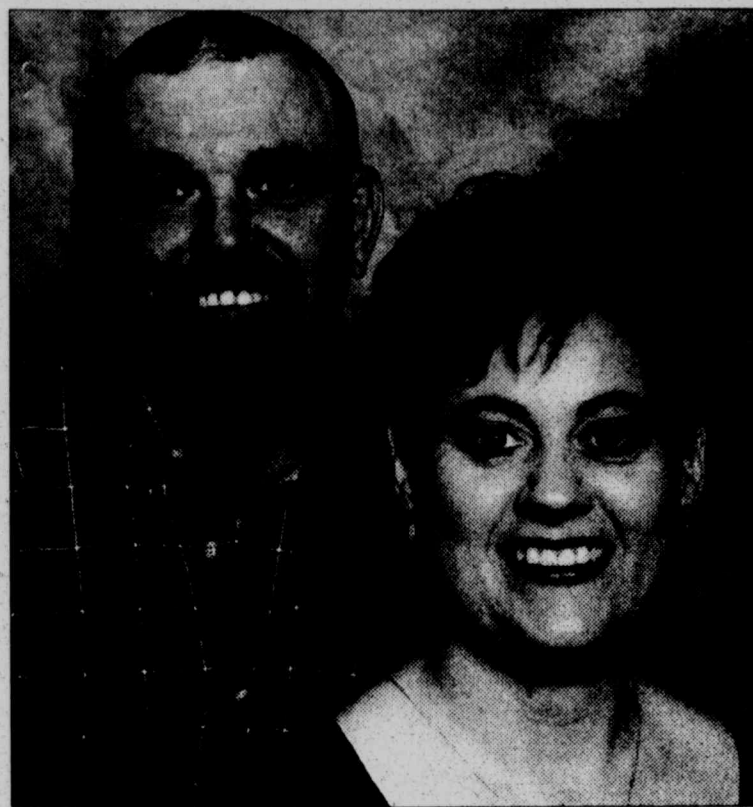
Jessie Euletha Bennett, of Coahoma and Samuel Zachary Campbell of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. on June 26, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Coahoma.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Donald and Delinda Reid of Coahoma and Kyle and Michelle Bennett of Andrews. She is the granddaughter of Billy and Veta Spears, Carl Dale and Earlene Reid of Coahoma and Sheila and the late Dick Bennett of Leander.

She is attending Baylor University, pursuing a business degree in marketing with an emphasis on Web design. She is currently employed by Baylor University.

The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Sammie Campbell of Big Spring and the grandson of Kathryn and the late Charlie Campbell of Big Spring and Bill and Mary Jo Lewis of Lovington, N.M.

He is presently attending McLennan Community College in Waco, pursuing a degree in Music Performance.



Angela Kohl-Conner and Billy Newton

Angela A. Kohl-Conner of Big Spring and Billy R. Newton of Snyder will exchange wedding vows on May 22, 2004, at 4 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring.

Angela is the daughter of

the Rev. and Mrs. Carroll C. Kohl of Big Spring and is employed by West Texas Centers for MHMR.

Billy is the grandson of Jo and the late Woody Newton of Snyder and is employed by the city of Snyder.

Births

Mallory Shae Paul, girl, was born on March 26, 2004, at 9:32 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Her parents are Lisa Rocha and Josh Paul of Midland. Her grandparents are Marcos and Ramon Rocha, Ervin Paul and Katie Bohannon, all of Big Spring.

Hailey Chanell Zarraga, girl, was born on April 1, 2004, at 4:57 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents Cindy Mier and Rocky Zarraga. Her grandparents are Humberto Mier and Lupe and Delfino Zaraga. She was welcomed home by brothers Mathew and Daniel and sisters Alexis and Briana.

Micco Richardo Suarez, boy, was born on April 2, 2004, at 10:08 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 6.9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Salomon Jaurez and Sylvia Molina. Her grandparents are Luisa Balbuena and Jose Suarez and Jesse and Joria Chavez of Snyder.

Antonio Julian Ricardo Soto, boy, born April 5, 2004, at 3:06 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Elizabeth Tijerina and Juan Soto Jr. Her grand-

parents are Codie and Bob Coe and Fanny and Juan Soto of Abilene.

