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Holiday closings

Federal, state and local entities will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day.

Howard County public school students will enjoy a day off as Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts suspended classes for the national holiday. Also suspending classes is Sands ISD.

All four school districts will resume classes on Tuesday.

Big Spring city offices will be closed Monday in observance of the holiday. The sanitation department will not be picking up trash and both the landfill and compost facilities will be closed.

Emergency services for the city will continue to operate as normal.

The Howard County Courthouse will reopen on Tuesday, which is election day in the runoff race for State Senate District 31 seat between Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa.

All federal offices will be closed Monday, including the VA Medical Center business offices. They will reopen Tuesday for regular business.

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Above, Department of Public Safety Trooper Marc Couch investigates a one-vehicle rollover on U.S. Highway 87 near the Brown community Saturday morning that took the life of an Arizona woman. At right, Sheriff's Deputy O'Brian Blakeney and Texas Department of Transportation workers direct traffic around the accident scene. Icy roads played a part of a number of accidents in the Crossroads area, including crash on Interstate 20 that killed two Stanton men Friday night.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Three killed on area highways, numerous others are injured

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Icy roads played a major part in several vehicle accidents throughout the Crossroads area over the past 24 hours, including one in which two Stanton men were killed on Friday and another Saturday morning took the life of an Arizona woman.

According to Martin County Sheriff Randy Cozart, Stanton Junior High School coaches Thomas Castro and Mike Mansfield were killed Friday night in a two-vehicle accident a mile west of Stanton on Interstate 20.

"Ice played a major role in the accident," Cozart said. "They hit a slick spot heading west and went into the eastbound lane where they collided with an 18-wheeler."

The two men were killed instantly, Cozart said, and Martin County

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Newsom wins Forsan Spelling Bee

HERALD Staff Report

Of four contestants, Alexandria Newsom proved to be the most charismatic. At least that's the word that proved a winner for the 13-year-old at the Forsan Independent School District Spelling Bee, held Friday.



NEWSOM

Newsom, the daughter of Jimmy and Regina Newsom, will represent FISD at the regional bee in March.

She won in the ninth round, besting runner-up Shay Sims, who will serve as alternate to region. Twelve-year-old Sims, the son of Lori and Lee Sims, is a sixth grader.

Other contestants were Carissa Jensen and Laura Spence.

"The bee went well this year," said Madge Patterson, spelling bee coordinator. "It was one of the longest rounds so far. We'll be working with the kids to make sure they are ready for the regional spelling bee."

The students were well prepared, Patterson said, thanks to Forsan teacher Donna

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CARES COMMISSION REPORT

Recommendation: Study feasibility of closing Big Spring VA

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will undergo a feasibility study about the viability of its existence if the recommendation by an independent commission is approved by the Department of Veteran's Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi.

The recommendation was part of a report released Friday by the Veterans Administration's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission on a plan to redirect medical care services for veterans.

"It was not unexpected," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said of the recommendation. "We anticipated there would be a feasibility study. We would have loved to have the process to be completed right now, but realistically we knew that wasn't going to take place."

The commission's findings concurred with the original draft plan in relation to "studying the possibility of no longer providing health care services at Big Spring," but backed off on a recommendation to build a critical care access hospital (CAH) in the Midland/Odessa area.

"The Commission recommends that the VA establish a clear definition and clear policy on the CAH designation prior to making a decision on the use of this designation," the panel's report stated.

"I think they put the whole critical access issue on hold because they felt like there was not specific enough of a recommendation for them to be able to build any kind of consensus on that," U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer said in a press conference after the report's release. "That issue might come back, but it is our understanding that right now it's off the table."

The Big Spring facility serves a veteran population of 62,300 and provides health care services for some 17,000 veterans annually in an area encompassing roughly 74,000 square miles — an area larger than 35 of the 50 states.

According to Big Spring VAMC spokesperson Iva Jo Hanslik, the finding will not impact any services currently being offered at the facility.

"We will be anxiously waiting his decision to approve or disapprove the recommendation," Hanslik said.

Secretary Principi has 30 days to act on or reject the Commission's recommendations.

"I still maintain the VA Hospital in Big Spring is the best possible place to serve the veterans in the service area," said Neugebauer, who has led the fight in Washington to keep the facility open. "My resolve

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"The decision today will not end my efforts to work with the local community, the Texas delegation and other stakeholders to demonstrate to Sec. Principi the essential value of the facility to the area's veterans."



John Cornyn, U.S. Senator

"I agree with others that the CARES commission had neither sufficient time nor resources to conduct a comprehensive review, resulting in today's misguided decision.



Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator

"Our veterans deserve the best quality health care we can give them, but how good is that care if it is not as readily accessible as it is in Big Spring?"



Randy Neugebauer U.S. Congressman

Posturing begins for city, school elections

Big Spring Mayor McEwen says he wants to serve another term

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While local voters go to the polls Tuesday to decide the State Senate District 31 race, city politicians in the Howard County area will get their first crack at filing for the upcoming May 15 elections.

In Big Spring, the position of mayor, currently held by Russ McEwen, will be up for grabs. McEwen said he intends to file for re-election and hopes to bring a level of continuity to several important issues that are currently up in the air.

"Obviously, with the CARES Commission situation and other things going on in the community, it's important to have continuity in this office," said McEwen. "I've been involved with these issues from the beginning and I think that's very important to the city of Big Spring."

The District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council, currently held by Joann Knox, will also be on the ballot. Knox said she has-

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Filing for area school boards will get under way Tuesday

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Candidate filing for school board trustee positions officially begins Saturday, but due to the weekend — and because Monday is President's Day — the first day to file will be Tuesday.

Filing will continue through March 15. Write-in candidates have until March 22. Early voting for trustee positions will be held April 28. through May 11. The elections will take place on May 15.

To file, a prospective candidate must have been a resident of Texas for at least a year, a resident of the school district six months prior to the filing deadline, at least 18 years old and a qualified voter.

In the Big Spring Independent School District, single-member Districts 5, 6 and 7 will debut in the district phase-in plan of the new election scheme from the old four single-member districts, three at-large scheme.

The terms of trustees Mike

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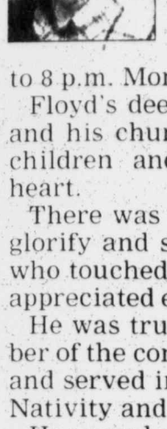
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Obituaries

Floyd (Grandaddy) Earls



Floyd (Grandaddy) Earls, went home to be with our Lord on Feb. 13, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at the Community of Hope Church of The Nazarene, with the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor, officiating and the Rev. Ken Childress, associate pastor, and the Rev. Alan Wallace, Nazarene minister from Lubbock assisting.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Floyd's deepest passions were the Lord, his family and his church. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with his whole heart.

There was not a day in Floyd's life that he did not glorify and serve the Lord. He was a special person who touched so many lives. Floyd truly loved life, he appreciated each day and everything the Lord created.

He was truly a servant of the Lord. He was a member of the community of Hope Church of the Nazarene and served in many areas: Kids Club, the Drive Thru Nativity and many more.

He served our country in the United States Air Force for 21 years and served his country proudly in Vietnam. He was very dedicated to veterans and he volunteered much of his time to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring. Every week he would drive veterans to their doctor appointments and became a permanent fixture at the hospital.

People looked forward to Floyd's weekly visits. He always had a smile on his face and cup of coffee in hand. He also spent much of his time at the Veterans House of Hope and assisted veterans in finding their own homes.

He also served as caretaker at Moss Creek Lake for eight years.

Floyd was involved with the American Business Men Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars; he was a member of Signal Mountain Emmaus Community and also the Taco Villa Men's Coffee Group.

He enjoyed everything he was involved in. His smile, gentle touch and sweet spirit will be missed.

Floyd married his soul mate, Gail Maxwell, on June 17, 1956, in Ardmore, Okla. Floyd and Gail were truly soul mates and best friends. They always treated each other with love and respect.

They were married for 48 wonderful years, and they made each year special. Their marriage was an inspiration to their family and friends.

Survivors are his love of his life, wife, Gail Earls of Big Spring; one son, Floyd Edward "Eddie" Earls II and daughter-in-love, Tina; one daughter, Karen Lee Bearden and son-in-love, Kenny.

His five grandchildren, Krysha Lee Bearden, Kendra Layne Bearden, Cashea Brianne Earls, Stetson Gene Earls and Keagan Ray Earls, all of Big Spring. Also two great grandchildren that pulled his heartstrings, Karlee Jayce Wells and Marcus Dylan Smith, both of Big Spring.

Five sisters, Shirley Throgmorton and husband, Benny, of Ravenden, Ark., Jane Tipton of Walnut Ridge, Ark., Barbara Knight and husband, Ted, of Conway, Ark., Lin Rahrle and husband, Bob, of Jonesboro, Ark., and Sybil Pretz of Thyer, Mo.

Special friends, Jack Childress, Archie Gammons, Marge Salhus and Carl Wells.

He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Floyd Earls; his mother, Edna Earls; a brother, Johnny "Pete" Earls; and best friend, Floyd Nix.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers donations can be made to the House of Hope Veterans Home. This is a ministry of the Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, Big Spring 79720, or to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Cramer G. Thomason



Cramer G. Thomason, 82, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at Coahoma Cemetery, Coahoma with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating.

He was born on March 16, 1921, in Coahoma and married Dorothy Bruton in 1978 in Stanton. She preceded him in death on Dec. 29, 2002.

Mr. Thomason was a lifetime resident of the Big Spring area and had worked for Guthrie Oil & Gas since he was 18 years old, retiring in 1985 as a pumper.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma and a past member of the American Legion. He had served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II as a pilot.

Survivors include five daughters, Kathy Cloud of Vidor, Melinda Tignor of Lexington, Tenn., Mary Partlow and Doris Jo Walling, both of Big Spring, and Valoise Record of Chino, Cali.; one son, David Cobb of Brownsville; one sister, Mildred Chambers of Lubbock; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a niece and nephew.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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

Lois Webb

Lois Webb, 87, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, in Munice, Ind., under the direction of Garden View Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Max Webb of Big Spring, the director of the Northside Community Center. Local arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Michael Mansfield

Michael Mansfield, 25, of Stanton, formerly of Coahoma, died Friday night, Feb. 13, 2004, in a traffic accident west of Stanton. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **CHRISTINA MUNOZ RUIZ**, 25, of 509 Second St., Coahoma, was arrested Friday on warrants for traffic violations.
- **VERONICA ROMO**, 21, of 307 West Fifth Street was arrested Friday on a warrant traffic violations.
- **FORGERY, DEED OF TRUST MORTGAGE** was reported at the police department.
- **FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT** was reported at the police department.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 1000 block of South Main Street and the 400 block of Birdwell.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Main and the 100 block of Northwest Third Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of Runnels.
- **INTERFERE WITH CHILD CUSTODY** was reported in the 1000 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

- **SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of Wilbanks.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENTS** were reported on Interstate 20 at the 172 mile marker, the 171 mile marker, at the medium between 178 and 179 mile marker, the 188 mile marker near Coahoma, the 179 mile marker and the 184 mile marker.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 02-09-14-18 . Bonus Ball: 24.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 01. Prize: $250,000 (estimate).

Number matching four of four: 09. Prize: $1,312.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 39. Prize: $37.

Number matching three of four: 1,072. Prize: $18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 664. Prize: $19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,076. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,716. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $200,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 01-06-19-22-25.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $48,030.

Winning tickets sold in: Seguin, Neil One Stop #19.

Matching four of five: 156. Prize: $139.

Matching three of five: 4,800. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 47,921. Prize: $2.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-6 (five, eight, six)

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The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday: 14-30-42-43-45 Mega Ball = 30

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association meets at 11:30 a.m. with lunch in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center for sit and be fit chair aerobics. People over age 50 are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada. The public is invited to attend.

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

Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church youth hall. All singles in the community are welcome to enjoy an evening of fellowship, refreshments and table games.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes meets from 9 a.m. at Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Howard County Library basement.

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

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

Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge, First and Goliad Streets, for dinner with the meeting following. All Masons are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY

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

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

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

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY

Dance begins at 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 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.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Light winds becoming east around 10 mph late in the afternoon.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph early in the evening becoming light. Then becoming south around 10 mph after midnight.

Presidents day...Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday night...Clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday night...Clear. Lows around 40.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Wednesday night...Clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

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

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

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



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The Family Of Juan Rocha wish to thank each and everyone who in any way helped to make this time of sorrow less painful. God knows who you were. There were so many of you.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you... (RSV Jeremiah 1:5)

God Bless You
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Juan Rocha
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CARES

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on this issue is as strong now as it was when I first became involved in this effort."

According to CARES Commissioner Dr. Richard McCormick, the feasibility should focus on how the VA provides "acute medical care for veterans living in that area, either with the current facility or some other option which could include contracting out services or the possibility of relocating other beds."

In its report, the Commission emphasizes the importance of taking stakeholder's concerns into consideration in "any study of moving services from Big Spring," which is a positive sign, McEwen said.

"When you look at the circumstances and see that part of the study should take into account the input of the stakeholders regarding access to care, we've already heard from the stakeholders," McEwen said, referring to the scores of West Texas veterans who are opposed to moving services from Big Spring.

"They basically said we need a facility in West Texas and it should be in Big Spring," he said. "That's when we were looking at the possibility of moving the hospital services to the Midland/Odessa area. I don't think the stakeholders are going to say we don't need it after all."

"The bottom line is, the stakeholders are the customers and that's what this process is all about and if we are not keeping that in mind then this is a flawed process," Neugebauer said.

Friday's report also drew disappointed reactions from U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison.

"I am very disappointed with the CARES report, which failed to recognize the important role of this hospital in providing acute care to veterans in Big Spring," Hutchison said. "I agree with others that the CARES commission had neither sufficient time nor resources to conduct a comprehensive review, resulting in today's misguided decision."

"Although I'm deeply concerned with some of the recommendations of the CARES Commission, especially in light of the overwhelming community and veteran support for the Big Spring facility, this is not the final word," Cornyn said. "Secretary Principi will make the final decision about this important facility and the future medical care of the region's many veterans."

Since the release of the draft plan in August, the independent commission held 38 public hearings, 10 public meetings, listened to 770 witnesses and reviewed 212,000 comments from the general public.

In its recommendations, the Commission rejected the draft proposal to close hospitals in Canandaigua, N.Y., Lexington, Ky. and Livermore, Calif., but recommended transferring large portions of care away from the Waco hospital. The 71-year-old Waco hospital employs 800 people, served 17,000 patients last year and has 250 beds, mainly for psychiatric services. It has the region's only rehabilitation program for blind veterans and is one of three veterans hospitals in Texas with acute psychiatric care.

The 16-member panel agreed that a new hospital should be opened in Orlando, Fla., but disagreed with opening a new hospital in Las Vegas. Instead, the commission recommended the VA continue partnering with Nellis Air Force Base for care.

The CARES final report can be viewed on its Web site www.carescommission.va.gov

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WRECKS

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Justice of the Peace Merv Miller pronounced them dead at the scene. The driver of the semi was not injured.

"This is just a tragic accident hitting this close to home and they are going to be missed greatly," Cozart said. "They were a big part of our community. The kids and grownups will miss them a lot."

According to Stanton High School Principal Mark Cotton, the two men were driving to Midland on an errand when the accident took place.

"We don't know how to handle this loss," Cotton said Saturday morning. "We lost two outstanding coaches, teachers and Christian men. It's going to be tough.

"In this profession, it's family and that's what this was, a loss of family," Cotton added.

Cotton said extra counselors and clergy will be on campus Monday to meet with students and faculty.

Twenty-nine-year-old Castro, a Stanton High School graduate, was in charge of the junior high basketball program and leaves behind a wife and one child. Second-year teacher Mansfield, 25, is a former resident of Coahoma.

Saturday morning, a one-vehicle accident along Highway 87 near the Brown community took the life of 28-year-old Luz Maria Soto of Arizona. According to Trooper Marc Couch, the vehicle, a Ford Excursion, was traveling south when it hit black ice and slid sideways off the road. Soto, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the vehicle.

She died en route to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Airlifted to Lubbock were 35-year-old Armando Diaz, 10-year-old Cesar Diaz, and the driver, 28-year-old Ramona Sanchez Rodriquez. Ten-year-old Janette Rodriquez was being held for overnight observation at Scenic Mountain while 26-year-old Pedro Ramirez Soto, 14-year-old Ricky Rodriquez, 7-year-old Alexis Diaz and 16-month-old Luz Arendida Diaz were not admitted to the hospital. All of the occupants were from Arizona.

FISD BEE

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Cunningham, who has worked with the students in University Interscholastic League competition.

"We had teams from each one of the grades, 6 through 8 and each one placed in the UIL contest," Patterson said.

Other Howard County qualifiers who won their respective bees this past week are Maranda Duchock, a Washington Elementary School fourth-grader, representing Big Spring ISD; and Nick Sevey, sixth-grader representing Coahoma ISD

The Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the International Cultural Center of Texas Tech University.

The 77th annual Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee will be held June 1-3 in Washington D.C.

Shrine Club sets fund-raiser

The Big Spring Shrine Club will be taking sealed bids for a 1997 Chevy Cavalier four-door car through Saturday, Feb. 29.

The sale is a fund-raiser for the club. The car includes an AM/FM radio, PS/AC cloth seats and carpeting and the vehicle has 8,500 actual miles driven. Bidding will begin at $3,000.

Written bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and dropped off at Bob's Custom Wood Works, 409 E. Third St., or mailed to Bo Clawson, 1903 Alabama, Big Spring 79720.

The vehicle is on display at Bob's Custom Woodwork.

Tax assistance available Monday

Counselors from AARP will be at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to help individuals prepare their income tax returns. It had previously been announced that counselors would not be available on that day.

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Michael Mansfield, 25, died Friday. Arrangements are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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OUR VIEWS

We believe Seliger best choice for us

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday to make a decision in the State Senate District 31 runoff election between Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, and there is absolutely no doubt the result will have monumental import for not only our community and others living in our senatorial district, but all of West Texas as well.

That is why we've spent several meetings with both candidates, discussing the issues and getting a feel for the sort of men we're being asked to choose between.

What we believe we've learned from those sessions, is that both Seliger and Edwards have very similar, conservative views on most of the major issues — public education finance, economic development for West Texas, opposition to personal or corporate state income taxes, etc.

In the end, we were left in the position of having to judge which of the two candidates best represented our beliefs and seemed better capable of representing us in Austin. We believe that person is Kel Seliger.

The former Amarillo mayor stresses the need for local control of our schools, the need to trim property taxes and find an alternative method for funding our public schools. Furthermore, he stresses the need to allow Texas voters have the final decision in how public schools are financed.

He has also publicly expressed his belief that good public school teachers are deserving of better pay and benefits than they currently enjoy in many districts across the state, and believes there's a need to better determine teacher and school district accountability than are currently in place.

But three other factors were most important in making our decision — Seliger's having served on the first Ports to Plains board and his commitment to that project; his public statement that he will have an office located in Big Spring that will be an integral part of his legislative team; and finally, the depth of his grasp on the issues and his ability to effectively address them.

While many have stressed the need to have a state senator from the Permian Basin, we believe there are factors much more important to consider then simple geography. In fact, one only needs to look at the congressional redistricting take House Speaker Tom Craddick and others in the Midland-Odessa had on the issue to see that what's good for Midland and Odessa is often not in Big Spring's or Howard County's best interest.

