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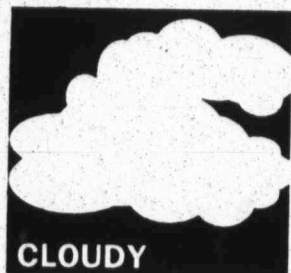
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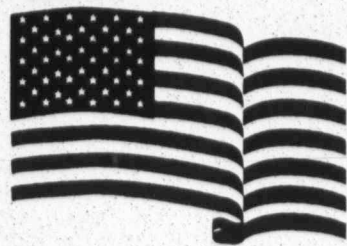
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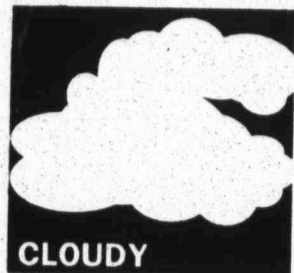
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Obituaries

John L. "Johnny" Appleton



John L. "Johnny" Appleton died peacefully at his home on Thursday morning, Jan. 15, 2004, at the age of 85.

Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. Close friend and retired Baptist Minister Dr. Claude Craven, and Pastor Dr. Randy Cotton will be officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Born in Baird on Nov. 9, 1918, to James Henry and Jennie Appleton, he was the youngest of five children.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Ann; his brothers, Forrest, Eldon and Herman Appleton; his sister, Vivian Harvey; an infant son, John David Appleton; and a granddaughter, Pam Christian.

His family moved to Vincent in his early youth where he farmed with his father. After graduating from Big Spring High School, he later served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Fulton in the Pacific campaign of World War II.

In 1947, he married Annie Ruth Butler in Coahoma and began his career with the Texas and Pacific Railroad as a brakeman/conductor later moving to the Luther community.

After 35 years, he retired from the railroad and continued with his farming and gardening. His love of life was to toil in the soil and everything he planted, grew. Loving his family, church, pets, rain, candy, hummingbirds and bluebonnets, he was also loved by many. He was generous.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Kay Appleton and daughter, Joy Dell Bryant both of Big Spring; six grandchildren and spouses, John Scott Hull, Travis and Jeannie Hull, Evan and Christy Eggleston, Terry and Tina Carey, Gary Carey, Debbie and Shawn Hayden; 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Also, his dear companion, Trouble.

The family extends their appreciation to the three wonderful ladies from Odyssey Hospice, Linda Halliday, RN; Beverly Wren, RN; and Linda Ruiz, CNA; who so lovingly cared for Mr. Appleton.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721-1448.

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

Paid obituary

Loreta McReynolds

Loreta McReynolds, 83, of Stanton, formerly of Midland, died Jan. 17, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park Midland.

She was born to Almond Thomas and Alice Angel on July 16, 1920, in Big Spring and married Howard McReynolds Jr. on July 16, 1939, in Courtney. He preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1984.

Loreta moved to the Courtney Community in 1931. She then moved to Midland and lived there for 11 years working for Union Oil Company, retiring in 1985.

She then moved back to Stanton in August 1999.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Stanton where she taught Sunday Bible study.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Kerry McReynolds of Kingsland, Don and Carrie McReynolds of Ardmore, Okla.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Billie and Charlie Pinkerton and Vida and Bill Pinkston, all of Stanton; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials made to First Baptist Church of Stanton P.O. Box 1168, Stanton, 79782 or to a charity of ones choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Jaycee Celess Marin

Jaycee Celess Marin, infant daughter of Jennifer Walleck and Jacob Marin, died on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating.

She was born on Jan. 15, 2004.

Survivors include her parents, Jennifer Walleck and Jacob Marin; a sister, Aarika Marin, all of Big Spring; maternal grandfather, Johnny Walleck of Gonzales; maternal grandparents, Milton and Rachel Horton; paternal grandparents, Frank and Janie Marin; paternal great grandparents, Santos and Juana Mendoza, all of Big Spring; and maternal great grandfather, Chencho Soto of Gonzales.

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Rev. Monsignor Timothy J. Murphy

The Rev. Monsignor Timothy J. Murphy died on Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at St. Ann Parish in Midland. The monsignor, 68, was pastor of the Midland parish since July 1, 1966.

A rosary and wake service will be held at St. Ann Church at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19. The Rev. Rodney White, associate pastor at St. Ann, will lead the service. The Rev. Monsignor Larry J. Droll, chancellor of the Diocese of San Angelo, will deliver the eulogy.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Ann on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 9:30 a.m. The Most Reverend Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, Bishop of San Angelo, will be the principal celebrant.

Monsignor Murphy was born on Aug. 31, 1935, in Queens, N.Y.

He is survived by a sister, Col. Patricia Murphy of San Antonio, and a brother, Emmet Murphy of Westlake village, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Anthony Noel

Anthony Noel, 48, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at Refuge Temple at Breau Bridge, LA., with burial at St. Francis of Assisi. Local arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter

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

- **STONEY CASSELMAN**, 41, of 1016 E. 21st St. was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication other than alcohol.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 39, of Big Spring was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JIMMY TRAWICK**, 38, of 2911 W. Highway 80 was arrested today on a charge of assault cause bodily injury, family violence, enhanced.
- **MARISSA JO GONZALES**, 18, of 407 NW Ninth St. was arrested today on two local warrants.
- **JAVIER PINEDA**, 23, of 821 W. Sixth St. was arrested today on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAMES MONTY POPE**, 44, of 409 S. Benton was arrested today on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of Third Street, the 1200 block of Settles, the 700 block of 11th Place and the 900 block of Willa.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE, ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY TO A FAMILY MEMBER** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 700 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1200 block of Dogwood.
- **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported on Oak Road.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 700 block of Saunder Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of East Sixth Street.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-8-13-25-36.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$22,825.

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 20-24-29-33. Bonus ball 6.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-9

The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday night: 12-26-41-44-49 Mega Ball = 44

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Clear. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds around 10 mph.

Martin Luther King Jr day...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

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

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

Tuesday night and Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the upper 40s.

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Bulletin board

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Monday

Senior circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for sit and be fit aerobics. People age 50 and over are welcome to participate. Call 268-4721.

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

Howard County ARC meets at 806 East third in the ARC Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

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

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

Tuesday

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

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

VFW Post 2013 meets in VFW Hall at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon is held at 11 a.m. in Coahoma Community Center.

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

Sheriff's Possee meets at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster, meets at 7 p.m.

Alzheimer's Ass. Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in Howard County Library, 500 South Main, in the conference room.

Wednesday

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

The Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Fraternal Order of Eagles meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 203 West Third.

Friday

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

AMBUCS meet at noon at LaPosada.

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

Saturday

Big Spring Squares meet the first and third Saturday of each month. Call 267-7043 or 263- 6305 for more information.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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LIGHT WEIGHT

1. Meagan Kothm 4-H; 2. Harrison HC 4-H; 3. Shelby H; 4. Kelsey H; 5. Meagan Kothm 4-H; 6. Sean Bl H; 7. Paden Wren 8. Judson Chev Coahoma FFA; Hofacket, HC 4 Dannon Ramey

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By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard County residents will celebrate the lasting contributions of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday with a candlelight march, but organizers of the event hope the community takes time on this holiday to remember King by contributing to the welfare of others.

Participants in the march are asked to meet by Nalley-Pickle-Welch Funeral Home on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and walkers will head west on MLK to FM 700, where the group will hold a

prayer. Everyone is encouraged to attend, said march organizer and City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton. Those who can't make the march on foot can participate by car. "We want to also let everybody know they can ride their bike," Horton said. "We want everybody to make this."

More importantly, Horton wants to remind the public that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is about a "day on," not taking a day off. "I'm challenging the city of Big Spring," Horton said. "I want to challenge everybody in Big Spring to do something for somebody other than themselves that day. Go to the schools, go to the nursing homes and play a game of chess. Do something that benefits

somebody else instead of taking a day off." For those who decide to take up this challenge, Horton encourages them to call her at 264-0306 and let her know what they plan to do. "Big Spring is really good at helping each other, so on that day I challenge everyone to do something to benefit someone other than themselves," she said.

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MLK

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told the audience. "We have moved from the melting pot because it is no longer the desire of America to be in a melting pot," he said. "When you have a melting pot then everything is blended in there and it makes one great sauce and everybody loses their individuality. "What we want now is the salad bowl like a Waldorff salad where the onion sits there and does its thing and the apple sits in there and does its thing...everybody respects one another," Williams continued.

Although many Americans connect King with the Montgomery boycott and his "I have a dream," speech, Williams said King's vision began much earlier than those two events. For example, King thought education was fundamental to society. "Education has a two-fold function in the life of a person and in society. One function is utility and the other is culture," Williams said, quoting from a speech King gave in 1948 at Morehouse College. "Education must enable a person to become more efficient to achieve with increasing faculty the legitimate goals of life. It also must bring one to a quick resolute effective thinking.

"So function of education therefore is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically but education which is doused with deficiency may prove to be the greatest menace to our society," he continued. "The most dangerous criminal may be the person gifted with reason but with no morals." The Enron scandal is just one of the examples of education without morals, Williams said. King believed everyone should have a blueprint for their lives, should deeply believe in their own dignity and should make meaning out of their life, Williams said. Quoting from King's 1967 speech at a college in Philadelphia, Williams said, "If

you're going to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michael Angelo painted pictures. Sweep streets like Beethoven composed music. "If you can't be a pine at the top of the hill, be a scrub in the valley," he continued. "Be the best scrub on the side of the hill. Be a bush, if you can not be a tree, and if you can't be a highway just be a darn trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star because it isn't the size that matters. It doesn't matter whether you win or not. What matters is you try to be the best whatever it is that you're going to be."

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SHOW

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for county youth. Not only can community members bid on a particular animal, but individuals can also contribute to the youth's proceeds by adding on more money to the

winning bid. The sale is usually a lengthy process because all animal entries are auctioned, but this year may prove to be shorter. In the rabbit division, only the champion and reserve champions were actually auctioned, Brooks said. The rest of the entries in that division received a set amount of

money tied to their placement in the show. These animals were still eligible for add-ons. "The auction should go about an hour or and hour and half this year," Brooks said Friday. The auction and show have always been successful, due in part by community support, Brooks said. "The community is always

good about coming out and supporting the kids," he said. "We've always had good community support backing our agriculture and the youth of Howard County."

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Partial results of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show

HOWARD COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

Results through Thursday only:

GOATS

Grand Champion Goat: Kelsey Jones, HC 4-H
Reserve Champion Goat: Meagan Kothman, HC 4-H

HEAVY WEIGHT

1. Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA; 2. Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA; 3. Berkley Iden, Coahoma FFA; 4. Logan Gaskins, HC 4-H; 5. Lauren Nix, Coahoma FFA; 6. Rebecca McEndree, Coahoma FFA; 7. Dustin Martin, HC 4-H; 8. Foster Burchett, HC 4-H; Jarrod Fry, Sands FFA; 9. Breason Ramey, Sands FFA; 10. Brennan Bailey, HC 4-H.

LIGHT WEIGHT

1. Meagan Kothmann, HC 4-H; 2. Harrison Chevalier, HC 4-H; 3. Shelby Jones, HC 4-H; 4. Kelsey Jones, HC 4-H; 5. Meagan Kothmann, HC 4-H; 6. Sean Blagrove, HC 4-H; 7. Paden Wright, BS FFA; 8. Judson Chevalier, Coahoma FFA; 9. Ky Hofacket, HC 4-H; 10. J. Dannon Ramey, Sands FFA.

MEDIUM LIGHT WEIGHT GOATS

1. Meagan Kothmann, HC 4-H; 2. Shelby Jones, HC 4-H; 3. Grayson Wegner, BS FFA; 4. Breason Ramey, Sands FFA; 5. Ashley Baker, BS FFA; 6. Berkley Iden, Coahoma FFA; 7. Dee Fryar,

Sands FFA; 8. Corbin Brown, HC 4-H; 9. Rusty Martin, HC 4-H; 10. Ky Hofacket, HC 4-H

MEDIUM WEIGHT

1. Garrett Nichols, Sands FFA; 2. Foster Burchett, HC 4-H; 3. Dee Fryar, Sands FFA; 4. Garrett Nichols, Sands FFA; 5. Laurel Nix, Coahoma FFA; 6. Trevor Burchett, HC 4-H; 7. Logan Yarbar, HC 4-H; 8. Dee Fryar, Sands FFA; 9. Dusty Martin, HC 4-H; 10. Garrett Nichols, Sands FFA

MEDIUM HEAVY WEIGHT

1. Kelsey Jones, HC 4-H; 2. Rusty Martin, HC 4-H; 3. Judson Chevalier, HC 4-H; 4. Logan Gaskins, HC 4-H; 5. J. Dannon Ramey, Sands FFA; 6. Jess Brooks, HC 4-H; 7. Trevor Burchett, HC 4-H; 8. Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA; 9. Harrison Chevalier, HC 4-H; 10. Breason Ramey, Sands FFA

LAMBS

Grand Champion Lamb: Meagan Kothmann, HC 4-H
Reserve Champion Lamb: Rosie Morgan, Coahoma FFA
1. Meagan Kothmann, HC 4-H; 2. Rosie Morgan, Coahoma FFA; 3. Colter Morgan, Coahoma FFA; 4. Kirstyn Pulis, Coahoma FFA.

RABBITS

Grand Champion Rabbit: Paige Jackson, Coahoma FFA
Reserve Champion Rabbit: Cody Griffith, Coahoma FFA

LIGHT WEIGHT

1. Clay Grant, Coahoma FFA; 2. Sam Tindol, Coahoma FFA; 3. Lisa Shaffer, BS FFA; 4. Bradley Tatum, Coahoma FFA; 5. Michael Shockley, BS FFA; 6. Emilee Brumley, HC 4-H; 7. Grayson Wegner, BS FFA; 8. Kelsea Wood, Coahoma FFA; 9. Jack Smith, Coahoma FFA; 10. Rachell Atkinson, Coahoma FFA

MEDIUM WEIGHT

1. Nathan Gomez, HC 4-H; 2. Grant Bartlett, Coahoma FFA; 3. Cody Price, Coahoma FFA; 4. Callie Price, Coahoma FFA; 5. Matthew Earhart, Coahoma FFA; 6. Samantha Peacock, Sands FFA; 7. Shelby Clark, HC 4-H; 8. Kelsey Jones, HC 4-H; 9. K'Leigh Fowler, HC 4-H; 10. Will Barker, Coahoma FFA

LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT

1. Rachael Wheeler, HC 4-H; 2. Michael Shockley, BS FFA; 3. Cody Price, Coahoma FFA; 4. Chris Bishop, Coahoma FFA; 5. Kelsea Wood, Coahoma FFA; 6. Matt Hilario, BS FFA; 7. Tad White, Coahoma FFA; 8. Tamara Nichols, Sands FFA; 9. Logan Yarbar, HC 4-H; 10. Emily McCann, BS FFA

HEAVY WEIGHT

1. Paige Jackson, Coahoma FFA; 2. Cody Griffith, Coahoma FFA; 3. Tad White, Coahoma FFA; 4. Brittini Blagrove, Sands FFA; 5. KayC Stanley, HC 4-H; 6. Catherine Leubner, HC 4-H;

7. Paige Jackson, Coahoma FFA; 8. Samantha Peacock, Sands FFA; 9. Catherine Leubner, HC 4-H; 10. Kody Jackson, Coahoma FFA

Editor's note: Results of the steer show and swine show will appear in Monday's edition of the Herald.