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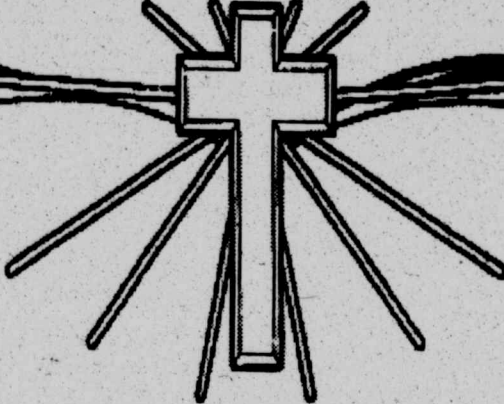
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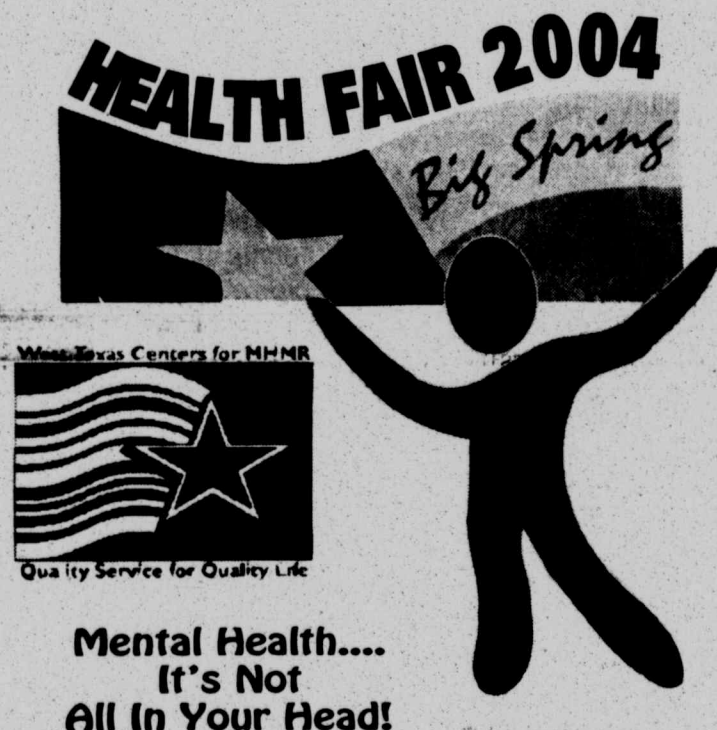
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THURSDAY — Biscuit, scrambled egg patty, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Cinnamon roll, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — NO SCHOOL

TODAY

TUESDAY — Pepperoni pizza, corn dog, carrots, vegetable sticks, pears.

WEDNESDAY — Hot dogs, combination burrito, chili, corn, vegetable sticks, apple.

THURSDAY — Beef taco, flour tortilla, taco shell, pint

beans, salad, pineapple cornbread.

FRIDAY — Sloppy joe, bun, grilled cheese sandwich, potato puffs, vegetable sticks, orange slices.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — HOLIDAY

TUESDAY — Cheese toast, cereal, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sausage, bacon, biscuits, jelly, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Donuts, cereal, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Blueberry muffins, cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — HOLIDAY

TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, Go-Gurt, honey, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza, salad, corn, pineapple chunks, milk.

THURSDAY — Tortilla beef bake, salsa, Mexican salad, pinto beans, peaches, cornbread, milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburgers with cheese, salad fixings, oven fries, 1/2 orange, milk.

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MONDAY — NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY — Chicken fajita, corn on cob, Spanish rice, juice, tortilla.

WEDNESDAY — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes

English peas, applesauce, roll.

THURSDAY — Stromboli, baby carrots, pears, jello.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, salad, French fries, border beans, lemon pie.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — HOLIDAY

TUESDAY — Biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pop tarts, sausage, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY — French toast, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — HOLIDAY

TUESDAY — Homemade burritos (corn dogs), salad, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, oranges, milk.

THURSDAY — Smothered steak (burrito), creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.

FRIDAY — Nacho grande, pinto beans, apples, milk.

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cinnamon

rolls

TUESDAY — Muffins

WEDNESDAY — Donuts

THURSDAY — Nutri bars

FRIDAY — Eggs & toast

LUNCH

MONDAY — Hot dogs

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TUESDAY — Steak fingers

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WEDNESDAY — Frito pie, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY — Bar-b-q ribs, potato salad, roll, pickles, ranch beans, cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY — Lasagna, salad, green beans, batter bread, peaches, milk.

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BREAKFAST

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TUESDAY — Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Muffins, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Biscuits,

sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Donuts, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — BAD WEATH-

ER DAY

TUESDAY — Lasagna, green beans, French bread, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Buffalo burger, French fries, peaches, lettuce/tomato/pickle, milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey sandwich, pickle slices, apple wedges, chips, milk.

FRIDAY — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, pears, rolls, milk.

