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Cook-off slated to aid Forsan band

A benefit barbecue cook-off for the Forsan band trip to Washington D.C. is set Saturday at 703 W. Third. Categories are brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans.

Cooking will begin early that morning and judging will be at 1 p.m. Dining begins at 1 p.m. also.

Registration is \$10 per category and plates are \$5 per person. Cooks may register now by calling 263-6862.

The event is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188, the American legion Post 506, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks MC and the Big Spring Bass Club.

Blood drives set all this week

Several places in Big Spring will have blood drives this month. Among them are:

- Cornell Corrections, 3711 Wright Ave., from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday. To sign up call, Tina Word at 264-0060.
- Lakeview Headstart, 1107 W. Seventh, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday. To sign up, call Joann or Delores at 267-7452
- Leonard's Prescription Pharmacy, 701 Scurry (new building) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. United Blood Services Bloodmobile. To sign up, call Tina at 267-2771.

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Traffic, zoning matters top council's agenda

□ 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Traffic and zoning matters appear to be the top items on Tuesday's agenda for the Big Spring City Council, which is set to consider first readings of ordinances that will allow a restaurant to open on E. 11th Street and place a four-way stop on Scurry Street.

Council members are expected to hear from Big Spring Public Works Director Todd Darden, who will present an ordinance that would allow for the issuance of a specific use permit for a restaurant to be opened at 1103 E. 11th Place.

According to documents filed with the city, the permit is being requested by AquaVista Properties owner and manager Jose Zubiate, and will cover Lots 9 through 12 of Block 5 in the Highland Park Addition.

The area was previously designated as a neighborhood service zone by the city of Big Spring. However, the city planning and zoning commission approved the specific use permit which allows a restaurant in a neighborhood service zone.

A public hearing concerning the specific use permit is slated for the beginning of the meeting, which gets underway at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

The council is also expected to

consider placing a four-way stop at the intersection of Scurry and 24th Street. The four-way stop was recently considered and approved by the city's traffic commission.

If approved, the decision must be published in the *Big Spring Herald* twice, with the change taking effect after the second publication.

Tuesday's meeting will also feature a presentation of the Moore

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Back to jail

County to convene Tuesday for session on proposed lockup

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet in a special session Tuesday morning to discuss the planning phase of a new jail facility.



Kilgore

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he expects to see several of these special meetings in the near future in hopes of developing a timeline for the jail's eventual construction.

"We've been meeting with officials from the city and the Big Spring Police Department since we began working on this," said Kilgore. "Right now we're trying to establish some key details, such as the size of the facility. That's going to dictate a great deal concerning where this facility will be located."

Kilgore declined to discuss any specific areas he and the other commissioners are considering for the jail, but did say they are taking the entire county into consideration.

"We're looking all over the county, from the southern parts to the areas near the Interstate," said Kilgore. "There's a lot to consider when you're building something like this and we want to make sure we have plenty of room to expand if we need to in the future. It's sort of a process of elimination."

Kilgore said discussions concerning the police department's needs for the facility are being taken into careful consideration, and talks are currently on the table between the two entities concerning a joint law enforcement building that would house both law enforcement agencies and one central

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Dharma Campos, Bauer Magnet Elementary student, rounds the "barrel" with help from rodeo clown Quail Dobbs Friday afternoon. The school's youngest students participated in their first rodeo as Public Schools Week came to an end.

Galloping toward success

Bauer Elementary students use rodeo as a learning experience

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Special to the Herald

Spirits were high and bright bandannas were flying as Bauer Magnet Elementary kindergartners mounted up Friday afternoon for the school's first stickhorse rodeo.

Teacher Eloise Winn served as the mistress of ceremonies, and the children were advised and assisted by retired professional rodeo clown Quail Dobbs, Howard College rodeo team member Sierra Stoney and assistant coach Jennifer Driver.

The event began with a grand entry around the playground blacktop, as dozens of parents, grandparents and other students applauded each rider. After Winn thanked the many parents and volunteers who spent two weeks making personalized stickhorses for each student, events got under way.

The cowgirls kicked things off with barrel racing, a fast-paced event punctuated the crowd's chanting of each girl's name to cheer her on. Next came the cowboy races, a relay through a maze of cones

that tested each participant's speed and agility.

There were a few false starts.

"Whoa! Hold that horse," Dobbs advised a few cowboys whose trusty steeds were too eager for the race to begin. Wind sent a few cowboy hats flying, and more than once a horse accidentally tripped its rider.

But all in all, the horses were well-behaved and the crowd was thrilled by the show of skill and style. And that's what rodeo is all about.

Veterans home slates community egg hunt

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Mark your calendar for Good Friday, March 25. That's when the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will have its second annual Community Easter Egg Hunt.

"We started this last year and it was such a great success we want to continue it," said Tony Cruz, veterans home activities director.

With that in mind, the facility has doubled its order for plastic eggs from 10,000 to 20,000. The eggs are filled with goodies for the children.

"Local businesses are giving us discount coupons and we're putting them in some of the eggs this year, too," said Cruz. "The veterans are helping us fill the

eggs."

It's something the residents look forward to, he said.

"They enjoy doing it. They love children and they get a big kick out of all of this," Cruz said. "We all have a great time and the children do, too."

The hunts — one for children age 5 and under and another for children age 6 and above — will be held on the facility grounds beginning at 2 p.m. There is no pre-registration, though parents should bring their children a few minutes early.

"This goes pretty fast, as you can imagine," said Cruz. "It only took about 30 minutes last year and we had 170 kids participating."

Cruz said there will be refresh-

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Lorrie Grantham and her son, Lucas, look over some of the polished stones on display at the 36th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, hosted by the Big Spring Prospector's Club.

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Obituaries

Nona La Verne Stanley



Nona La Verne (Broyles) Stanley, 69, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. A private family interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at Nona's home, 4900 Wasson Rd.

She was born on Feb. 6, 1936, in Rio Hondo, Texas and married Alfred J. Stanley on May 4, 1956, in Harlingen. He preceded her in death on April 3, 1993.