And finally, when we here in Howard County took a calculated chance in electing a congressman from Lubbock, Randy Neugebauer quickly made us pleased with the choice we'd made.

We're convinced we'll be just as glad we've elected Kel Seliger to the Texas Senate.

We hope you have taken time to study the two candidates. If so, we believe you'll have to agree that Seliger is the better option.

And remember, you don't have to have voted in the first special election to be eligible to vote in Tuesday's runoff.

Most of all, be sure to go to the polls. Your voice needs to be heard.

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Katharine Gun should get a medal

Friends of liberty, raise hell! To the barricades, or at least to the post office and the emails. A British citizen named Katharine Gun faces two years in prison for revealing that the U.S. National Security Agency tried — and succeeded — in getting the Brits to help us with illegal spying operations at the United Nations. The targets were the delegations of the six countries on the U.N. Security Council that were undecided on how to vote on the critical Iraqi war resolution.



MOLLY IVINS

Now, there are two schools of reaction to this tawdry, slimy little spy episode: It was illegal, immoral and wrong, and Katharine Gun should get a medal for exposing it. Or, some are shocked, shocked to hear of spying at the U.N., where it is apparently only slightly less common than dirt.

Well, if it wasn't much of a secret to begin with, why is this woman going to prison for telling the truth? Give her a medal anyway.

Not in Britain, where the Official Secrets Act is used to scare the bejeezus out of people — fear of the act may have played a role in the suicide of Dr. David Kelly, the scientist who claimed the British government overstated Iraq's weapons capability. If Britain had a constitution guaranteeing freedom of the press, or even a halfway decent whistleblower law, this truly Orwellian Secrets Act would be tossed out by the courts in no time flat.

Meanwhile, Gun may be sentenced to prison for doing precisely what we all hope every government employee will try to do: prevent the government from committing an illegal and immoral act. Some dare call it patriotism.

Gun, 29, worked for Britain's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) as a translator. I spoke to her father while in London recently — Gun herself is not allowed to speak to anyone about this, and he could not say much. Gun was raised partly in the Far East and speaks fluent Chinese. During the lead-up to the Iraqi invasion, she came across an email from Frank Koza of NSA proposing an intelligence "surge" to gather "the whole gamut of information that could give U.S. policymakers an edge in obtaining results favorable to U.S. goals or to head off surprises." Under the Vienna conventions on diplomatic relations, espionage at the United Nations is strictly forbidden.

Nevertheless, the United States wanted information at the time of Secretary of State Colin Powell's appearance at the U.N. seeking a second U.N. resolution on Iraq. It will be interesting for future historians to find out how much of the Bush administration's failure to persuade the U.N. to its point of view was the result of using illegal and bullying tactics.

The British paper The Observer reported last week that Britain did indeed help the United States to conduct secret and "potentially illegal" spying operations at the U.N. "It is also known that the operation caused significant disquiet in the intelligence community on both sides of the Atlantic."

Ooops, even the spooks were nervous about it. The Observer also notes it was likely China was a target of the operations: "Security experts have said it is highly unlikely that someone as junior as Gun would have seen the memo had she not been expected to use her language expertise in the operation."

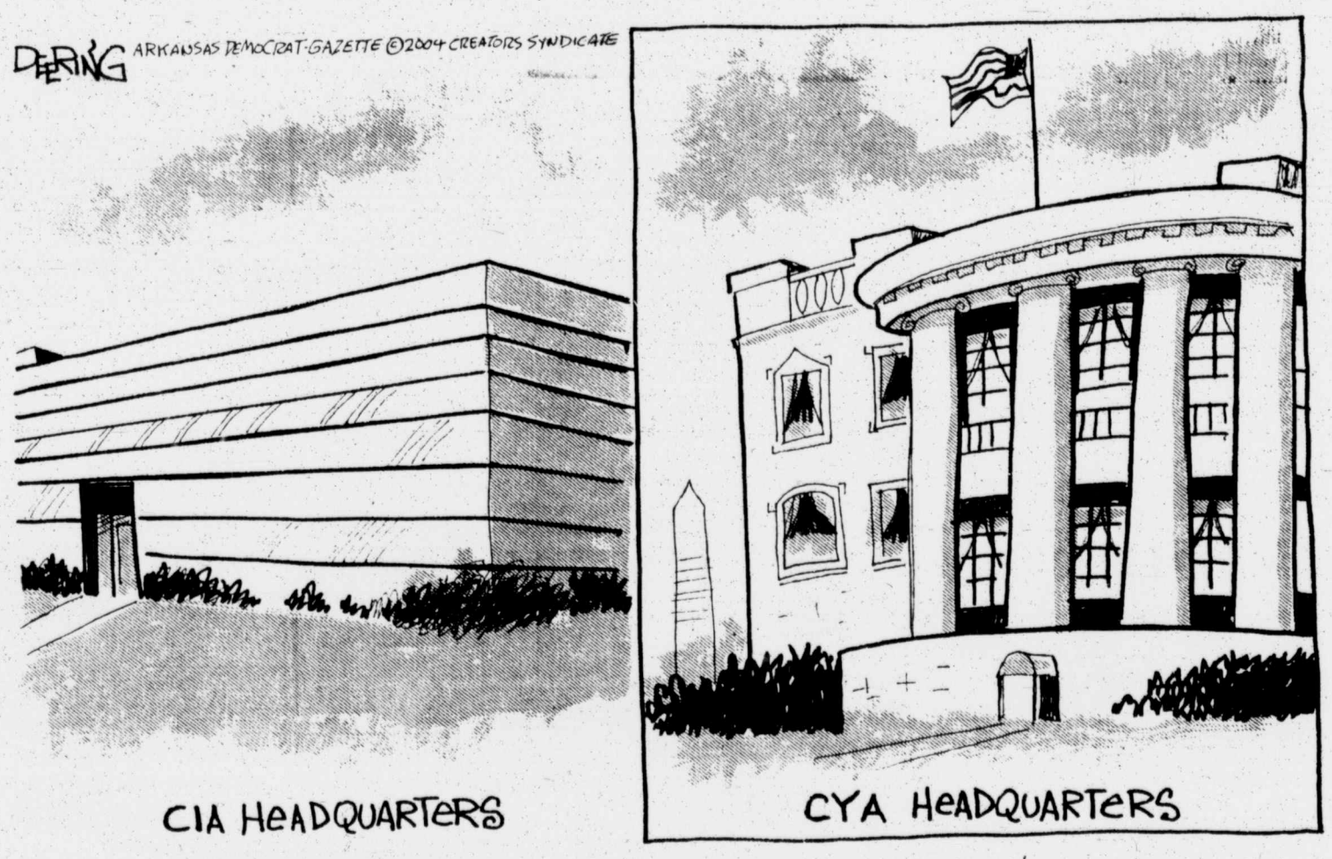
You've never seen anything as pathetically deformed as the British press's efforts to report what its own government is up to when it looks as though the Official Secrets Act might come into play. The Hutton report was an investigation into Dr. Kelly's suicide that politely exempted Tony Blair's administration from all blame (this was achieved by failing to ask a number or pertinent questions). The day before Lord Hutton was to present his report, its contents were leaked to a pro-Blair newspaper, setting off a great chorus of cries for an inquiry to investigate the leak of the report of the inquiry to investigate the leak of the ... etc. The thing would have leaked as a matter of course in Washington. It's not as though any damage was done like, say, just for example, exposing a CIA agent who worked abroad without diplomatic cover.

As a rule, it is not a good idea to set things up so that people get punished for telling the truth — or even re-elected for telling lies. I realize Americans are in no position to lecture other countries on freedom these days, given the Patriot Act and attendant damage to the Fourth Amendment, but given Gun's dicey situation, it's worth dropping a line to the British Embassy at 3100 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D.C. 20008 or via a group in the United States supporting Gun, the Institute for Public Accuracy at solidarity@accuracy.org. Gun probably is guilty under the misbegotten Official Secrets Act (the email she leaked was marked "Top Secret"), but one wonderful thing about the system of justice we inherited largely from the Brits is that a jury doesn't have to follow the law — a jury can do what it thinks is right.

I can think of at least 536 really good reasons why I wish American government employees had blown their whistles before we went to war over weapons of mass destruction that didn't exist.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Greg Biddison is the only council member to get the vote correct regarding the speed limit increase for the access road to FM 700. Not only is his reasoning to deny the increase in speed correct, but I also agree for two more logical reasons.

First, I use that part of FM 700 to get to Scenic Mountain at least four times a week (exercise and fresh air) and in doing so must pass that portion of FM 700. It is my observation that speed is not the problem. The problem is that drivers using the ramp to gain access to FM 700 totally ignore the yield sign altogether.

I cannot remember a single time that any one of them paid any attention to the sign. Enforcing the law, requiring that traffic to yield, seems more logical.

Second, increasing the speed limit will make the possibility of accidents more likely because the driver attempting to access FM 700 has even less time to yield to traffic already on FM 700. Once again, require drivers to obey the law and the problem is solved.

In addition, I am schocked at Mayor McEwen's reason for the speed increase. He refers to a study that shows 80 percent of the drivers disregard the 30 mph speed limit and break the law. So we raised the speed limit for those 80 percent who break the law by speeding down that section of road? Say what? I think this council decision should be reconcidered.

MICHAEL PROCTOR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Very few things in life meet or exceed all the expectations of all concerned. The partnership of the Big Spring Independent School District and ALON to provide a two-week curriculum is, in my opinion, one of those rare times.

The credit for the original idea goes to Mr. Michael Downs, BSISD superintendent. Quickly, after he was briefed on ALON's plan for a 75th anniversary observance, he brought forward this partnership idea.

I was enthusiastic from the start, but to be honest, I had my doubts we could pull off a meaningful refinery-based curriculum for all 13 grade levels. However, once we started working with the BSISD teachers, my doubts evaporated.

Every project has key "on the ground" leaders, and in this case, it was Beverly Jeffcoat and Richard Light of the BSISD and Ernie Morgan of ALON USA. These three individuals led the rest of the school district and ALON to success in this huge undertaking. It is impossible to name all the individuals who made this project work.

The key groups are all BSISD teachers and students, supportive parents, ALON employees who participated or allowed others to take part and the ALON retirees who participated. If you are a member of one of these groups, please accept my thanks.

The ALON employees who participated truly enjoyed themselves. If by chance you are still wondering if the students really learned anything new, I suggest the following: Ask any of the many people who attended the exhibit display at the Coliseum on Thursday, Jan. 22. Better yet, ask a student.

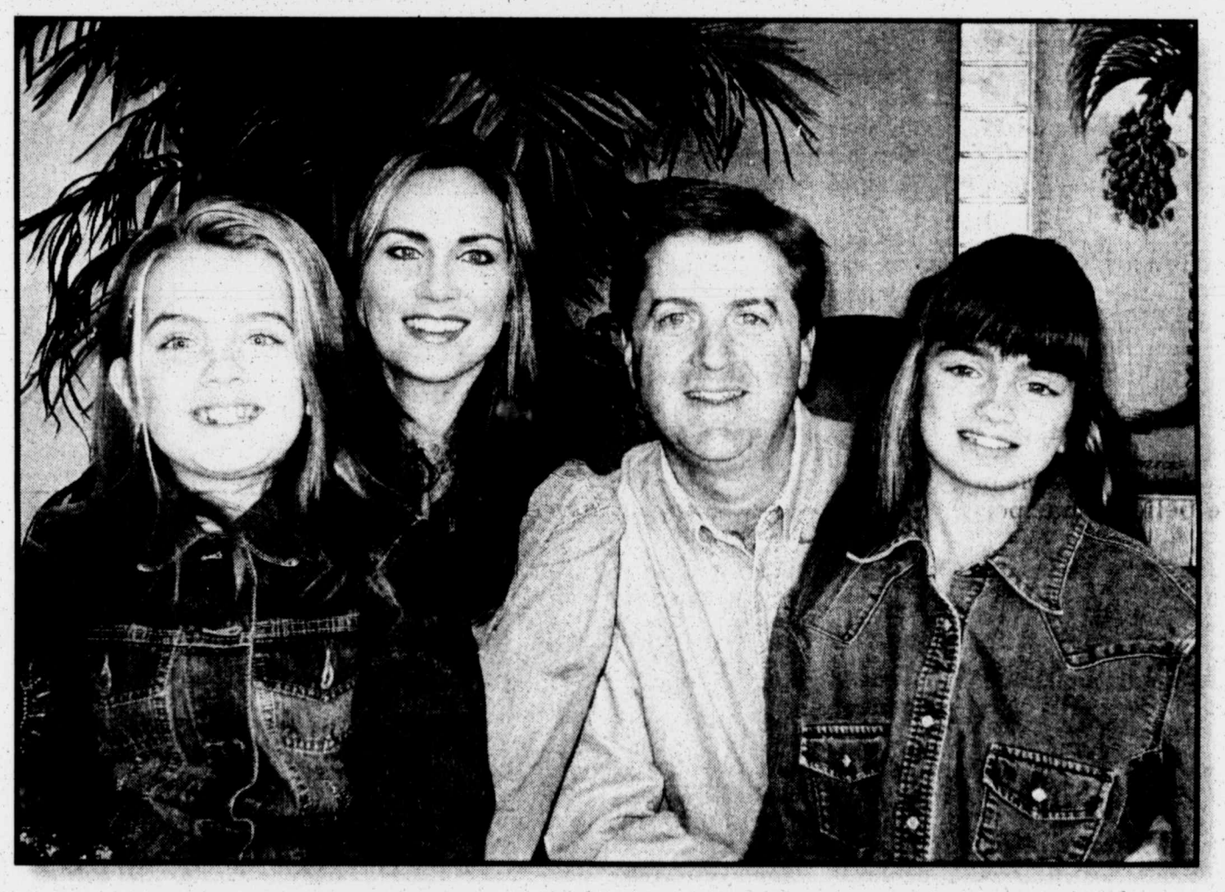
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News briefs

Oil field of the future is digital

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry McCuan, a well analyst for Occidental Petroleum Corp., was at home in Bakersfield, Calif., Christmas Eve when a technician from the Elk Hills oilfield 22 miles away reported a pressure drop that threatened wells producing 7,500 barrels a day.

Because Elk Hills is wired with a remote monitoring system, McCuan was able to pinpoint the problem from a home computer, order a fix within a half hour and prevent any production loss. That's a big improvement from the "Dark Ages," McCuan said, referring to the late 1990s, when output might have slumped for several days.

While the petroleum business still depends heavily on burly machinery and people, the modern oil field is becoming more digital by the day. Among the gradual yet far-reaching technological advances are drill bits armed with minicomputers that can relay information from deep under the ground to scientists around the globe almost instantaneously.

By enabling rig crews and petroleum engineers to share real-time drilling and production data, oil companies hope to improve the efficiency and precision of operations, with fewer hands involved. Experts believe this high-tech evolution could reduce costs by 10 percent to 25 percent and boost production by as much as 7 percent.

Bush military record released

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of pages of documents that the White House said comprise President Bush's entire military record offer no new answers to the election-year questions that have swirled around his Vietnam-era service.

Democrats who have led the criticism greeted Friday's release of documents with skepticism.

"Each revelation of material from the Bush White House has raised more questions than it has answered," said Democratic National Committee spokeswoman Debra DeShong. "It remains to be seen if these newest documents will provide any answers."

The White House distributed the two-inch stack of papers, and allowed reporters a brief look through another several dozen pages of medical records that were not allowed out of a briefing room, in yet another effort to quiet a political storm that has showed no sign of abating.

Bush was in the Texas Air National Guard from 1968 to 1973, much of the time as a pilot, but never went to Vietnam or flew in combat.

Auditors: Houston school should repay

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston School District might be forced to give back $2.79 million in federal funds it received for school-related Medicaid administrative expenses because of "sloppy" paperwork discovered during a federal audit.

U.S. inspector general auditors recommended in a report released last month that the district return the money it was awarded in 2000 based on accounting records it provided for reimbursement of administrative expenses that year.

Workplace relationships benefit doctors

HOUSTON (AP) — While conventional wisdom suggests that romance in the workplace is usually not smart, for doctors Leonard Zwelling and his wife Eugenie Kleinerman, it's made all the difference in their lives.

"It's strengthened our relationship because even though we are individuals, the mission of this institution is our mission," said Kleinerman, who along with her husband came to the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center 20 years ago.

Physicians Renata Pasqualini and Wadih Arap spend countless hours running their M.D. Anderson laboratory and looking for less toxic cancer therapies. Such a close working relationship has solidified their 10-year marriage, they said.

"A lot of people are amazed of our ability to do this," Pasqualini said. "In our case, it really has enhanced our ability to make a contribution and be more competitive in our field and science. Our personal lives are also more pleasant."

SCHOOLS

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Dawson, board president, Phil Fuqueron and Kent Sharp, all of whom were elected under the former method, will expire this year.

Under the new system, candidates must reside in the district they wish to represent. Maps of the single-member districts are available at the school district's administration's office, 708 11th Place.

To file an intent to run for school board, pick up the application and submit it between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the administration building business office. The office will be closed at lunch.

Last Thursday, both Dawson and Furqueron said they will file for another term. Sharp, who is running for state representative, will not.

In area elections:

Forsan

Two at-large positions are up for election. They are currently being served by Allen McDowell and Tom Bill KuyKendall. Also on the ballot will be an unexpired term formerly held by Debbie Burton, who resigned after moving out of the district. The seat is currently held by board-appointee Beckie Wash.

Filing will be held at the superintendent's office, 411 West Sixth St., in Forsan. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Coahoma

Trustee positions currently being served by Brandon Luce and Sissy Wells are up for election. Filing will be held at the Coahoma administration office, 600 N. Main. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sands ISD

Filing to run for two at-large positions for the Sands Independent School District will be conducted at the business office, 101 First St., Ackerly. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

The terms held by Stan Blagrave and David Zant expire this year.

Garden City

At-large terms being served by Mike Hillger and Tibby Niehues terms expire. Filing will be held at the superintendent's office, 308 West Chambers. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Stanton

Districts 1 and 5 are up for election in the Stanton Independent School District. District 1 is currently being represented by Johnny Gonzales; District 5 is being represented by Terry Shanks. Only people who live in each district can run in those districts.

Filing will take place at the SISD administration building, 200 North College, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Grady ISD

Three single-member districts are up for election in the Grady Independent School District.

District 1, represented by Victor Hewtty Jr.; District 2, represented by Brian Cox; and District 7, represented by Roy Madison; will be on the ballot. Filing will be held at the superintendent's office at 3500 FM 1829. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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CITY

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n't decided whether she will run for re-election at this time, but expects to come to a decision before filing begins on Tuesday.

In the city of Stanton, several positions will up for election. The position of mayor, held for the past 12 years by Lester Baker, and the District 1 city council seat, currently held by Ronnie Christian, will be on the ballot.

Baker said he will run for re-election, with equal parts enjoyment and challenges facing the city of Stanton in the coming year.

"I decided to run again because I've enjoyed serving the people in the community so much over the years," said Baker. "We've got some tough challenges in front of us, including finding a way to maintain services without raising taxes when you have a shrinking tax base."