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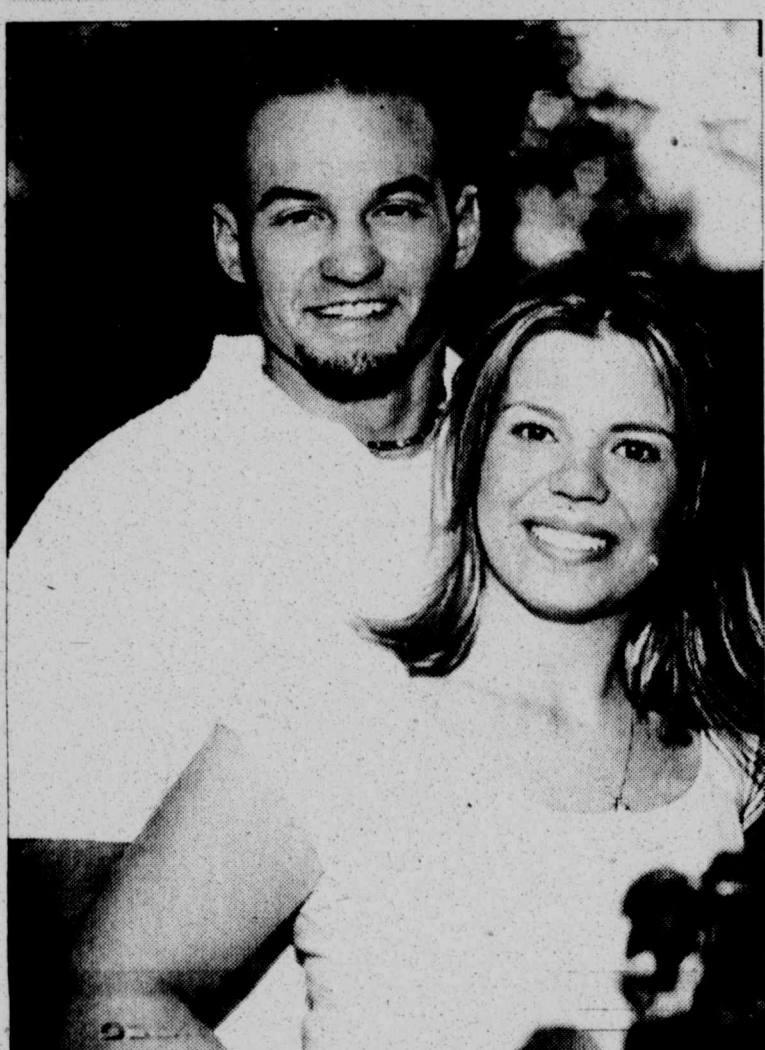
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► Engagement



Meagan Strickland and Michael Powell

Bud and Becky Strickland of Hobbs announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Elyse Strickland of Hobbs, to Brandon Michael Powell of Hobbs. Brandon is the son of James and Sue Powell of Midland, formerly of Big Spring.

The couple will exchange vows at 6 p.m., June 26, 2004, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Hobbs.

The bride-elect was a 2002 honor graduate from Hobbs High School. She currently attends the New Mexico Junior College nursing program where she will graduate with her LPN license in June.

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Tishomingo High School in Tishomingo, Okla. He attended Ardmore Vocational School in Ardmore, Okla., and Oklahoma University, where he obtained his ASE certification. He is currently employed as a technician with B&H Construction of Eunice.

► Births

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Gabriel Isaiah Faz, boy, was born of April 4, 2004, at 1:46 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. Her

parents are Amy and Jimmy Faz. Her grandparents are Catalina Salazar, Raymond Fierro, Edna Faz and Joe Lopez, all of Big Spring, and Henry Faz of Seguin.

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Cookin' up somethin' good

Rip Griffen reopens remodeled restaurant, gift shop, fuel center

By LYNDEL MOODY
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Smells of home cooking are once again emanating from the kitchen of Rip Griffen Travel Center.

The restaurant reopened for business on March 31 after the completion of a sixth-month project to remodel the facility, but Ray Johnson, Rip Griffen director of marketing, said a few things haven't changed.

"Most of our competitors try to reduce their labor because that's the biggest cost, so they switch to pre-cooked, pre-measured food, every way possible to reduce the labor force," said Johnson. "We do things the opposite way." Employing from 100 to 120 people, Johnson said

more workers means less time customer have to spend in line and more personalized service.

"You can order anything you want from the kitchen," Johnson touted. "For our chicken-fried

steaks, we use the best cuts and run it through the tenderizer, dip it in hand-battered dip and cook it. We have steaks cut to your order. We make our hamburger patties in three sizes, 1/3 pound for small, 1/2 pound for medium sizes and 1 pound for large size."