Nona had worked for the Texas Veterans Commission at the V.A. Medical Center from 1982 until she retired in August 2003. She enjoyed antiques, Skip-Bo, dominoes and traveling with friends. During her marriage to Alfred, she had lived in Plattsburg, N.Y., Omaha, Neb., Las Vegas, Nev., Harlingen and Okinawa, Japan.

She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ and loved her church family and friends.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, D. F. and La Rhonda Stanley, and A. J. and Sherrie Stanley, all of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Betty L. and Wesley Thixton of Big Spring; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Malcolm Broyles of Pasadena and Sidney and Linda Broyles of Harlingen; seven grandchildren, Clay Thixton and wife, Aubrey, Kristen Nichols and husband, John Paul Nichols, Clint Stanley, Charlene Stanley, Kaylon Stanley, Kay C Stanley and Kaleb Stanley, all of Big Spring; and two great grandchildren, Tucker Thixton and Koby Nichols, both of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Eura (Stambaugh) Broyles; one brother, Byron Broyles, and one sister-in-law, Maxie Broyles.

The family suggests memorials to Sunnyside Children's Home, P. O. Box 1373, San Benito, Texas 78586.

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

Paid obituary

Russel Norton

Russel Norton, 53, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at his residence. Honoring his request, there will be no services.

He was born on June 19, 1951, in Liberal, Kan., and grew up in Hobbs, N.M., and later Fort Stockton. He was a 1969 graduate of Fort Stockton High School. Russel also attended Odessa College.

Russel and Doris Jeter were united in marriage on June 12, 1971 in Fort Stockton.

He had been a volunteer firefighter with the Fort Stockton Fire Department for 14 years, and had worked as a plant mechanic for Valero Energy Corp. for more than 22 years. He liked to hunt and fish, and enjoyed welding and carpentry work. He was an excellent mechanic.

Surviving Russel is his loving wife of 33 years, Doris of Midland, a daughter, Dena Cox of Nacogdoches; two sons, Rex Norton of Big Spring, and Ross Norton of San Diego, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, his parents, Rummel and Margaret Norton of Midland, a brother, Randall Norton of Midland, and a sister, Lark Underwood also of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, West Texas Division, 1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 201, Midland, 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Midland.

Paid obituary

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-10-14-24-31. Bonus Ball: 38.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$19 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-12-23-33

Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 8-8-8

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 5-9-3

John H. Day



John H. Day, 81, of Big Spring died at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rafoad Dunagan officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 30, 1923, in Snyder, and moved to Howard County in 1933. He graduated from Big Spring High School and received an Associate Degree from Howard College. John married Doris E. Taylor in 1947 in Big Spring, and she preceded him in death on May 5, 1993. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. John worked at Webb Air Force Base Fire Department as a Crew Chief, retiring in 1965. He also owned and operated Day's Pumping Service from 1960 until 1988.

He is survived by one daughter: Lana Jon Clark of Big Spring; two brothers: Burton Day of Safford, Ariz. and Marshall Day of Mayhill, N.M.; two sisters: Christine Ramsey of Stanton, and Mary Ruth Young of Copperas Cove; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

The family will be at 902 Brian. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Vlasta E. Davis

Vlasta E. Davis, 85, of Stanton, formerly of Seaton, died on Sunday, March 6, 2005, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at the Seaton Brethren Church. Interment will follow at Seaton Community Cemetery.

The family will receive relatives and friends at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple, Monday, March 7, 2005 from 6-8 p.m.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1919, and married Joseph Stephan Davis in Bell County. He preceded her death in December 1988.

She grew up in Bell County. She worked at Scott and White Hospital in the laundry for a number of years. She then returned to school and became a nursing assistant and worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Temple until her retirement.

She was a lifelong member of Seaton Brethren Church.

Survivors include a daughter & son-in-law, Anna and Randy Reid of Loop; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Brian Joseph Drgac on May 15, 1994.

Arrangements under the direction of Harper-Talasek Funeral Home of Temple.

Betty Johnson

Services for Betty Johnson, 52, of Seminole, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in the Westside Church of Christ, with David Williams, minister, officiating. Interment will follow in the Gaines County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

She was born July 2, 1952, in Lamesa. She grew up in Ackerly and Kermit. She married Darrell Johnson on May 18, 1973 in Albuquerque, N.M.

She retired as the secretary of Supporting Services for Seminole Independent School District in 2004.

She is survived by her husband, Darrell; two daughters, Tara Johnson of Lubbock, and Rita Thorton of Portland, Ore.; and a brother, Terry Foster of Kermit.

Memorials may be made to the Portales Childrens Home or the Kidney Foundation of West Texas.

Weather

Today — Decreasing clouds. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the south in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Friday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Saturday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Stepfon K. Jones

Stepfon Kiley Jones, 33, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 3, 2005 in Oklahoma City. Services will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 2 p.m. in Brown's Funeral Chapel, Atoka, Okla. Interment will follow at Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Okla.

He was born April 29, 1971 to Robert and Arletha Jones in Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School before graduating from North High School in Sioux City, Iowa.

He married Christi Shanks on Sept. 15, 1997 at Ardmore, Okla. He was a cook and a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by two sons, Jerid Jones, of Guy, and Stepfon Jones Jr., of Kingston, Okla.; three daughters, Yasmine Jones and Elizabeth Peterson, both of Kingston, Okla., and Madison Gray, of Armstrong, Okla.; his parents, Robert and Arletha Jones, of Atoka, Okla.; two brothers, Johnny Jones, of Fort Worth, and Robert Jones, of McKinney; a sister, Selena Crow, Ruidoso, N.M.; and numerous aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Atoka, Okla.

Louise Leonard

Louise Leonard, 87, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 6, 2005, in San Angelo. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Raymond Karnes

Raymond Karnes, 82, of Big Spring died Monday morning, March 7, 2005, at the V. A. Medical Center following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Theo Bowers

Theo Bowers, 82 of Big Spring died at 12:25 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Alliance Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Henry Willess

Henry Willess, 84, of Big Spring died at 6:15 a.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Lamun Lusk Sanchez VA Nursing Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• **ANDRES JUAREZ**, 45, 538 Westover No. 84, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 19, 1511 Princeton St., was arrested on charges of failure to identify and evading arrest.