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OUR VIEWS

Remember
to go vote
on Tuesday

On Tuesday, West Texas voters stretching from the Permian Basin to the Panhandle will go to the polls to select a new state senator from a list of seven candidates.

And while we want to encourage all registered voters who did not take advantage of the early voting period to exercise their right to go to the polls Tuesday, we must admit to being somewhat frustrated at the timing of this special election.

Texas Senate District 31 lost its representation in Austin when Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, announced his decision to resign on Jan. 12 and accept President George Bush's nomination as U.S. ambassador to Sweden.

Gov. Rick Perry then announced a special election to fill Bivins' unexpired term through November of this year.

What resulted was a mad dash to file by candidates during the Christmas and New Year's holiday season, the start of early voting on Jan. 5. And now we head to an election on Tuesday that almost everyone expects to result in a runoff.

In the event of that likely runoff, that race will not be decided until three days before the start of early voting in the Republican and Democratic party primaries — and a renewed race for the seat that at least a few of the candidates have already indicated they will join.

Of the seven candidates on Tuesday's ballot, six have met with the Herald's editorial board — the lone Democratic, Elaine King Miller of Amarillo, and Republicans Bob Barnes and Kirk Edwards, both of Odessa; Lee Gibson of Dumas; Kel Seliger of Amarillo; and Don Sparks of Midland.

Jesse Quackenbush, another GOP hopeful from Amarillo, declined the invitation.

From those interviews, it is clear that all six of the candidates we met are sincere in their desire to serve constituents in the 31st District. All six apparently bring unique talents.

Unfortunately, there simply hasn't been enough time for us digest what we've learned and comfortably endorse any of the candidates.

As a result, all we can do is hope you will take time to study the candidates and make your choice at the polls. Because, regardless of how little time we've had to prepare, our voices need to be heard.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

For many years, the West Texas economy has largely depended on oil, gas and agriculture.

Everyone in West Texas is well aware of the lengthy drought and its effects on agricultural producers. We all realize our oil and gas production has declined over past years. Obviously we can no longer depend solely on traditional resources for our economic future. West Texas must develop a diversified economy in order to provide good jobs for our citizens and to insure prosperity and continued growth for future generations.

West Texas needs leaders with proven ability and experience in eco-

nomie development and diversification, and with the vision to understand that West Texans must work together for the advancement of our entire area.

Bob Barnes possesses the abilities and vision we need. Barnes has proven his ability in economic development and has served with distinction on several influential committees and task forces. He is a strong supporter of school finance reform and a strong opponent of a state income tax.

I believe Bob Barnes is the best candidate for Texas Senate. Please join me in voting for Bob Barnes on Jan. 20.

JO ANN STAULCUP
BIG SPRING

Who lied? Who forgot? Who cares?

Clark lied. According to the New York Times, in 2002, retired Gen. Wesley Clark said, "Certainly there's a connection between Iraq and al Qaeda." Now that it is an anti-war tenet of faith that there was no Iraq-al Qaeda connection, thinking Americans should be outraged at Clark's deliberate and cynical attempt to mislead the American people.

Except, of course, that Clark was saying what he believed at the time — and what he had reason to believe.

Now that he's a Democratic candidate for president, Clark says he is convinced there is no Saddam Hussein-Osama bin Laden nexus. So Clark accused President Bush of using the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as an excuse to invade Iraq — "a world-class bait-and-switch," Clark now calls it.

To believe that the White House deliberately misled the American public, you have to believe that the Bush administration was making claims about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction situation that it had manufactured — that is, claims no one else was making. That's simply not true.

President Clinton believed that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Last week, Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso disclosed that Clinton told him he believed Iraq had WMD in October.

Al Gore believed it. Last year, the former vice president told the Commonwealth Club of California, "We know that (Saddam Hussein) has stored secret supplies of biological and chemical weapons

throughout his country."

The French believed it. Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin argued last year that "Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs are being largely blocked, even frozen."

The United Nations' chief weapons inspector, Hans Blix, believed that Iraq failed to account for 6,500 chemical bombs that it claimed it had destroyed along with other WMD. He also suspected Iraq had created weapons using the nerve agent VX.

Some things were known: Saddam Hussein used WMD in the 1960s, essentially expelled U.N. weapons inspectors in 1998 and refused to comply with U.N. Resolution 1441, which warned of "serious consequences" if Hussein did not disclose and destroy his weapons of mass destruction. As a result of Hussein's refusal to comply with the inspection process, there was a lot that officials did not know — and what they didn't know rightly scared them.

Some peaceniks now are arguing just that — that Hussein destroyed his WMD and, for some reason, destroyed them on the sly so that he could not win an end to U.N. economic sanctions against Iraq.

As proof, some point to a Carnegie Endowment for International Peace report which found that Iraq's weapons programs did not pose "an immediate threat to the United States, to the region or to global security" and that the intelligence community "misrepresented" Iraq's WMD threat.

Au contraire: While critics argue that Bush said Iraq presented an "immediate" or "imminent" threat, Bush said the opposite in his 2003 State of the Union address: "Some have said we must not act until the threat is immi-



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There is a new favorite 'Bushism'

My long-reigning favorite Bushism has now been edged out by a fresh contender I cannot resist. The old fave goes back to Oct. 4, 2001, when Bush, still trying to reassure a shaky nation, said, "We need to counter the shockwave of the evil-doer by having individual rate cuts accelerated and by thinking about tax rebates."

I didn't think he could top that, but there is something so winningly confused about my new No. 1. This is from Paul O'Neill's report of the large meeting in November 2002 about a second round of tax cuts. O'Neill argued against it, noting that after 9-11 and the war in Afghanistan, the budget deficit was growing and the nation faced urgent problems.

Everyone expected Bush to rubber stamp the plan, but he surprised them by asking: "Haven't we already given money to rich people? Why are we going to do it again?"

Now, it is true that Karl Rove promptly quashed this unseemly fit of populism by jumping in with: "Stick to principle. Stick to principle." Dick Cheney further elucidated the matter for the president by explaining: "Reagan proved that deficits don't matter. We won the midterm elections, this is our due."

During Watergate, people used to hold readings from the transcripts of the Nixon tapes. Friends would take different parts — Haldeman, Ehrlichman or Nixon — and render their pals helpless with laughter just reading what our leaders had actually said. While one sees the script possibilities here immediately, I still find that one plain-

tive question quite touching: "Haven't we already given money to rich people?"

For a truly surreal experience, as someone at The New York Times editorial page has already noted, try reading Ron Suskind's book "The Price of Loyalty: George W. Bush, the White House and the Education of Paul O'Neill" along with "In an Uncertain World," by Robert Rubin, Bill Clinton's secretary of treasury.

A chapter from one book, then a chapter from the other. That is an educational experience.

One of the sadder items from Suskind's book is that Bush thinks the recession was caused by "SEC overreach." Oh dear. The trouble with O'Neill's book is that it raises the "George W. Bush is a nincompoop" debate again, which is wholly unproductive.

True, it is not reassuring to hear his loyalists praise him as a mental giant — eerily like the Reaganistas at the end of that era insisting the old boy was not slipping when he clearly was. Given Bush's obviously bored and disengaged performance in Mexico, I'd say the larger problem is that Bush is just rude. I don't think we should send him anywhere to represent the country if he can't behave better than that. He really does consistently display bad manners.

The news that Bush & Co. wanted to invade Iraq from Day One does not surprise — Bill Clinton has been telling a similar story for some time about his meeting with Bush on Inauguration Day, 2001. It is the, "So what?" reaction that needs to be addressed.

We learn that there are no weapons of mass destruction, and the Bushes reply, "So what?" We learn there never was a connection between Sadism Hussein and Al Qaeda, and the Bushes say, "So what?" It matters because we need to understand how we got into the

mess we're in, so we won't get ourselves into another one.

There has to be some recognition of how seriously we were misled. If one then wants to argue that invading Iraq was worth doing anyway, fine — but it must be acknowledged that it was done on false premises. And as an excellent article in the current issue of Mother Jones called the "The Lie Factory" shows, the false premises were carefully manufactured in the Pentagon.

Conservatives cannot possibly be comfortable with that, no matter how repellent Sadism Hussein.

Perhaps more unnerving still is a third book (which I have not yet finished), "An End to Evil" by Richard Perle and David Frum. It might more aptly be titled, "The Beginning of Evil," since it is a plan for unlimited, unprovoked war, in which we overthrow the governments of Iran, Syria, North Korea and, apparently, China. One would dismiss this as mere crackpottery if one author, Frum, had not written the "Axis of Evil" speech for Bush and the other, Perle, were not a leading neo-con.

Perle is a longtime advocate of invading Iraq and still on the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board despite numerous conflicts of interest. Interesting exercise to triangulate these three books — like the old blue-book essay, "Compare and Contrast."

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Crow Eaten Here: In a column written on Nov. 28, 2003, I included some useful research on campaign contributions and obligingly attributed it to Public Citizen, which would have been fine, except the research had been done by Public Campaign instead, a different outfit altogether. If you'd like to receive their regular bulletins, go to their website, www.publiccampaign.org. My apologies and thanks to them.

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The winner of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 Chili Cook-Off benefitting West Texas Centers for MHMR's Children In-Need Fund was Tim Reibe, who is pictured holding the plaque. He shows off his award surrounded by (bottom row, left to right) Austin Bynum, Carson Reibe, Tim Reibe and Charla Weaver. Standing in the background are David Fowler and Cecil Bynum.

Fraternal Order of Eagles raises more than \$5,000 for Children In Need fund

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the HERALD
Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 raised more than \$5,000 for the West Texas Centers for MHMR Children-In Need fund during last weekend's Second Annual Chili Cook-off.

The 150 members collected the money through the 15 chili cook's entry fees, gate receipts from taste testers, a 50-50 drawing and an evening dance featuring the Colorado City Plowboys.

"The members decided to donate all proceeds from that evening's dance to the children's fund, and Byron Gressett, who won the 50-50 drawing ended up donating the money back to the benefit," said Landon Sturdivant, West Texas Centers for MHMR Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Eagles organization.

West Texas Centers for MHMR does not solicit funding for this program, but it is a necessary part of their mission, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith said.

The fund purchases things such as needed school supplies or a camp membership for a child with a disability, Sturdivant said.

"The Eagles Lodge has pretty much adopted the

benefit to help children with emotional illnesses," he said. "The Eagles Lodge focuses on helping our own community in addition to national charities."

HELPING OTHERS

Last year's benefit raised more than \$1,500 for the fund. And this year's \$5,000 donation could not come at a better time, Sturdivant said.

The Legislature reduced funding that paid for many of these children's special needs.

"We have had a lot of

enthusiasm from Eagles' members," he said.

Winners of the Chili Cook-off were: first place, Tim Reibe, a first-time winner; second, Dalton Lewis; third, Mike Lindsey; fourth, Cindy Sturdivant; and fifth, Steve Mattingley.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 will be recognized at the Jan. 30 West Texas Centers for MHMR Board of Trustee meeting.

West Texas Centers for MHMR serves 2,200 children and adults with mental illness and mental retardation in 23 rural West Texas counties.

VOTING

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into getting ready for these elections," said Newton. "We have to get everything set up at the polling places, not to mention all of the necessary paperwork."

"This is the first election we've done in a really long time without Pat Underwood, who retired late last year. Pat really handled most of the preparation for the elections, so it's been kind of tough without her. I'm confident we'll have everything ready Tuesday, however."

Six men and one woman have filed in hopes of replacing former senator Teel Bivins, who stepped down from the District 31 seat on Jan. 12. Bivins, who served in the office for 15 years, announced his resignation in December, citing his nomination by President

Bush as ambassador to Sweden and a desire to spend more time with this family.

On the ballot are Democratic hopeful Elaine King Miller of Amarillo and Republican candidates ag producer Lee Gibson of Dumas, businessman Kirk Edwards of Odessa, businessman Kel Seliger of Amarillo, businessman Don Sparks of Midland, Odessa businessman Bob Barnes, and restaurant owner/attorney Jesse Quackenbush of Amarillo.

Polling places for Tuesday's special election have been consolidated to the following:

- Precincts 101-115, North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street.
- Precincts 202-205, 208, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.
- Precincts 207, 405, 407-409, Coahoma Community Center, Coahoma.
- Precincts 302-305,

Goliad Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street.

• Precincts 401-406, 410, Big Spring High School Library, 707 E. 11th Place.

If you haven't received your new, blue voter registration card, polling places will be accepting the older orange cards. Voters can also qualify to vote with a picture ID or other form of identification, including bills with the voter's name and address.

One change to the voting laws will go into effect during Tuesday's election, as voters will not be able to qualify by having someone at the polling place vouch for their identity.

Senate District 31 covers 26 counties including Howard, Midland, Martin and Glasscock.

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Here are winners of the West Texas Centers for MHMR Trendsetter Award for this quarter. Kneeling, from left, are: Bill Arey, Loretta Matthews, Kim Slate and Susan Payne. Front row: Doris Johnson, Vickie Carson, Joy Bryant, Paula Hunt and Pat Daniels. Back row: Tim Brower, Roy Marquez, Gary Tidwell, Mike Matherly, Brenda McKenzie, Leo McPeters, Paula Lafer and Linda Barfield. Not pictured are Erin Dillingham, Shannon Garcia, Robin Gay, Christine Santana, Melissa Singer and Janey Murley.

MHMR group earns Trendsetter Award

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald
West Texas Centers for MHMR Program Manager Mike Matherly and his team of employees were honored with the agency's Trendsetter Award on Jan. 7 for providing a high level of care to their clients in five West Texas counties.

The center's five program managers vie for the quarterly Trendsetter Award, which is given to the program manager with the highest produc-

tivity. The award is based on: treatment plan compliance, face-to-face contact time with consumers, uniform assessment compliance, and accurate, timely administrative paperwork.

Members of Matherly's team, which serves Howard, Martin, Borden, Glasscock and Mitchell counties, include: Bill Arey, Loretta Matthews, Kim Slate, Susan Payne, Doris Johnson, Vickie Carson, Joy Bryant, Paula Hunt, Pat Daniels, Tim Brower, Roy Marquez,

Gary Tidwell, Brenda McKenzie, Leo McPeters, Paula Lafer, Linda Barfield, Erin Dillingham, Shannon Garcia, Robin Gay, Christine Santana, Melissa Singer and Janey Murley.

The award rewards positive leadership, West Texas Centers' Mental Health Director Janet Payne said.

"West Texas Centers wants to recognize those managers who are able to bring their staff together as a team and to motivate

them to achieve their performance goals," Payne said. "The team learns to rely on one another in order to win the award. The program manager cannot win without their team, and the team could not win without the guidance of the program manager."

West Texas Centers for MHMR is the Mental Health Authority for 23 rural counties in West Texas. Center employees provide care and treatment for 2,200 patients each month.

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Friday was the deadline for candidates to file for the March 9 primary under the new maps, which were written last year during bitter partisan bickering and designed to give Republicans as many as six additional seats in Congress.

"The Supreme Court has spoken. The elections will move forward under

the new map," said Angela Hale, spokeswoman for Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

Democrats can still appeal on the merits of their claim that the map is unconstitutional and violates the federal Voting Rights Act. The court rejected only the emergency request to block the map from taking effect before such an appeal is considered.

Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, applauded Friday's court decision.

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Jackson draws ire of court judge

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — As Michael Jackson pleaded innocent in his first hearing on child molestation charges, the judge planned to keep a tight rein on the singer and attorneys in the case.

But outside the courthouse, there was no containing the self-proclaimed King of Pop as he danced atop his SUV and invited a crush of fans to join him at his Neverland Ranch retreat.

Judge Rodney Melyville immediately set a strict tone when he began the day's proceedings by scolding Jackson for being late to court — and laid out rules he said he expected attorneys on both sides to follow. Jackson was about 20 minutes late after taking time to greet cheering fans.

"Mr. Jackson, you have started out on the wrong foot here," the judge said. "I want to advise you that I

will not put up with that. It's an insult to the court." The judge followed with a series of decisions designed to tame the players in a case that has already become an international media circus. He said he would order a gag order for the attorneys, and would refuse to unseal most of the court documents related to the Nov. 18 search of Neverland.

Gov. Rowland fighting impeachment

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The legal team of Gov. John G. Rowland is taking a page from the playbook of former President Bill Clinton, enlisting both government and personal lawyers to defend him against possible impeachment.

The dual approach is supposed to protect Rowland the citizen and Rowland the governor at the same time.

Rowland's chief legal counsel, Ross Garber, a state employee, and his personal attorney, William F. Dow III, have begun working together on Rowland's defense.

On Friday, Dow represented Rowland at a meeting of the state Ethics Commission, which was asked to look into the legality of gifts and favors Rowland admitted accepting. The commission decided to postpone its action until after a federal criminal investigation ends.

Bush promotes Pickering

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sidestepping a two-year congressional battle, President Bush is promoting federal Judge Charles Pickering of Mississippi to an appeals court, at least temporarily, in a slap at filibustering Senate Democrats who question the nominee's civil rights record.

Bush elevated Pickering on Friday from the U.S. District Court to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans under authority granted him when Congress is in recess. Such appointments, which need no Senate confirmation, are valid until the next Congress takes office, in this case in January 2005.

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"We're extremely appreciative of the job Chuck Williams did in Big Spring," he said. "We were extremely fortunate to have someone of Chuck's abilities and knowledge of the Big Spring area available during the newspapers transition of ownership."

Some might say Reed has printer's ink in her blood, coming from a newspaper family. Her father was advertising manager of the *Northwest Arkansas Times* in Fayetteville, Ark., and later owned and published the *West Fork (Ark.) Observer*.

Reed was also publisher of the *Heber Springs (Ark.) Sun-Times* before taking on her responsibilities in Stuttgart and Newport. Her career has also taken her to the *Northwest Arkansas Times*, the *New Smyrna Beach (Fla.) Observer* and the *Starkville (Miss.) Daily Leader*.

"I'm excited about the

things we've been able to do here in Big Spring during the last six or seven months," Reed said. "The people of Big Spring made me feel at home from the moment I arrived here. This is a wonderful community and I'm excited about having this opportunity."

"Chuck Williams did a tremendous job of putting this newspaper back on track and I look forward

to the chance we've been given to continue in that vein. Our goal remains the same today as it has been under Chuck's leadership — to provide our readers with the very best newspaper possible."

Reed has two grown children: a son, David, 26, who lives in Little Rock and a daughter, Leslie, 23, who lives in Denton.

Williams admitted leaving Big Spring for a sec-

ond time was difficult.

"I have a warm spot in my heart for Big Spring and it's just as hard to leave this time as it was before," he said Friday morning. "It's never easy

to leave the kind of friends I have here in Big Spring and at the *Herald*. But I'm sure the staff of the *Herald* will continue to put out a quality product for our community."

Managing Editor John A. Moseley can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 230, or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com

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"I'm Lee Gibson. As a farmer, I'm concerned, aware, and eager to be the voice of the West Texas communities. I believe that we never know how tall we stand until we are called to rise. For a long time I have felt that farmers, ranchers, small business owners, and teachers needed someone to rise up and represent them in Austin. If you believe that we need a voice for the working men and women in West Texas, please vote for me, Lee Gibson in the January 20th Texas State Senate race. Thank you!"

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2001 Ford Explorer Sport 4-DR. XLT - White w/cloth, all power, one owner w/59,000 miles.
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Was \$17,995
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1999 Chevrolet Blazer - Silver, locally owned, 69,000 miles.
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Was \$9,995
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1997 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Brown, leather, extra clean SUV.
Was \$10,995
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Was \$7,995
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1992 Jeep Cherokee - Red.
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Cobb scores 31 as Steers throw scare into Frenship

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — The Frenship Tigers found out firsthand Friday night, the Big Spring Steers are better — much better — than their 4-16 record implies.

Jordan Cobb scored a season-high 31 points and Mike Ornales-Doportto added 18 more as the Steers turned in one of their better performances of the season in a 69-62 loss to traditional power Frenship in their District 4-4A opener.

Despite the loss, Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear was upbeat about his teams' effort.

"It was one of our best games all year," said Kinnear. "Everything seemed to come together for us. We started playing team ball and it worked for us."

"It was an outstanding effort by everyone," he added.

Big Spring stood shoulder to shoulder with the Tigers in the first quarter. The Steers collected seven first-quarter points from Ornales-Doportto and six

more from Cobb and went into the second trailing by a slim 19-16 count.

The Tigers, who were led by Nick Evans' team-high 30 points, stretched their lead a bit in the second. Evans poured in 10 points and keyed a 16-13 run that sent the game into the half with Frenship holding a 35-28 lead.

Big Spring answered the buzzer for the second half with a fury. The Steers hammered out a 16-9 run in the first run in the opening five minutes of the

frame and handed his team a 43-42 lead. Ornales-Doportto sank a short jumper to give the Steers the upper hand.

"We worked hard on our transition game," said Kinnear. "We knew they like to get out and pushed the ball so we worked on stopping that all week."

Evans pulled the Tigers even with 3:25 to go in the stanza with a free throw — one of 25 Frenship sank in the contest.

The Tigers regained the lead from there. Overall, Frenship

outscored Big Spring by a 9-5 clip in the final three minutes of the frame and took a 53-48 lead into the final eight minutes.

The Tigers, who went to the free-throw line 37 times in the game and benefitted from having three BSHS players foul out, salted away the win with a 16-14 run in the fourth. The Steers, on the other hand, went to the line 14 times.

Wesley Smith was Big Spring's third-leading scorer, collecting eight points.

Kemper, Bulldogs slip by Forsan in OT

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — What do the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins and Texas Longhorns and Oklahoma Sooners have in common with the Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes? All have storied rivalries and all want to beat the other with a passion.

Coahoma and Forsan added another exciting chapter to their rivalry story Friday night when the Bulldogs escaped with a 51-49 overtime victory in the District 3-2A opener for both teams.

Forsan's Josh Helmstetter wasted little time in getting things started as the Buffalo senior grabbed the opening tip and promptly buried a three-point shot before the near-capacity crowd in the Coahoma Elementary School gymnasium.

Adrian Abrego drew the Bulldogs to within two, at 8-6, moments later before the Buffs' Brandon Burleson breathed life into the Buffalo offense by keying a 12-2 outburst and staking Forsan to a 20-8 lead with just over a minute remaining in the first period.

The run included back-to-back treys by Helmstetter, who sank seven treys in the contest.

Coahoma more than responded to the Buffs' challenge. The Bulldogs tore off a 9-0 run of their own to end the first and the initial moments of the second quarter to draw to within three, at 20-17.

Helmstetter quieted the Bulldog rally, however. The senior drained his

Rangers sign Cordero to deal

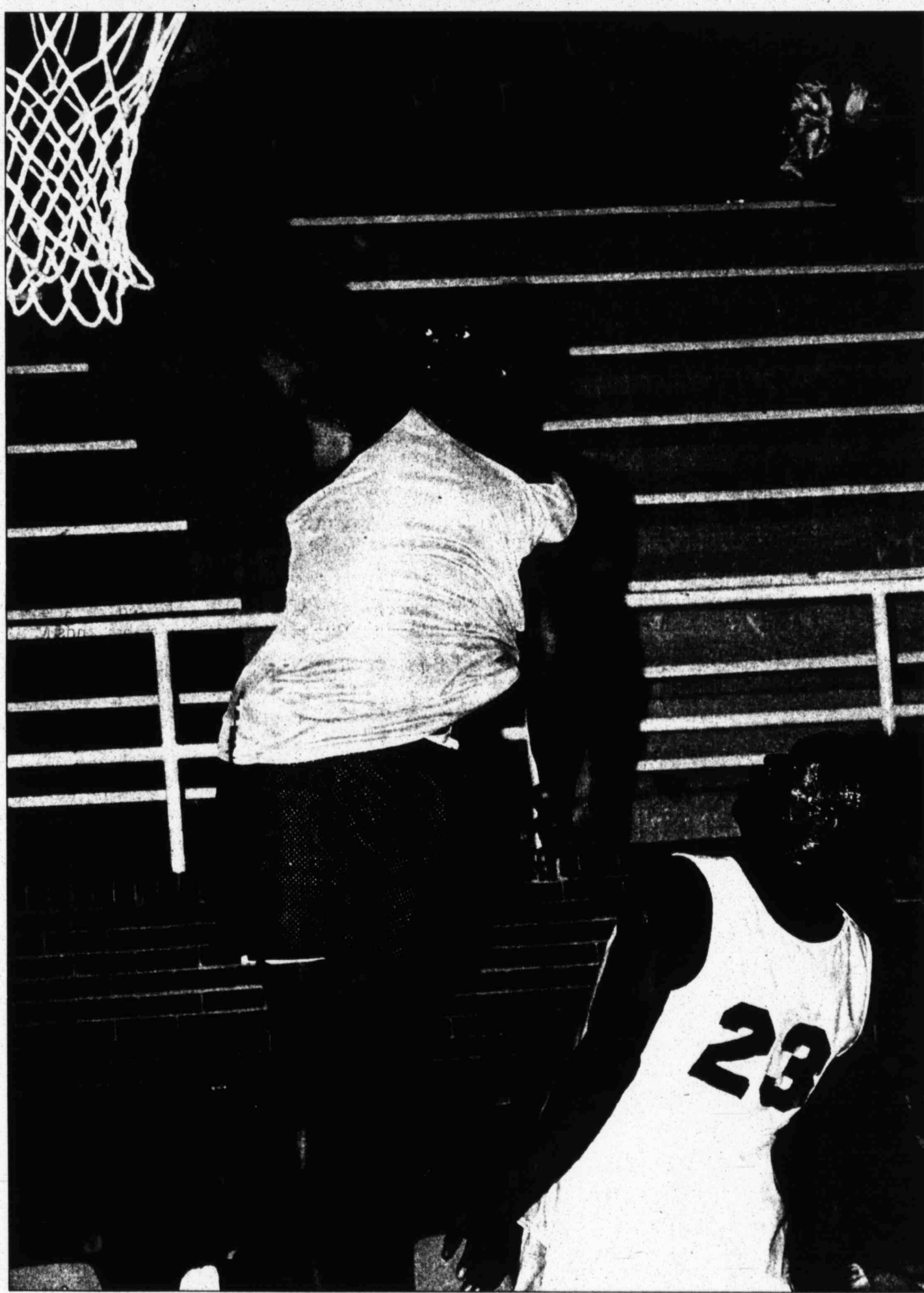
ARLINGTON (AP) — Right-hander Francisco Cordero agreed Friday to a \$2 million, one-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

Cordero, who filed for salary arbitration Thursday, can earn an additional \$150,000 in performance bonuses.

He appeared in a career-high 73 games last year and ranked second on the club in saves (15) and games finished (36). He was 5-8 with a 2.94 ERA, the lowest among Rangers pitchers last year.

Texas also released right-hander Reynaldo Garcia, who had been designated for assignment on Jan. 5 when the club signed Eric Young.

A Good Start



Van Jamison goes up for a layup during the Big Spring Rebels' season-opening 114-94 win over the San Angelo Chaparrals Friday night in Texas Professional Basketball League action in the Steer Gym. The Rebels, who are scheduled to face Kerrville Monday, had five players reach double figures offensively.

Frenship keeps BS girls winless

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — Ashleigh Brady scored 15 points and Amanda Davidson added 13 more Friday night and helped the Frenship Lady Tigers race to an 86-56 win over the Big Spring Lady Steers in District 4-4A action.

With the loss, Big Spring slipped to 0-3 in loop play and to 5-15 for the year. District-leading Frenship improved to 19-5 and 3-0.

The Lady Tigers' win spoiled a stellar outing by Leina Braxton and Raegan Ritchet. Braxton scored a team-high 16 points in the contest, while Ritchet pushed in 10 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Big Spring more than held its own in the first eight minutes of the game. The Lady Steers, sparked by two three-point bombs by Braxton, matched Frenship point-for-point in the first four minutes, leaving the score knotted at 7-7.

The Lady Tigers, who came with four points of equalling the school's all-time mark for points in a game, managed to get untracked from there. Frenship posted a 9-5 run over the final four minutes and took a 16-12 lead into the second.

The Lady Steers struggled offensively in the second. Big Spring managed just two shots from the field in the frame.

Frenship didn't have any such problems. The Lady Tigers, spurred on by seven three-point shots, posted a 26-7 run and took a 42-19 lead into the half.

Big Spring found its offense in the opening minutes of the third quarter.

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Morgan leads Bulldogettes to wild 40-38 win over Lady Buffs

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Every coach in the area has said they expect the race for District 3-2A's three playoff berths to be a roll-of-the-dice situation. The team that rolls the best on any given night is the odds-on favorite to go.

Count the Coahoma Bulldogettes among the top rollers this week.

The Bulldogettes, behind an inspired team defensive effort and Mendy Morgan's 10 second-half points, fought back from an early 26-19 deficit to claim a thrilling 40-38 win over the Forsan Lady Buffaloes Friday

night. The two teams gave a quick peek of the murky 3-2A scene in the first eight minutes. The two teams fought back and forth with neither being able to get a secure handle on the momentum.

Forsan's duo of Jacklynn Hise and Cati Graves provided the early

push for the Lady Buffs. The two combined to score 12 of Forsan's 14 points in the opening period by hitting for six apiece.

Led by Hise and Graves, the Lady Buffs held a slim 14-11 lead at the start of the second.

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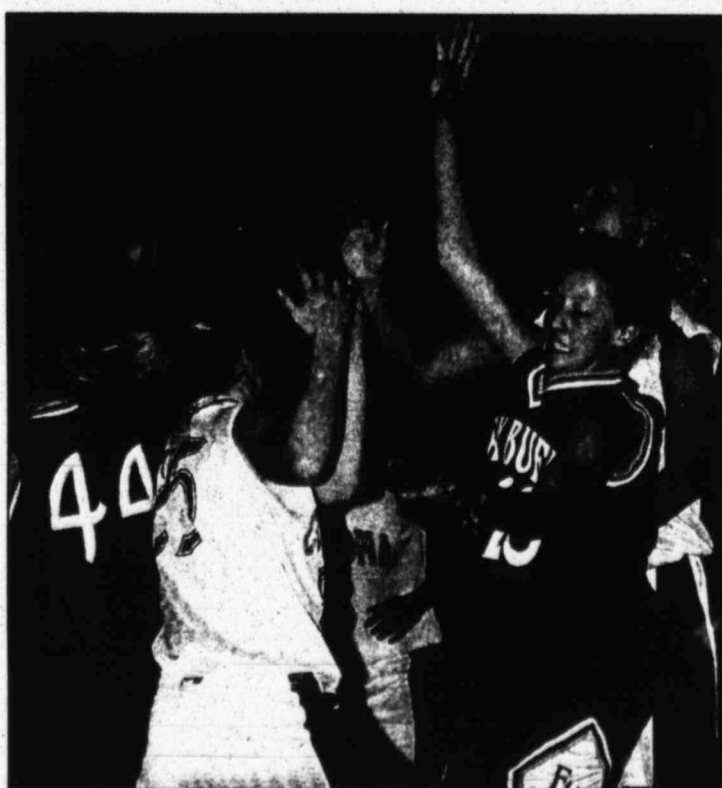
Ross finishes 12th at Abilene event

Thomas Ross of Big Spring continued his successful ways last weekend as he took part in the Abilene Cutting Horse Spectacular.