Even the restaurant's decorations have a personalized touch.

"Rip Griffen's daughter and wife personally hung the decorations," Johnson said.



"Traffic along Highway 87 has been steadily increasing the last few years and we expect that trend to continue."

Ray Johnson, director of marketing



Tina Angel of Rip Griffen Travel Center shows off the huge cinnamon buns made fresh at the store. The travel center's restaurant reopened for business on March 31 after the completion of a sixth-month remodeling project.

The restaurant, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 20, is open 24

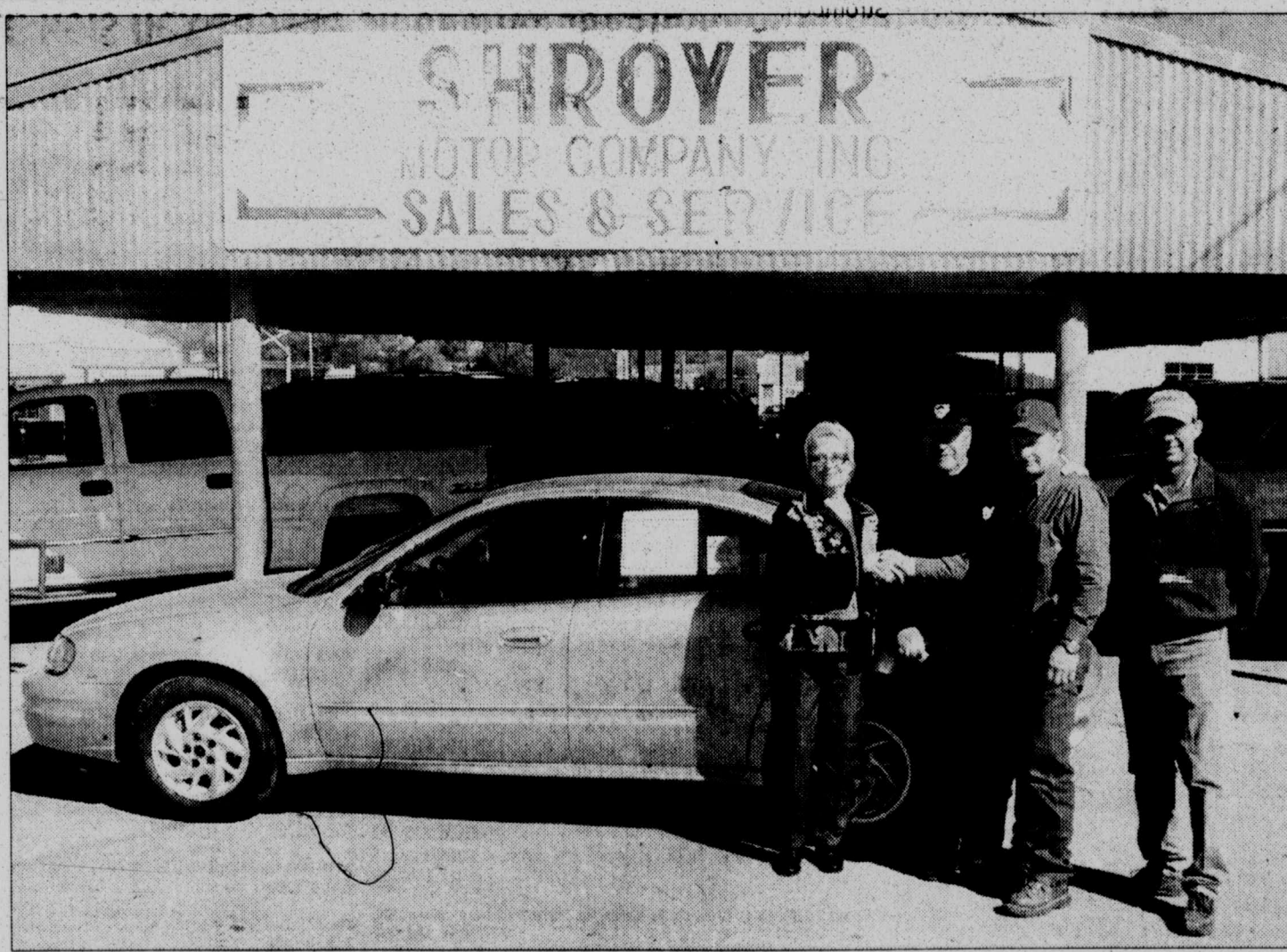
hours a day and offers a buffet from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The breakfast buffet is open from 6 a.m. to 11

a.m. A senior buffet is held Monday through Thursday at a cost of \$4.99.