• **MARIE PACHECO**, 43, 1103 E. Third St., was arrested on local warrants.

• **ENRIQUE HONOS**, 43, 100 N.W. Third St., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Sheriff's report

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

• **EDWARD WILLIAM BARRY**, 46, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department after his arrest on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **ARTHUR DAVID CARDENAS**, 33, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on capias warrants.

• **MELISSA VELASQUEZ URANGA**, 40, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on charges of disorderly conduct and assault/family violence.

• **JOSE MENDEZ CUELLAR**, 42, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a parole violation warrant.

• **ALEX GUTIERREZ**, 30, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a charge of failure to appear and a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.

• **MIRANDA NICOLE HOLDMAN**, 21, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on two charges of theft of service.

• **RUBEN HERNANDEZ**, 21, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on charges of contempt of court and disobedience of a court order.

• **RICKY L. HAGGARD**, 33, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• **ANTHONY HINOJOS JR.**, 22, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of robbery.

• **ROGER LEE SMITH**, 38, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of failure to stop and render aid.

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Sheriff's report

By THOMAS J.
Staff Writer

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Howard County Sheriff's Assn. Dale Walker said last week that let for donation Sheriff's Assn. Texas will be soon, appealing residents to become members of the organization, reports training law enforcement all over the state.

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These seven sixth-grade students from Goliad Intermediate School qualified for the State Science Fair competition, which will be held in San Antonio at the end of March. From left are Brandi Vaughn, space science, third place; Nicole Davidson, biochemistry, second place; Diona Parker, zoology, third place; Trinity Terrazas, biochemistry, first place; Zachary Hernandez, mathematics, second place; and Lupita Sifuentes, engineering, second place. Also qualifying, but not pictured, was Austin Sharp, physics, second place.

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ments following the Easter egg hunts and the Easter Bunny and other characters will be on hand to interact with the children.

All area children are invited and should be supervised by an adult. There is no charge.

Bill McClellan is the Herald news editor. He can be reached at (432) 263-7331, ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

COUNCIL

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Development for Big Spring annual audit and report and final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Millennium Resources Inc.

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Odie Sanchez, 87, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruby Greenhill, 83, of Big Spring died at 10:55 PM Friday, March 4, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Theo Bowers, 82, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Henry Willess, 84, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Raymond Karnes, 82, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff warns residents to look out for scams

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents will soon have the chance to help show their support for sheriff's deputies in Texas, but local officials warn to be on the lookout for scam artists taking advantage of people's generosity.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said this week that letters asking for donations to the Sheriff's Association of Texas will be going out soon, appealing for area residents to become associate members of the organization, which supports training for county law enforcement officers all over the state.

"They provide training in all different aspects of law enforcement, and they do it at no expense to the agencies they serve," said Walker. "They help train in jail administration, civil process and

other fields that are really valuable for our deputies and other employees.

"Every other organization that provides this type of training charges for it. However, the Sheriff's Association of Texas does it for no charge, and that's thanks to the donations they receive each year. Last year, they taught a class on civil process right here in Howard County, and law enforcement officials from all over the area attended."

While Walker's certainly not shy in pointing out the fiscal and safety advantages of these free classes hosted by the association, he's equally forthcoming about the number of scams that target area residents wanting to help local law enforcement.

"The Sheriff's Association of Texas does not solicit by phone — ever," said Walker. "They

only do this by mail. So if someone comes to your door asking for money for the organization, beware.

"There's also an organization called the American Deputy Sheriff's Association which is sometimes confused with the Sheriff's Association of Texas. They have numerous complaints filed against them in Austin and the

HCSO in no way endorses that organization. Howard County doesn't benefit one bit from money they collect."

Walker said anyone receiving a phone call they believe is part of scam should report it to the sheriff's office, county attorney's office or district attorney's office.

While training is the main focus of the Sheriff's

Association of Texas, Walker said the organization also helps out in other capacities.

"Dues for the association are used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety and fight drug abuse," said Walker. "They also provide scholarships for the

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ized jail.

"The city is extremely interested in involving itself. Not in the construction, obviously, because we want to get out of the jail business," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen recently told commissioners. "It doesn't make any sense in a county our size to have two separate jails. The police department is in a position where they are currently bursting at the seams, and we're going to have to address that."

"If you (the commissioners) would consider it, we would love to be in a position where we might consider having joint offices and have everyone under one roof. It makes sense to me. If all law enforcement was under one roof, it seems to me like they would have better coordination and joint dispatch."

Several presentations have been made to the commissioner's court concerning the construction of a new jail during the past year, including feasibility studies by architects Norris Fletcher and Phil Furqueron.

"Option 1, which is the

160-bed facility expandable to a 212-bed facility including furniture, fees, necessary testing and all of the project construction related costs, you're looking at \$6.6 million," Fletcher told the court during a meeting in October of 2003. "For the 212-bed facility, it's \$7.5 million."

"We're looking at a Sheriff's Office administrative area of 6,586 square feet. That involves the Sheriff's offices and patrol offices, and that would stay the same with either Option 1 or 2. Inmate housing for Option 1 is 20,550 square feet, and Option 2 is 25,560 square feet. That includes the actual cell areas, multi-purpose rooms, all of which are necessary with the detention of inmates. We're looking at Option 1 being 43,509 square feet overall, or Option 2, which is 49,020 square feet."

Kilgore said Furqueron, who was awarded the architect's bid for the project, is expected to be at Tuesday's meeting as well.