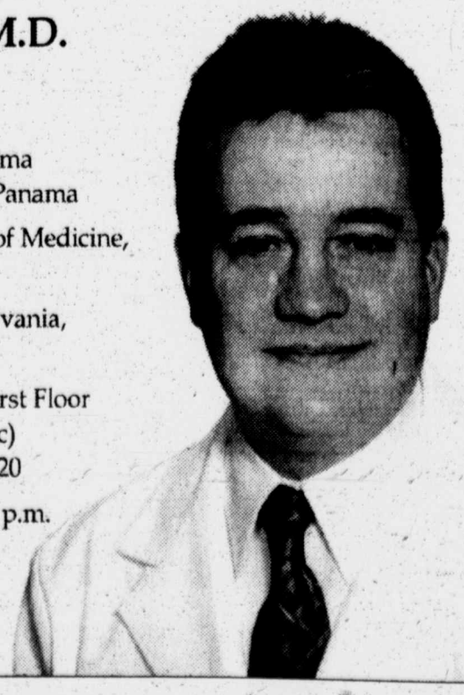
The city council District 2 seat, currently held by Jim Smith, and the council District 3 seat, held by James Jenkins, will also be up for election.

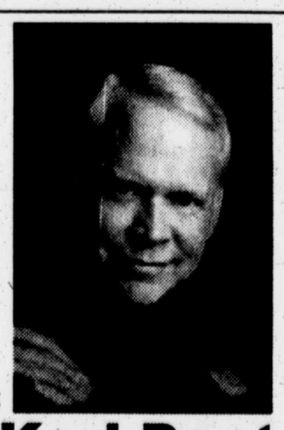
In Coahoma, three at-large seats on the city council will accept filings. Seats held by Warren Wallace, Eleanor Garrett and Paulette Lindsey will be on the ballot.

The city of Forsan will also entertain three possible seat bids, including at-large city council seats currently held by Buddy Gambrell and Wendell Barber. The position of mayor, currently held by Roger Hudgins, will also be up for grabs. Hudgins said Friday that he will most likely run for re-election.

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Rivals seek to blunt Kerry's momentum

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rivals are trying to dent the perception that John Kerry is solidifying his front-running campaign but face fresh evidence from both sides of the political aisle that Kerry's status is growing.

Kerry began Saturday in Las Vegas, where Nevada's state caucuses were under way. He spent the night at the Mandalay Bay Casino Hotel but said he hadn't done any gambling. "I am gambling today" with the caucuses, Kerry said.

Asked his confidence level going into the caucuses, the front-runner said: "I am always hopeful. You always remain cautiously optimistic. I like the word cautious."

The Democrats plunged into the final weekend before the Wisconsin primary with both Howard Dean and John Edwards hungry for a win to revive their campaigns. Polls offered them little hope.

At a breakfast sponsored by black ministers, however, Dean showed no signs of discouragement. To an audience of more than 200, he said he had bolstered his campaign by turning to traditional Democratic voters.

"We're going to start with the African-American community. We're going to start with women," he said. "I'm tired of being divided in this country ... by race, by gender, by income or by religion."

Dean brought two guests to the breakfast, black roommates from his university days at Yale. One, Atlanta attorney Don Roman, sang a hymn to the group that asked: "Why should I feel discouraged?"

Kerry, who was flying to Milwaukee from Las Vegas, and Edwards headed to a big fund-raising dinner Saturday night in Milwaukee, and all major candidates planned to join a high-profile campaign debate Sunday, also in Milwaukee. Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich was joining the dinner, and activist Al Sharpton planned to join the debate.

Kucinich was out early Saturday, firing up about 200 people in Green Bay, north of Milwaukee. He took jabs at multilateral U.S. trade agreements, promised to provide universal health care and said: "I'm the only person running for president who has a plan to bring our troops home."

As his rivals scrambled, Kerry was targeted for individual attention from the Bush-Cheney Republican campaign, which distributed an attack video linking Kerry to special interests. Launching that on the Internet limited its audience, but it generated big media attention that magnified its impact.

Kerry treated the assault as more evidence that Republicans view him as the front-runner, arguing dismissively, "These guys will try to do anything to change the subject."

Adding to his momentum, the 13 million-member AFL-CIO announced plans to endorse Kerry next week, a sign that a linchpin of the Democratic Party considers the nomination all but settled.

The 64-union federation is eager to end the primary season so it can focus its resources and energy on defeating President Bush. While the candidates were focused on Wisconsin and the 72 delegates at stake there Tuesday, activists in Nevada and the District of Columbia were holding caucuses with 40 delegates are up for grabs.

On the trail, Kerry was joined by retired Gen. Wesley Clark, who offered his endorsement after ending his own campaign earlier in the week.

"Request permission to come aboard; the Army's here," said Clark, a reference to Kerry's service as a Naval officer during the Vietnam War.

As the primary season unfolds and Kerry builds momentum, increased attention is being given to delegates won by the major contenders. An Associated Press tally found that Kerry has claimed 539 delegates, compared to 182 for Dean and 166 for Edwards. It takes 2,161 delegates to win the nomination, and Kerry was certain to add to his count in the weekend tests.

FDA postpones morning-after pill decision until May

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under strong political pressure to reject over-the-counter sales of a morning-after birth control pill, the government is postponing its decision until May.

A ruling had been expected next week on the pills, called Plan B, made by Barr Laboratories. The company announced late Friday that the Food and Drug Administration is delaying action for 90 days on Barr's request to sell Plan B without prescriptions to give time to seek more detailed information on use of the pills by 16- and 17-year-olds.

The agency needs more time to evaluate that information, Barr spokeswoman Carol Cox said. "It's not that unusual that they'd request more time," she said.

In December, an FDA advisory committee endorsed prescriptionless sale of the pills. The committee said they are safe and called them an important way to reduce the number of abortions.

Taken within 72 hours of intercourse, the pills cut the chances of getting pregnant by up to 89 percent. It can be hard to find a doctor to write a prescription in time, however, especially on weekends and holidays.

While the advisory panel supported the pill, opponents complained that it could lead to more unsafe sex and an increase in sexually transmitted disease, especially in teens.

"Without medical advice, use of Plan B by teens will be disastrous," Dr. John Bruchalski of the Catholic Medical Association told the advisory committee. Bruchalski could not be reached immediately for comment on the decision to delay action.

A coalition of conservative lawmakers, led by Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla., is urging the Bush administration to reject the approval. They argue it is inconsistent for the administration to advocate sexual abstinence and then approve the morning-after pill. Weldon did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the FDA decision.

The announcement of a delay in the decision raised suspicion from contraception advocacy groups that FDA would ignore its scientific advisers because of political pressure.

"This delay is somewhat hypocritical," said Dr. Jeffrey Waldman of Planned Parenthood in California. "Every day someone doesn't have access (to the pills) is another day when someone's going to be pregnant when they don't need to be and don't wish to be."

Kirsten Moore, president of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, said in statement: "We remain hopeful that the FDA will heed the advice of its experts. But this latest announcement raises deep concern that political pressure is being brought to bear on the FDA — and that women's well-being will suffer as a result."

But FDA drug chief Dr. Steven Galson said the delay is "absolutely not" based on political pressure, "it's totally based on scientific issues and questions."

Proponents have been concerned by reports that FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan's office is weighing in on the review.

Gunfire hits SUV, may be linked to sniper

GRANVILLE, Ohio (AP) — A sport utility vehicle was struck by gunfire Saturday morning on Interstate 70, and investigators said it appears to be linked to the series of 23 highway shootings near Columbus.

No one was injured in Saturday morning's shooting near Pataskala, about 15 miles east of Columbus.

The Franklin County task force investigating the shootings said officers were headed to the site where the Chevy Suburban was struck, but they had not yet confirmed the link.

The driver described the shooter as a clean-shaven white male in his 30s driving a black compact car similar to a Chevy Metro, said Pat Snelling, a dispatcher with the patrol's Granville patrol post.

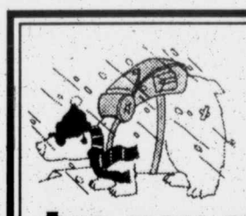
The description matches the one given by witnesses who were shot at last Sunday on Interstate 71 southwest of Columbus.

"We had aircraft in the area within moments," patrol spokesman Sgt. Richard Zwayer said. "This guy was able to blend into traffic and slip away."

The serial shootings began in May, though most have occurred since mid-October. One person has been killed in the shootings at vehicles and buildings.

Until last month, the gunfire was scattered along or near Interstate 270, a busy highway that encircles Columbus. The last four cases, including the two from a week ago, moved farther southwest on Interstate 71.

If the task force confirms Saturday's shooting is related, it would be the farthest east the shooter has struck.



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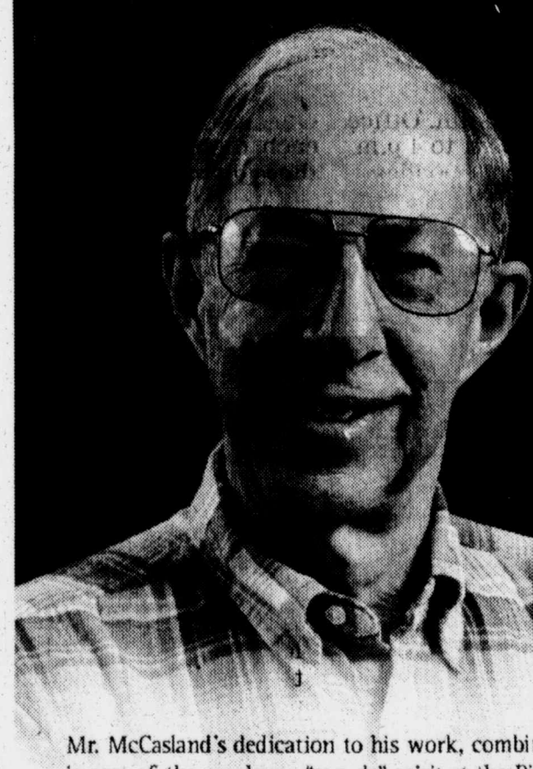
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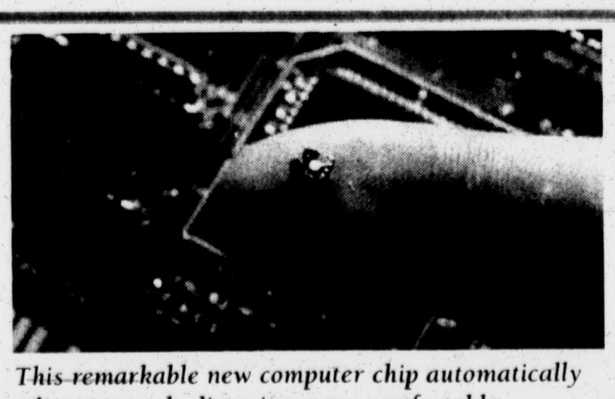
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

Mercury and Neptune make a casual connection, and the dream world seems to speak to us directly. Art and music also hold answers. Imagining a scenario has a way of magnetizing it. That's why it's important to believe the best can happen instead of picturing our worries and fears. Children have some wild stories. Try not to scoff!



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Security has never been your thing, though friends may try to influence you by putting their own fears into your realm of awareness. If you're listening to your inner voice, you won't have time to doubt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today's stars are exceptional for negotiating the finer points of a relationship. Loved ones will honor you as you honor them. Gut feelings are not wrong. If you're in the wrong situation, it practically screams at you to walk away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An assignment centers on prioritizing your values. Is your value for family more important than your value of career accomplishment? There are no wrong answers, but make sure your choices reflect a balanced life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll have idealistic ideas about what you can get done today, but at least they keep you in high gear. For socializing, a cut-off time of 5 p.m. will allow you to wind down and get ready for what promises to be an active week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're feeling blase, the answer is to stop making your life about survival only. A visionary spirit emerges when you're working on something that really speaks to your heart. Do something fabulously romantic tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Finding a good outlet for your incredible hard work is key to feeling satisfied. Changes are on the horizon, and you may get restless anticipating them. What can you do to speed things along? Getting closure is important.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even if all you do is lie around, it's still a productive day. Letting up on a vigorous routine is healthy. Romance takes on new momentum — the process starts in your head. Singles meet eligible prospects at a trendy location.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you are feeling sad, communicate this. You can get a fresh start just by making your feelings known. Your thirst for adventure must be fulfilled. Plan for a trip to a far-away land. Loved ones help you make it happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Family discussion proves how healthy you really are as a unit. Regarding friends and finances, you can be generous, but don't be extravagant. It only pushes away the very one you want to draw closer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The pressing need to be inspired could have you behaving in an abnormal way. Loved ones actually delight in your whims. Testing your close relationships could reveal that you need to renew your promises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Know your own mind — don't be led down the primrose path. There's a chance to put your theory out there — it's the cause for lively discussion. This helps real issues get examined and resolved. Enjoy music tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who tell you to "be yourself" have no idea how diverse you are. Ask yourself what you'd be doing if you didn't care a lick about fitting in. You'll play a teasing, flirtatious game. A romantic hopeful may get jealous!

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: On Sunday, the dance of Mercury (communication) and Neptune (imagination) will inspire vivid dreams. In fact, the realm of the subconscious seems to intersect reality in an almost bizarre way, asserting new influence in its strangeness. Thinking about something down to the last detail can help make it happen. So, make sure to emphasize the best possible result instead of concentrating on your fears. Monday brings glorious just deserts, and it's so satisfying to see them served up — unless you're the one being served. As karma, good and bad, returns to the rightful owner, think about what you'd like to have happen the next time this cycle completes. Tuesday, the moon is what's referred to as void of course most of the day, so it's better just to flow with the environment. Thursday, the sun moves into the intuitive realm of wise Pisces, the final sign of the zodiac. The next four weeks are about helping one another grow as part of the human family. The Pisces sun presents the opportunity to be compassionate, practically pushing us into a position where our hearts will be opened. The slightest gesture of reaching out to help will bring big results.

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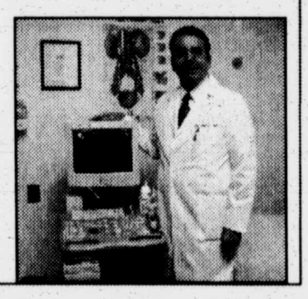
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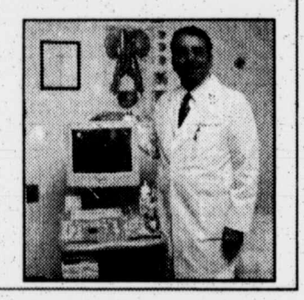
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2002 Pontiac Bonneville SE. - Dk. red, all power, local one owner w/36,000 miles.
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2002 Ford Mustang GT - Red, leather, V-8, manual transmission, all power, local one owner w/5,700 miles.
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2001 Ford Crown Victoria LX - Tan w/cloth, all power, one owner w/59,000 miles.
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2000 Ford Focus Wagon SE - Silver, all power.
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2000 Volkswagen Jetta GLS - Blue, all power, clean, one owner w/58,000 miles.
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2000 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Silver w/leather, all power, local one owner w/36,000 miles.
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1999 Pontiac Firebird - White, T-Tops, 56,000 miles.
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By TOMMY WE

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HERALD PHOTO/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma senior Miranda Hester sank a last-second shot Friday to left the CHS girls into the playoffs.

Bulldogettes edge Crane, advance to playoffs

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — The Coahoma Bulldogettes looked as if they had everything under control Friday night as they built a 10-point lead heading into the final frame of their District 3-2A play-in game with the Crane Lady Birds.

How looks can be deceiving.

The Lady Birds, sparked by Amanda Baker's 12 fourth-quarter points, rallied to take a stunning 51-50 lead with just 15 seconds remaining on the clock.

Coahoma senior Miranda Hester wasn't about to end her high school career in that fashion. She took an in-bounds pass from Kristi Hutchinson and heaved up an off-balanced shot that rolled over the front of the rim as time expired to give the Bulldogettes a wild 52-51 victory.

"I was going up with the ball no matter what," Hester said. "I have to give Kristi all the credit. Without her getting the ball in to me I never would have had the chance to make the shot."

With the win, Coahoma earned the third-place playoff berth in District 3-2A. The Bulldogettes and Lady Birds had finished the regular season tied for the final spot.

"I'm excited for the girls," said first-year coach Sandy Logan, who led the CHS girls to their first playoff trip in three years, "We went from 2-22 a year ago to the playoffs. I really can't ask for anymore than that."

After a Cori Cromine basket had pulled the Lady Birds to within one, at 7-6, six minutes into the contest, Coahoma's Lauren Yeater ignited a CHS run that spanned the rest of the first and half of the second quarters. By the time Mendy Morgan ended the run with a basket, the Bulldogettes had

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Steers stumble against LV, 63-48

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — The Lake View Chiefs reeled off an 11-0 run in the final 2:38 of the first half Friday night and broke open a tight affair en route to claiming a 63-48 win over the Big Spring Steers.

After Michael Ornales-Doporto had pulled Big Spring to within 25-22 with a clutch three-point shot from the corner, Lake View hit stride, turning two fast break opportunities and two BSHS turnovers into 11 unanswered points and a 36-22 halftime advantage.

The Chiefs opened the contest with a bang. Lake View, courtesy of five free throws, bolted to a 9-1 lead before Big Spring found its groove.

Wesley Smith scored twice in the final four minutes of the first quarter to key a 9-4 spree that cut the Chiefs' lead to 15-9 at the start of the second.

Jordan Cobb and Alvin Russell kept the BSHS spree alive in the second. Cobb knocked down two shots from the field and Russell added another as Big Spring pulled to within 25-19 with 3:25 left in the initial half. Ornales-Doporto pushed in his trey 28 seconds later.

The Chiefs continued to control the tempo in the third. San Angelo hammered out a 15-7 run in the first eight minutes of the second half and rolled to a 51-29 advantage.

Cobb and Erin Partee gave Big Spring fans plenty of reason to smile in the fourth, The two scored eight points apiece in the final stanza and keyed a 19-12 spree.

Cobb led all Big Spring scorers with 14 points. Partee finished with 12 with a team-high nine rebounds.

Russell, one of seven seniors on the BSHS roster, also turned in a solid outing in his final road game, scoring six points and nabbing seven boards and three steals.

Ornales finished with seven points.

With the win, Lake View improved to 2-7 in District 4-4A play. Big Spring slipped to 0-9 heading into Tuesday's regular season finale.

Going Prime Time



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells

Big Spring High School standout LaKenya Wrightsil signs a deal with Texas Southern University to play Division I volleyball next fall. Wrightsil helped lead Big Spring to the state playoffs in each of the last three years. Looking on as she signs are her grandmothers Connie Scott (left) and Anna Green (right) and her mother Renee McGee.

Lady Steers' Wrightsil nets deal with Division I Texas Southern

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School volleyball fans always knew LaKenya Wrightsil was something special. She did, after all, help the Lady Steers reach 'The Promised Land' in each of the past three seasons.

Texas Southern University is hoping Wrightsil can do the same for them.

Wrightsil became the second of the Lady Steers 'Big Three' to sign a college deal Thursday when she signed a scholarship to play volleyball for the Division I school next fall in Houston.

"I'm really excited about this," said Wrightsil, a four-year member of the Lady Steers' varsity squad who has garnered all-district and all-state honors. "I'm ready to try the college game. I'm a little nervous about it, but I'm ready to try."

At Texas Southern, Wrightsil will try and help the Lady Tigers rebound from a pair of tough seasons and make a return to the NCAA national championship tournament for the first time since 2001. Texas Southern, which is coached by Dwalah Fisher, posted a 5-20 mark last fall, including a 3-5 record in Southwestern Athletic Conference action.