A spacious banquet room is located at the See RIPS, Page 6B

Shirlee Carlile, second from left, accepts the keys to her new 2004 Pontiac Grand AM SE Sedan worth an estimated \$21,000. Carlile won the car on Feb. 28, the last day of the GM Hot Button contest promotional and one hour before Shroyer Motor Company closed for the day. She was presented with the vehicle this week. Pictured are Wesley Key, Shroyer Motor sales manager; Shirlee Carlile and her husband Bill; and Jack Himes, Shroyer Motor general manager.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AP) — A former Goldman Sachs & Co. economist was sentenced to nearly three years in prison Friday for relaying an insider bond tip that allowed the firm to make millions of dollars in tainted profits.

The sentence came after John Youngdahl, 44, said he was "deeply sorry" for hurting his family, friends and colleagues.

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was taken to a Manhattan hospital early Friday after several people called police saying he was pulling on their clothes and accusing them of being FBI agents, a police source told The Associated Press.

Police took Skilling to the hospital after finding him at 4 a.m. at the corner of Park Avenue and East 73rd Street and determining he might be an "emotionally disturbed person," said the source, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity. Police did not charge Skilling with a crime. They took him to Presbyterian Hospital for observation.

First San Angelo A&M Center Spring Field Day set April 29

SAN ANGELO — The Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center here has set its first natural resources field day for April 29.

Registration starts at 8:15 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. at the center, located on U.S. Highway 87, just north of San Angelo. Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available to each participant.

The field day, dubbed "Behind the Dozer — A Comprehensive Investigation of Followup Brush Control Options," will focus on strategies and techniques landown-

ers can use to maintain the thousands of acres cleared under recent state watershed programs.

"Based on the feasibility studies used to justify the North Concho project, initial brush control will not improve our water supply unless follow-up brush control is conducted and initial levels of control maintained for at least 10 years," said Dr. John Walker, the Center's resident director



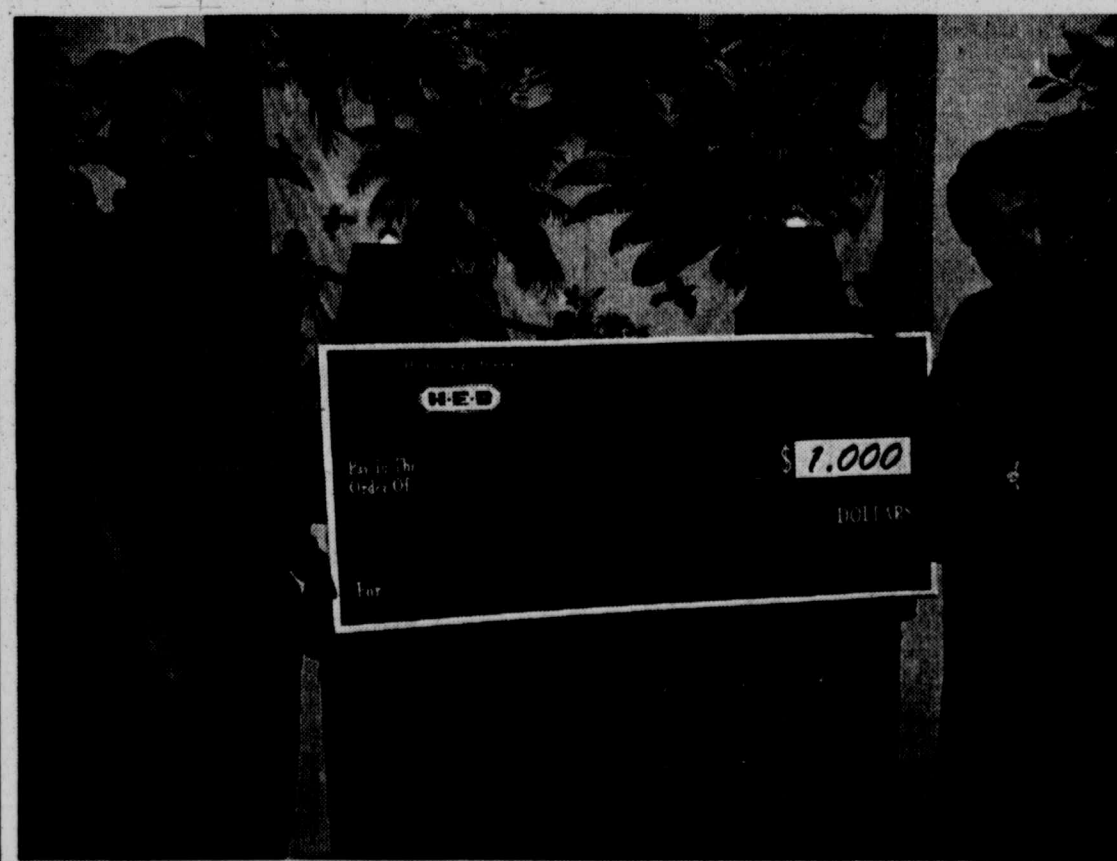
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of research.