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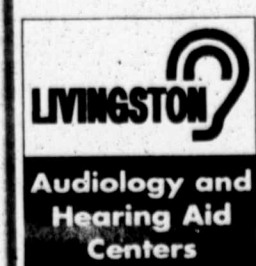
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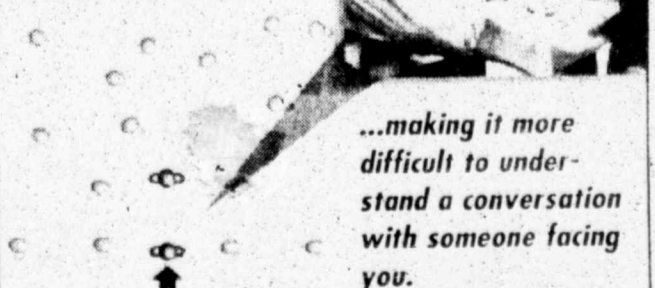
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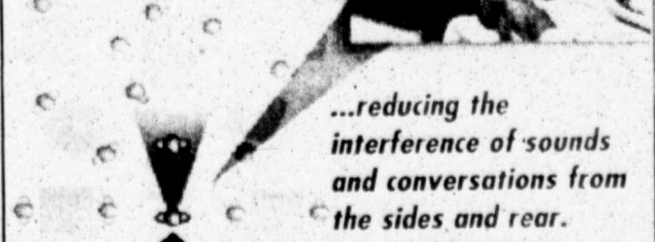
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Last year, three of U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's aides were indicted on charges involving an old Texas law that bans corporations from financing political campaigns.

They were accused of using corporate contributions to help elect a Republican majority to the Texas Legislature. That majority then redrew the congressional districts in the state.

That story made national news.

The rest of the story is that State Rep. Craig Eiland of Galveston has done what any good legislator would do in the wake of that dispute, which has tended to divide people along party lines.

Eiland filed a bill to simply make the law clearer.

Eiland's bill is nonpartisan. It offers some definitions of terms such as "electioneering communications," "administrative expenses" and "solicitation expenses."

The bill has support from people in both parties. Eiland, a Democrat, was joined by State Rep. Todd Smith, a Republican from Bedford, in drafting the bill. This bill should become law.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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Inside report: Specter's tactics

Conservative misgivings about Sen. Arlen Specter's rise this year to become chairman of the Judiciary Committee were validated last week. Without consulting the Republican leadership, Specter launched a procedure that undercuts party strategy for confirming President Bush's judicial nominees. Ironically, however, Democrats are so intransigent that not even Specter's temporizing has moderated them so far.

Specter, on his own, picked William Myers, a former cattle industry lobbyist, as the nominee blocked by Democrats in the last Congress who will go first in the new Congress. He did so because he figured that Myers, among 16 blocked Bush appellate nominees, had the best chance to get 60 votes needed to break a filibuster. But, as Specter is well aware, the Republican party is not interested in confirming judges with 60 votes. It wants to re-establish the constitutional principle that a simple majority of 51 votes is sufficient for confirmation.

This creates a peculiar situation, with control of the federal judiciary, especially the Supreme Court, at stake. The last outcome the Republican leadership wants would be a filibuster against Myers broken by 60 senators voting for cloture. That precedent would restrict what kind of Bush Supreme Court nominee could get through the Senate. Republican leaders want to use parliamentary procedures to confirm judges with a simple majority — the so-called "nuclear option."



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Democrats are so antagonized by this option that Sen. Robert C. Byrd, the 87-year-old dean of the Senate, compared it on the Senate floor last week to Hitler's "enabling act" that seized power in Germany. The likelihood that Democrats will respond by bringing Senate business to a standstill leads to the possible strategy of ensuring that popular legislation — perhaps the highway bill — will be on the floor at that point.

In order to get the Judiciary chairmanship, Specter promised to support all of Bush's judicial nominees. But he did not promise the order in which he would send nominees to the floor. He must have known the first choice of Majority Leader Bill Frist and the other Republican leaders was Justice Janice Rogers Brown, a conservative member of the California Supreme Court. A Democratic filibuster stopped her in the last Congress.

The spectacle of Democrats blocking an African-American woman from becoming an appellate judge is welcomed by Republicans. With no chance to get 60 senators supporting her, Frist will then make a point of order to be upheld by Vice President Dick Cheney, presiding over the Senate. If a simple majority upholds him, Brown is confirmed — and the war is won.

Specter is vague about the "nuclear option" but has been seeking to unblock some blocked nominee. Myers would seem an unlikely choice. As a lobbyist and former Interior Department solicitor, he provides a cornucopia of positions antagonizing the left. Myers is the first judicial nominee ever opposed by the National Wildlife Federation and the

National Congress of American Indians.

Specter chose Myers because he thought him the best chance to get 60 votes. Although never before accused of naivete, old pol Specter was taken in by the bait-and-switch tactics used by liberal Democrat Ken Salazar last year to win a Senate seat from the pale "Red" state of Colorado. As state attorney general, Salazar strongly endorsed Idaho lawyer Myers for the heavily liberal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. As a senator, he joined Democratic colleagues asking Bush to withdraw Myers's name.

Indeed, Democrats are so addicted to the taste of judicial blood that they apparently will not confirm Myers even to trap Republicans into the 60-vote precedent. Sen. Patrick Leahy, ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, last week declared Myers unacceptable.

Specter can decide which nominee comes first out of the Judiciary Committee, though he has pledged to move all of them to the Senate floor. But he will not decide which one is taken up first by the Senate. That is the prerogative of the leadership, which is inclined to go with Justice Brown or possibly Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen. But if the leaders are sure Specter cannot get 60 votes, Myers might be sent to the floor to show that not even 58 or 59 senators can confirm a judge.

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Border Patrol being shortchanged

As President Bush attended the swearing in of new Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff Thursday, the president noted that "Osama bin Laden has urged the terrorist Zarqawi to form a group to conduct attacks outside Iraq, including here in the United States. We're on a constant hunt for bin Laden."

Well, not quite.

I am sorry to report that, even as Dubya was talking tough about being ready for al Qaeda-inspired terrorists laying plans to slip across the border, his own budget proposal reduces the number of Border Patrol agents the government will hire. The Bush budget includes enough to hire 210 new Border Patrol agents in 2006, which is an increase — but a far cry from the 2,000 agents he was mandated to hire each year for five years, starting in 2006, as per a bill Congress passed and Bush signed.

The goal of the bill was to double the size of the Border Patrol, but if Bush gets his way, there will be but teensy-weensy increases.