Ross finished in 12th place in the event, collecting 203 points and

\$700 for his efforts in the amateur class.

Pat Fasan, of Alconquin, Ill. claimed first-place honors in the division. Fasan racked up a total of 217 points aboard his horse, Mr. Short Lena Ultimo.



Forsan's Hall Belew knocks the ball from Coahoma's Liz Conley's hands during Friday's cross-country showdown. Coahoma opened District 3-2A play with a 40-38 win.

By BRANDON

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Team	Score
Frenship	86
Estacado	56
x-Levelland	...
x-Andrews	...
Lake View	...
Big Spring	...
x-Late results	...

Player, Team	Points
Estacado	...
Frenship	...
Andrews	...
Big Spring	...
Lake View	...
Levelland	...

Player, Team	Points
L. Henderson	...
Allison Hill	...
K. Gerstenberg	...
Ashleigh Brady	...
Leina Braxton	...
Tiara Grant	...
Erika Fowler	...
Nitra Woods	...
S. Henderson	...
Tia Smitherman	...
C. Blackshear	...
Heather Fuller	...
T. Martin	...
Jennifer Pena	...
Sarah Manthei	...
Haley Hill	...
Alex Watkins	...
Carmen Lewis	...
S. Higgins	...
Garcia, Estacado	...

Player, Team	Points
Leina Braxton	...
Jennifer Pena	...
Amanda Davis	...
Chelsea Blacks	...
Susan Brashear	...
Shanequa Hen	...
Tia Smitherman	...
Mackenzie Will	...
Garcia, Estacado	...
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No. 2 Grady streaks past Sands, 84-36

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

LENORAH — If anyone has any questions about just how good the No. 2-ranked Grady Wildcats really are they need only ask the Sands Mustangs.

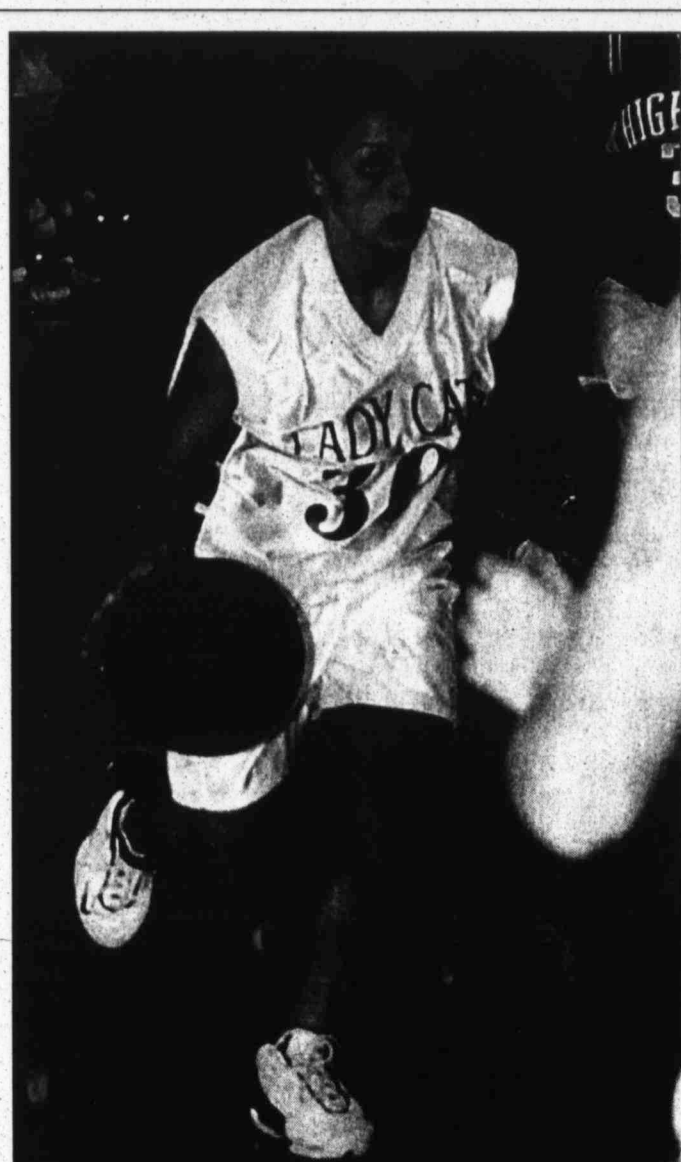
The Wildcats raced to a 33-point lead after one half of play Friday and cruised to an easy 84-36 victory over Sands.

With the win, the Wildcats improved to 20-1 for the year and to 3-0 in loop play. Grady's lone setback was a narrow loss to Midland Classical last month.

The Wildcats used a balanced scoring attack in the lop-sided victory. Five players scored at least nine points in the win. Brent Madison sparked the Wildcats' offense, hitting for 24 points while Jason Pribyla and Nick Winford added 14 apiece.

Brandon Woods led the Mustangs' attack with 12 points.

Grady will face Dawson County Tuesday.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Westbrook senior Sheena Fernandez drives toward the basket during a recent game. The Lady Cats fell to 1-2 in District 7-A play Friday with a 52-37 loss to Trent.

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ter. Amy Hanes sank two treys and Leina Braxton pushed in seven points to key a 23-point third-quarter outburst.

Frenship held a 65-38 lead heading into the final frame.

Carmen Lewis enabled the BSHS girls to continue their hot-shooting

effort in the fourth. She scored six of her 10 points in the final frame.

Junior forward just missed reaching double figures for the Lady Steers. She finished the game with seven points.

Big Spring is scheduled to return to action Tuesday when it travel to Lubbock to face the Estacado Lady Mats. Game time is slated for 6 p.m.

Johnson leads Buffs to semifinals of Forsan tourney

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes used a balanced scoring attack and a tenacious defensive effort en route to claiming a 40-31 victory over Water Valley in the first round of the Forsan JV Tournament Thursday.

Seth Johnson, who claimed game-high honors with 15 points, gave the Buffaloes a slim 18-16 lead heading into the break by sinking two

shots from the charity stripe with just six seconds remaining in the half.

Forsan turned up the heat in the third, outscoring the Wildcats by a 16-5 margin over the span to grab a 34-21 advantage heading into the final stanza.

Water Valley was able to cut into the deficit during the fourth quarter.

With the win, Forsan advanced to meet Sterling City in the second round. Sterling City moved into

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fourth trey of the first half and then came up with a steal on the offensive end that lead to an easy layup and a 25-17 at the 5:24 mark of the second.

Coahoma wasn't without its share of highlights. The Bulldogs proved there was plenty of fight left in them from there, reeling off a 6-2 run to end the half and leave the score at 27-23 at the intermission.

Helmstetter began the second half just the way that he started the first. He took the opening possession and launched a three that found the bottom of the net and extended the FHS lead to seven.

Coahoma's Isaac Brewer answered right back, however. Just 20 seconds after Helmstetter's heroics, Brewer hit a short jumper from inside the key to pull the Bulldogs to within five.

Forsan sophomore Tye Baker decided to get in on the three-point scoring barrage from that point. He pulled up behind the right side of the the arc and nailing a trey for a 33-

District 3-3A Standings

District	W	L
Coahoma	1	0
Colorado City	1	0
Crane	1	0
Stanton	0	1
Forsan	0	1
Seagraves	0	1

Friday's Games: Coahoma 51, Forsan 49 OT; Crane 46, Stanton 33; Colorado City 64, Seagraves 43.

25 lead.

Kelby Kemper took over from there. The Coahoma High School senior put the Bulldogs squarely on his shoulders and powered them to a 13-7 run over the remainder of the period to close to within two as they headed into the final frame.

Coahoma took its first lead of the evening just two minutes into the fourth period when Kemper hit a short jumper at the six-minute mark for a 42-40 advantage.

With the score at 49-45 with just over 10 seconds left in regulation, Kemper missed the front end of a one-in-one opportunity, giving the Buffs one last gasp at pulling out the win.

Helmstetter grabbed the rebound off Kemper's miss and drove the length of the court before pulling up with just two ticks left to launch a shot from NBA three-point territory

that knotted the game at 49-49 at the end of regulation.

Overtime became a battle of wills. Neither team was able to manage much from the field in the extra frame until Clint Walker connected from underneath his own basket with 35.3 seconds left.

"We were finally able to slow Josh down in the second half," said Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols, "Clint did a great job shutting him down in the second half."

"(Forsan coach) Terry McDonald and I have been through a lot of these battles," Nichols said, "and they are always fun."

Kemper led all CHS scorers with 18 points. Abrego joined Kemper in double figures with 11 points while Walker tallied nine.

Helmstetter sparked the Buffaloes with 27 points. Burleson added another 11 while Tye Baker and Auggie Hilario combined for 11 with eight and three, respectively.

Coahoma travels to Stanton Tuesday for rematch with rival Forsan plays host to Seagraves.

Girls District 4-4A Overall			
Team	W	L	
Frenship	19	5	
Estacado	13	10	
x-Levelland	10	11	
x-Andrews	11	10	
Lake View	11	12	
Big Spring	5	15	
x-Late results			

Team Scoring			
Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
Estacado	3	215	71.6
Frenship	3	197	65.6
Andrews	2	112	56.0
Big Spring	3	144	48.6
Lake View	3	142	47.3
Levelland	2	94	47.0

Team Defense			
Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
Levelland	2	83	41.5
Lake View	3	162	54.0
Frenship	3	158	50.8
Big Spring	3	191	63.6
Estacado	3	152	50.6
Andrews	2	126	63.0

Individual Scoring			
Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
L. Henderson, Estacado	3	70	23.3
Allison Hill, Lake View	3	54	18.0
K. Gerstenberger, Levelland	2	36	18.0
Ashleigh Brady, Frenship	3	52	17.6
Leina Braxton, Big Spring	3	39	13.0
Tiara Grant, Andrews	2	25	12.5
Erika Fowler, Lake View	3	36	12.0
Nitra Woods, Andrews	2	24	12.0
S. Henderson, Estacado	3	33	11.0
Tia Smitherman, Estacado	3	31	10.3
C. Blackshear, Levelland	2	20	10.0
Heather Fuller, Andrews	2	20	10.0
T. Martin, Estacado	3	26	8.6
Jennifer Pena, Frenship	3	24	8.0
Sarah Manthei, Andrews	2	15	7.5
Haley Hill, Lake View	3	19	6.3
Alex Watkins, Big Spring	3	17	5.6
Carmen Lewis, Big Spring	3	16	5.3
S. Higgins, Big Spring	3	14	4.6
Garcia, Estacado	3	9	3.0

3-point Shots			
Player, Team	G	Made	
Leina Braxton, Big Spring	3	5	
Jennifer Pena, Frenship	3	5	
Amanda Davidson, Frenship	3	4	
Chelsea Blackshear, Levelland	2	2	
Susan Brashear, Levelland	2	2	
Shanequa Henderson, Estacado	3	2	
Tia Smitherman, Estacado	3	3	
Mackenzie Willis, Andrews	2	2	
Garcia, Estacado	3	2	
Katie Joplin, Frenship	3	3	
Imari Brown, Big Spring	3	2	
Codye Burt, Big Spring	3	1	
L. Henderson, Estacado	3	2	
Amy Hanes, Big Spring	3	2	

Game 1 Results
Lubbock Estacado 84, Andrews 50; Lake View 59, Big Spring 50; Frenship 45, Levelland 41.

Game 2 Results
Levelland 53, Big Spring 38; Andrews 62, Lake View 42; Frenship 66, Lubbock Estacado 61.

Game 2 Results
Frenship 86, Big Spring 56; Lubbock Estacado 70, Lake View 41; Andrews vs. Levelland, late.

Fast start lifts FHS to win over WVHS

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes pitched a shutout for all but 40 seconds of the first half — outscoring the Water Valley Lady Wildcats by a 12-0 clip — en route to claiming an easy 23-12 victory in the opening round of the Forsan JV tournament Thursday.

Forsan, which lost to Stanton by a 27-10 score in their last outing, used a smothering press defense in the first half that forced Water Valley into numerous turnovers. The defense also led to several easy fast-break opportunities.

"We had to redeem ourselves after our last game," said Lady Buffs' Shiloh Sanders, who scored four points and had five steals.

The girls did this all by themselves," said first-year coach Kim Harp. "The girls were not happy about the way that they played against Stanton. I'm extremely happy with them."

Marissa McDonald sparked the Lady Buffs with seven while Kayla Spence and Tessa Montgomery added three apiece. Cayle Eggleston and Dani Borel also got into the scoring act with two each.

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Belichick will have Patriots' defense ready for Manning

BOSTON (AP) — Bill Belichick had just wrapped up the regular season with the NFL's best record and turned his single-minded sights to the playoffs when he was hit with a question that, for once, caught him off-guard.

"Do you have any New Year's resolutions?" he was asked, 36 hours before the end of 2003.

"We still have a couple of days on that, right?" the New England Patriots coach told chuckling reporters before gathering his thoughts and breaking them up with: "Probably the same as last year, to be as helpful as I possibly can to the media."

It's hard to tell which was more comical: The idea that Belichick would extend himself for the press, or the notion that he had interrupted his fanatical game-planning to think about something that might not have to do with football.

"His preparation is second to none," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said Friday. "Sometimes we come in on Wednesday morning to get the game plan and it doesn't even look like our playbook. We say, 'OK, we've got a whole bunch of new things to learn.'"

Belichick's scheming could face its biggest test of the season Sunday when Peyton Manning brings the Indianapolis Colts to Foxboro for the AFC Championship game. Manning has

played two virtually perfect playoff games, and his ability to read and counter defenses is a big reason why.

Colts coach Tony Dungy trusts Manning to call the plays at the line of scrimmage, or change the play when he gets there. Of course, sometimes Manning is just pretending to change the play when he makes a series of audibles that are nothing but a decoy.

"You can only disguise them so long," New England defensive end Willie McGinest said. "He is going to call what he is going to call anyway. The thing is, whatever is called, whatever he runs, you just have to stop it. You can't play the chess match. You can't play the guessing game with him. You have to believe in your defense and your system."

That's where Belichick comes in.

Although he has softened some since his days in Cleveland, when he was known to show up in public disheveled and irritable, Belichick is still unlikely to allow anything to catch him unprepared. Players say Belichick weeds through the hours of game tape on an opponent so they can focus on the few things that could decide the game.

"He breaks it down simply," Brady said. "He says, 'These are the things we need to do to win. These are some things, if you do them,

we're going to lose.' He doesn't really overwhelm you with stuff."