"If they are maintained, the immense brush control projects under way across this region should have a marked effect on our water supply for years to come," he said.

"The purpose of this field day is to bring landowners up-to-date on the status of these major projects and to offer options now available to help them keep their land clean. Of course, economics is a major factor that must be considered anytime the question of brush control comes up and we will be addressing that, too."

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Herald photo by Marsha Sturdivant

Kenny Breazeale, manager of H-E-B Grocery, presents a \$1,000 check to the Big Spring State Hospital at the 18th annual Denim and Diamonds Gala, received by Carol Scott, chairman of the event.

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District Court Filings:

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Scot Sheppard vs. Julie Sheppard, divorce. Jennifer M. Stinson vs. Clifford R. Stinson, divorce.

Steven Rains vs. Amy Diane Bollier, divorce. Mattie Pearl Williams vs. Frank Albert Williams, divorce.

Sherman Acquisition II LP vs. Jose R. Viera, accounts, notes and contracts.

Elaine Wuertemburg vs. Daimler-Chrysler Corporation, accounts, notes and contracts.

Marriage Licenses:

Jackie Lynn Gregg, 51, and Mary Gulley Thompson, 49, both of Big Spring.

Lyndon Trent Fraley, 44, and Stacy Lynn Bain, 38, both of Big Spring.

Michael Joseph Tully Jr., 23, and Jessica Jo Hogg, 22, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deed:

Grantor: Ralph A. White
Grantee: Stephanie N. Banks
Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Hall Addition
Date filed: March 29, 2004

Grantor: Julia G. Lopez and Santos Lopez

Grantor: Rodney Sanders
Property: Lot 4, Block 3, Stanford Park Addition
Date filed: March 29, 2004

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Grantee: KCE Partnership
Property: Lot 5, Block 6, Highland Park Addition
Date filed: March 30, 2004

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Property: Lot 8, Block 5, Wrights Airport Addition
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Grantor: Willie L. Pruitt and Agnes O. Pruitt
Grantee: Silvestre Becker Naranjo
Property: Lot 12, Block 2, Amended Piner Heights Addition
Date filed: April 2, 2004

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rear of the restaurant and is free for meetings as long as the group is also eating at the restaurant, Johnson said.

The remodeling project is part of an on going two-year-old renovation enterprise of the travel center, estimated at more than \$2 million dollars.

"Traffic along Highway 87 has been steadily increasing the last few years and we expect that trend to continue," Johnson said.

Rip Griffin customers can find a more spacious Subway franchise located in the store and open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., three times the amount of merchandise for sale in the gift area and a counter for sweets with a

variety of chocolates, cookies, sweet buns and hard candy.

"We make our fudge here," Johnson said. "We also have a large inventory of sugar-free items that people drive for miles to purchase."

Dewey Baucum of Midland was very impressed by the changes.

"This is the right place to be if you want to gain weight," Baucum quipped after finishing a noon meal in the restaurant. "But if you want to be as skinny and as beautiful as me, this is not the place for you."

In the gift shop area, Johnson said the travel center stocks a variety of high-end merchandise from a line of Justin Boots that, for a short time only, can be found exclusively at Rip Griffin Travel Centers, to deals on leather jackets

worth \$200 but on sale at \$19.95.

The Travel Center also provides a convenience store, a deli area with freshly made food items from the restaurant and several conveniences for truck drivers, including a shower area, washing machines, a phone room and a television/lounge area.

Rip Griffin also offers 24-hour mechanic service.

"We offer a full line of service," Johnson said. "We do it all, brakes alignments, change the oil. Most truck drivers will come to Rip Griffin because they know it's the best place to eat and we can fix anything on their truck."

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FIELD DAY

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Following Walker's opening remarks, Johnny Oswald, with the Texas State Soil and Water Board at San Angelo, will offer an overview of the current brush control projects. He will also speak on future funding options.

Walker will complete the early morning session with "What Worked and What Didn't." The talk deals with a study comparing the effectiveness of various brush control methods used in this area.

After a 30-minute break, Drs. Wayne Hamilton and Richard Connors with Texas A&M University's department of rangeland ecology and management, will address the cost-effectiveness of maintenance

brush control.