"I'm not sure that (Bush) understands the connection between border security and homeland security," noted T.J. Bonner, president of the National Border Patrol Council, which represents Border Patrol agents.

"I'm at a loss as to why they're doing this. I suspect that it has something to do with the fact that they're not serious about controlling illegal immigration — never have been," Bonner continued.

"They seem to have this view that illegal immigration is healthy for the U.S. economy because we

have an endless supply of cheap, exploitable labor coming across the border."

That's certainly the way I see the administration's failure to staff these new positions. Bush always has had a soft spot for cheap, illegal labor — hence his continued calls for amnesty programs that would encourage more illegal immigration. And it's hard to see his decision to pull back on the promised increase in the ranks of the Border Patrol as anything but a willful decision to look the other way — an outrageous and dangerous choice when you consider that Bush knows bin Laden would like to sneak terrorists over the border.

Republican Rep. Christopher Cox of Newport Beach, Calif., the chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, told me I'm wrong. That is "an easy thing for talk-radio" folks to say, Cox noted on the phone, but Bush is looking at the bottom line and at what works. The cost of expanding training facilities is much higher than anticipated, and the administration thinks it can be more effective by spending on new technologies that can enhance border surveillance.

To that first point, Carlos Espinosa, a spokesman for Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., had a quick response. "There's probably no one" in the House of Representatives "who's going to say we shouldn't fund extra facilities to protect the country from another (terrorist) attack." The cost to the American economy if there is a terrorist attack would be many times greater than the cost of training thousands of new agents.

And as Bonner points out, the new technology is good, but it can't help much if there is no one around to detain those little dots on the screens.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokeswoman Kristi Clemens just returned from a trip to El Paso, where she saw the new technology — part of America's Shield Initiative — at work. The new scanning technology spotted 14 people near the border, agents were deployed, and 14 uninvited guests were apprehended. With the new officers and new equipment — and a bigger budget — Border Patrol agents will be able to monitor "constant intelligence" and deploy agents where they are needed, she said.

Clemens noted that the Border Patrol detained 1.1 million illegal immigrants last year. That's good, but there is no way to know for sure how many illegal crossers made it into this country.

And while most were looking for jobs — not targets — they found those jobs at a high cost to state and local governments, which have been forced to absorb costs for emergency medical care and incarceration because the federal government doesn't pay for its failures.

And if a terrorist does slip through a porous border, Americans could pay with their very lives.

Cox compared the overall border situation today with a fence along the U.S./Mexico border in San Diego — he called it "a \$14 million fence with a 3-mile hole." The House recently voted to fill the hole in the fence. Now, it should make sure that Washington fills the hole in the Border Patrol.

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Doctors lauding value of diuretics

By LEWIS KRAUSKOPF

The Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Standing before his fellow physicians, Dr. Aloysius B. Cuyjet looked amused as he displayed his green rolling bag and a canister holding posters.

The Newark cardiologist noted that he had the same equipment a drug company sales representative might.

"I felt just like a product specialist coming up here," Cuyjet (pronounced soo-jay) told the doctors at East Orange (N.J.) General Hospital. Cuyjet is no pharmaceutical representative. But he is adopting some of the industry's promotional approach — at the behest of the federal government.

He and 23 other doctors across the country are addressing their peers about the results of a massive, 42,000-patient clinical trial of blood pressure treatments.

The study, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, yielded a provocative finding: that older, cheaper diuretics should almost always be the first choice for treating high blood pressure.

The government's move to spread the word about the results could help hypertension patients save money on their medication, and ripple through the \$16 billion market for blood pressure drugs.

The trial, known as Allhat (for Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial), caused a dramatic stir when its results were unveiled in December 2002, and garnered widespread media coverage.

But the organizers of Allhat decided more needed to be done to spread word of the results. Researchers have been frustrated about the length of time it takes for landmark findings to translate from publication in a journal to practice by physicians.

"It dies on the vine," said Dr. Barry Davis, Allhat's principal investigator, and a professor of bio-statistics at the University of Texas School of Public Health in

Houston. "People don't apply the results. It has to be pushed a little bit further. You have to show them what it means and why the findings are important and how it can make a difference."

Pharmaceutical companies have long deployed thousands of sales representatives with a common goal: pushing their products to prescribing physicians.

For Allhat, the "clinician educators" are similarly seeking access to doctors by meeting face to face with their peers. Cuyjet and other doctors were investigators who ran some of the trial sites in Allhat. Since the fall, as part of a pilot phase, they have begun meeting with small groups of physicians in their regions to convey the main messages of the study.

By the end of the summer, the number of doctors talking about Allhat will expand to more than 200. That effort to spread the results to the medical community is the main part of the \$3.7 million Allhat "dissemination" project, which also involves publicizing information in consumers publications, such as that of seniors group AARP, and informing committees that oversee drug coverage for health plans and hospitals about the results.

Setting new standard

In total, Allhat cost \$123 million, including about \$40 million from Pfizer, maker of Norvasc and Cardura, two drugs used in the study, according to an NIH spokeswoman. If Allhat turns more patients and doctors onto diuretics, Pfizer could lose business from the study.

The project could set the standard for future NIH studies, which could require grant-seekers to include dissemination design as part of their proposed studies.

As it stands, the pharmaceutical industry is

responsible for much of the information that doctors receive about medicines, through sales representatives, as well as underwriting lectures.

However, because diuretics are available as generics now — and therefore large drug makers can't make much money off of them — no incentive exists for companies to promote the older drugs.

"There's nobody out there championing diuretics," Cuyjet said in an interview. "If we don't do it, nobody is going to do it."

The dissemination project is in part seeking to raise awareness about better controlling high blood pressure, which affects nearly one in three American adults and becomes more prevalent as people age. It can lead to heart failure, stroke and kidney failure, and large numbers of people with high blood pressure either are unaware of their condition, are not treated or do not have the condition under control.