And one of those things is to keep opponents guessing. Belichick presents a wide range array of defenses that can confuse lesser quarterbacks, and even caught Manning by surprise when the teams played Nov. 30.

Indianapolis had a fourth-and-goal from the 1 at the end of the game, and Manning may have been tricked into running right at McGinest. New England won 38-34, and that's why the title game will be played in Foxboro instead of Indianapolis.

"We are not going to show him anything he hasn't seen before. We are not going to reinvent the wheel or anything this week," Belichick said. "There is no magic to it. They've got too many weapons."

The Patriots have won 13 consecutive games, including last weekend's 17-14 playoff victory over the Tennessee Titans. Indianapolis has played two playoff games and hasn't punted even once — scoring 79 points — and tight end Marcus Pollard said this week that if the Colts keep playing that way, "they might as well just hand us the rings."

Hard to argue with that, but the comment set off Patriots safety Rodney Harrison, and Brady piped in Friday.

"I don't think you'll ever hear that come out of our locker room," he said.

to Stanton Tuesday to face the district-leading Stanton Lady Buffaloes. Forsan hosts the Seagraves Eagles.

GIRLS

Continued from Page 8A

Hali Belew took over the scoring honors for Forsan from there. She pushed in eight big points in the second. The FHS defense was just as impressive, limiting Coahoma to only eight points as a team.

Coahoma coach Sandy Logan breathed new life into the Bulldogettes at the half.

Coahoma stormed out of the break by reeling off a 9-2 run over the first six minutes of the second half to tie the game at 28-28 and sent the large contingent of CHS fans into a frenzy.

Belew did her part to quiet the Bulldogettes' run. She fought off two Coahoma defenders for an offensive putback that put the Lady Buffs ahead, 30-28, heading into the final quarter.

Forsan stretched its lead to six early in the fourth as Belew buried two shots from the charity strip and Graves hit a jumper to make the score 34-28 with just under five minutes remaining.

Miranda Hester drew Coahoma even when she capped a 6-0 run with a leaner from seven feet, making the score 34-34 with two minutes remaining.

Forsan regained the lead on its next trip down the court. Audra Bailey buried a mid-range jumper, putting the Lady Buffs back up by two.

Vickie Cortez answered right back on the Bulldogettes' next posses-

District 3-3A Standings			
Team	W	L	Points
Stanton	3	0	0
Seagraves	3	0	0
Coahoma	1	2	2
Forsan	1	2	2
Colorado City	0	3	3
Crane	0	3	3

Friday's Games: Coahoma 40, Forsan 38; Stanton 44, Crane 36; Seagraves d. Colorado City.

sion. She pulled up from the right side and caught nothing but net on a three-point shot that propelled Coahoma to a 37-36 cushion.

After a pair of freethrows by Misty McGuire put the Lady Buffs back on top at 38-37 Morgan took matters into her capable hands sinking a short jumper then a minute later icing the game as she hit the front end of two from the line giving the Bulldogettes their first district win in two years.

"I just had to calm down," said Morgan about her game-clinching freethrows "I knew that I had to make at least one to force them to have to make a basket to force overtime," the junior went on to say.

"Defense was the key," said Logan. "We didn't give up after the first half. The girls just showed a lot of heart. This was a huge win for us."

Despite the loss, Lady Buffs' coach Brandye Hughey was quick to praise her team. "The girls played awesome. They did a great job for me tonight."

With the win, Coahoma improves to 1-2 in loop play while Forsan falls to 1-2.

The Bulldogettes travel



Howard College's Desire Bostice looks toward the basket during the Lady Hawks' loss to Clarendon Thursday. The HC women, 9-10 overall, will face New Mexico JC Monday in Hobbs, N.M.

The 'Worm' returns to hoops life

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Dennis Rodman returned to pro basketball Friday night, grabbing 14 rebounds for the Long Beach Jam of the American Basketball Association.

Beginning his bid for an NBA comeback, the 42-year-old Rodman donned a blond, orange, red and blue hairdo along with braces on both knees.

He played 28 minutes and did not score or even attempt a shot as the first-place Jam defeated the Fresno HeatWave 130-110. Rodman committed four turnovers and four fouls.

Rodman, who last played in the NBA with the Dallas Mavericks during the 1999-00 season before being waived, was happy with his effort.

"I was a little cautious — it's been 3 1/2 years," Rodman said. "In my next game I'll be more alive. By the NBA All-Star break I should be 100 percent and that would be a good time to move forward."

Rodman won seven rebounding titles during his NBA career.

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From buggies to bitmaps

**Ruth Cook of Garden City
has seen a lot in 92 years**

By Marsha Allen
HERALD Lifestyle Editor

Spryness and agility are not reserved for the young where Ruth Cook, 92, is concerned.

Mrs. Cook is an avid line dancer and does her own lawn mowing of the large yard surrounding her house in Garden City in which she has lived in for approximately 50 years.

"The thing is," she said, "I'd rather just keep on going and keep on doing."

Cook was born Aug. 11, 1911, in Loraine, a town in Mitchell County to Jim and Cora (Miller) Johnson.

"You know I was raised during the days when at Christmas dinner, the kids ate last," she said. Adults typically feasted first, saving dishes for the children, who would wait patiently on the front porch, or while away the time playing in the front yard.

Cook said she can remember when the Armistice for World War I was signed. At the time the Johnson family lived in Balmorhea. She remembers horns, whistles and shouting occurred in the streets.

Her childhood was spent dreaming up games and past times, but one she remembers which was unique was, "We loved to ride donkeys that roamed freely around the town," she said.

In notes she assembled for this interview, she noted that her father was a farmer. She often helped with farming work, and remembers well the job of "heading maize" and picking cotton.

The Johnson family picked cotton the old-fashioned, back breaking way by pulling along a sack strung over their shoulder. The sacks were long, and when filled they would be taken to the waiting horse and wagon to transport for bailing.

Their house had no indoor bathroom facilities, and she lived a large portion of her life with just a cold water faucet for water service.

In her notes, Cook wrote that the family's food was grown on their farm, and each harvest the kitchen was busy with pressure cookers to can food raised through the summer.

Hogs were slaughtered on the coldest day possible, she said. Hog meat

was hung up and smoked or salted and stored in an outdoor smoke house. "I can remember that the meat was always so salty," she added.

Sunday meant riding to church in a "hack," a wagon pulled by two horses. She was 10 years old when the family purchased their first Model T-Ford.

"I don't think we ever had a new car," she reported, "if we had one that all the doors stayed closed, we were lucky." In the winter, side curtains were attached to keep out the cold.

Inside lighting usually came from oil lamps. When gas lights were introduced for mass consumption, the Johnsons installed a few, but couldn't use them much, because of the expense, which the family couldn't afford.

Typical of farming families during the 1920s and 30s, much of the clothing was homemade. Cook learned to sew her own clothes by the time she was 14 years old. "A woman in town would cut out a dress for 25 cents and I would sew it together," she said.

**"You might say
I've seen
everything from
buggies to
bitmaps...
computers."**

Ruth Cook
Retired Garden City
teacher

By the time she graduated from high school in 1926 she managed to acquire two store bought dresses.

Like many farm families times were rough during the Great Depression, which lasted from 1929 until the mid 1930s. The Johnsons were struggling to keep their farm when a local man offered to trade his paid-



Courtesy photo

Ruth Cook as a young woman at the beginning of her teaching career.

Courtesy photo

Right, a very old, rather worn picture of the old Garden City schoolhouse taken approximately 1915 to 1917. The white streak in center crosses Ruth Cook's future husband, Jack Cook.

The schoolhouse had one teacher, teaching all levels of classroom work.



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for farm for theirs, which carried some debt. The exchange was made and they moved to a farm eight miles south at Champion.

The Johnsons were determined their siblings would have good education, so when Cook graduated from high school she continued her formal education through a government program that paid 25 cents an hour to students. To augment her small subsistence Cook waited tables in the dormitory.

For three summers she borrowed \$100 and received \$89, after interest was taken out, she explained. With this program at Canyon State Teacher's College, as it was known then, she was able to get through three months of summer school.

She landed her first teaching job when she was 18 years old, earning \$85 a month for nine months.

In 1936 she completed her teaching degree.

She relocated to Garden City in 1937 and taught elementary school there for 31 years. When she retired the auditorium was named after her.

She taught for a total of 38 years in the Texas school system, which with Garden City included Hearn and Brownwood.

She watched changes in the educational system through the years, she said. "In my day teachers had self-contained classrooms. That meant teachers could set their own

schedules for what to teach.

But the system went to a system which departmentalized the curriculums controlled outside of the classrooms. "I liked it better when we had the self-contained classrooms," she said. "Seemed like we got more done."

World War II came along and she was teaching in Hearn. She met a young man stationed at the Army base, and they married in 1943. They relocated a little later to Brownwood.

During WWII anyone having a garage or small building would offer the dwelling to serve as housing for a soldier and his family.

Their small abode had

no indoor plumbing. "Sometimes after dark we would take a shower out behind the house using the water hose," Cook chronicles.

They were rotated to Bragg, Okla. A garage was converted to an apartment for the young couple. Heating was provided with a tiny stove.

"The first night we were there, the stove pipe fell down," she said. "Water had to be drawn up from a cistern."

Cook said that few inconveniences throughout her lifetime didn't matter much, because, as she put it, "I had the love of God."

Many of her former students come by to see her and visit about their lives under her tutelage.

"I've been so blessed to have had the opportunity to touch so many lives, and being touched by so many bright, cheerful, joyful children," she said.

After her retirement she traveled some. For the past several years she has enjoyed line dancing and performs locally with a senior citizen line dance troupe.

She said she has seen many changes in the American way of life in her 92 years. "I've gone from buggies to bitmaps."



Courtesy photo

Younger years as a teacher, Mrs. Cook had worked hard to secure her teaching certificate, giving her a 38-year teaching profession.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Cora Miller) Johnson



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Ain't what it's cracked up to be; just different

About to talk to a friend the other day, almost forgot the phone number. Her phone number has only been the same dial for 20 years! If names, dates and places aren't written down these days, it's likely they'll be forgotten.

There was a day when all that type of extemporaneous information could be stored in the ole cerebral recesses to be conjured up again later on a moment's retrieval. Not any more. Will turn 65 this year. This getting old ain't what it's cracked up to be.

This journalism profession requires good memory and associative data gathering. For instance, one name can lead to another, and one set of details triggers another set, which keeps the story churning. So, if any of this circuitry has a short circuit, information gets skewed in the final written piece. As time marches on, the memory hasn't necessarily followed. Know what I mean?

But, one can just quit being active of mind, fold up on the couch, watch dreadful soaps and the weather channel, or as Roger Miller sang in "King of the Road," "nothin' else to do 'cept watch Captain Kangaroo."

Grandparents by marriage, the late Bob and Annie Blair were active well into their 80s. When she retired as secretary to former Arkansas governor and attorney, Sid McMath, to help Bob recover from a mild stroke after his retirement from the Corps of Engineers, they owned and operated their own tour business after his recovery.

Here they are, two people well into their late 60s and through their 70s, shuffling as many as 40 people per trip on globe trotting tours. They crossed the Atlantic six times. She handled all the paper work, bookings, travel arrangements, hotel selections and personal contact with each tour patron to their business. He kept track of luggage and reservations of their tour patrons, and on bus tours, conducted the sing-a-longs.

They catered to senior citizens clientele, although they had many teenagers accompanying their grandparents on tours. Details of medicines, ambulatory services and dietary needs had to be planned with each tour. He was a robust, bodaciously charming man who endeared himself to everyone. His personality was outgoing and vivacious well into his 80s.

He led the singing on bus tours, he danced with single women when groups dined at tourist club spots, and he made sure every piece of luggage was counted and got to where it was supposed to be.

She had a constancy about her personality that gave their travel

patrons a sense of security, and she befriended many who, for instance, recently had lost a loved one and took a tour to help recuperate.

Many younger patrons accompanying their parents or grandparents on tours remarked about his and her's agility and energy. They were keeping their minds active. They were incredible.

Their "don't quit" inspiration continues to inspire family members long after their deaths occurring in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

They only began to fade mentally when they decided to quit being so busy. Maybe they felt themselves slipping in agility and capacity and stopped being so active, but they were quite an incredible couple, even when they just sat down and watched their favorite soaps.

Getting older for them was a matter of mind over matter, so even as it's now required of this 64-year-old to write everything down, put medicines in a proper row, and keep a to-do list each day, their memory keeps alive the adage, "just keep on keeping on."

My friends, do you know what I mean? What's beginning to soak in is that getting older requires some adjustments and a "write everything down" attitude, because getting older doesn't necessarily mean rocking chairs and kitty-cats on the lap, but, rather a different way of looking at life with new interest and renewed lifestyles. Getting older? It ain't what it's cracked up to be, just a different adventure.

Help kids to enjoy seafood

Scientists say fish is an important part of a healthy, well-balanced diet.

For children age three to nine, some dishes can offer kids a new experience. If appropriate, let your child try to "crack" a crab leg, then carefully remove the bite-sized pieces. For shrimp, remove the tails before offering them to young children.

Add cut-up or minced seafood to familiar favorites such as macaroni and cheese or pasta and sauce.

Serve seafood in bite-sized pieces that can be easily picked up by little fingers.

Many young palates prefer a minimum of seasoning. Grill small pieces of fish on a skewer and help children carefully remove it.

Always choose boneless fish for young children.



Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ray Crane

Clayton and Crane

Mandy Jean Clayton and Eric Ray Crane were married at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003 at Word A Flame United Pentecostal Church in Lubbock. Pastor Ron Curtis officiated the exchange of marriage vows.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Reta Clayton of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Eddie and Dorothy Meeks of Big Spring, and Vada Davis of Big Spring and the late Bill Clayton of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Kentand Veralyn Crane of Strawberry Point, Iowa and Golda Moser and the late William Crane of Edgewood, Iowa.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white satin gown with matching jacket, covered in lace, pearls and a variety of minute beads. Her gown was adorned with an elegant 4-foot train. She carried a bouquet of white roses and a mixture of navy and lavender flowers.

Serving the bride as maid of honor was Wendy Cosby of Lubbock, and her bridesmaid was Sara Cranford of Big Spring. They wore formal design floor length, navy blue satin dresses. Their floral arrangements were of navy blue, white and lavender design.

Andy Irwin of Strawberry Point, Iowa was the groom's best man. Groomsmen included Dusty Clayton of Big Spring, the bride's brother.