Dr. Allan McGinty, Texas Cooperative Extension range specialist in San Angelo, will speak on "Planning a Long-Term Brush Control Program."

The morning will conclude with a panel discussion featuring Oswald, Walker, Hamilton, Connors and McGinty.

State Rep. Scott Campbell will be the featured speaker at the luncheon.

The afternoon session starts at 1 p.m. Speakers and their topics include: "If You Are Going To Do It, Do It Right," Dr. Darrell Ueckert, range researcher, San Angelo; "What About Wildlife?" Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo; and "Fire and Herbivory — Why They Are Important?" Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, research scientist, Sonora Experiment Station.

Following a 30-minute break at 2:30 p.m., the afternoon session resumes with Dr. Jason Johnson, San Angelo-based Extension economist presenting "Where's The Money?" a look at funding brush control programs.

The field day concludes with a rancher panel. The scheduled panelists include: Lee Clark, Menard; Dr. Charles Livingston, Tom Green/Irion County; Alan Curry, Tom Green/Sterling County; and Gary Foster, Sterling County.

Adjournment is set for 5 p.m.

Individual pre-registration by April 15 is \$25. After April 15, registration is \$40. Student registration is \$10. Registration fees include meal and printed materials.

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An Ordinance of the City of Big Spring, Texas, amending Chapter 18, Article 3, Section 18-74 of the Big Spring City Code by adding subsection (L)(2) The prima facie maximum reasonable and prudent speed of forty five (45) mph is hereby established for the North Service Road of FM 700 starting from South Gregg to FM 700 Westbound.
#4176 April 4 & 11, 2004

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE SIGN REGULATIONS

(1) AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20.01, THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9, ENTITLED "SIGN REGULATIONS" BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1 ENTITLED, PERMITTED USE OF SIGN BY REPEALING AND DELETING PART (B), ENTITLED "POLITICAL SIGNS"
(2) AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20.01, THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9, ENTITLED "SIGN REGULATIONS", BY AMENDING SECTION 9-3 ENTITLED, "SIGN AREA MEASUREMENT" BY ADDING PART (F), ENTITLED "INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SIGNS"

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing concerning these Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments or mail to Todd Darden, Public Works Director, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call (432)264-2501.
#4179 April 11 & 18, 2004

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Mercury is retrograde in Taurus, about to cross into Aries territory,

where its effects will be more obvious, agitated and possibly explosive. Conflict is nothing to fear. Humans will be communicating more and more effectively in the future, but we have to realize what doesn't work before we get onto what works. Frustrations can teach us!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are many reasons you're the one who has to bring people together. You've got the respect of your peers, for one. It's hard to relate to certain neighbors. They fear the unknown, so make yourself known to them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your needs are evolving. You may even give up on something

you've been chasing for a while now. There is magic in your surrender — something wonderful comes to you. Tonight brings sweet peace and quiet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A bit of obsessive/compulsive behavior is not necessarily a bad thing. All talented people have a touch of it, and it's wonderful that you can lose yourself in a task! One realization is all that stands between you and your goal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes when groups get together, the whole is definitely not greater than the sum of its parts. Figure out what's wrong, and change it. The adjustments you initiate are brilliant. People listen to you because you listen to them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The duty ahead is daunting or even impossible. You'll have to access a deeper power. A Pisces can help. You're tempted to spoil the kids or your sweetheart tonight, but stop to consider the standard you'll be setting first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get a sudden burst of inspiration this morning. Be playful, and you've got a sweetheart's full attention. A financial review is lucky — it's time to figure out exactly where you stand. If things are not working, make a different choice!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Use your mental agility to get what you want out of life. There is no outside force that will provide what you haven't made room for in your

own head. Attitudinal patterns will slowly shift, allowing you to accomplish more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Listen to your heart's song. It chimes in with the psychic energy surrounding you to orchestrate an unusual chain of events. Your life takes twists and turns that seem more like fiction than truth! An Aquarius gives you a lead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For those who aren't feeling their physical best: Talk to your body to find out what you are lacking or what you've got too much of. You get top-notch treatment when you enter an arena of students or fans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Time management is key to pleasing friends, family and, most importantly, yourself. If you're not happy with the path a relationship is taking, a radical move this afternoon will be like pushing "reset." Do business via phone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Surprise developments in love are featured. Be on time for all occasions, or you miss out on the best stuff. A Cancer has financial tips that pay. Discuss and debate with family — it builds bonds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Invitations are worth the taking. Being image conscious helps you feel great around new people, but your real friends couldn't care less. Hang out with people who like you for you. Stop relying on superficial habits.

Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: Yesterday, a friend came over to my house with her small child. This boy continually jumped and bounced up and down on my furniture and ran all over the place. His mother never stopped him, even though his shenanigans interrupted our conversation every 30 seconds. My own children, whom I dearly love, are not permitted to do this and were scolded when they tried to emulate this boy. The boy's mother, however, didn't get the hint.

I don't have a lot of valuable crystal lurking about my house, but still, there are hazards. The entire visit, I was a nervous wreck, worrying that this child would bounce off something and hit his head on my bookshelf, TV, armchair or rocking chair, not only breaking my things, but injuring himself.

We have a trampoline, but it was too cold outside to use. I considered telling the child that if he wants to jump, he'd have to come back when the weather gets warmer. Meanwhile, how can I delicately tell the mother to stop her child from jumping on my furniture? She is easily offended. — A Big Headache

Dear Headache: Some parents don't realize they do their children no favors by allowing them to behave as they please. Intelligent discipline not only provides children with a sense of security, it makes them welcome everywhere.

It might have helped to conduct the visit in a more child-friendly part of the house, if one exists, but you are entitled to set the ground rules in your own home. It would have been perfectly OK to say to your friend, "Sorry, but I



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

don't allow jumping on the furniture," and then ask the boy to stop. Next time, meet at her house or go to the playground.

Dear Annie: Last year, my husband and I wanted to enjoy our Easter holiday with both of our families. My mother told us to arrive at her house at 5 p.m., so that the children could participate in an egg hunt. This would allow enough time for us to head over to my in-laws' house for dinner at 7.

Unfortunately, my older sister and her husband were an hour late, and Mom insisted on waiting for them. When I told Mom that we had to leave in order to make dinner at my in-laws', she blew up. We felt bad and ended up sticking around, arriving late for dinner instead.

It's Easter again, and this has brought up all the old arguments. My husband and I often fight about our families. I asked him about moving away so I don't have to deal with all this holiday stress, but he says we have to wait until he retires in 10 years. How can I survive that long? — Dora in Delaware

Dear Dora: If the problem occurs only around holidays, do your best to keep a lid on your aggravation for those infrequent moments.

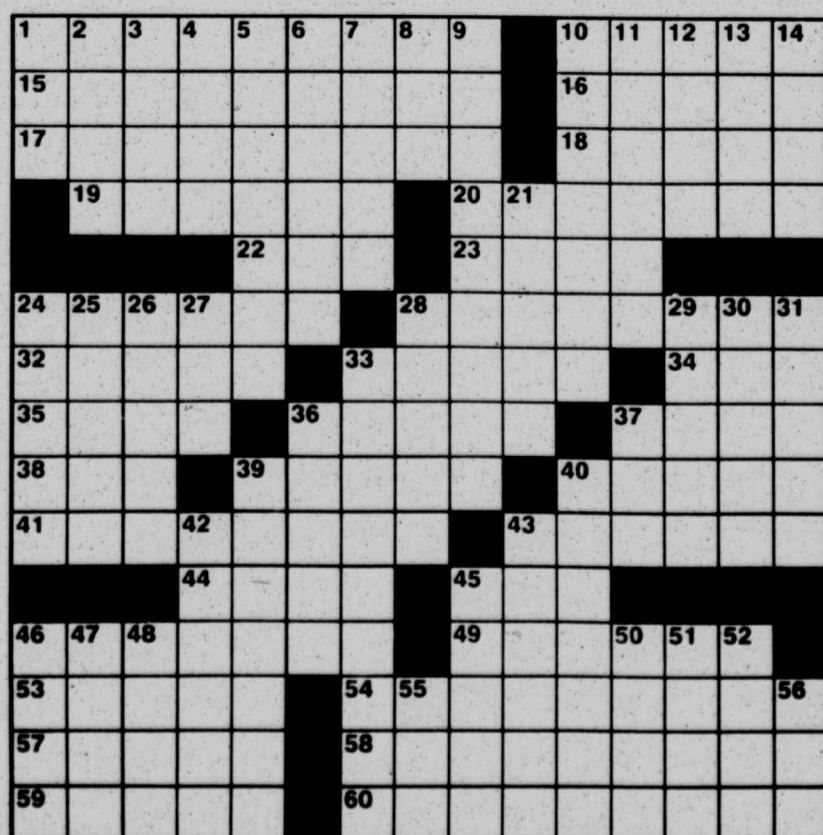
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17 Pioneer, perhaps
18 Radio part
19 Lapidary concern
20 Contact person?
22 German 101 verb
23 Got frayed
24 Butte neighbor
28 Sooner or later
32 Knocking down
33 Meted (out)
34 Lose zip
35 Grilling candidates
36 Blue pottery
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