The Allhat message is that diuretics, particularly thiazide-type diuretics, should almost always be the first choice when beginning treatment. When multiple drugs are used in treating high blood pressure — a common occurrence — diuretics should usually be part

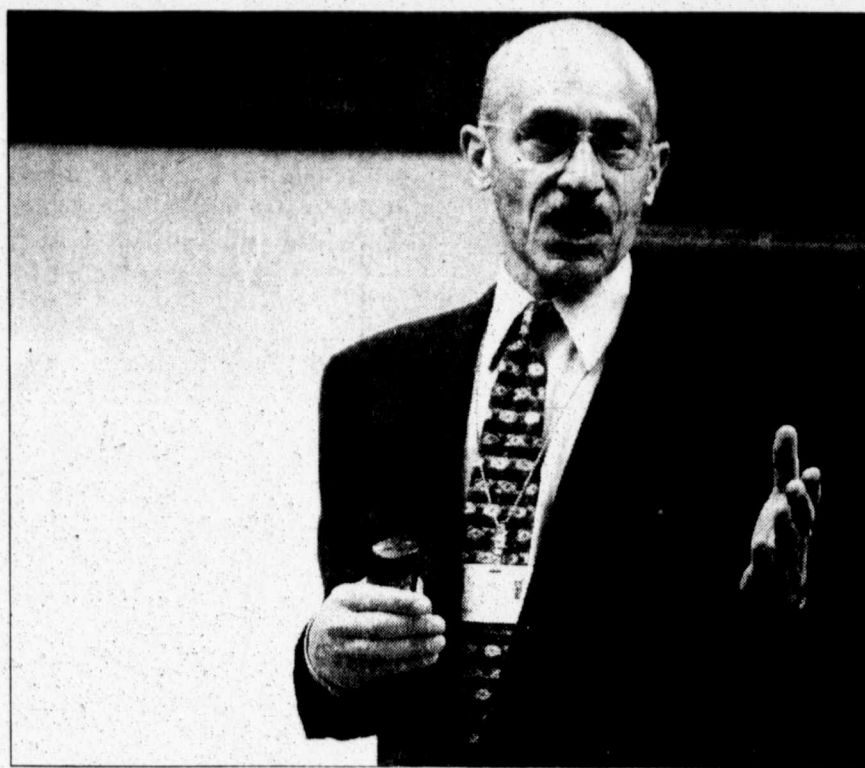
of that regimen.

Market worth millions

An increase of diuretic use could shake up the lucrative market for blood pressure treatments, which exceeded \$16 billion last year, according to IMS Health, a pharmaceutical information and consulting company. Pfizer, Merck and Novartis are among the companies with big-selling blood-pressure treatments.

Available since the 1950s, diuretics are often called "water pills" and flush excess fluids and salt from the body. Use of diuretics declined dramatically in the 1980s and 1990s as new types of blood-pressure medications debuted.

The Allhat findings have bred controversy among some physicians, who criticized the study and say it overstates the case for diuretics. That resistance could make the dissemination project more contentious.



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Dr. Aloysius B. Cuyjet, a Newark cardiologist, is part of a federal effort to spread the word about a landmark study of blood-pressure drugs. After years of watching in frustration as large studies are drowned out by other marketing, the NIH is spending money to get doctors out to talk to other doctors about their studies.

discovered through his nearly 30 years of practice.

Major obstacle

The fact that diuretics cost less, supporters say, could lead to wide treatment of blood pressure because the high price of drugs is often a major obstacle to their use. Older patients often take multiple drugs, and the costs can add up.

"If you can treat your patients for something they can get for \$5 a month, that's something they can fit into their budgets," Cuyjet told the East Orange physicians

during his presentation.

Cuyjet said that Allhat also avoids a common problem with clinical trials: the lack of inclusion of women and minorities. Nearly half of the Allhat participants were women, 35 percent were black and 16 percent were Hispanic.

He and the other doctors across the country are part of the pilot phase of the dissemination project, which will be evaluated before the larger group of doctors fans out.

Davis said the success of the two-year project will be measured by whether more diuretics are prescribed.

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New mental health program helps some at expense of others

AUSTIN (AP) — A 16-year battle with schizophrenia and major depression left Michael Newman afraid to go to parties or the movies, and voices often told him to hurt himself.

But he's getting better now, and he credits his recovery to a new system for treating Texans with mental illnesses: Resiliency and Disease Management.

The system categorizes clients and dictates the kind of treatment they receive at state-financed community mental health centers. It is meant to give the most severely mentally ill people meaningful care that allows them to become healthy and self-sufficient.

"For the first time in over 16 years, I feel kind of sane, so to speak," said Newman, 32. "I feel like I can interact with people."

But there is a cost. Thousands of people are being turned away from the centers because they don't meet the more stringent eligibility criteria.

Since Sept. 1, about 17,000 of the approximately 130,000 people who were receiving care at the centers have been deemed ineligible for services. Statistics from some centers show large numbers of potential clients also are being turned away.

Experts say many of those people are ending up in emergency rooms because they have nowhere else to go.

"It has not been an easy road," said Rose Childs, deputy director for mental health services at the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County, which rejects about 15 percent of its potential clients every month. "I think it's going to be a continual struggle to balance the money and services."

"The issue is how to do it without hurting clients."

A recent report by the Mental Health Association in Texas said mental illness costs the state up to \$16.6 billion per year in workforce reduction and lost income. The group is urging lawmakers to restore \$50 million in mental health funding cuts made in 2003 when the state faced a \$10 billion budget shortfall.

According to the report, Texas ranked 49th in the nation in spending for mental health services in

2002.

Even before the 2003 cuts, community mental health centers said they had nowhere near enough money to help everyone seeking their services. As a result, the centers gave most people minimal services that often had little effect.

"The old saying was that everybody got to lick the pill once," said Joe Vesowate, assistant com-

missioner of the state's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division.

With no additional money in sight, Resiliency and Disease Management was born. The idea is to give fewer people more intense and focused services.

Vesowate said. According to a recent Department of State Health Services report,

people treated through the system improve. The number of adults who functioned better under the program increased almost 8 percent, the report said. The number of adults who had better results with the criminal justice system, including decreased recidivism, was up more than 9 percent.

El Paso mental health officials say the number of their clients hospital-

ized each month has dropped from 100 to 60, and they say that's probably because they gave people the right services.