"They've been down the last two years but they have been a very strong team in the past," said Wrightsil, who helped lead Big Spring deep into the state playoffs in each of the last two years. "They made it to the national tournament three years ago."

With Wrightsil in the lineup, Big Spring advanced to the fourth round of the Class 4A state playoffs in Revis Daggett's first season at the helm.

For Wrightsil, the road to Houston actually began last fall as a junior. Last year, the Lady Steers' captain began drawing the attention of several colleges, including Navarro Junior College and the University of California-Irvine, which wanted to bring her in on a basketball deal.

Basketball, however, wasn't where her heart was — even though the National Honor Society member was among the team's leaders in almost every category as a junior.

Wrightsil wanted to play volleyball. And Texas Southern wanted her.

"Texas Southern started talking to (former Big Spring head) coach

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Lady Steers' stock continues to rise

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LaKenya Wrightsil's signing with Texas Southern upped the Big Spring Lady Steers' number of college signees to three this year.

Wrightsil, a native of Big Spring, signed to play ball at Division I Texas Southern University in Houston. She will join Leina Braxton and Whitney Hufford at the college level next fall.

Braxton and Hufford signed to play softball at Texarkana JC.

'Dogs soar past Eagles

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs exploded for 25 points in the third quarter Friday night and rallied to claim a 64-58 victory over the Seagraves Eagles.

Coahoma, which clinch at least a share of second place in the District 3-2A race, trailed by four points at the end of the first eight minutes of play.

"We started out slow but finally got it going over the last half of the game," said Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols. "I don't think it had anything to do with the fact that we knew we were already in the playoffs. Seagraves just came out and took it to us."

The Bulldogs started the game erratically. Coahoma mustered just six points in the opening frame. The Eagles weren't much better during the span. Seagraves was unable to take advantage of the Bulldogs' shooting woes, managing score just 10 points.

Coahoma found its shooting touch in the second. The Bulldogs outscored the Eagles by a 16-11 clip in the frame.

The third period belonged to the Bulldogs. Coahoma outscored Seagraves by a 25-17 margin in the frame and stretched its lead to nine points, 47-38, heading into the final stanza.

Seagraves mounted a comeback outscoring in the final eight minutes. The Eagles outgunned Coahoma by a 20-17 effort in the frame.

Kelby Kemper sparked the Bulldogs' attack by pushing home a game-high 17, including three from behind the three-point line. Sam Tindol and Lance Roberts also hit the double figure mark for the Bulldogs with 14 and 12, respectively. Roberts hits two-of-three from behind the three-point arc. With the win, Coahoma improved to 15-12 on the season and to 7-2 in loop play. The Bulldogs will end their regular-season schedule Tuesday in Colorado City.

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Weather plays havoc with local sports schedules

Cold temperatures, snow and icy roads forced area coaches to alter their plans this weekend. Many activities were cancelled while others scrambled to find different sites.

In Big Spring, school officials cancelled its golf tournament and the Lady Steers' softball scrimmage.

Garden City was forced to relocate its girls' pre-playoff game with New Home when two junior high coaches were killed in Stanton Friday night.

Crane holds off Forsan, clinches at least tie for second

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

The Crane Golden Cranes added to the Forsan Buffaloes' woes Friday night by taking a 54-49 win.

After taking a 22-19 lead at the half, Crane found its groove in the third, The Golden Cranes outscores the Buffaloes by a 17-7 clip during the first eight minutes of the second half. The run ballooned Crane's lead to 11 heading into the final frame.

Forsan, led by Josh Helmstetler's 18-point effort, rallied in the final stanza, closing to within four before running out of time.

Johnathan Wright tallied 10 points for Forsan, while Clay Kuykendall added six points.

With the loss, the defending District 3-2A champions slipped to 6-16 for the year and to 1-8 in district play.

Crane, coupled with Seagraves' loss to Colorado City Friday night, improved to 6-3 in District 3-2A action and clinched a spot in the playoffs.

Colorado City clinched the district title with its win over Stanton Friday. The Wolves will try and close out the 3-2A slate with a perfect record Tuesday when they host rival Coahoma High School.

Coahoma is tied with Crane for second.

Yanks looking at A-Rod

NEW YORK (AP) — Now it's the New York Yankees who are trying to trade for Alex Rodriguez.

The American League champions began preliminary discussions with the Texas Rangers this week on a deal that would bring A-Rod to the Bronx for second baseman Alfonso Soriano.

While the talks began Wednesday night, it's still too early to tell whether they will lead to a deal, the official said, speaking to *The Associated Press* on the condition of anonymity. Rodriguez has a no-trade clause but has said he would okay a deal to the Yankees.

Rodriguez, the AL MVP, would be moved from shortstop to third base by New York, seeking to fill the hole created when Aaron Boone hurt a knee last month. Derek Jeter, the Yankees' captain, would remain at shortstop.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman wouldn't discuss Rodriguez but said New York always is exploring opportunities.

"I won't comment on specific trade rumors or rumblings," he said. "It's my job to float ideas, weather balloons, out to my counterparts. Ninety-nine percent of them fall to the ground helplessly."



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's Brandon Boling drives in for a shot during the junior varsity's 60-42 win over the Lake View Chiefs. Big Spring improved to 12-12 with the victory.

Foreman, at 55, aims to fight again

NEW YORK — Your grandfather's heavyweight champion - George Foreman — says he is coming back for one last match.

Has everyone in boxing gone crazy? Lennox Lewis retires as champion, fittingly going away with a whimper and not a roar. Mike Tyson, with $5,000 and change in his checking account, plans to end his self-imposed exile but doesn't want to go head-to-head against Oscar De La Hoya on June 5. And now Foreman, who turned 55 on Jan. 10, said he will come back for one last fight, if he can get down to 225 pounds.

By George, I don't think he's got it anymore. But Foreman doesn't care what you or I think.

"Who's he going to fight? Muhammad Ali or Laila Ali?" said Jay Larkin, VP of sports programming at Showtime.

No. Foreman said he's going to fight someone under 30, "a serious fight against one of these young guys." Forget about it Larry Holmes and Evander Holyfield. You need not apply.

Foreman sounded happy. He was laughing over the telephone. It wasn't the laugh of a madman. But he must be crazy or craving attention. He's certainly not doing it for the money. The residuals from his grilling machine rake in $1 million a month.

Foreman said it was the opportunity for one last challenge before retiring to the rocking chair. He has already given up his HBO broadcasting gig — his last show will be the Erik Morales-Jesus Chavez fight on Feb. 28. He's got time on his hands.

Prep Basketball Playoffs

2004 UIL STATE BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

GIRLS

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CLASS 5A
Region I

El Paso Coronado (R1, 22-7) vs. Monterey (T2, 14-16), 7 p.m. CST Tuesday, Artesia HS
Duncanville (W4, 30-4), bye
Odessa (R3, 24-8) vs. Mansfield Summit (T4, 26-6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sweetwater HS
Amarillo (W2, 24-4), bye
Keller Fossil Ridge (R5, 24-9) vs. Arlington Seguin/Lamar (T6), Monday, time and place TBA
Irving MacArthur (W8, 26-4), bye
Southlake Carroll (R7, 21-12) vs. Irving Nimitz (T8, 15-15), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Irving HS
Arlington Bowie (W6, 24-4), bye
El Paso Andress (T1, 19-10) vs. Coronado (R2, 24-4), 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Odessa College Sports Center, Odessa
Midland Lee (W3, 22-7), bye
Midland (T3, 19-9) vs. Cedar Hill (R4, 25-8), 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Merkel HS
El Paso Eastwood (W1, 29-2), bye
Colleyville Heritage (T5, 16-15) vs. Arlington Martin (R6, 24-8), 7 p.m. Monday, Arlington HS
The Colony (W7, 21-9), bye
Carrollton Creekview (T7, 16-11) vs. Flower Mound (R8, 23-11), 7 p.m. Monday, Lewisville Hebron HS
Euless Trinity (W5, 26-4), bye

CLASS 4A
Region I

El Paso Bowie (R1, 19-6) vs. Clint (12-13) or Fabens (17-11) (T2), TBA
Frenship (W4, 25-6), bye
Hereford (R3, 19-7) vs. Andrews (T4, 16-13), 7 p.m. Monday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
El Paso Riverside (W2, 21-5), bye
Wichita Falls Hirschi (R5, 15-10), Frisco (T6, 20-10), 8 p.m. Monday, Alvord HS
North Crowley (W8, 23-6), bye
Fort Worth Dunbar (R7, 22-5) vs. White Settlement Brewer (T8, 18-10), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Burleson HS
Denton Ryan (W6, 20-10), bye
El Paso Jefferson (T1, 16-9) vs. El Paso Parkland (R2, 18-8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, EP Parkland HS
Plainview (W3, 25-2), bye
Randall (T3, 16-12) vs. Levelland (R4, 18-11), 7:30 p.m. CST Tuesday, Clovis, N.M. HS
El Paso Chapin (W1, 19-5), bye
Wichita Falls (T5, 11-16) vs. Lewisville Hebron (R6, 25-5), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Alvord HS
Fort Worth Wyatt (W7, 25-3), bye
Fort Worth Arlington Heights (T7, 17-12) vs. Granbury (R8, 20-10), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Burleson HS
Burkburnett (W5, 20-8), bye

CLASS 3A
Region I

Tulia (R1, 20-7) vs. Slaton (T2, 21-8), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Littlefield HS
Kermit (W4, 20-8), bye
Sweetwater (R3, 24-6) vs. Midland Greenwood (T4, 13-15), 7 p.m. Monday, Coahoma HS
Muleshoe (W2, 28-5), bye
Breckenridge (R5, 13-16) vs. Comanche (T6, 14-16), TBA
Godley (W8, 28-4), bye
Bridgeport (R7, 19-11) vs. Kennedale (T8, 20-10), 7 p.m. Monday, Weatherford HS
Abilene Wylie (W6, 20-8), bye
Perryton (T1, 15-12) vs. Littlefield (R2, 17-11), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon HS
Snyder (W3, 27-2), bye
Denver City (T3, 13-13) vs. Monahans (R4, 19-8), 7 p.m. Monday, Odessa College Sports Center, Odessa
Canyon (W1, 26-2), bye
Vernon (T5) vs. Ballinger (R6), TBA
Lake Dallas (W7, 23-7), bye
Decatur or Sanger vs. Glen Rose (R8, 20-9), TBA
Graham (W5, 24-5), bye

CLASS 2A
Region I

Tornillo (R1, 14-13) vs. Sonora (T2, 14-14), 7 p.m. Monday, Sul Ross State, Alpine
Shallowater (W4, 29-2), bye
Stanton (R3, 18-9) vs. Tahoka (T4, 18-9), 7 p.m. Monday, Lamesa HS
Wall (W2), bye
Lockney (R5, 18-14) vs. Highland Park (T6, 18-12), 8 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M Fieldhouse, Canyon
Eastland (W8), bye
Henrietta or Electra (R7) vs. Haskell or Cisco (T8), TBA
Canadian (W6, 25-2), bye
Van Horn (T1, 14-12) vs. Reagan County (R2, 25-4), 7 p.m. Monday, Fort Stockton HS
Seagraves (W3, 25-5), bye
Crane or Coahoma (T3) vs. New Deal (R4, 25-4), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Seminole HS
Alpine (W1), bye
Floydada (T5, 10-20) vs. Spearman (R6, 17-10), 7:30 p.m. Monday, Amarillo High Activities Center
Quanah (W7, 24-6), bye
Henrietta or Electra (T7) vs. Anson (R8), TBA
Friona (W5, 23-5), bye

CLASS 1A
Division I
Region I

Gruver (W1, 18-9) vs. Claude (R2, 19-11), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Pampa
Sudan (W3, 25-4) vs. Smyer or Sundown (R4), TBA
Petersburg (W5, 19-10) vs. Paducah (R6, 13-14), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Floydada
Hamlin (W7, 26-6) vs. Iraan (R8, 17-10), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Howard College, Big Spring
Stratford (R1, 19-6) vs. Wellington (W2, 18-9), 6:30 p.m. Monday, West Texas A&M Event Center, Canyon
Farwell or Springlake-Earth (R3) vs. Smyer or Sundown (W4), TBA
Lorenzo (R5, 21-6) vs. Knox City (W6, 16-8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jayton
Roby (R4, 14-13) vs. Garden City (W8, 24-4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Howard College, Big Spring

Division II
Region I

Channing (W1, 19-8) vs. Follett (R2, 13-12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Pampa
Happy (W3, 22-5) vs. Valley (R4, 18-11), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M Event Center, Canyon
Whitharral (W5, 15-6) vs. New Home (R6, 17-11), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Borden County (W7) vs. Rule (R8, 20-8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Snyder HS
Texline or Hartley (R1) vs. Fort Elliott (W2, 27-1), TBA
Nazareth (R3, 20-7) vs. Hedley (W4, 27-2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M Event Center, Canyon
Wellman-Union (R5, 17-10) vs. Spur (W6, 22-5), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Grady (R7) vs. Aspermont (W8, 27-3), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Westbrook HS

IN BRIEF

Little League sign-ups to begin Feb. 21

Registration for the 2004 Big Spring Little League season will be held Feb. 21-28 at the Big Spring Mall. Registration through the week will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During the weekend, sign-ups will be from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 5 through 16 who live within the league's boundaries are eligible. Registration is required even if the child played previously.

At least one parent or legal guardian must be present and an original or state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate is required.

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outscored Crane by a 12-2 clip to held a commanding 19-8 lead.

The Lady Birds answered the CHS run with one of their own, however. Crane, which finish the year at 11-18, outscored Coahoma by a 10-4 margin over the remainder of the half to cut the deficit to 23-18.

After Crane had pulled to within three with three minutes to go in the third, Sterling Gee fueled the Bulldogettes' playoff hopes by burying a trey and pushing the score to 31-25. Mendy Morgan made it back-to-back treys on their ensuing possession. After nabbing a steal, Morgan found herself open on the left side and drained the three-pointer that sparked a 9-2 run.

Crane woke up in the fourth. The Lady Birds dominated the boards during the final eight minutes, hitting 11-of-19 shots from the field.

Amanda Sandivol started things for the Lady Birds in the final frame by burying a short jumper just 40 seconds into the fourth. After Vickie Cortez had hit three straight from the foul line, Baker took over, scoring 11 of her team's next 15 points.

By the time that the smoke cleared, the Lady Birds found themselves holding their first lead of the evening, at 44-43, with three minutes left.

With just under a minute to play, Morgan sparked a small run and helped the Bulldogettes grab a 50-47 lead.

Rachel Gonzales wasted little time in answering the Coahoma challenge. The Crane junior hit a short jumper moment later and pulled the Lady Birds to within 50-49 with 41 seconds left.

Baker gave Crane a 51-50 lead seconds later. The sophomore worked her way inside and sank a short-range jumper — and set the stage for Hester's heroics.

Coahoma will face the New Deal Lady Lions in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The bout is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday in Seminole.

WRIGHTSIL

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(Traci) Pierce last year about me," said Wrightsil, the 18-year-old daughter of Renee McGee. "They seemed really interested in getting me to come there. Then when Coach Pierce moved on, they stayed in contact and kept telling me they wanted me to come there and see."

Wrightsil took the school up on their offer last month, traveling to the Houston university as part of the high school's college campus visit program.

"It was a nice place," she said. "I like it. It just felt like the right place for me."

Wrightsil, who credited her family, Pierce and her Lady Steers teammates and coaches for her success, felt her days in the BSHS volleyball program prepared her for the college level.

"I have to thank them and my family because they brought me a long way and supported me every day. Because of them, I think I'm ready"

Her mother isn't quite as ready.

"I'm excited for her," said McGee. "But I don't know if I'm ready for her to leave. I know I'll probably be going to Houston quite a bit to see her."

Wrightsil hopes to make an immediate impact at TSU next fall. She is hoping to become a starter quickly and etch her name into Lady Tigers' volleyball history alongside former BSHS standout Nina Evans.

"There aren't any guarantees," she said. "I know I'll have to work hard and be ready, but I really feel I can be starting by the time conference begins."

Evans capped her senior season this past fall by leading the Lady Tigers in kills. She also finished second in kills and blocks.

With Wrightsil's signing, the only remaining member of the Lady Steers' 'Big Three' who has not officially sign a college deal is Ka'Rissa Magers, a track and volleyball standout.

Last month, Leina Braxton, a three-sports star at BSHS, signed to play college softball at Texarkana Junior College.



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BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

Driver testing gets little play

Starting this year, the PGA Tour is encouraging players to test their drivers for conformance to the USGA limit for "springlike effect." The tour is providing such testing at each tour site, but to date, only about 15 percent of the players have taken advantage of it.

Why such a low percentage? The players already know their drivers conform because club manufacturers go to great lengths to ensure that they do. The manufacturers don't want any surprises; they don't want to be labeled as cheaters.

To this end, the club makers are building and using their own portable "pendulum testers," which conform to the USGA blueprints of the tester used on tour. It's still the individual player's responsibility to conform to the rules, but for the most part, they are leaving it up to the manufacturers to supply them with legal clubs.

Champions park their carts

Starting in 2005, most players on the over-50 Champions Tour will no longer be able to ride. Only players qualifying under the Americans with Disabilities Act will be allowed to use a cart.

Last year, the seniors were not allowed to ride in their five major championships, and this will be the case again in 2004. Also, no carts will be allowed in the First Tee Open (where seniors will be partnered with junior players from the World Golf Foundation's First Tee program) or the season-ending Schwab Cup Championship.

Some Champions Tour players, such as Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, have been lobbying for this change for quite some time, arguing that the change should be made to improve the tour's image. Most tour officials agree.

"We felt it was important for the guys to be approachable and accessible to the fans," said Champions Tour president Rick George. "As we have evolved into a real fan-friendly tour, our players walking provides a better look for the fans."

It also just looks better for our heroes to be walking, especially in the First Tee Open with the youngsters at Pebble Beach in September. Although, every time I ask the kids in a junior clinic what the most fun thing about golf is, they answer, "Riding the carts."

—T.J. Tomasi

PGA 2004 RESULTS

- **Jan. 8-11** — Mercedes Championships (Stuart Appleby)
- **Jan. 15-18** — Sony Open (Ernie Els)
- **Jan. 21-25** — Bob Hope Chrysler Classic (Phil Mickelson)
- **Jan. 29-Feb. 1** — FDR Open (Jonathan Kaye)
- **Feb. 5-8** — AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (Vijay Singh)

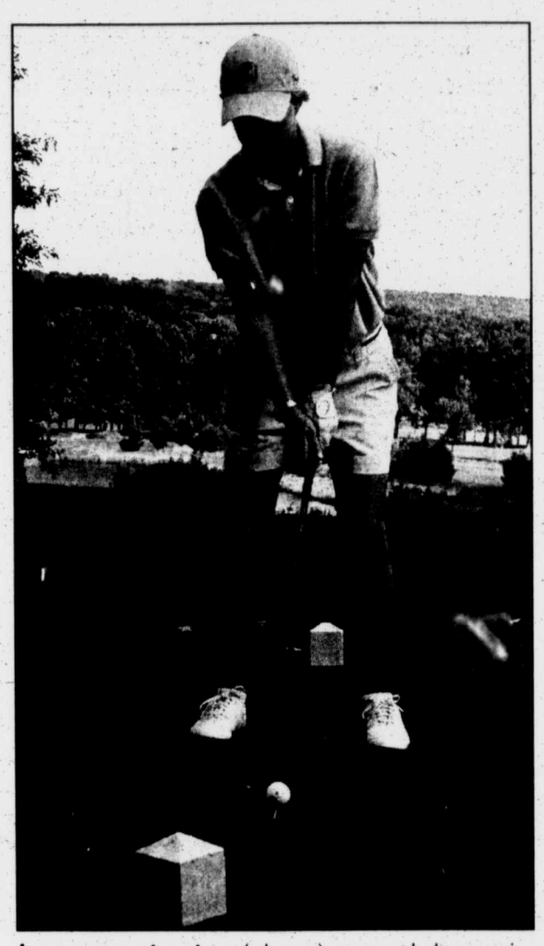
SCHEDULE

PGA TOUR
Buick Invitational
- **Site:** San Diego.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Courses:** Torrey Pines, South Course (7,607 yards, par 72) and North Course (6,874 yards, par 72).
- **Purse:** $4.5 million. Winner's share: $810,000.
- **Television:** USA (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 3-6:30 p.m.).