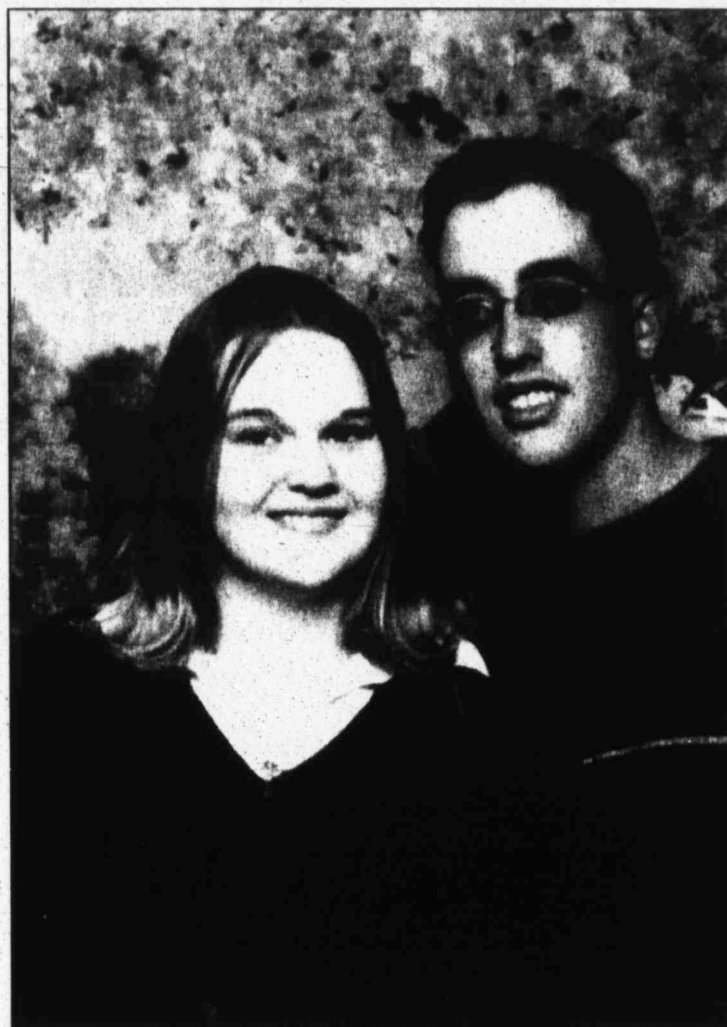
Hailey King of Lubbock served the couple as flower girl and Adam

Miller of Lubbock as ring-bearer. Miss King wore a white floor length, lace dress with a matching head band styled with white roses, navy blue and lavender ribbon.

The couple lit their unity candle.

Wedding music was provided by musicians of both Christian and secular music who performed music throughout the ceremony.

A reception held in the church fellowship hall followed the marriage ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ryan Braxton

Stallings and Braxton

Bena Stallings and Jacob Ryan Braxton of Big Spring were married at 2 p.m. on Dec. 27, 2003, at Christ's Community Church. The couple exchanged marriage vows officiated by Malcolm Pointon.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Darlene Stallings of Big Spring. The groom is the son of James Braxton of Arizona and Lillie Shoup of Big Spring.

The bride's sister, Christina Garrard, served as matron of

honor and Tricia Cook was the maid of honor.

J.R. Garrard, the bride's brother-in-law, served as the best man and the groomsmen was Jermy Braxton, brother of the groom.

Harley Gray, the bride's nephew, was the ring-bearer. Emajin Braxton, the couple's daughter, was the flower girl, carried down the aisle by the bride's nephew, Marcus Stallings.

A reception followed the ceremony at the church.

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Natalie Nichols and Kayne Stroup

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Natalie Nichols and Kayne Davin Stroup of Austin will exchange wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. on May 29, at the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David Nichols of Bandera and the late Diana Currie Nichols of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Delores Currie of Big Spring, the late Mae Currie of Big Spring, and Don and Lucille Nichols of Knott. She is a graduate of Forsan High School and is a student at The University of Texas in Austin.

The prospective groom is the son of Wayne and Janice Stroup of Big Spring. He is the grandson of the late Merle and late Lida Stroup of Big Spring, and the late Floyd and Goldie Anderson of Big Spring. He is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Texas A&M University. He is attending graduate school at Texas State University and is employed by Legent Inc.



Kamphouy Thammavong and Johnny Helm

Thammavong and Helm

Kamphouy Thammavong and Major Johnny Robert Helm will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the First Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Phimpha Phengphanh of Montgomery. She is a high school graduate in Vietiane, Laos, and is manager of Lek's Taste of Thailand Restaurant in Montgomery.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert and Faye Helm of Coahoma, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Helm of Coahoma and the late Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gray of Ira. He is a serving as a c5 pilot with the United States Air Force stationed at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.



Tonia Brooks and George Hancock III

Brooks and Hancock

Tonia Michelle Brooks and George Bruce Hancock III will be married at 6 p.m. on April 17 at the Salem Baptist Church in Coahoma.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Marty Brooks of Coahoma and Sherry Cook of Stanton. She works at All-American Wireless in Midland.

The prospective groom is the son of George Bruce Hancock II of Midland and Rhonda Dunn of Abilene. He works with Weatherford Fracturing and Technologies.

Moss and Allen

Darlynn Collene Moss of Midland and Kirk McEwell Allen of Big Spring will be married May 31 in the home of the groom's parents.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Florence Winfield of Midland and the late John Phillip Winfield. She works at Wal-Mart.

The prospective groom is the son of Rocky and Gina Allen of Big Spring. He works for Western Container.

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Men's jewelry trends: sophisticated

With all the cultural conversation of today's "metrosexual" man-well-groomed, sophisticated, and cosmopolitan, it's no wonder that men's jewelry is approaching center stage in the fashion world.

Men's jewelry is not just a passing fad. In fact, designers and retailers are devoting more time, attention, and store space to men's jewelry than ever before.

Early monarchs and noblemen wore extravagantly bejeweled items: clothes lavished with diamonds, pearls, and gold buttons; fashionable pearl stickpins; ornamental timepieces; ornate diamond necklaces; and sword handles and sheaths set with decorative gemstones.

Men of the modern day fashion are showing the same desire to want to show their identity to the world, and they're at ease and confident enough to complement a watch with

a bracelet, necklace, or ring. More varied forms of jewelry have become socially acceptable for them.

But what kind of jewelry do modern men want, and what types do they think catches the ladies' eyes?

Old and new styles are merging. Recognizably masculine pieces are being paired with a fresh, feminine twist, and designers are taking advantage of the growing trend of genderless fashions.

Soft and lustrous Tahitian pearls, a tradition in women's pieces, are being incorporated with leather. White gold and rubber is an emerging combination seen in bracelets and necklaces for men.

Cufflinks are more popular than ever. Classic designs in gold, silver or platinum are always a big hit for the conservative businessman, and handcrafted designer silver

cufflinks paired with a matching pendant can create an elegant blend of contemporary masculinity. Integrating diamonds, black onyx, malachite, garnets, rubies or sapphires represents a novel departure for the sophisticated man who likes to match accessories with his attire.

And, men don't have to be professional athletes or rock stars to wear earrings these days. Handcrafted designer pieces in silver or platinum can create an elegant blend of contemporary masculinity. A diamond stud is perfect for a night out on the town.

The attractiveness of stainless steel, seen in watches, has found its way into fine jewelry for men. It has the same high-polish appearance of platinum, and the durability-but is much more affordable. Stainless steel and other metals, such as silver and titanium, are gaining popularity.

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FRIDAY—Meatloaf, potatoes, black-eyed peas, milk, cornbread, fruit salad.

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Cereal, toast, juice, milk

TUESDAY—Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Eggs, biscuit, juic, milk.

THURSDAY—Bagel

French toast, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY—Cheese que-

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LUNCH

MONDAY—Pizza, salad, pineapple slices, milk.

TUESDAY—Chicken

and noodles, cheese

wedge, crackers, prach cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, crackers, orange slices, milk.

THURSDAY—Sloppy

Joes, chips, corn, jello with fruit, milk.

FRIDAY—Chicken stir

fry, rice, egg roll, apri-

cots, milk.

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk

TUESDAY—Cinnamon

rolls, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Hot

pockets, juice, milk

THURSDAY—French

toast sticks, little smok-

ies, juice, milk.

FRIDAY—Apple chur-

ros, toast, jelly, juice,

milk

LUNCH

MONDAY—Chicken

strips, gravy, creamed

potatoes, broccoli with

cheese, hot rolls, honey,

milk.

TUESDAY—Pizza,

tossed salad, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Fish,

tarter sauce, macaroni

and cheese, cole slaw, fruit salad, cookies, milk.

THURSDAY—Nachos with meat/cheese, corn on cob, Spanish rice, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY—Hamburgers

with cheese, French fries,

vegetable fixings, orange,

milk.

Big Spring ISD

MONDAY—Corn dog,

blackeyed peas, mandarin

oranges, fruit juice.

TUESDAY—Spaghetti

w/meat sauce, breaded

okra, jello w/fruit, corn,

garlic rolls.

WEDNESDAY—

Chicken nuggets, mashed

potatoes, California veg-

gies, pears, roll.

THURSDAY—Nacho

grande, border beans,

grapes, peaches.

FRIDAY—Pizza, garden

salad, French fries,

brownie.

New Hope Christian School

MONDAY—Mini pizza,

salad, cherry jello, fruit

punch.

TUESDAY—Sloppy joes,

corn, cherry cake, lemon-

ade.

WEDNESDAY—Frito pie, salad, peaches, fruit punch.

THURSDAY—Grilled cheese, chips, apples, lemonade.

FRIDAY—Meatball

subs, salad, green beans,

fruit punch.

Coahoma ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Pancakes,

sausage, juice, milk.

TUESDAY—Biscuits,

jelly, gravy, sausage,

juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY—

Poptarts, sausage, fruit,

milk.

THURSDAY—French

toast, sausage, syrup,

juice, milk.

FRIDAY—Sweetened

rice, sausage, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Frito pie,

baked beans, baby car-

rots/dressing, cookies,

milk.

TUESDAY—Fried

chicken (burritos),

cream potatoes, green

beans, roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY—

Homemade burritos

(corndogs), spicy fries,

apples, milk.

THURSDAY—Nacho grande, pinto beans, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY—Pizza, tater

tots, oranges, milk.

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Pancake on

a stick

TUESDAY—Poptarts

WEDNESDAY—Muffins

THURSDAY—Cereal,

milk.

FRIDAY—Journey bars.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Corn dogs,

macaroni and cheese, pork 'n' beans, cookies.

TUESDAY—Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas, hot rolls, bananas, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Nacho-

grande, salad, pinto

beans, cornbread, grapes,

milk.

THURSDAY—Fried

chicken, mashed pota-

toes, green beans, gravy

and rolls, jello, milk.

FRIDAY—Spaghetti

with meat sauce, corn,

salad, butter and bread,

cake, milk.

Be a good homework helper

A successful homework helper can prod youngsters to get good grades.

Set a schedule, including a beginning and an ending time. Doing it too close to bedtime may not be a good idea.

Hold off on watching TV and other fun activities until homework is completed.

Provide a comfortable workspace with adequate light and few distractions.

Make sure homework

space is organized. Use a monitor stand, a wrist support if needed, an all-in-one workstation, a desktop copyholder and more. Help a child divide homework assignments into "What I can do myself" and "What I need help with."

Be available when a child is doing homework, so that you can answer questions.

Look over the homework when it is completed.

Bridal Services

Don't let Mother Nature ruin your wedding

Wedding dress, \$1,200; banquet hall rental, \$10,000; flowers, \$5,000; cake \$600; and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Before you know it, the cost of putting on a wedding can exceed a lot of people's annual salaries. According to Condé Nast's Bride's Magazine, the average wedding costs between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to put on; many far exceed that amount.

"It's not just the bride and groom's happiness at stake on their wedding day. Dad has made a big investment and it would be a mistake not to protect it," says Robert V. Nuccio, exclusive program administrator for the Fireman's Fund wedding insurance program, and author of this exclusive policy. With all the details that need to be taken care of before the big day, Nuccio's product is often the last thing people think about, but he says it should really be the first.

A lot of people have made that realization this past year. The recent California fires, this summer's massive power outage in the Northeast, and Hurricane Isabel all forced the cancellation or postponement of a lot of weddings. Several of Nuccio's customers were affected.

"The power outage could have spelled disaster for one of my clients," says Nuccio. "He had a \$175,000 wedding planned at a very high end hotel in New York. Because he had insurance, when the power went out, we were able to approve the event's move to another hotel, 2 blocks away." Nuccio authorized up to \$43,000 in additional expense.

Wedding insurance policies also saved a lot of expense for people in California. At the height of this summer's firestorm, four major airports in the Los Angeles area were shut down, causing massive delays. Country clubs and other wedding facilities in the San Fernando Valley area were under a mandatory evacuation order. Dozens of weddings and other special events had to be cancelled because people



couldn't get where they needed to go. "Those with insurance were able to recoup their non-refundable expenses and put their parties on at a later date," says Nuccio.

When compared to the cost of the event itself, wedding insurance is relatively inexpensive. Depending on the coverage you select, insuring a \$20,000 wedding would cost about \$400.

What kind of coverage is available?

• Cancellation or postponement —

If a natural disaster such as a

firestorm, flooding, blizzard, ice

storm, tornado, earthquake or volcanic

eruption prevents the

rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, wed-

ding or honeymoon from taking

place, the cost of rescheduling the

event will be covered. Coverage is

also available if the bride, groom or

someone else in the wedding party

gets sick or injured; if there is dam-

age to the wedding attire or the

place where the ceremony is to be

held; and if someone key to the

event like the caterer or priest fails

to show up.

• Additional expenses — This cov-

erage will pay for expenses associ-

ated with arranging alternative ser-

vices to avoid a covered cancella-

tion or postponement of the wed-

ding or reception.

• Photographs — This coverage actually pays to reshoot the event should the photographer fail to appear, if the negatives are lost, stolen or damaged, or if the photographer is nowhere to be found 6 weeks after the event date. The policy will pay to fly or drive the wedding party back to the event location, put them up in a hotel, feed them, redress them, re-rent the facility, rehire a photographer, buy a new cake, buy new flowers, reshoot the event, then drive or fly the participants home.

• Gifts — this coverage is intended to protect you against damage, theft or loss of your wedding gifts.

• Rental property — if you are renting chairs, tables, or tents for the wedding, this coverage will pay the replacement cost if something gets lost, stolen or damaged.

• Special attire — if your wedding gown or the attire of attendants is lost, damaged, or stolen, this coverage will provide for repair or replacement.

• Jewelry — this coverage allows you to repair or replace jewelry when it is lost, stolen or damaged.

• Personal liability — The majority of banquet halls require party hosts to supply them with liability coverage, including Host Liquor Liability.

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Births



Eduardo Austin Ray Saucedo Jr.

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Eduardo Austin Ray Saucedo Jr. was welcomed by his parents Sabrina Rivera and Eduardo Saucedo of Big Spring at 8:08 a.m. Dec. 19, 2003 weighing seven pounds, 19 1/2 ounces and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Merlon and Barbara Thigpen of Big Spring, and great-grandparents, Eugene and Alice Stevens of Big Spring.

Krystal Nycol Lopez

Krystal Nycol Lopez was born to Bobby Lopez and Amanda Jones at 1:43 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2003, weighing six pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. Grandparents include John and Andrea Lyons of Big Spring, Joseph B. Lopez of Beaumont; Quana and Audie Jones of Cleburne; Kathy Jones and Paul Starr of Big Spring.

Phoenix Seth Martin

Phoenix Seth Martin was born Dec. 12, 2003, at 4:43 p.m. weighing seven pounds, nine ounces and measuring 20 inches long. His parents are Felisha Cevallos and David Martin of Big Spring. His grandparents are Pam and Jr. Cevallos and Sara Hinojosa, all of Big Spring. His great-grandmother is Donna McIntosh of Coahoma.

Chasity Hope Rodriguez

Chasity Hope Rodriguez was born to Gloria Rodriguez at 3:51 p.m., Jan. 12, 2004, weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Her grandparents are Petra and Fidencio Rodriguez of Big Spring.