But it's hard for people who've been dropped from the program to understand why they're being denied help. Larry Tierney, 55, has had to find new ways to handle his schizophrenia and depression since he was dropped from a Travis

County treatment program in December.

Tierney estimates that he's been to the Austin State Hospital 18 times, but he hasn't been back in three years — a feat he attributes to the treatment program. But the new rules say his lack of a recent crisis makes him ineligible for the intensive services.

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IN BRIEF

Howard to play Region V Tour

The Howard men's basketball team secured second place in the Western Conference Tournament with a convincing 71-55 victory over arch rival Midland at the Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks' season is over, team will now travel to Lubbock for the V Tournament weekend. Howard (5, 11-3) will play at 12:30 p.m. either Grays Weatherford. If Howard wins first-round game will likely play Temple Saturday 12:30 p.m. The tournament take place at Griffin Center.

Howard rodeo sets crawfish

The Howard rodeo team will host its annual cowboy boil April 16 at the H.C. Rod during College's annual rodeo. The cost which includes into rodeo. For more information, contact rodeo coach Kernick at 816-

Baseball camp for middle of

The Mickey Baseball School take place Saturday the National Little League South Highway. The camp is into two sessions the first on place from 9:30 noon and the one goes from p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Each session ken down into practice. One session but participants get both camps. Participants \$10 if register March 10. The first session cover generation on hitting and throwing session two instruction catchers, infielders and ers. The camp one ages 12. The camp athletes to own glove, ball pants, shoes and gear. For more information, contact Mickey Ows School at 1-8-

Ragball to set for ear

A ragball to benefit Life has been April 2 and Mize Field Comanche. Registrat tournament place Saturday p.m. The costs \$10 play and must have five w. If interested more information Angel at the ISD bus 4108.

IN BRIEF

Howard to play in Region V Tourney

The Howard College men's basketball team secured second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Thursday with a convincing win over arch rival Midland at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks' regular season is over, but the team will now travel to Lubbock for the Region V Tournament this weekend. Howard (25-5, 11-3) will play Friday at 12:30 p.m. against either Grayson or Weatherford.

If Howard wins its first-round game, they will likely play No. 2 Temple Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

The tournament will take place at the Rip Griffin Center.

Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo.

The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

Baseball camp set for middle of March

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will take place Saturday at the National League Little League Field off South Highway 87.

The camp is broken into two sessions as the first one takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the second one goes from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Each session is broken down into instruction, practice and play.

One session costs \$40, but participants can get both camps for \$60. Participants can save \$10 if registered by March 10.

The first session will cover general instruction on hitting, fielding and throwing, while session two is position instruction involving catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders.

The camp is for anyone ages six through 12.

The camp advises athletes to bring their own glove, cap, baseball pants, baseball shoes and gym shoes.

For more information, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-999-8369.

Ragball tournament set for early April

A ragball tournament to benefit Relay For Life has been set up for April 2 and 3 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

Registration for the tournament will take place Saturday at 1 p.m.

The tournament costs \$10 per player to play and each team must have five men and five women.

If interested or for more information, call Angel at the Big Spring ISD bus barn at 264-4108.

Big Spring golf teams struggle over weekend

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Both Big Spring golf teams finished at the bottom of their respective meets over the weekend. The girl's team took 16th at Midland, while the boy's captured 23rd out of 25 teams at Andrews.

BIG SPRING GIRLS

Monahans captured the team title at Midland this weekend after recording a score of 657 in the Division II portion of the tournament.

Big Spring as a team shot an 831 and grabbed 16th, while district rivals Andrews and Plainview finished second and sixth, respectively.

Andrews scored a 662, while Plainview recorded a score of 756.

The Lady Steers were led by Kim Paredes's 200. She shot a 98 Friday and finished the tournament with a 102 Saturday.

Cassie Guinn's 102 was good enough for second on the team, while Amber Miller came in third with a 212. Joy Seay and Megan McCormick scored a 215 and 216, respectively.

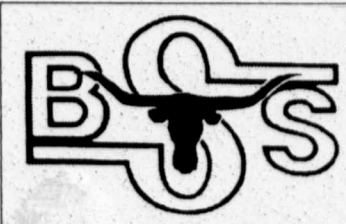
Big Spring played the meet without the services of its No. 1 player, senior Rachel Gee.

Monahans' Allison Jordan won the individual overall title after shooting a 147. She had a 73 Friday and a 74 Saturday.

The Division II teams played at the Neuva Vista Golf Course Saturday.

BIG SPRING BOYS

Junior Chance Cain led the boy's in Andrews over the weekend, but none of the Steers were able to stick with the tourna-



ment leaders as the Steers took 23rd out of 25 teams.

Cain shot a 165 after a first round 78 and a second round 87.

Big Spring as a team shot a first round 365 and a second round 386, finishing with a 751.

Midland Lee dominated the meet with a score of 573. The Rebels had the top four individual finishers in the tournament. K.T. Livingston came in first with two day score of 141, while Sterling Mitchell, Bobby Whiteside and Seth Harris came in second, third and tied for fourth, respectively.

Snyder was third in the team standings. Three of Big Spring's District 4-4A rivals finished in the top-10 of the team standings. Frenship tied for sixth overall, while Andrews and Plainview came in eighth and 10th, respectively.

Lake View finished eight shots ahead of Big Spring in 22nd place.

The Steers' second best golfer in the tournament was sophomore Ryan Tannehill. Tannehill had two 94s and finished with a 188 overall. Senior Wesley Parks finished with a 199, while Seve Watson and Blaze Carroll turned in scores of 199 and 218, respectively.

The Lady Steers will travel to Andrews next Friday and Saturday, while the boy's hope to get back on track in San Angelo.



Big Spring's Blaze Carroll takes a shot off the No. 10 tee at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring last month during the Big Spring Invitational golf tournament. The Steers traveled to Andrews this weekend and finished 23rd overall. Carroll finished with a score of 218.

Stanton gives good showing in Pecos

• Lady Buffaloes take second, while boys' team finishes fourth

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

PECOS — The Stanton boy's and girl's track teams fared well at the West of the Pecos Relays this weekend as the Lady Buffaloes finished second out of eight teams and the Buffaloes ended up fourth out of seven.