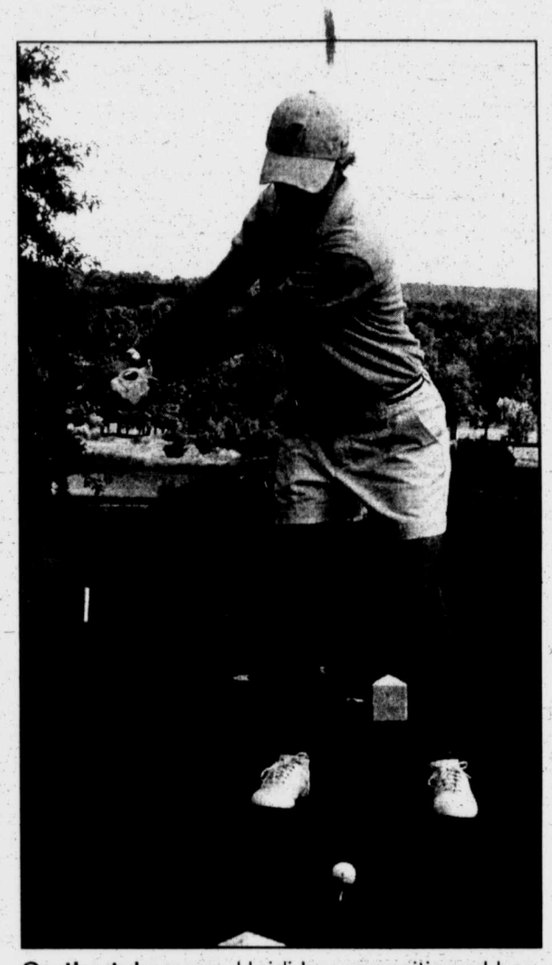
CHAMPIONS TOUR
ACE Group Classic
- **Site:** Naples, Fla.
- **Schedule:** Friday-Sunday.
- **Course:** The Club at TwinEagles (6,915 yards, par 72).
- **Purse:** $1.6 million. Winner's share: $240,000.
- **Television:** The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
- **Next event:** Welch's/Fry's Championship, March 11-14, Randolph North Golf Complex, Dell Urich Golf Course, Tucson, Ariz.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



In a correct setup (above), your abdomen is retracted away from the ball, causing your fanny to protrude.



On the takeaway, Heidi has repositioned her upper body over her right foot so there is now more weight on her right foot.

No excuses for a poor setup

By T.J. TOMASI
Cox News Service

LPGA professional Heidi Papoosha is demonstrating a perfect setup in the photo at left. I call this the "no excuses" setup because it's so easy to do that there are no excuses when you don't get it right.

Position yourself in front of a mirror and copy it in detail as follows:

With straight knees, place a shaft across your hips parallel to the ground. Now push the shaft backward until your fanny protrudes and your weight moves to your toes. This gets you bending from your hips (not your waist).

Then find the perfect knee flex by bending your knees until your weight is redistributed from the balls of your feet back to your heels. When completed your posture should look very similar to Heidi's.

A reminder: When you assume this correct setup your abdomen is retracted away from the ball, causing your fanny to protrude. This is the dynamic balance position where your head and shoulders pull you toward the ball as you swing, but your backside provides the counterweight to keep you in balance.

Double-check that your weight is properly distributed by making sure you can curl up your toes at address.

Your arms should be hanging straight down from your shoulders, with your upper arms adhering lightly to your chest as if they were strapped there with Velcro. You're in the correct position when you can drop the club at address and relax your arms, and your arms don't change their angle of hang.

This stance turns into a perfect takeaway, as Heidi is demonstrating in the second photo by moving the club head, hands, arms, shoulders and chest (the so-called "one-piece takeaway") as a unit. The chest is the "master mover" because all the other parts of the upper body can move independently of one another, but if you rotate the chest, everything moves.

Notice how the correct takeaway has allowed Heidi's shoulders to turn and tilt. Again, this is a position you should copy.

It may be hard to see in the photo, but by the end of this takeaway Heidi's weight distribution has already changed. Using her chest as the master mover, she has repositioned her upper body over her right foot so there is now more weight on her right foot with the emphasis toward the heel. As you practice the one-piece move, you should be aware of this change.

Using the no-excuses setup and the one-piece takeaway, Heidi has set the stage for a well-balanced swing along the correct swing plane. You should do the same.

ABOUT THE WRITER



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THE GOLF DOCTOR

Practice early and often

Practice can mold your body to fit the demands of golf the same way it does for other sports. In general, as long as you're working on the correct fundamentals, the more you practice the better.

"The muscles themselves change," says Dr. Anders Ericsson, a psychologist at Florida State University in Tallahassee. "Muscle fiber types (once thought to be 90 percent determined by heredity) can change ... as the sport demands."

Such changes are magnified when practice starts early in life and continues through childhood, puberty and adolescence. Dr. Ericsson thinks this is why nearly all world-class athletes started extensive practice as children or young adolescents.

Ericsson's colleague at Florida State, Dr. Neil Charness, adds: "Innate capacities have very little to do with becoming a champion. What's key is motivation and temperament, not a skill specific to performance. It's unlikely you can get just any child to apply themselves this rigorously for so long."

Champions, it seems, are made not born.

—T.J. Tomasi

TEEING OFF

Winning falls on hard times

By T.J. TOMASI
Cox News Service

One of the great contests in golf is the Ryder Cup. Seldom has there been a more exciting competition than the "War by the Shore" at Kiawah in 1991 or the "Battle at Brookline" in 1999: grim-faced golfers, trying desperately to win for their country, with pressure unlike anything the competitors or the public had ever experienced.

Contrast that to the 2003 Presidents Cup, which featured a split trophy and the message from both team captains that it wasn't important who won. Catching a flight out of town was more important than winning. There was no way the 30 or so multijillionaires competing wanted to stick around "just" to find out who won.

Now, from Ryder Cup European team captain Bernhard Langer comes the first salvo fired by the "who cares" brigade in 2004. "It doesn't matter much who wins or loses," said Langer in a recent interview, and he might have added, "as long as no one's feelings are hurt."

Is winning being drowned in a wash of "feel-good-itis"? In nongolf arenas it is. A recent AP report describes how the Nashville school system has stopped posting an honor roll because it might hurt the feelings of some underachievers. They're also considering a ban on hanging good work in the hallways on the advice of their lawyers.

The logic is that if there are winners then there must be losers, and the losers will feel bad. So instead of telling the losers to study harder or practice more, it's easier just to eliminate the concept of winning.

I'd rather go back to the days of the War by the Shore. One day during the 1991 matches, the U.S. team showed up dressed in camouflage military caps. And at Brookline Hal Sutton pumped his fist, David Duval cupped his ear and Tiger played with the exuberance of the kid who won the 1997 Masters. No team had ever come from so far behind on the final day to win, and I'll bet that if they had had to stay around for an extra week, no one was going home until there was a winner.

GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

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Percentage increase in Nielson ratings on ESPN for the second day of the Hawaii Sony Open compared to those of 2003. That was the day 14-year-old Michelle Wie shot 68 for an even-par two-day total and barely missed the cut by one stroke.

83.7

Dollars, in millions, that Tiger Woods made last year, according to Forbes magazine ($6.7 million on the course and $77 million off). Formula One race car driver Michael Schumacher came in second among top-earning athletes with a total of $75 million. And 74-year-old Arnold Palmer was the second leading golfer with $22 million, proving it's still good to be "The King."

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Length in yards of the 5-iron John Daly holed out for a double eagle 2 at the par-5 second hole at the PGA West course during the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. It was the first double eagle on tour this year. Last year there were only two.

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Number of PGA Tour players who carried a 1-iron at the Hawaii Sony Open. Danny Briggs was the player. The 1-iron, once a popular club on tour, is fast going the way of the persimmon wood.

DON'T MISS IT

How much is that old beauty in the window?

If you want to find out how much a used club is worth from a credible source, log on to http://valueguide.pga.com/. The value of a golf club is pegged here by applying statistical calculations from actual eBay transactions. Soon at this same site you will be able to buy and sell used clubs with PGA Professional Network members.



A used Ping Karsten I Driver is valued at about $28.

Luxury and sports

The Marco Island Marriott Resort, Golf Club and Spa lets couples tee off, then wind down with its Escape Couples Golf & Spa package through May 8.

The southwest Florida resort's 18-hole Rookery at Marco course has 7,200 yards of fairways and a choice of five tee boxes. After a round, golfers will relax with a half day of treatments at the 24,000-square-foot Spa at Marco Island Marriott, which features a South Pacific design and traditional Balinese therapies.

The cost of the package, which includes the golf and spa experience and a deluxe, partial gulf view room, is $700 through May 8.

Information: 1-800-438-4373, www.marriottse.com/mrkfl.

Paula Crouch Thrasher, Cox News Service

ASK THE PRO

Q: My follow-through breaks down at impact; on video it looks as if my left wrist bends toward the target. Is there something I can do to correct this? I've been trying to cure this for years, but I can't stop. — **Leonard L., from the Web**

A: This is a common problem. Your left wrist collapses when you "run out of right arm."

The right elbow, which folded during the backswing, expands its angle too soon before impact. This premature straightening of the right arm puts a great deal of pressure on the left wrist, causing it to buckle.

This sets off a chain reaction that causes the club head to flip past the hands. It's most prevalent in golf swings that feature an open face at the top of the swing because the club face must be squared up by impact, and straightening your right arm is one way to accomplish it.

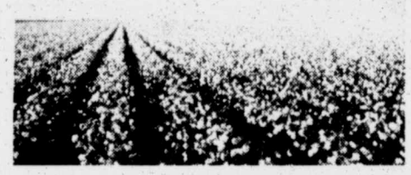
To stop your left wrist collapse, strengthen your grip by rotating your left hand a bit more on top of the grip. Then make sure you allow your right wrist to fold back on itself so that when you reach the top of your swing your right palm faces the sky as if you were carrying a tray (an old piece of advice, but still a good one). This will square up your club face and remove the need to lose the angle in your right arm before you should.

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Truth & Documentation

Courthouse Records On **Kirk Edwards** Document
A History of Lawsuits Including Harassing Local Farmers, Contaminating Farm Land and Water, and Deceptive Trade Practices

Courthouse Records	Case Description	Case Outcome
Case #5311 **Martin County**	**Edwards**, as CEO & President of OEI, **files frivolous lawsuit against** 6 Martin County farmers **to harass and intimidate** the whole community. *"... lawsuit had accomplished its intended result of intimidating the citizens of Martin County."* Court Order mandating sanctions against Edwards' company	**Judge removes sanctions to let Edwards drop case and pay all 6 farmers' attorney fees.**
Case #B-89,459 **Ector County** *"The misrepresentations ... by Edwards ... were false and fraudulent. These representations were known ... to be false when made and were made with the intent to deceive ..."* Court Petition against Edwards and his company	Edwards is sued, individually & in his corporate capacities, under Deceptive Trade Practices Act for lying & cheating when he sold worthless oilfield pipe & equipment.	**After some legal maneuvering, Edwards paid just enough to the damaged buyer to prevent the lawsuit from going to trial.**
Case #5170 **Martin County**  *"... negligently allowed oilfield brine ... and other petroleum contaminants to contaminate [the] land and ... underground water supply."* Court Petition against Edwards' company	Landowners had to sue because Edwards' company wouldn't pay for contaminating farm land and underground water.	**Case remains open...and farm land/water is still contaminated.**
Case #5105 **Martin County** *"[Edwards'] company ... you give them an inch and they will take more than a mile, they'll take two miles after that ... we need to watch them like a hawk ..."* Martin County cotton farmer addressing the Martin County Commissioners Court	**Landowners had to sue because Edwards' oil company** wouldn't stop trespassing on their farm land. 	
Case #5132 **Martin County**	**Supplier had to sue** to get paid for oilfield pipe **Edwards' company** used to drill a well.	**Summary Judgement for almost $60,000 against Edwards' company**

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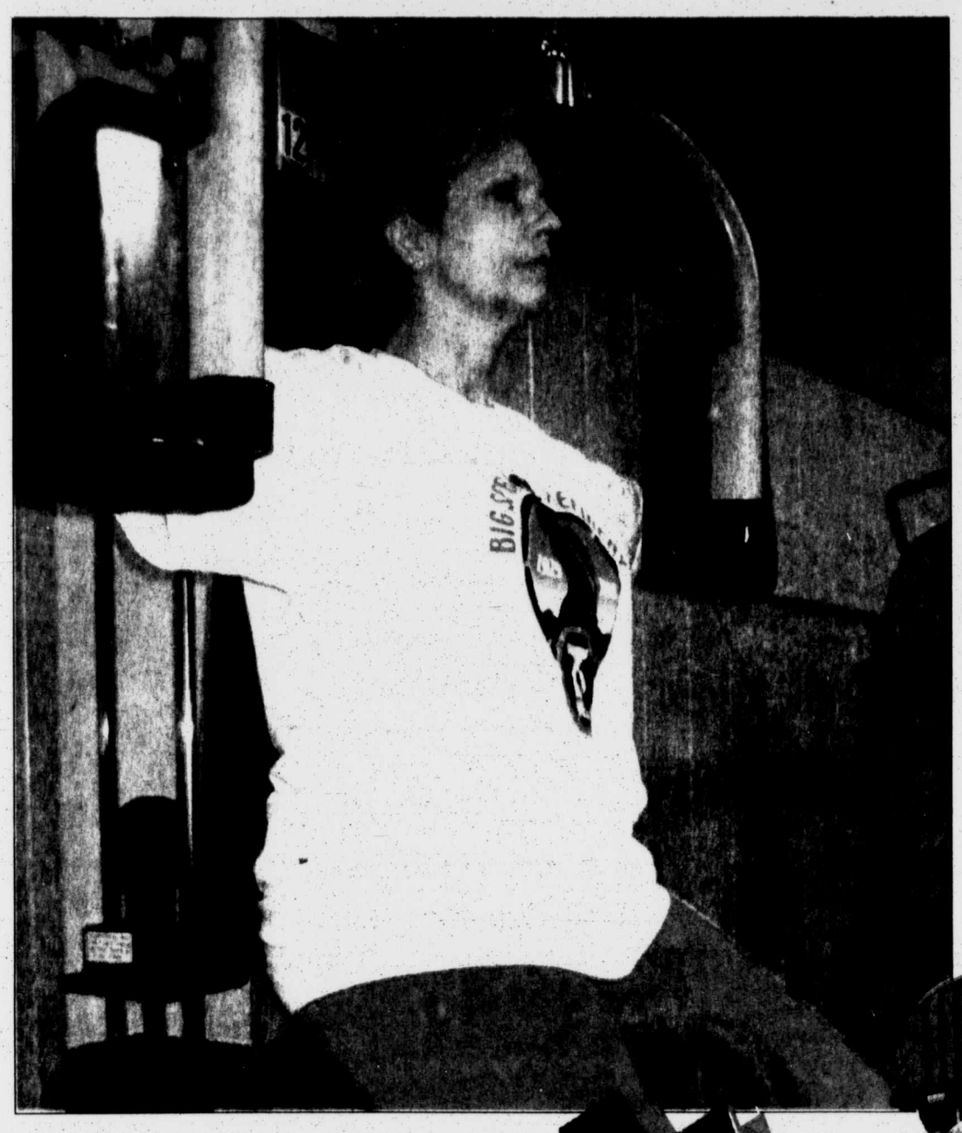
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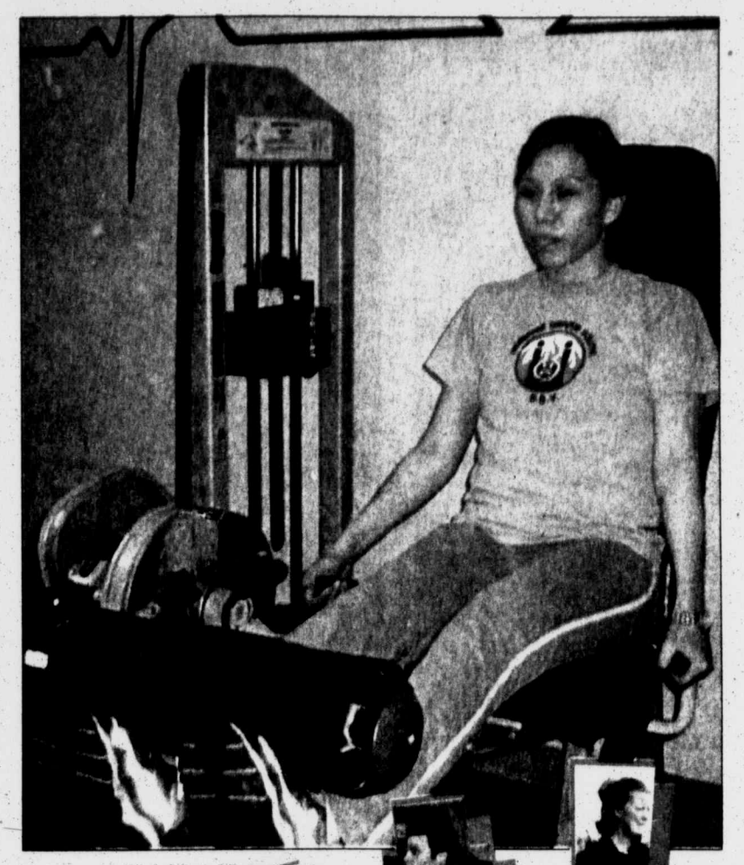
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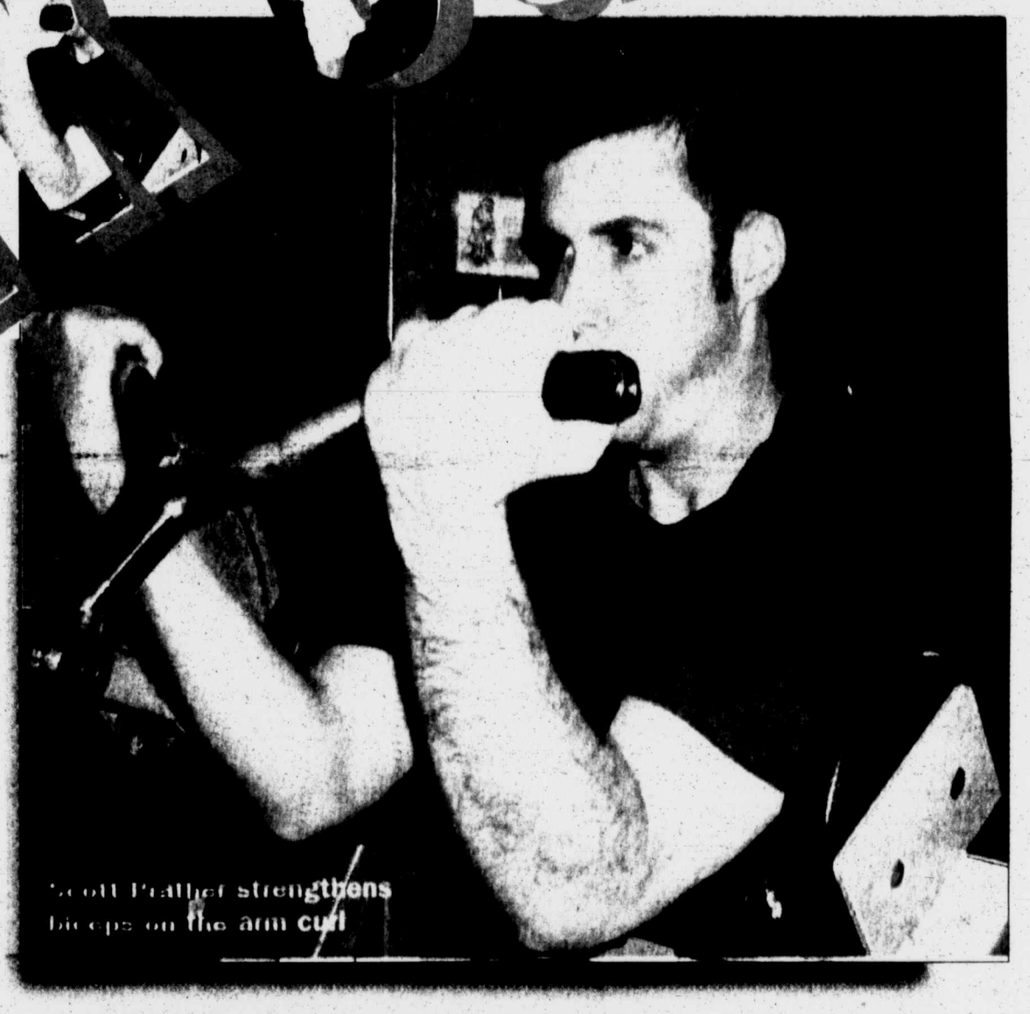
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Come on, Let's DO IT



Scott Prather strengthens biceps on the arm curl





Above, left, Paula Ferguson on arm press. Above right, Valerie Ceasar works on leg lift. Above, Jared Stephens on the triceps press. Left, Kristina Pina on the stair step.