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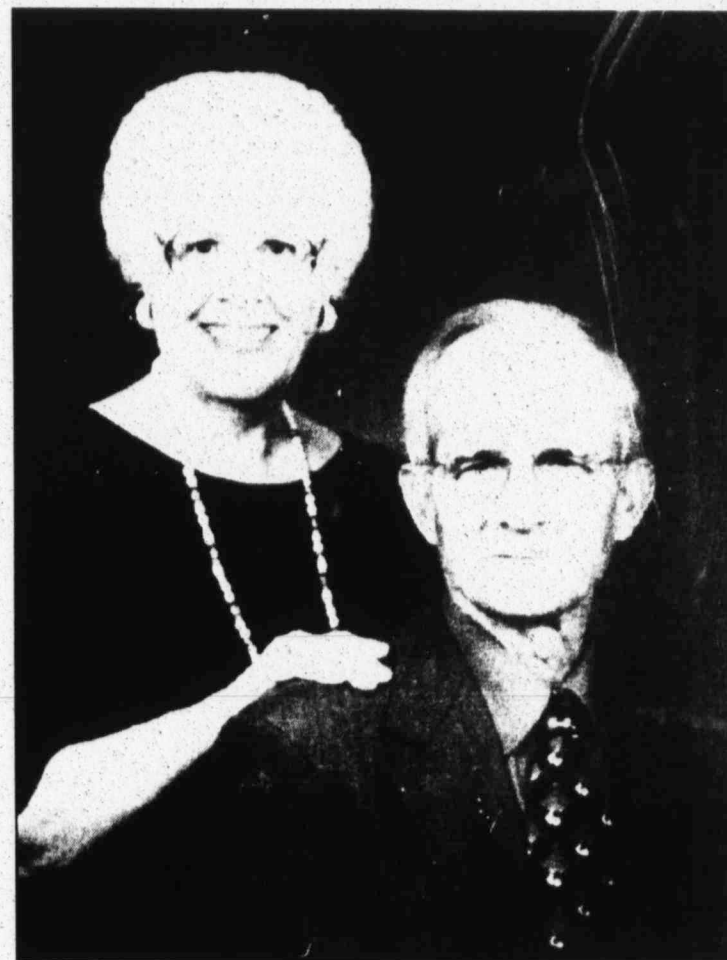
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Anniversaries

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fortson will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children, Terry and Elsa Fortson of Azle, and Kerry and Mike McKinley of Big Spring. The reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Mr. Fortson is a native



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fortson

of Melvin and she, a native of Big Spring. Her maiden name was Carpenter. The couple met on a blind date at Masters Drive-in November, 1953. They were married Jan. 30, 1954, at First Baptist Church. Fortson is retired from Cosden Oil and Chemical, and she is a retired secretary from Gulf Oil. They enjoy rattlesnake hunts, reading and spending time with their grandchildren. Of their 50-year marriage they agree that God has truly blessed them in their marriage, and say, "time flies when you're having fun."

Story idea?

Contact the Life desk with your story suggestion.
263-7331, ext. 236, or e-mail
life@bigspringherald.com

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hodges

Celebrating 50 years of marriage

On Saturday, Feb. 7, William B. and Nelda Joyce (Stroud) Hodges will celebrate 50 years of wedlock.

A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bertram Church of Christ in Bertram.

Hosting the celebration are their children, Sherry Mowery, of Granbury, Johnny Hodges of Clovis, N.M., Virginia Logan of Spring, and James Hodges of Bertram; their granddaughter, Kristina Henderson of Bertram and Mrs. Hodges' sisters, Judy Mullins of Seagraves and Carolyn Hanner of Rogers.

The couple was married on Feb. 5, 1954, in Lamesa.

After their marriage, Mr. Hodges served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1953, and he served in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1972.

While in the Air Force, they were stationed in Colorado, California, New Mexico, Alaska, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Arkansas. During his service tours he also served in Germany and Vietnam.

Upon retirement from the military, the couple made their home in Big Spring, where Hodges was employed by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. He also served the State of Texas in both Lubbock and Austin before retiring in 1993.

After retiring, Hodges joined his wife in their craft business. Mrs. Hodges used her skills as a painter and seamstress, and Hodges used his talents in woodworking.

The couple worked their craft booths at the Old Mill Trade Days in Post and many craft shows statewide.

They live in Bertram. They enjoy working with the prison ministry through Bertram Church of Christ. Mrs. Hodges also volunteers at the Bertram Nursing Home. They will be working



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Glasscock, Moore

Kel's 40 Point Plan For Howard County

To Enhance & Protect Our Quality of Life & Natural Resources

RESPONSIVENESS TO CITIZEN NEEDS

- #1 Use volunteers to staff constituent offices in all 26 counties across Texas Senate District 31
- #2 Hold annual town hall meetings in all counties and appoint regional citizen advisory committees
- #3 Have all citizen phone calls returned in 24 hours

PROTECTING OUR LOCAL LAND & WATER

- #4 Support/protect private property owner rights
- #5 Support groundwater conservation districts & regional water planning
- #6 Support protecting our children & grandchildren from unreasonable siphoning off of local water

PUBLIC SCHOOLS & HIGHER ED NEEDS

- #7 Strongly support local community control and oppose unfunded state/federal mandates
- #8 Support teacher pay raise to national average and state funded teacher health insurance plan
- #9 Oppose mandatory vouchers without local ISD Board approval; Support pilot voucher program
- #10 Oppose state regulation of home schooling
- #11 Support high tech & ag vocational school programs
- #12 Strongly support funding for Midland College, Odessa College, Amarillo College, UTPB, Howard College, West Texas A&M Univ., Frank Phillips College, and Texas Tech Medical Center

STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CRIME & DRUGS

- #13 Favor Texas death penalty for capital crimes
- #14 Increase state and federal patrols along Texas-Mexico border to stop drug smuggling
- #15 Mandatory life in prison for drug smugglers
- #16 Use "civil commitment" to keep sex offenders & child molesters in prison
- #17 Mandatory jail time for kids who attack teachers
- #18 Regularly ride with local law enforcement officers

LOWER TAXES, FAIR APPRAISALS

- #19 Oppose Robin Hood property taxation

- #20 Strongly oppose a state income tax
- #21 Require voter approval of new school finance plan
- #22 Cut in half homeowner appraisal tax increases

JOBS, ENERGY, AGRICULTURE & ROADS

- #23 Support local economic development districts
- #24 Oppose abusive & frivolous lawsuits
- #25 Protect Permian Basin/Panhandle energy industry by reducing burdensome regulations, changing well bonding rules & supporting new Texas Energy Planning Commission
- #26 Protect ranch & farm tax exemptions/abatements
- #27 Support strong funding for West Texas/Panhandle state highways, farm-to-market road system, & our West Texas International Trade Corridor
- #28 Improve broadband internet service to rural Texas

STAND UP FOR CONSERVATIVE VALUES

- #29 Support voluntary prayer & Pledge in schools
- #30 Support Pro-Life positions; oppose abortion except in cases of rape, incest and danger to mother's life; support parental notification
- #31 Oppose same sex marriages

PATIENT / CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

- #32 Support Texas HMO reforms/patient protections
- #33 Support Amarillo & Big Spring's VA Medical Centers
- #34 Proper funding for nursing home care/senior centers
- #35 Make sure electric and phone deregulation lowers consumer costs through fair competition
- #36 Work with Tx Dept. of Insurance to expand options for lower cost homeowner & auto insurance

PROTECT 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

- #37 Support right-to-carry handgun law
- #38 Oppose mandatory gun registration
- #39 Support voluntary child safety lock program

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- #40 I will take a straightforward stand on all issues brought to me by District 31 neighbors

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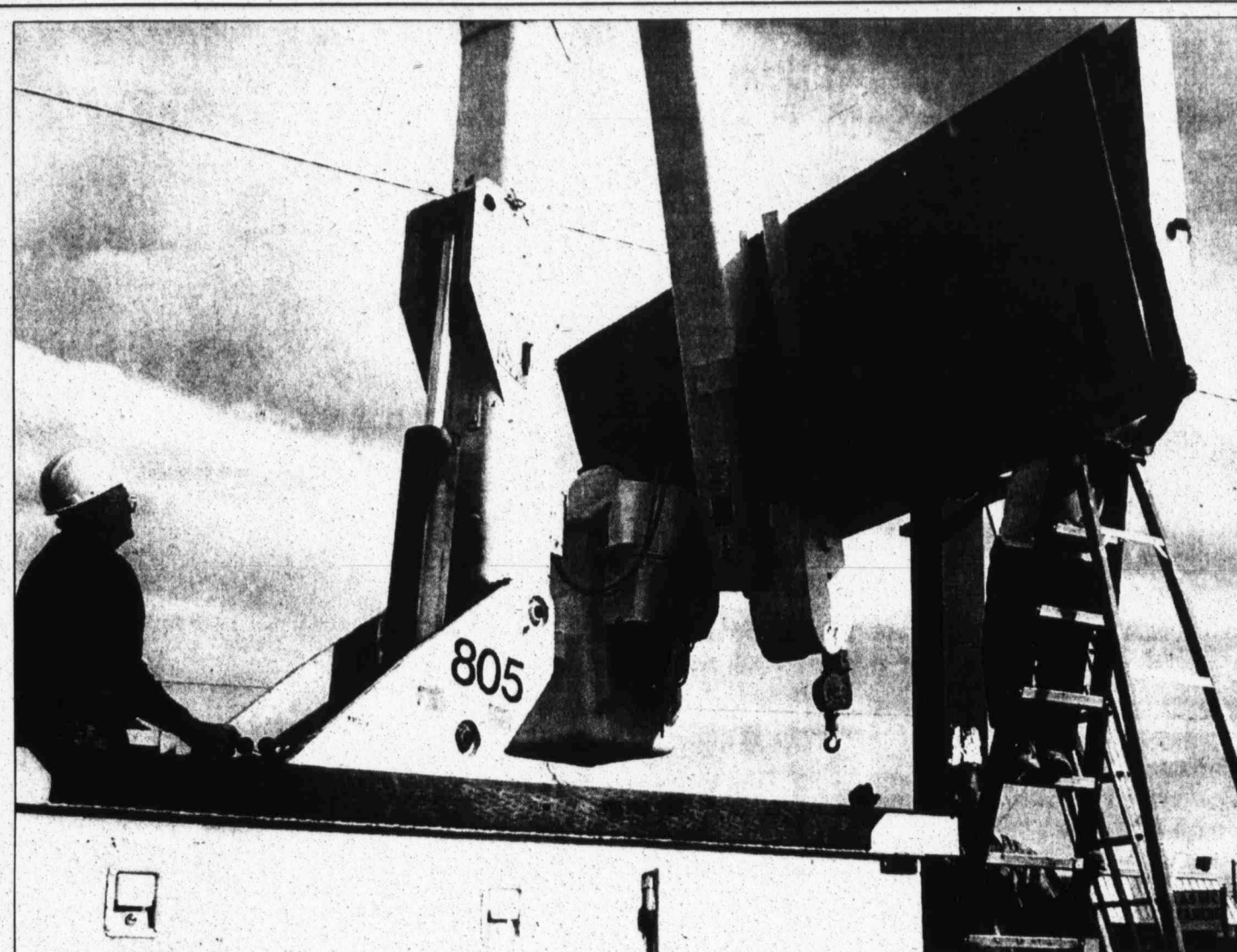
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Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call John Mcseley, 263-7331, Ext. 230, or leave a voice mail.



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Connie Underwood of A&B Poleline and Electric maneuvers a crane while Tony Flores, middle, and Shane Coffman, employees of Burcham Signs, position Gill's Gold-N-Crisp Fried Chicken sign at its new location on 2100 S. Gregg. The business officially reopened on Wednesday.

Crossing the road

Gill's Gold-N-Crisp gets to the other side

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Providing its golden product to Big Spring for three decades, Gill's Gold-N-Crisp Fried Chicken now has a new home.

"We needed a new location," said Pam Gill-Kimrey, acting liaison for the cooperative office. "That building was old when we went in there in the 1970s."

After a three-day move in which the store was closed, the family-owned business officially reopened at its new location on 2100 S. Gregg, and Gill-Kimrey said business is booming.

"We were hoping to open up in the morning, but we had some problems with the machines," she said. "We opened at 4:30 p.m. and we were pretty busy."

Although the change was laborious, the move provides some much-needed perks, including a larger parking lot and all new equipment.

"It is so much more open and brighter and roomier," Gill-Kimrey said. "It feels a lot bigger. We did gain more space, but more than anything, we gained a better layout."

Gill's has a long tradition in the Crossroads area ever since Keith Gill, the son of company's founder Allyn Gill, opened the business in the 1970s.

The Big Spring site was the first expansion of the San Marcos-based business and since then, Keith has built a strong West Texas market, including locations in Sweetwater

and Snyder, Gill-Kimrey said.

Founded in 1972, Gill's Gold-N-Crisp Fried Chicken has grown to add sites in New Braunfels and Kyle as well as keeping its West Texas market and the original store in San Marcos, Gill-Kimrey said.

"Big Spring has always been one of our very busiest stores," she added.

So what's their secret to success? "The secret is the seasoning we marinate the chicken in and the process," Gill-Kimrey said. "We marinate our chicken 24 hours before we even cut it."

Gill's business hours are from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.



GILL-KIMREY

Bass Brigade joins this year's march for recruits

A select group of high school students are now being "mustered" for the 2004 "Texas Brigades," a group of wildlife-oriented youth camps targeting 13- to 17-year-old cadets.

Bass, the popular game fish, join bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer and wild turkey to form the nuclei for the award-winning camps that arm participants with communications skills, leadership development and a healthy dose of wildlife management.

"We're excited about adding the Bass Brigade," said Texas Brigades founder Dr. Dale Rollins, the Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist headquartered at San Angelo. "It adds an aquatic element to our camps, thus creating a whole new realm to our offering."

"The Bass Brigade curriculum won't focus just on lakes and rivers. We'll also be looking at watershed management and rangeland health and its effects on water quality. We want the

cadets to come away from the camp with an appreciation for both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems."

The 1st Battalion of the Bass Brigade will be June 27-July 1 at McKinney Roughs between Austin and Bastrop.

"The core curriculum of all the camps is leadership development and conservation of our natural resources," said Rollins. "We meld and fashion these principles into fun and interesting activities dealing with wildlife and now fish. The result is a 100-hour crash course in growing up."

The two Buckskin Brigade dates and locations are: South Texas, 5th Battalion, La Pryor, May 30-June 3; and North Texas, 3rd Battalion, Albany, July 18-22. Dates and locations for the two



TOMMY YEATER

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Farm Scene: Barns finding second lives

Barn-saver John High has all or parts of more than 200 barns & sheds

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — As a wrecking-ball operator for an excavating company, John High hated knocking down old barns so that the wood could be burned or carted off to a landfill.

If he knew a barn was doomed, he'd try to get to it early to save some of the more valuable and easier-to-remove pieces, such as doors or floor boards.

And as miserable as High felt when he was laid off in 1990, just as his son was about to be born, perhaps it was a blessing in disguise. It allowed him to explore the idea of saving barns full time.

Now, 13 years later, High has a long list of woodworkers, restoration companies and preservationists who buy wood from him, whether it's an entire barn or individual beams and boards salvaged from a dilapidated structure.

"I've made it my mission to save as many as I can," High said this week at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, where he has a booth.

High runs his business, The Barn Saver, from his home in Lancaster County. He has saved all or parts of

"They worked so hard" to build the barns, High said. "And we're just sending to a landfill? I don't think so"



more than 200 barns or other structures, such as sheds and outhouses. A majority of the barns become homes, and the boards or beams find their ways into other barns, homes, furniture or crafts.

Saving the barns is a kind of penance for High, 41. But he also loves preserving the craftsmanship that went into the original hand-hewn boards, and the quality of the wood that endures for a century and longer.

In many cases, barns are being felled to make way for development in the fast-developing Philadelphia suburbs or the Poconos. Three years ago, High disassembled a barn that was in the path of the Pine Grove Landfill expansion in Schuylkill County.

Some barns on working farms are now obsolete, because they cannot accommodate the huge pieces of farm equipment or round hay bales that farmers need to shelter.

The oldest barn High ever dismantled was a 265-year-old structure in Chester County, which was rescued by preservationists who wanted to rebuild it in a nearby park.

High said he gets calls from around the country from people who want him to save a barn. Because he can't feasibly work beyond eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware or Maryland, he has sought to compile a database of similar companies around the

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SWCD sets program development meeting

Special to the HERALD

The Howard Soil and Water Conservation District is inviting the public to participate in a program development group meeting.

The group will provide advice to the local work group concerning the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for Howard County.

EQIP provides technical assistance, cost-share payments, incentive payments and training to producers who enter into

contracts based on an EQIP plan of operations. This program is designed to assist landowners/users in applying conservation practices on their land.

The SWCD is convening the meeting to receive public comment on resource concerns, conservation practices, cost-share rates, screening and ranking tools, outreach efforts and other areas of local concern.

The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center, 302 W. I-20 in Big Spring at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Permian Basin Crops Conference coming up

Special to the HERALD

STANTON — The 2004 Permian Basin Crops Conference is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Martin County Community Center. Lunch will be provided.

Topics of this year's conference include: Cotton industry outlook, cotton marketing, boll weevil update, late season irrigation, CRP maintenance update, brush control on CRP and cottonseed quality.

Cost for the conference

is \$20 at the door. The agenda and registration forms are available at the Midland Farmers Co-op, the Extension office and on the Midland Extension Web site <http://midland-tx.tamu.edu> under publications. Three CEUs will be given to participants who have TDA applicator licenses.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sam Field, Midland County Extension agent at 432-686-4700, or Lee Howard, Martin County Extension agent at 432-756-3316.

Town & Country chairman Allison retires after 35 years

Special to the HERALD

SAN ANGELO — Don Allison, chairman of the board of Town & Country Stores, retired Friday after 35 years of service to the San Angelo-based convenience store chain.

Replacing Allison will be Lloyd Norris, vice chairman and 34-year veteran of the company.

Allison started with Town & Country Stores as a part-time employee in 1961 and worked his way through the University of Texas with

the company, graduating with a degree in finance. He worked for General Electric for two years before returning to Town & Country in 1969 as controller.

He has served as president, secretary and treasurer of the Texas Food Industry Association and was named that organization's retailer of the year in 1994. He is active in community affairs, including the United Way, San Angelo YMCA, West Texas Rehab-

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Phyllis Smith Link vs. Reginald Steve Link, divorce.
Bank of New York vs. Albert Torres and Leticia Torres, other civil.
The State of Texas vs. Anthony Lee Evans, habeus corpus.
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Date filed: Jan. 6, 2004

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Grantee: Rudy Larocque and Rita Larocque
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Grantee: Tommie Elaine Hatfield
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Grantor: Douglas Maples
Grantee: Warren Weaver
Property: Lot 23, Block 17, Washington Place Addition
Date filed: Jan. 8, 2004

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Grantee: Edman McMurray
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Grantee: Greg W. Pierce
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Grantor: Bryan Sledge and Amy Sledge
Grantee: Raul Cordova
Property: Lot 3, Block 9, Earles Addition
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BRIGADE

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Bobwhite Brigades are: Rolling Plains, 12th Battalion, Lueders, June 19-24; and South Texas, 7th Battalion, Campbellton, July 11-15. The East Texas "Feathered Forces" Brigade, 8th Battalion, July 25-29 at Broadus, centers around quail and turkey. Rollins said combining the turkey with the quail curriculum in this single instance has added a real boost to the camp. "This marks the Texas Brigades' 12th year," said Rollins. "The

Brigade programs continue to build. I'm constantly amazed at the commitment of the volunteers involved and of the creative educational programs the Brigade graduates conduct around the state. One of our newest Brigade ventures is landowner workshops. We're set to do one on advanced habitat management for deer and quail on the King Ranch this spring."

Rollins said he's also recruiting adults willing to volunteer five days as leaders. He said they go through the camp just like the cadets. "It's the best shortcourse on deer, quail, turkey, and now

bass management, that you'll find anywhere," said Rollins. "And it's free...unless you count lost sleep! Any of the camps offer a great week to get your batteries recharged and restore your faith in today's youth."

"A lot of kids today consider wildlife management degrees and careers. Brigade cadets have the added opportunity of getting hands-on experience with new methods and technology taught by experts. They also plug into a network of wildlife professionals at the camps who willingly serve as mentors

and references for them as they pursue a wildlife-related career."

The camps have earned numerous state and national awards, as have many of the graduate cadets. Rollins said five other states currently field similar programs patterned directly from the Texas camps.

The camps' sponsors include the Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Texas Deer

Association, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, private businesses, landowners and many others.

Tuition is \$300 per cadet but Rollins said that cost shouldn't be a deterrent for applicants.

"We don't want financial hardships to deter any cadet from applying for these camps. We have sponsors on standby who are willing to provide financial aid if requested."

Applications are available in .pdf format at <http://texnat.tamu.edu> or www.texasbrigades.org. Applications are due by April 15. Send them to

Helen Holdsworth, 401 Isom Road, Suite 237, San Antonio, TX 78216.

Each camp is limited to 30 participants per session.

For further information contact Dr. Dale Rollins at (325) 653-4576 or e-mail him at

d-rollins@tamu.edu or contact Helen Holdsworth, San Antonio-based Texas Brigades executive director, at (800) TEX-WILD or (210) 826-2904 or e-mail her at h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent for Howard County.

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country to whom he can refer the work.

Companies have done this kind of work from Illinois to New Hampshire as far back as the 1970s, but when High got into the business, he said only the Amish were doing it in Pennsylvania to supply wood for other barns or furniture.

Many preservationists believe the barns should be preserved at their original sites for the sake of local heritage.

No one knows how many historic barns remain, but John Olson of the National Trust for Historic Preservation estimated that, nationally, thousands are lost each year to demolition or contractors like High who recycle the structures.

Some communities feel cheated out of a landmark. That's why the National Trust urges

landowners to leave the barns where they are, even if the structures are adapted to another use, such as a restaurant or museum.

"Obviously, the easiest way to save a barn is to find a use for it on the spot," Olson said.

High has packed up and shipped complete barns as far as away as California and North Carolina. The process is grueling and includes drawing up a blueprint and labeling each board with an aluminum stamp. The barns are dismantled, board by board with crowbars, sledgehammers and hands, High said.

High tries to save everything: He has a garage full of bricks, doorknobs, hinges, and long iron nails for sale. He even has two cupolas from a suburban Harrisburg barn he took down a few months ago.

"They worked so hard" to build the barns, High said. "And we're just sending to a landfill? I don't think so."

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ilitation Center and others. He will retire this year as chairman of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce.

Norris, incoming chairman of the board, joined the company in 1970 and has held various positions. Most recently, he served as senior vice president of petroleum marketing, moving into the position in 2002. He graduated from Angelo State University in 1973 and served as president of the Texas Petroleum

Marketers and Convenience Store Association plus numerous other business associations. He formerly served as president of the city planning commission of San Angelo and was a member of the San Angelo Better Business Bureau. He was selected as an outstanding young man of America in 1979.

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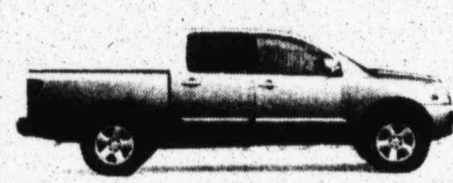


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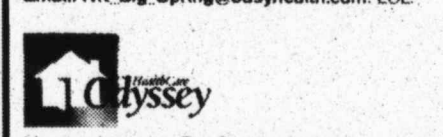
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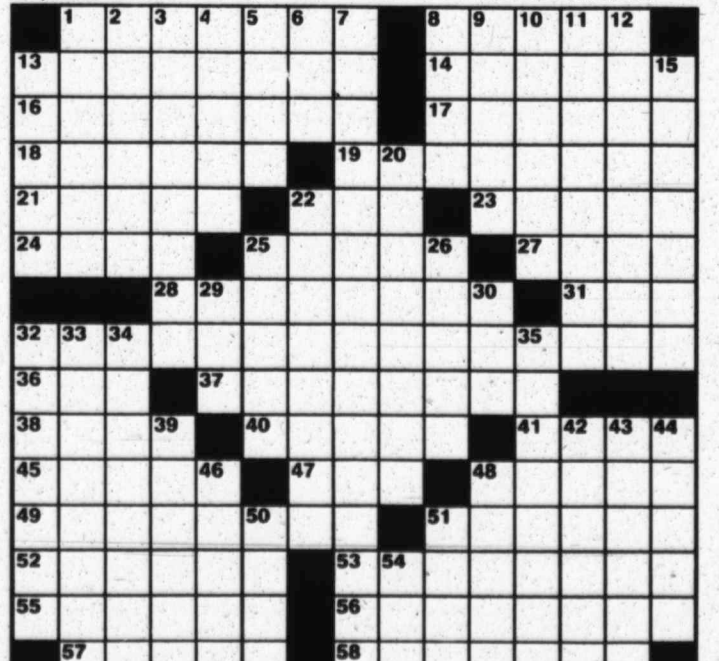
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The moon in Sagittarius
tells Pluto, in astrological
terms, to "talk to the hand."

You may
hear or say
the same
thing in
human
terms as a
response to
people being
petty and
ridiculous in
their expecta-
tions. Try
to see others
on their own
terms, instead of requiring
that they think like you.
Mars amps us up with a lit-
tle too much aggression.
Keep cool.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).
Realize your uniqueness.
Your story helps others —
that is, if you tell it.
Potential romantic interests
want to call you but are too
shy. Make it easy for them.
Flash your sexy smile, and
flirt with your eyes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
You could come up against
old-school advice. Just be
gentle with those who think
they have authority over
you. These folks are sensi-
tive. Friends comment about
how wonderful you look.
Keep up the fitness regime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).
You're attractive to many,
but be careful with whom
you get involved. The wrong
influence makes you act
quite unlike yourself.
Material possessions are
overrated, but if you are
truly determined, you'll use
your plastic anyway.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).
Enthusiasm for life should
n't be so much work. Figure
out what makes you feel
vital, and continue doing
that. Every area of life
improves. Romance runs hot
and cold. Soon, you'll have to
call it what it is — an infatu-
ation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Loved ones who feel inse-
cure will act out. A stable
environment is necessary for
these folks to calm down.
Your popularity at work
increases after you are
instrumental in getting cur-

rent policies revised. A
phone call is great news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
Sticking to the plan might be
just plain stupid. Instead,
you are flexible, checking to
make sure it's working along
the way. If you've infringed
on a loved one's space, it's
the perfect time to get things
right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
Your influence extends more
broadly than you think. You
can make a huge difference,
though you may never know
how or why. Love requires
the kind of commitment you
are conditioned to resist.
Instead, surrender.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
A cheerful attitude will win
over skeptics. Take time to
be by yourself — people at
work get overwhelming in
the afternoon. Discuss music
and film with that attractive
new friend over dinner. You
connect with an Aries.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21).** You're thinking
into the future. Read up on
how you might acquire new
skills that will secure your
income. Regarding feuding
loved ones: The one who
makes the first move will get
more personal benefit from
the resolution.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19).** Public appearances are
important; taking extra care
with dress can make the dif-
ference. Give romance the
same attention you give
work. In regards to a domes-
tic project still undone, fin-
ishing makes you feel
strong.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18).** Be happy that you have
wants and needs. If you did-
n't, you'd be depressed.
Necessity is the mother of
your greatest invention yet!
If reason says one thing and
intuition another, trust the
latter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).
All lucky moves have one
thing in common: They take
you out of your comfort
zone. In a weird way, the
more uncomfortable you are,
the luckier you are. New
friends are featured.
Generous acts are absolutely
for real.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife,
"Dinah," and I are in our
late 20s and have been mar-
ried for two years. We live
on my in-laws' farm, partly
because we cannot afford
our own place and also
because my job keeps me
away four months out of the
year.

Dinah is very close to her
parents and loves horses.
She spends a great deal of
time training and riding. If
she could, she would stay at
the farm forever. The prob-
lem is, she married a city
boy. Dinah gave me the
impression that she shared
my career goals, but now I'm
not sure. I have asked her
many times why she bother-
ed to marry me if she'd
rather stay home and ride
horses. She has no clear
answer.

Right now, I commute two
hours a day from the farm. I
have received a job offer in a
city 20 miles farther away,
and I would like to accept,
but Dinah refuses to move.
She wants to stay on the
farm and visit me in the
summer.

I am frustrated. I don't
want to commute back to the
farm every weekend, nor do
I particularly want to spend
those precious few hours
surrounded by my in-laws.
Annie, am I being unreason-
able to want a life without
Dinah's extended family so
close by? Is her behavior
normal? I worry that when
summer comes, she will find
another excuse not to move
in with me. Any advice? —
The City Boy

Dear City Boy: Dinah
apparently does not under-
stand that her first loyalty is
to you, not her parents, and
not Mr. Ed. She sounds quite
immature.

Let Dinah know you have
no intention of living your
entire married life under
such circumstances. In
order for this marriage to
succeed, she must agree to
see a marriage counselor
with you. If she refuses, that
will tell you where her pri-
orities lie.

Dear Annie: Now that the
holidays are over, I wonder
if it's possible for kids to
truly understand and appre-
ciate all they have. I worked
hard to make a beautiful
Christmas for my family,
but it seems my teenagers



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

didn't notice. They are good
kids. They don't get into
trouble, and they do well in
school, but it never occurs to
them to be thankful. I buy
them designer clothes and
video games, but they react
as if they are entitled to
everything.

The kids help around the
house only when ordered to
do so. They do community
service projects through
school and church, but they
consider these projects to be
chores instead of opportuni-
ties to help others.

I realize I have much to be
thankful for. My kids are
healthy, happy and well
adjusted. Am I expecting too
much? Can you teach chil-
dren gratitude for all the
wonderful things they have?
— Frustrated Mom in South
Bend, Ind.

Dear Mom: Teenagers
often are self-involved,
although it doesn't neces-
sarily mean they aren't appre-
ciative. Also, too many par-
ents indulge their children
with material goodies, teach-
ing kids to think the world
owes them.

It wouldn't hurt to sit
down and talk to them, hon-
estly and lovingly, about
their attitude. Remind them
how lucky they are to have
parents who can afford such
luxuries and that privilege
brings with it an obligation
to help others. Let them
know they must say "thank
you," and mean it, when
they receive a gift, no matter
what it is or who it's from.
It will take repetition and
effort from you, Mom, but it
can be done. It certainly
can't hurt.

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