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Trisha Baatz works on upper body strength



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Foods to help with healthy work-outs

The key to preventing and possibly reversing disease may already be in your fridge.

After analyzing the most disease-preventing, anti-aging diets in the world, scientists have found that 14 nutrients consistently turn up.

Beans lower cholesterol, combat heart disease and stabilize blood sugar.

Blueberries lower the risk of heart disease and cancer and help maintain healthy skin.

Broccoli boosts the immune system, lowers the incidence of cataracts and builds bones.

Oats lower cholesterol, reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and Type II diabetes.

Oranges support heart health and help prevent cancer, stroke and diabetes.

Pumpkin helps lower the risk of various cancers and supplies nutrients necessary for healthy, youthful skin.

Wild salmon lowers the risk of heart disease and cancer.

Soy helps prevent cardiovascular disease, cancer and osteoporosis, helps relieve menopause symptoms.

Spinach decreases the chance of cardiovascular disease, a host of cancers and cataracts.

Tea boosts the immune system, helps prevent cancer and osteoporosis.

Tomatoes lower the likelihood of cancer, raise the skin's sun protection factor and play a role in preventing cataracts.

Turkey is a healthy source of protein, low in fat, and provides multiple nutrients.

Walnuts reduce the risk of developing heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

Yogurt promotes strong bones and a healthy heart, and is a great source of calcium.

Whole grains, dry beans and peas, bran, and many fruits and vegetables are good sources of fiber, necessary to promote healthy intestine functions.

Water is essential for a healthy body. Water makes up about 2/3 of an individual's body weight, so drink lots of

Howard College offers a room made just for promoting fitness

The fitness room of Howard Davis Fitness Center at Howard College is an excellent place to begin a regimen of exercise for your health's sake.

The center's hours of operation are for business patrons, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The fitness room is closed on Sunday.

Membership fees are easily affordable. For the community, a 16-week membership is $84, a monthly fee is $25, a one week fee is $10 and a daily fee is $5.

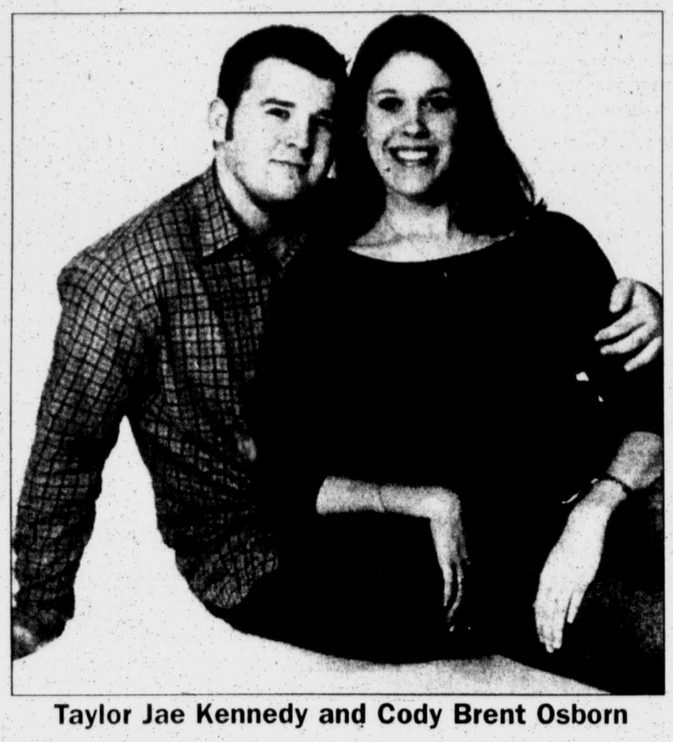
These fees only apply if an individual is not currently enrolled in a lifetime fitness class.

The center is run by Jerry Dudley, director and Brandi Stewart, assistant to the director.

For more information, call 264-5108.

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Engagements



Taylor Jae Kennedy and Cody Brent Osborn

Kennedy and Osborn

Taylor Jae Kennedy of Big Spring and Cody Brent Osborn of Austin will exchange marriage vows at 2 p.m. June 12 at College Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jay and Connie Kennedy of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Gene and Wyvonne Kennedy of Post and Wendell and Glenna McInroe of Abilene. She is a student at Howard College, and will continue her formal education at the University of Texas in Austin.

The prospective groom is the son of Ron and Glenna Osborn of Big Spring, and the grandson of Jauna Osborn of Big Spring. He is a student at Austin Community College and will continue his education at the University of Texas in Austin.



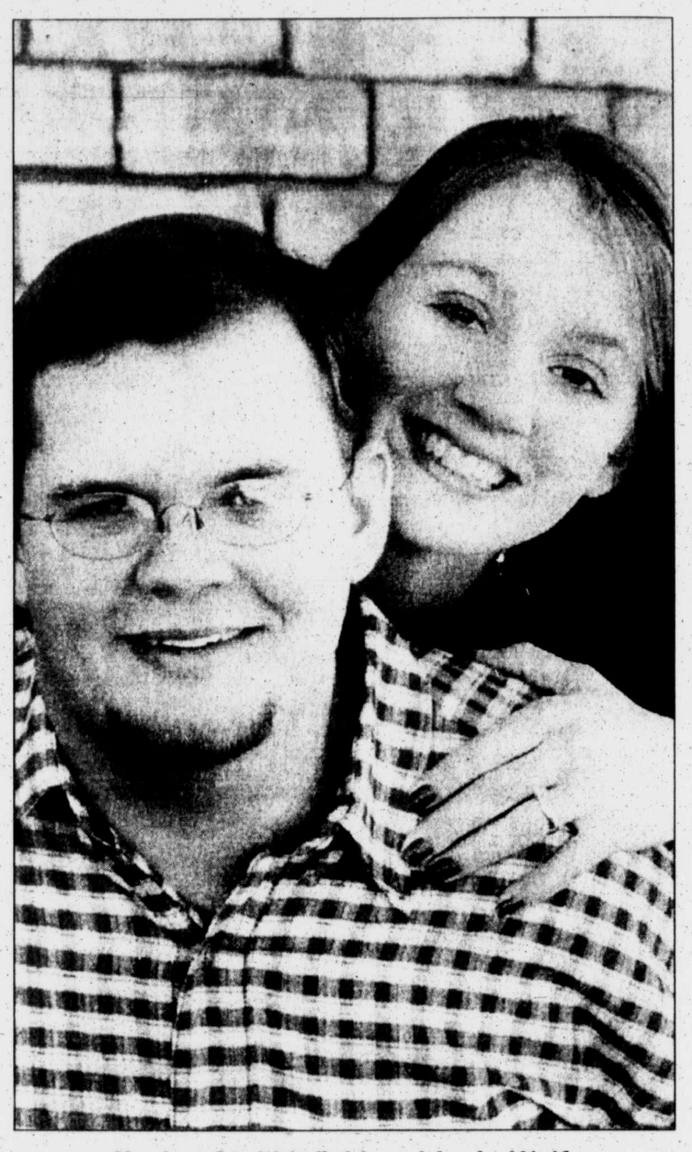
Michelle Baker and Benjamin Robinson

Baker and Robinson

Michelle Baker of Dallas and Benjamin Robinson of Lakewood, Calif. will be married at 12:30 p.m. March 20 in the Fellowship Church Chapel in Grapevine.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Marilyn Wade of San Antonio and Bobby and Paula Baker of Roswell, N.M. She is the granddaughter of Conny Wade and the late Norma Wade of Big Spring; Betty Baker Williamson and Russell Williamson of Big Spring, and the late Robert Baker of Big Spring. She is a 1988 graduate of Midland High School. In 1992 she earned a bachelor of business administration in management and accounting from South West Texas State University. She works with Peacock Alley.

The prospective groom is the son of Benjamin Robinson, Gloria Wilkinson and step-father Jim Wilkinson, all of Monterrey, Calif. He is a 1988 graduate of the University of Hawaii with a bachelor degree in business administration. He works for Boeing in Anaheim, Calif.



Kaylee Stubblefield and Lorin Wolf

Stubblefield and Wolf

Kaylee Stubblefield of Colorado City and Lorin Wolf of Coahoma will exchange marriage vows at 6 p.m. April 24 at First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Melody Stubblefield of Colorado City and the maternal granddaughter of Ira and Jean Edwards and the paternal grandparent Ernestine Odell, all of Colorado City.

She recently earned a bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education from Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom is the son of Steve and Jean Ann Wolf of Coahoma.

He is the grandson of fraternal grandmother Wanda Wolf and the late Jack Wolf, and maternal grandson of Kenneth and Mona Langley of Ennis and maternal grandson of the late Don Parks.

He earned his bachelor degree in biomedical science last December from Texas A&M University. He is attending Chiropractic College in Dallas.

A reward for 50 years of service

By MARSHA ALLEN
HERALD Lifestyle Editor

A life dedicated to improvement of community and fellow man. That's the creed for the Fraternal Order of Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Bill T. Crane of Big Spring recently was awarded a certificate noting his 50 years of service to the organization.

Dr. Crane, 74, a retired chiropractor, said the Order was established in the area in 1949 with approximately 200 members.

"There were a couple of barracks that we used for meetings," Crane said.

He served as chancellor commander for the association between 1958 and 1960.

"I drew up the plans for the new building," he said. The new building was built in 1960 and was used for meetings. It currently houses Riley Chiropractic.

The barracks housing the original association burned, said Crane.

"Members got together and worked to raise money to build a new building," he continued. "It was remarkable what they accomplished."

The Big Spring Order disbanded in 1975 with a membership of approximately 150.

But many continue with the organization's favorite interests, such as support for an orphanage for boys and girls in Weatherford, Crane said.

Founded on the story of Pythias and Damon in Greek mythology, the organization derives its mission from the story. Damon offered himself as a substitute hostage for Pythias when the king ordered Pythias slain because Pythias had spoken ill of the king. Should Pythias not return from bidding farewell to his family before he was killed, Damon was to be killed.



Courtesy photo
Dr. Bill Crane

Pythias did return and the king was so moved by Damon's volunteer sacrifice that he spared the life of Pythias.

The Fraternal Order of Knights of Pythias is an international fraternity founded in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 19, 1864, by Justus Henry Rathbone. The primary principles of the Knights of Pythias are friendship, charity, and benevolence as exemplified in the story of Damon and Pythias.

Local association members operate out of the Fort Worth assembly, and continue to be involved in communities state and nationwide.

Crane is a 1941 graduate of Big Spring High School. He continued his formal education at Howard College and earned a bachelor of science degree from Trinity University in biology science, history and government, subsequently completing studies for the chiropractic profession.

Members of the organization continue to thrive and serve in the Big Spring area.

Crane retired from his chiropractic business in 1997 but continues as an overseer for several pieces of property he owns in the area.



Amanda Armstrong and Michael Arguello

Armstrong and Arguello

Amanda Erin Armstrong and Michael Chavez Arguello of Lubbock will be married at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 in Trinity Baptist Church of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Wayne and Joy Armstrong of Big Spring and granddaughter of Charley and Rachel Dunn of Midland. A graduate of Big Spring ISD school she is attending International Business College studying to become a court reporter. She is employed with USA Relay.

The prospective groom is the son of Sgt. Miguel Arguello Sr. and Janie Arguello of Levelland. He is the grandson of Tomasa Realme of Sugarland. He is a graduate of Idalou High School. Mr. Arguello is employed with J and B Industries.

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TUESDAY-Biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Pop tarts, sausage, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY—French toast, sausage, syrup, milk.
FRIDAY—Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY—HOLIDAY
TUESDAY—Cheeseburgers, salad trays, tater tots, oranges, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Homemade burritos (corndogs), spicy fries, apples, milk.
THURSDAY—Fried chicken (burritos), creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, milk.
FRIDAY—Nacho Grande, pinto beans, fruit, milk.

Forsan ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY—HOLIDAY
TUESDAY—Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.
THURSDAY—Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY—Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY—HOLIDAY
TUESDAY—Burritos, ranch style beans, salad, pears, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, crackers, orange slices, milk.
THURSDAY—Chili dog, chips, mixed fruit, cookies & cream, milk.
FRIDAY—Ham, broccoli w/cheese, mashed potatoes, rolls, peaches, milk.

Stanton ISD
MONDAY—Barbecue and bun, ham, chesse sandwich, French fries, vegetable soup, apple, pudding cup.
TUESDAY—Baked chicken, barbecue riblet, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail, hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY—Pepperoni pizza, chicken and dumplings, green beans, garden salad, peaches, cornbread.
THURSDAY—Chili cheese fries, baked potato, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread.
FRIDAY—Cheeseburger, hamburger, French fries, hamburger salad, orange slices, peanut butter cookie.

Westbrook ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Cinnamon rolls, fruit juice, milk.
TUESDAY—Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
THURSDAY—Pancake pups, syrup, fruit juice, milk.
FRIDAY—Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY—Hot dogs, French fries, salad, chocolate pudding, milk.
TUESDAY—Fajitas, Spanish rice, vegetable salad, cake, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Barbecue on bun, okra, salad, cobbler, milk.
THURSDAY—Hamburgers, French fries, vegetable salad, peanut goodie bar, milk.
FRIDAY—Stew, crackers, sandwiches, cookies, milk.

Big Spring ISD
MONDAY—Holiday
TUESDAY—Pepperoni pizza, potato rounds, corn, mixed fruit.
WEDNESDAY—Taco, salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple.
THURSDAY—Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, raisins, roll.
FRIDAY—Hamburger, salad, French fries, pork and beans, cookie.

Sands ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Pancake on a stick.
TUESDAY—Poptarts
WEDNESDAY—Muffins
THURSDAY—Cereal, milk
FRIDAY—Journey bars
LUNCH
MONDAY—Corn dogs, macarroni and cheese, pork and 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 potatoes, green beans, gravy and rolls, jello, milk
FRIDAY—Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, salad, batter bread, cake, milk

Try fish for Lenten

During the Lenten season, people search for alternatives to red meat, often forgetting about a low-fat, protein-packed option they probably already have in their cupboard—canned and pouched seafood.

Registered dietitian Sharon McNerney recommends pantry-ready seafood as an inexpensive and tasty option for Lenten recipes because of its convenience and its numerous health benefits.

"Canned tuna and other seafood is a great low-calorie and low-carbohydrate source of protein and essential nutrients like omega-3, which has been shown to have a positive impact on everything from arthritis and asthma to acne and depression," said McNerney. "It's also great for the heart."

The majority of shelf-stable seafood products are saturated fat-free and have no more than 1 gram of fat when packed in spring water and only 3 to 6 grams of fat when packed in oil.

"The new chunk light tuna provides cooks with a great taste and a nice firm texture, not a flaky mushy mess," said Cutler. "In fact, the new, chunkier tuna encourages cooks to make easy gourmet dishes without the high price."

Seafood ravioli with pesto cream sauce

one (9-oz.) package refrigerated spinach or cheese ravioli
1/3 cup prepared basil pesto
1/3 cup each: sour cream and heavy whipping cream
1/8 teaspoon fresh lemon zest
2 Roma tomatoes, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 1/2 cup)
2 (6-oz.) cans tuna drained
1 1/2 Tablespoons toasted pine nuts
shaved or grated fresh Parmesan cheese
Fresh basil leaves (garnish)

Cook ravioli according to package directions; drain. In saucepan whisk together pesto, sour cream, whipping cream and lemon zest. Heat slowly on low until heated through; stir constantly.

Add tomatoes and gently flake in tuna; heat. Salt and pepper to taste. Gently fold ravioli into creamy seafood sauce. Evenly divide onto 2 plates.

Top with pine nuts and Parmesan cheese. Garnish with basil leaves.

Preparation Time: 20 minutes.

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Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelso

Celebrating a golden wedding anniversary

Bob and Jayne Kelso will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in their honor given by their children, grandchildren and great—grandchildren from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Garden City Community Center. They request no gifts.

Mr. Kelso was born and raised in the Temple area.

Mrs. Kelso was born and raised in Bloomington, Ill.

He joined the Air force in 1952 after he lost his college football scholarship due to a leg injury. While stationed in Illinois his friend asked him to go on a blind date and use Kelso's car. He wasn't too sure about the idea, so his friend paid him $10 and the deal for the blind date was completed.

The couple hit it off and were married in Bloomington in 1954. As a young military couple they moved to San Antonio for three months. They were stationed in many places in Texas and Illinois, and they were stationed in Nebraska, New York, Canada, and Crete, Greece, before relocating to Webb Air Force Base in 1970.

In 1973 Kelso retired from the Air Force and went to college. Mrs. Kelso worked as a Civil Service employee through most of his duty in the Air Force.

In 1978 he took a job teaching math in Garden City where he became elementary school principal in 1980. While in Garden City she worked in the cafeteria and drove a school bus until they retired in 1993.

The Kelsos have four children, Cindy O'Daniel and husband Robbie of Coahoma; Don Kelso and wife Jean of Jacksboro; Ken Kelso and wife Kim of Santo, and Bill Kelso and wife Shanda of Red Oak.

They have eight grandchildren, Kelli Mount of Big Spring; Chance O'Daniel of Coahoma; Clayton Kelso of Lubbock; Brendon Kelso of Jacksboro; Kelsi Kelso of Stevenville; Kade Kelso of Santo; Kara Kelso of Santo, and Brody Kelso of Red Oak.

They have two great—grandchildren, Case and Coby Mount.

The Kelsos enjoy spending time with family, church activities and watching their grandchildren compete in sports and other activities.

They also enjoy watching games of the Garden City Bearkats. The couple support all children, no matter to whom they belong.

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He was just a reluctant Christmas orator



SEASONINGS
MARSHA ALLEN

It was Christmas. School students of a two-room school building were preparing for the Christmas program.

One room was the classroom for eight students, and the other room was the auditorium.

A foyer divided the rooms. Students hung their coats and stashed their lunches on shelves at the rear of the foyer.

A large wooden barrel brought daily by a local resident contained fresh drinking water. The bathroom was outside.

The schoolhouse was located in a large meadow approximately 100 yards from the main highway. It was designed with a bell tower, although the one school teacher, who taught six grades, never used it to usher students in for classes.

Mrs. Willis was married to the local town sheriff, who paraded about with two guns on his hip and carrying a shotgun. No one messed with Mr. Willis.

She was a tender, merciful soul who took as good care of her students as if they were her own. She believed diligently in her role as the town's educator.

Two first graders, Tim and Marsha, were to recite "Twas the Night Before Christmas" for the holiday program.

Mrs. Mize, mother of one of the students, was program director for the eight students in the school.

She played piano for the solos and the carolers at play's end.

The stage was aglow with candles and donated lamps, plugged into myriad extension cords laid around the stage edges and held in place with adhesive tape. Folding up and down like a Roman shade was a large screen on which was painted a river showboat scene, complete with mules hauling cotton to the dock for loading. It was a magical type of curtain.

Rehearsals had been held for two weeks prior to the play.

Mothers, dads, aunts and uncles came to help with the preparations. It was to be a big event for the small Alabama community of approximately 200 people.

A big meal of fried chicken, ham and all the trimmings was to be served in the auditorium after the program.

Preceding the two reciters were other performers.

Then came the motion to the six-year olds to come forward to recite their poem. Mrs. Mize introduced the pair with short bars of "Silent Night".

Clad in a set of their own pajamas, giant, fuzzy house slippers, and red knit caps, each carried a pewter colored candle holder with unlit candles in them.

"Twas the night before..." began the elocution.

But that's as far as it got. The young boy froze in his recitation. He glared into the audience like a deer caught in the headlights.

The young girl began again, hoping he would catch up..."twas the night..."

He continued his glare. Mrs. Mize played a few bars on the piano, hoping to rouse the child to duty.

But he continued to glare. Mrs. Willis scrambled him off stage, as the girl continued without him.

For, you see, Mrs. Willis had noted something others had missed. The worst of all possible circumstances had happened to the reluctant orator.

He had wet his pants.

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Vatican: splendid with art treasures

Art, faith, history and genius come together in "Creating St. Peter's Architectural Treasures of The Vatican" a new exhibit at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn. The exhibition will not be seen in the U.S. again.

The centerpiece of the exhibition, Michelangelo's handcrafted 1560 study model for the dome of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, unites the show's powerful themes.

The 16-foot model provides a rare glimpse at the process and people behind one of the masterpieces of Renaissance architecture.

The model is among more than 100 artifacts-most rarely, if ever, seen by the public-that tell a rich and captivating story.

"A miracle of engineering and artistry, the dome of St. Peter's has dominated the skyline of The Eternal City for more than four and a half centuries," noted the museum's president Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Knight.

"It has been a beacon of devotion and symbol of human achievement to people of all faiths. Creating St. Peter's celebrates the individuals and the inspiration that gave the world this treasure- and brings the story of St. Peter's up to the present day.

"Each of these remarkable works of art and architecture must be seen to be appreciated," Anderson added.



Time for family-oriented weddings has come

When Nancy Ellwanger told her five-year-old son Jeremy that she was going to marry David Scott, the youngster initially seemed pleased. After all, Jeremy had grown quite fond of David, who always found the time to play a game or talk about sports with the rambunctious kindergartner.

"But then Jeremy started asking a lot of strange questions," Nancy recalls. "He wanted to know what a stepdad is supposed to do. He was also troubled that I was going to change my last name. It was clear he was afraid things might be different after we got married."

Nancy and David constantly assured Jeremy — as well as Nancy's 16-year-old daughter Nicole — that the children wouldn't become second class members of the family once the couple married. "We wanted the kids to understand that we were doing more than marrying each other; we were forming a family," David says.

The Duboistown, Pa., couple was grappling with a problem experienced by most of the more than one million single parents who remarry in the U.S. each year: What can be done to ease the concerns of young children who feel, on a conscious or unconscious level, that their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent?

After much research, Nancy found a simple and emotionally satisfying answer to the couple's dilemma in the form of a family-oriented wedding service that gives children a meaningful role in the wedding nuptials. This five-minute ceremony — known as the Family Medallion service — can easily be integrated into any religious or civil wedding ceremony. It differs from the traditional wedding in only one respect: after the newlyweds exchange rings, their children join them for a special service focusing on the family nature of remarriage. Each child is given a gold or silver pendant or ring with three interlocking circles, a symbol that represents family love in much the same way the wedding ring signifies conjugal love.

The Scotts say they will never forget the moment during their wedding when Jeremy and Nicole were summoned to their sides to participate in the family wedding service. While the Mayor of Williamsport, a family friend who married the couple, recited the words of the ceremony — a pledge to love and care for all the children either spouse brings to the marriage — Nancy and David placed a Family Medallion around the necks of Jeremy and Nicole. Jeremy beamed with pride. Nicole, a typical teen not easily touched by the doings of adults, was overwhelmed with emotion. "Oh, mommy," she sobbed. "This is so wonderful."

The ceremony ended with Jeremy and Nicole enthusiastically hugging Nancy and David. "We were crying, and I remember hearing a lot of sniffling among our guests," Nancy adds. The attention the children received during the wedding carried through to the reception as guests fussed over the youngsters and examined their Family Medallions. Jeremy eagerly displayed his medal and explained to guests the family symbolism behind the three interlocking rings: "This one is mommy, this one is David, and this one is for me and Nicki."

Guests later told Nancy and David that they were awed by the power of the special service for Jeremy and Nicole. "People remarked that they had never witnessed anything so moving before," Nancy says. "I guess that proves our family wedding was a success. Besides vowing to love each other, David and I wanted to stand before God and our guests and make a formal pledge of love to our children."

The family wedding concept is an idea whose time has come now that at least one-third of all new marriages in the U.S. involve divorced or widowed parents with children under 18 living in the home. "The number of marriages affecting children is even larger if you include parents who don't have custody of their kids," says Dr. Margorie Engel, president of the Stepfamily Association of America.

Despite the huge number of weddings involving parents with young children, virtually no religious or civil wedding ceremony acknowledges the existence of youngsters. Nancy Scott learned this fact the hard way. "I was going crazy searching for something significant to do for my children during the wedding," she says. "I couldn't find a family-oriented wedding ceremony. And all the wedding products in stores and bridal magazines were geared toward first-time brides — not a 36-year-old woman with children."

This void also frustrated Dr. Roger Coleman, Chaplain of Pilgrim Chapel in Kansas City, Mo., who developed the Family Medallion and the family ceremony that goes with it. "I was disappointed that virtually every traditional wedding ceremony focused entirely on the bride and groom," he explains. "A marriage with pre-existing children is a lot more than simply the union of a man and a woman. It's a merging of two separate families. Every day of my ministry I see how divorce creates a sense of failure and hopelessness in people. The family ceremony is a sign of hope and an important step in rebuilding the devastation of the family."

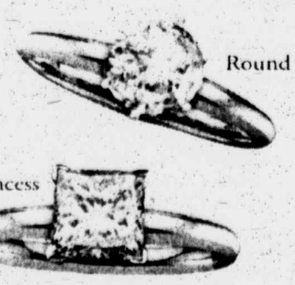
Today, more than 15,000 couples a year use the Family Medallion ceremony to help cement the bond between parents, stepparents and children. "It really works," says Williamsport Mayor Steven Cappelli. "It is a simple, beautiful ceremony that communicates, both symbolically and verbally, that the parent and stepparent are going to love their children as much as they love each other. The family ceremony is a great way to ease any apprehensions or misconceptions children might be harboring."

Family therapists and counselors say there is a price to be paid when children feel pushed aside rather than embraced by the remarriage of a parent. "When kids aren't included in a meaningful way in the wedding, they feel disenfranchised." explains Father Christopher Vender, director of Catholic Ministries of California.

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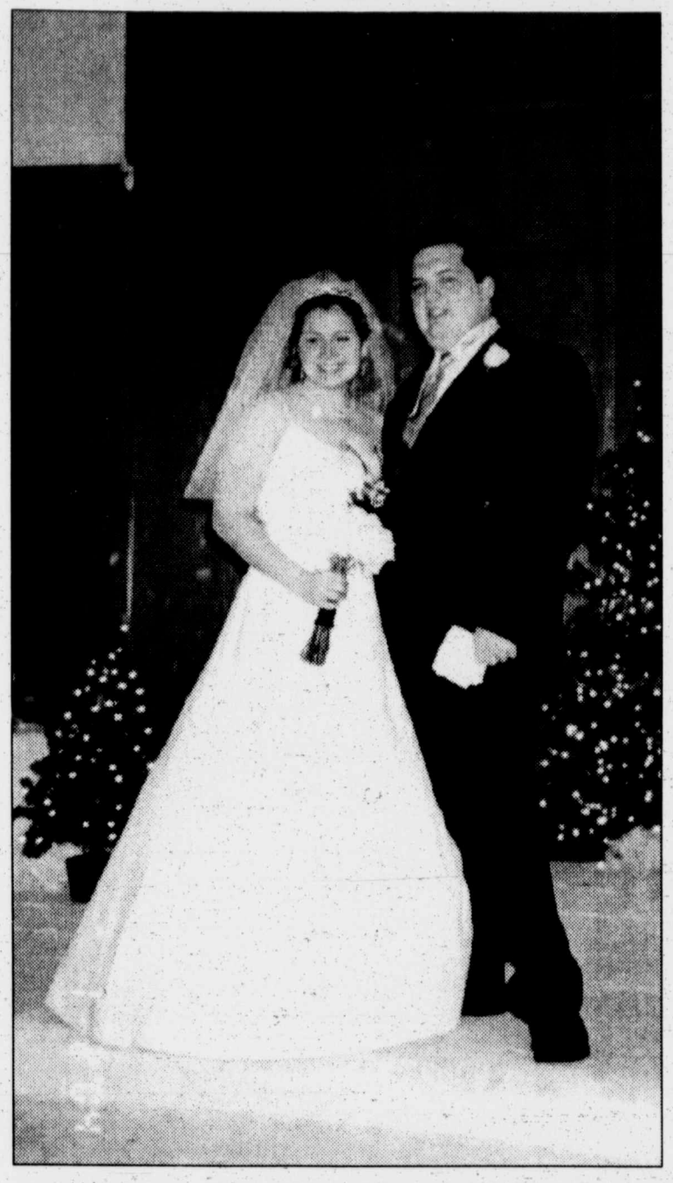
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Wedding

Graham and Burnett



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Marshall Burnett

Sarah Jocelyn Graham of Ferris, Texas and Jonathan Marshall Burnett of Midland were married at 5 p.m. Jan. 2, at the Chapel of Arlington Baptist College in Arlington.

Mark McDaniels officiated in a background of lighted trees with a simulated snow covered ground of Tulle.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Spurgeon of Ferris and Wayne and Bonnie Graham of Euless.

The groom is the son of Deanna Burnett of Midland and the late David Burnett.

He is the grandson of Alene Huffstetler of Alma, Ark. and Audry McClain of Ozark, Ark. and the late Marshall Burnett and the late J. L. McClain.

Rachel Burnett, sister of the groom, served as maid of honor. The bride was also attended by April Irvin.

David Butler served as best man. The groom was also attended by Michael Williams and Joe Scott.

Marshall Cox, nephew of the groom, and Dan Graham, brother of the bride served as ushers.

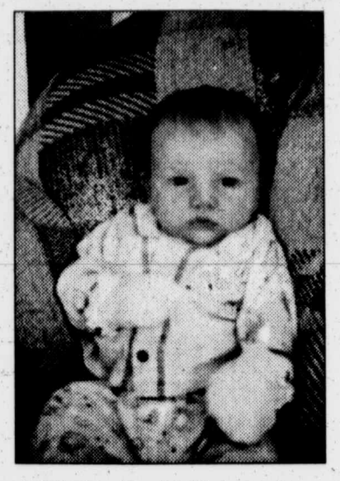
Rebecca and Elizabeth Cox, twin nieces of the groom, presided over the guest book. Ashley Cox, niece of the groom, Cindy Brown, and Nicole Poole were servers at the reception.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Ovilla Christian School in the Ovilla/Red Oaks area of Texas.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Stanton High School.

Following a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple returned to live in Arlington and attend school at Arlington Baptist College where they will graduate in May 2004.

Births



Clinton David Nelson Jr.

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Greg and Jennifer Nelson of Stephenville welcomed their son, Clinton David Nelson, at 2:51 a.m. Jan. 6, 2004, weighing eight pounds and eight ounces, and measuring 20 inches long. Grandparents include David and Janeth York of Stephenville and Grady and Patsy Nelson of Muskogee, Okla. Great-great grandmothers are Valta Brock and Esta Mae Giesecke of Stephenville.

Destinee Nicole Marquez

Jesse and Jeannie Marquez welcomed their daughter, Destinee Nicole Marque who was born on Nov. 7, 2003, at 8:30 p.m. She weighed six pounds, two ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her grandparents are Joe and Teresa Sanchez and Jesse Sr. and Linda Marquez, all of Big Spring. She was also welcomed home by two uncles and three aunts.

Pabilto Daniel DeHoyos

Pabilto Daniel DeHoyos, was born Feb. 6, 2004, at 9:45 a.m., weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 10 1/4 inches long. His parents are Pablo Alonzo DeHoyos and Daniella Viviana Sarmiento. His grandparents are Severino DeHoyos of Goliad and Luden DeHoyos and Jo and Melecio Sarmiento, all of Big Spring.

Alisa Gonzales

Alisa Gonzales was born Feb. 11, 2004, weighing seven pounds, six ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Amy and Able Gonzalez. Her grandparents are Raul and Delia Gonzalez of San Antonio and Felix and Mary Hernandez of Lamesa.

Shelly Michelle Leos

Shelly Michelle Leos was born Feb. 11, 2004, at 11:25 p.m. weighing seven pounds, two ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Stacey and Christopher Leos. Her grandparents are Emma Leos and Sylvia and Dave Ramerez.

RaeAnn Kevi Rutledge

RaeAnn Kevi Rutledge was born Jan. 30, 2004 at 8:24 a.m. weighing six pounds, five ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Her parents are Kevin and Teresa Rutledge. Her grandparents are Julian and Martian Valle of Big Spring and Harrison and Faye Rutledge of Birmingham, Ala.

Joe Anthony Viera Jr.

Joe Anthony Viera Jr. was born Jan. 30, 2004 at 7:05 a.m. weighing six pounds 7 1/2 ounces and was 10 1/2 inches long. His parents are Joe and Luisa Viera.

Her grandparents are Olga Chavarria, Silvester Naranjo and Dolores and Paul Viera, all of Big Spring.

Sa'Quan Tre'von Fizer

Sa'Quan Tre'von Fizer was born Jan. 27, 2004 at 9:16 p.m. weighing eight pounds, five ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Steven and Desiree Fizer.

Jo Evan Cantu

Jo Evan Cantu was born on Jan 23, 2004 at 5:14 a.m., weighing eight pounds, nine ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Jose and Eva Cantu of Colorado City. Her grandparents are Oralza of Odessa and Enrique and Angelita Cantu of Stanton. She was also welcomed by brothers Joey and Justin Joe and sister, Joaquzna.

Gabriel Rey Baeza

Gabriel Rey Baeza was born Jan. 24, 2004 at 5:47 p.m. weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. His parents are Sonny and Amy Baeza.

His grandparents are Robert and Margie Baeza and Lupe and the late Tereso Rey Molina all of Big Spring. He was welcomed home by big brother Sonny Baeza Jr.

Kylee Rae Lynch

Kylee Rae Lynch was born Feb. 1, 2004 at 12:08 a.m. weighing five pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Travis Lynch and Susan Schlegel.

Her grandparents are Randy Lynch of Graham and Debbie Evans and Linda and Edward Schlegel of Big Spring.

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Save the tiger program is busy

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The tiger, whether in zoos, on stage, or in the wild, has long been a source of fascination for people the world over.

However, the wild tiger has become an endangered species in recent years.

A decade ago, prominent conservationists predicted that due to forces as diverse as poaching, ecological change and industrial development, wild tigers would be extinct by the year 2000.

Fortunately, an organization has stepped forward to support tiger conservation by educating global communities on why tigers are more valuable alive than dead.

The Save The Tiger Fund-a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and ExxonMobil is dedicated to supporting the conservation of the world's remaining wild tigers.

The Fund invests in a variety of projects to increase international cooperation and communication, build local and global partnerships and leadership, and deliver effective on-the-ground conservation of tigers in landscapes increasingly dominated by humans.

Some of these conservation efforts are built around innovative responses that address economic issues.

For example, in several areas poachers are being rehabilitated and provided with new careers as tiger guards.

In Siberia this effort, along with the enactment of laws to stop the international trade in tiger parts and products, has helped to reduce the poaching of the Siberian tiger by 60 percent.

While Western contributions to tiger conservation have been valuable in terms of scientific expertise and financial investments, long-term success hinges on the cultivation of local leadership within these tiger-range countries, which is more sustainable, more responsive, and ultimately more powerful to affect real change.

Since its launch, the Save The Tiger Fund has supported 226 projects that aid in development of this kind of leadership with more than $11 million.

Public contributions account for more than $1.6 million of this funding.

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To learn more, visit the Web sites at www.5tigers.org and www.nfwf.org.

ExxonMobil first began funding tiger preservation in 1992 in the Russian Far East and has invested more than $11 million to date in tiger range countries.

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Was $19,995.....NOW $18,995

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2003 Chevrolet Avalanche 1500 Sport Utility Pickup 4D - Stk# C151, Auto., 4WD, A/C, Rea[illegible] Seat[illegible], Power Windows/Locks, Tilt/Cruise, Alloy Wheels[illegible]
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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce members hold a ribbon cutting to welcome a new business, Holiday Inn Express. Pictured are Geeta Bhakta; Ankur Bhakta, cooperate trainer; Moises Luna, the hotel's general manager; Siccoer Bhakta; Darbay Bhakta, the hotel owner; Richard Steel of State National Bank; and Kathy Lusk and Barbara Brumley, both Big Spring Ambassadors.

U.S. trade deficit hit record high in '03

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States registered a record $489.4 billion trade deficit for 2003 as a rebounding U.S. economy strengthened Americans' appetites for a wide range of foreign-made goods, including cars, clothing and TVs.

The annual trade deficit reported by the Commerce Department on Friday was 17.1 percent larger than the previous record shortfall of $418 billion posted in 2002.

Import growth outpaced export growth last year, thus producing the trade imbalance.

The value of foreign goods and services sold to the United States swelled to an all-time high of $1.5 trillion in 2003, representing a 8.3 percent rise from last year.

U.S. exporters, however, made solid gains last year. Exports totaled $1 trillion — the best showing since 2000 — and a 4.6 percent increase from 2002.

The latest snapshot of trade activity comes amid rising tensions over global trade and concerns about the flight, or outsourcing, of U.S. jobs to other countries. President Bush's chief economist, Gregory Mankiw, struck a political nerve earlier this week when he described the loss of U.S. jobs to overseas companies as "just a new way of doing international trade."

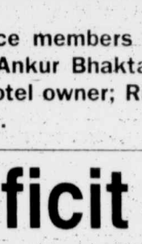
Painfully slow job growth in the United States is a political sore spot for the president and an issue that Democrats, seeking to capture the White House, like to point out to voters in an election year.

The Bush administration believes the best way to handle the mushrooming trade deficits is to get other countries to remove trade barriers and open their markets to U.S. businesses. But critics point to the deficits as evidence that the president's free-trade policies aren't working and are a factor in the loss of U.S. jobs.

The United States' politically sensitive deficit with China in 2003 was nearly $124 billion, an all-time high.

Lenz named TxDOT Abilene District engineer

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Russel W. Lenz, P.E., has been named Abilene District engineer by Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director Mike Behrens, P.E.

Lenz will be responsible for overseeing the planning design, construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system in the 13-county district.

Lenz comes to Abilene from the Waco District, where he had served as the deputy district engineer since 1999. He began his TxDOT career as a summer employee in the Austin District in 1979 as a student at the University of Texas.

Upon graduation in 1982, he was hired as an engineering assistant and served the Austin District in various positions in design and construction inspection, including design team leader. In 1993, he became assistant area engineer for the South Travis/Hays County Area office. He was promoted to area engineer in 1994, a position he held until taking the Waco position.

Applications still being taken for EQIP funds

HERALD Staff Report

Farmers and ranchers in Howard County have until April 16 to apply for participation in the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. The program is funded through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The funds are part of the conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill. Eligible participants may apply for technical and cost-share assistance for conservation practices that address natural resource concerns identified by the Program Development Group in Howard County. The resource concerns identified include water quantity and soil erosion.

Applicable practices to address these resource concerns include brush management, terraces and waterways. Cost-share rates for financial assistance have seen set at the local level. Additionally, funding is available to address state wide natural resource concerns including water quantity in the Ogallala Aquifer, salt cedar control in the Upper Colorado watershed and improving bobwhite quail habitat in the Rolling Plains area of Howard County.

For more information or to apply, contact the NRCS at the local USDA Service Center, 301 West IH 20, Suite 101, or call 267-1871, ext. 3.

Solving the mystery of pruning your roses

February is the month when most modern roses need to be pruned. Even if your roses have already begun growth, the time has come to prune. Annual heavy pruning is essential to insure the prolific bloom and long-life of a rose bush.

Explaining the concept of rose pruning without a live bush to demonstrate on is difficult, so let your mind loose to help visualize the following steps in rose pruning:

• You will need the following items: a good pair of hand pruners (preferably the scissor type, not anvil type), a sharp keyhole saw and large loppers, a heavy pair of leather gloves, a pruning compound and a dull knife.

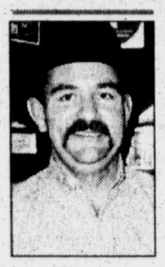
• The first step in spring pruning of Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Floribundas and Climbing roses is to remove any canes that are dead or just old and non-productive.

• This pruning will encourage future "basal" breaks which are the life blood of any rose bush. Basal breaks refer to new shoots, soon to be producing canes, which arise from the graft union. These should not be confused with "suckers" which arise from the rootstock below the graft union. Remove all suckers.

• The next step involves taking a good look at the bud union. If you have any old, dry, scaly wood on the union, remove it.

• Beginning to fine tune the pruning, remove all twiggy growth on the remaining canes (the fine tune pruning on climbing roses should be done after they bloom in the spring). Try to clean out the middle of the bush as much as possible. This allows for good air circulation to prevent insects and disease.

• Now you are ready to prune on the healthy canes. If your roses have already flushed growth, it is important to prune each cane back to a dormant bud. A bud that has already begun growth and is then pruned will simply continue to grow vigorously and bloom very little. A dormant, non-growing bud will initiate growth after pruning and will produce an abundance of blooms.



TOMMY YEATER

• One comment used to describe pruning is to "prune to an outside bud." This means when picking the point on a given cane to cut back to, make sure there is a good bud on the cane facing toward the outside of the plant. This will insure the growth of the new bud is to the outside, therefore keeping the center of the rose bush clear and open for air circulation.

• Another guideline in pruning back an individual cane is to cut the cane at the point when the diameter of the cane is the size of a pencil or slightly larger. This is normally at a height of 18 to 14 inches. If there is the need to prune back to a dormant bud, the size of the cane may be larger and the cane length may be shorter.

• If old and large canes have been removed to the bud union, it is a good practice to seal these large cuts with some sort of sealing compound such as orange shellac or even Elmer's glue.

• When pruning is completed, remove any old foliage left on the canes and rake up and remove any leaves or twigs. This will help reduce the disease and insect pressure on the young, tender shoots and buds.

The final product of your pruning should be a rose bush about 18 to 24 inches tall with 4 to 8 canes. Add some fertilizer, water and tender-loving-care, and that pitiful looking rose bush will soon give you a shower of flowers.

Tommy Yeater is the Howard County Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Hot Checks/Warrants issued:

The addresses listed are the last known addresses. If there are any problems with this list, please call 264-2226.

Brito, Martin H., 112 E. K Street, Monahans

Castellano, Isa Mojica, 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 30, Big Spring

Chelette, Joyce, 1107 Jeffrey Rd., Big Spring

Cook, Charlene, 1606 E. 16th Street, Big Spring

Copeland, Niki, 2508 Sweetbriar Drive Apt. 801, San Angelo

Dry, Johnnie Lou, Rural Route 11 Box 156, FM 2011, Longview

Gonzales, Krystal A., 2401 Marcy Apt. 15, Big Spring

Hansen, Timothy Edward, 1310 Park Ave., Big Spring

Jarrell, Jonathan, 2804 Williams Road, Big Spring

Mathews, Katina C., 501 Birdwell Lane Apt. 18 or 2600 Crestline, Big Spring

McGuire, James A., 1910 E. 11th Place, Big Spring

Morales, Adam R., 506 N.E. Ninth Street, Big Spring

Peacock, Sanjuana Janie R., 4406 Princeton Apt. A, Midland

Ramirez, Juan Jose, 110 N. 16th Street, Lamesa

Ramirez, Robert, 2200 S. Monticello, Big Spring

Salazar, Eric, 2403 37th Street, Lubbock

Shifflet, Wally, 6901 Tumbleweed Apt. 5, Odessa

Small, Chad Douglas, 2101 Runnels, Big Spring

Smith, Cory, 2101 E. Ninth Street Apt. 8, Odessa

Stearns, Karen, 613 Glenn Apt. 133, San Angelo

Taylor, Tonya D. Conner, 406 Goliad, Big Spring

Tredaway, Terry, 2203 E. County Road 9, Midland

Williams, Georgianna, 907 E. Interstate Highway 20 Apt. 24, Big Spring

County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Marisa Olivas, duty on striking fixture highway landscape more than $200, $100 fine, $261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jesse Talamantez, driving while intoxicated, $1,500 fine, $276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Eddie Joe Alavarado, evading arrest, $261 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Eddie Joe Alvarado, failure to identify as a fugitive/intentionally giving false information, $261 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Albert Martinez Jr., evading arrest, $250 fine, $261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: Robert Paul Newton, evading arrest, $250 fine, $261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: Margarita Palacios, driving while intoxicated, $1,500 fine, $251 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Daniel Rodriguez, failure to identify as a fugitive/intentionally giving false information, $400 fine, $261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: David Villareal Jr., burglary of a vehicle, $500 fine, $261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Charles Young Jr., driving while license suspended, $400 fine, $261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

District Court Filings:

Miguel Antonio Arenivaz vs. Lisa Mendez Arenivaz, divorce.

Lonnie Smith vs. Carla Deniece Smith, divorce.

Balinda Carol Gonzalez vs. Zyon Gonzalez, divorce.

Elizabeth Bowling vs. Jeffrey Clay Bowling, divorce.

Jessica Evonne Ybarra vs. Rene Acevedo, family protective order.

Michelle Davis vs. Castro Enterprises Inc. d/b/a McDonalds.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. vs. April Yvette Martinez, accounts, notes and contracts.

Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems Inc. vs. Macedonio Landin Jr. and Mary Linda Landin, accounts, notes and contracts.

In the interest of George Lee Sparkman vs. In Re, family other.

Noe Soliz vs. Melissa Ray, injuries/damages with a motor vehicle.

Jennifer N. Patton vs. Grant A. Bartlett, injuries/damages with a motor vehicle.

Terri Hobbs vs. Monroe Crawford, injuries/damages with a motor vehicle.

Lionel R. Perez Eve Salinas vs. Eduardo G. Ramirez, injuries/damages with a motor vehicle.

Marriage Licenses:

Lindell Don Cornelius, 41, and Shirley Kaye Brooks, 34, both of Coahoma.

John Brandon Glen Huggins, 31, and Dora Dehoyos, 26, both of Big Spring.

Timothy Shane Haynie, 23, and Marlena Nicole Light, 24, both of Big Spring.

Jesus A. Tarin, 31, and Mary Ester Viera, 43, both of Big Spring.

Frankie Mendoza Rubio, 44, and Lucia Rocha Bustamante, 39, both of Big Spring.

John Anthony Galan, 24, and Irene Deann Munoz, 20, both of Big Spring.

Robert Haley Heidelberg, 51, and Linda McClendon Marino, 50, both of Big Spring.

Javier Nunez Alcantar, 28, and Enoelia Adame Segundo, 50, both of Big Spring.

Johnny Dean Christian, 46, and Leslie Davis Hicks, 36, both of Big Spring.

Ricky Ray Mitchem, 39, and Robbie Lee Merrick, 38, both of Big Spring.

Trenton Clay Fuqua, 27, and Karla Yvonne Arellano, 29, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deed:

Grantor: Michael D. Burrow and Shelley A. Burrow

Grantee: Mario Salazar and Malinda Salazar

Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, Saunders Addition

Date filed: Feb. 4, 2004

Grantor: A&M Investments LLC

Grantee: Swartz and Brough Inc.

Property: Lot 3, Block 2, Stanford Park Addition

Date filed: Feb. 4, 2004

Grantor: Mary Bertha Sanders

Grantee: Barbara E. Arrowsmith

Property: A 0.408 acre tract out of the south part of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date filed: Feb. 4, 2004

Grantor: Adan Moralez

Grantee: Jessica Ramirez

Property: A tract out of the SE/4 of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date filed: Feb. 5, 2004

Grantor: Layton Earl Freeman

Grantee: Joseph E. Beall and Lois Rae Beall

Property: The NW/4 of Section 27, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey

Date filed: Feb. 5, 2004

Grantor: Lori Martinez

Grantee: Bobby Dodson

Property: Block/tract out of S/35 feet of Lot 1 and all of Lot 4, Block 1, East Coahoma

Date filed: Feb. 6, 2004

Grantor: Manuel Martinez Jr.

Grantee: Bobby Dodson

Property: The south 25 feet of Lot 2, and the west 100 feet of Lot 3, Block 1, Coahoma

Date filed: Feb. 6, 2004

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien:

Grantor: Fernando G. Dehoyos

Grantee: Jose Lujan and Tammy Lujan

Property: Lot 3, Block 5, Western Hills Addition

Date filed: Jan. 30, 2004

Grantor: Manuel Martinez Jr. and Lori Martinez

Grantee: James Steve Nail

Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Williams Addition

Date filed: Feb. 2, 2004

Grantor: Brian K. Youngman, Kurt W. Youngman and Sandra G. Youngman

Grantee: M.F. Moore

Property: Lot 7, Block 11, Kentwood Unit No. 1

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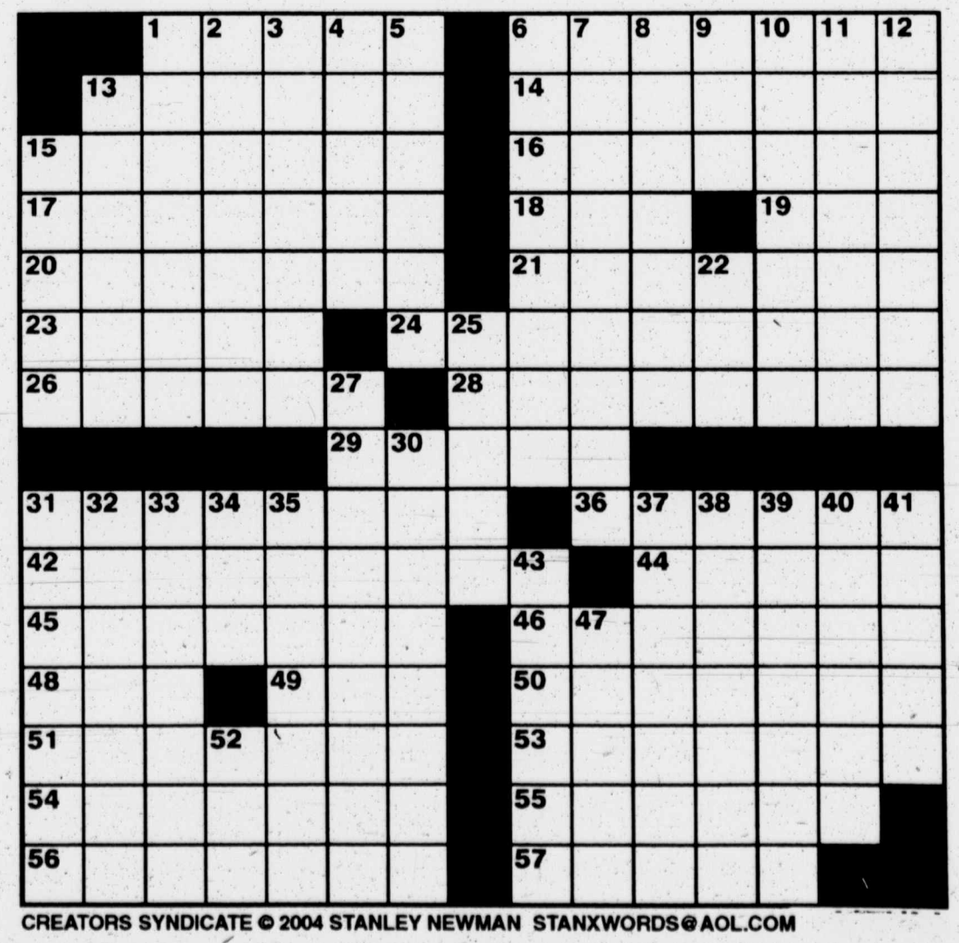
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Newsday Crossword

STUMPER by Anna Stiga
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Ninja Turtles' home
6 Most stale
13 ESPN basketball commentator
14 Recording studio work
15 Nation on the Atlantic
16 Serene
17 Partly coincide
18 Long-term savings place
19 PC screen
20 Without exception
21 Senses of taste
23 Early computer
24 Frantic
26 Cornfield vista
28 Sings again
29 Rib
31 Michigan State team
36 "Rats!"
42 CD ancestors
44 Party cheese
45 Horse thief
46 Bank offering, maybe
48 Stout alternative
49 Lone Star school
50 Spielberg film
51 *Peter Pan* characters
53 In a nervous way
54 Competitor
55 Racing family
56 Wastelands
57 Spanish 101 verb

DOWN
1 Out-of-the-way place, so to speak
2 Undying
3 Sorcerer relative
4 Juan Miguel's son
5 Gathered
6 Wanders around
7 Caught over
8 Vlad's nickname
9 Connection
10 Wagers of a sort
11 Hide
12 Some flies
13 Bon __
15 Roundish divisions
22 Uris character
25 Wipe off
27 Bill
30 Gives over
31 Economized
32 Pearl White role
33 Puts forth
34 Queue after Q
35 Launch of '62
37 Compared to
38 Arm of the South Pacific
39 Squirrels, often
40 Lofty beliefs
41 Behind
43 Bust, perhaps
47 Augur's interpretations
52 It may follow you



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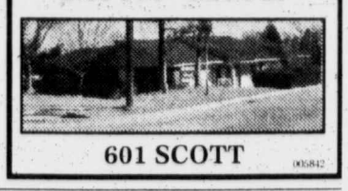
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Any redition that is turned in after April 15th, or not turned in at all, will automatically incur a 10% penalty per State Law. Forms are available at the:
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Witness my hand this 15th day of January 2004.
R.Keith Toomire
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of January 2004.
Sally M. Munoz
Notary Public
Howard County, Texas
Commission expires 12/31/04
#4088 January 25 & February 15, 2004

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Property Tax Code, Section 33.06 styled:
DEFERRED COLLECTIONS OF CERTAIN TAXES
(a) An individual is entitled to defer or abate a suit to collect a delinquent tax if he is 65 or older and he owns and occupies as a residence homestead the property on which the tax subject to the suit is delinquent.
(b) To obtain a deferral, an individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District in which the property is located an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. The Chief Appraiser shall notify each taxing unit participating in the District of the filing. After an affidavit is filed under this subsection, a taxing unit may not file suit to collect delinquent taxes on the property until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.
(c) To obtain an abatement, the individual must file in the court in which suit is pending an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. If no controverting affidavit is filed by the taxing unit filing suit or if, after a hearing the court finds the individual is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the suit until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.
(d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest continue to accrue at a rate of 8% per year during the period collections of taxes is deferred.
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AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNERS
Property owners who have applied under articles VIII 1-D or VIII 1-D-1 (Texas Constitution) for ag-use valuation in 2003 or prior years need not re-apply.
If the use of all or part of qualifying land changes to a non-qualifying use, the property owners must notify the Chief Appraiser in writing before April 1, 2004.
Property owners who have not applied for ag-use valuation in prior years should file an application before April 1, 2004.

PERSONS, CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS
Having one or more of the following exemptions must apply for the exemption annually.
1. Solar and wind powered energy devices exemption
2. Cemetery exemption
3. Historic site exemption
4. Miscellaneous (under Sec. 11.23 State Comptroller's Tax Code)
Forms are available at:
Howard County Appraisal District
Howard County Courthouse Annex
315 Main Street
P.O. Drawer 1151
Big Spring, TX 79721-1151
Phone (432)263-8301
#4090 January 25 & February 15, 2204

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)
Dist/ Div: San Angelo
Contract 0140-14-009 for RESTORATION OF EXISTING ROAD in CROCKETT County, etc will be opened on March 09, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/ or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 12180

State Office
Constr. /Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)
San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 325-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#4110 February 8 & 15, 2004

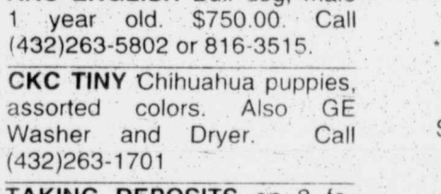
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