The Stanton boy's missed third by one point and were just four points out of second place Sweetwater, which finished with 113 points. Fort Stockton took third with 110 points.

The Lady Buffaloes scored 106 points, but were 45 points out of first place. Pecos finished third, while Eldorado came in fourth.

Midland Christian won both the boy's and girl's team titles.

The boy's were led by

Bobby Gutierrez, who grabbed a second and two thirds. He was second in the 300 hurdles with a time of :42.33. Gutierrez's bronze medals came in relays as he was a part of both the 800 meter relay (1:38.96) and the 1,600 meter relay (3:41.70).

Matthew B. Gutierrez

grabbed two third place finishes, as well. He was also a part of the 800 meter relay team and the other bronze medal came in the triple jump after he recorded a leap of 36-5.75.

Matthew Ireton finished third in the 110 meter hurdles, too. He crossed the line in :17.89.

The girl's team was led by Ashley Gutierrez. She grabbed four gold medals and one bronze in the



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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Howard sophomore catcher Michelle Teller drives a pitch off her bat in game No. 1 against Midland Friday. The Hawks were swept by Midland and rained out against rival Odessa Saturday. They team is currently 4-10 overall and 3-3 in WJCAC play. The Howard baseball team — which has begun the season 12-2 — was also rained out Saturday.

Big Spring girls take sixth at Abilene meet

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Big Spring girl's track team took sixth place Friday at the John McCabe Big Country Relays at Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene. The Lady Steers finished with 50 points.

Junior Carmen Lewis had the only first place

finish of the day for the Lady Steers as she took the gold in the 200 meter dash with a time of :26.37.

Freshman Esther Tobar and Senior Amisha Vanderbilt recorded second place finishes, as well. Tobar grabbed the silver in the 800 meter run, while Vanderbilt finished as the runner-up in the discus.

The Lady Steers' 1,600 meter relay team took the bronze with a third place run of 4:14.21.

The Big Spring boy's track team also ran in Abilene, but official results were unavailable at press time. Both teams will next run in Monahans at the Sandhills Relays Saturday, March 19.

NJCAA Region V men's basketball tournament in Lubbock

Friday's quarterfinal games

Game One: Howard vs. Grayson, 12:30 p.m.
Game Two: No. 3 Temple vs. South Plains, 2:30 p.m.
Game Three: McLennan vs. Midland, 5 p.m.
Game Four: Frank Phillips vs. Weatherford, 7 p.m.

Saturday's semi-final games

Game Five: Howard or Grayson vs. No. 3 Temple or South Plains, 12:30 p.m.
Game Six: McLennan or Midland vs. Frank Phillips or Weatherford, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday's championship game

The Region V Tournament championship game will begin at 2 p.m.

*All games will be played at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock

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IN BRIEF

No. 1 Illinois goes down to end year

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State reserve forward Matt Sylvester hit a 3-point shot with 5.1 seconds left on Sunday to hand No. 1 Illinois its first loss, 65-64.

The Illini (29-1, 15-1) were trying to cap the Big Ten's first unbeaten season in 29 years. Instead, they frittered away a 12-point lead in the second half and didn't score over the final 3 minutes.

Sylvester scored a career-high 25 points — eight more than his previous best — for Ohio State (19-12, 8-8), which didn't have a turnover in the second half.

It was the second straight season a team coached by Thad Matta ended a run at perfection. Matta's Xavier team handed Saint Joseph's its first loss last season in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

The last team to reach the NCAA tournament without a loss was UNLV in 1991.

The Illini led 64-58 after James Augustine's layup with 3:23 left — but didn't score again.

Dee Brown led the Illini with 13 points.

Florida upsets No. 3 Kentucky at home

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Anthony Roberson scored 21 points, including two free throws with 15 seconds remaining, and the Gators ended an eight-game losing streak to No. 3 Kentucky, beating the Wildcats, 53-52.

Roberson, the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer, stripped the ball from Patrick Sparks with about 12 seconds to play, trailing 52-51. Sparks fouled Roberson as he headed the other way. Roberson stepped to the line and calmly made both ends of the 1-and-1 for Florida (20-7, 12-4).

Kentucky (23-4, 14-2) still had a chance to win it, but Kelenna Azubuike's 3-pointer just before the buzzer bounced off the left side of the rim.

Chuck Hayes led the Wildcats with 11 points.

Missouri takes out seventh-ranked KU

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Thomas Gardner matched his career best with 23 points, and Linas Kleiza tied his with 14 rebounds as the Tigers denied No. 7 Kansas the outright Big 12 title by defeating the Jayhawks in Columbia, 72-68.

Wayne Simien had 17 points and eight rebounds for the Jayhawks (22-5, 12-4), who were bumped to the second seed in this week's conference tournament behind co-champion Oklahoma.

Kansas' Keith Langford had five points in 3 minutes before re-injuring an ankle he hurt in practice last week. He averages 15 points per game.

Jimmy McKinney added a career-best 21 points.

Missouri's Tigers (10-10, 7-9), who had lost four straight to Kansas.

No. 2 North Carolina wins ACC title after win over No. 6 Duke**• Tar Heels defeat Blue Devils by two in Chapel Hill, N.C.**

By KEITH PARSONS

AP Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Freshman Marvin Williams had it all in his hands — the game, the outright Atlantic Coast Conference title and a probable No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

He handled the pressure like a veteran.

The dynamic forward converted a three-point play with 17 seconds left to cap North Carolina's game-closing 11-0 run and give the second-ranked Tar Heels a 75-73 victory over No. 6 Duke on Sunday.

Sean May of North Carolina had 26 points and 24 rebounds to record his eighth straight double-double, and his final rebound was the most important.

After J.J. Redick missed a long 3-pointer that would have won it for the Blue Devils, teammate Daniel Ewing had a final chance from just inside the arc.

But his shot was short,

and May leaped high for the carom. He cradled the ball in his hand while the clock ran out, then hurled it into the stands. Hundreds of fans rushed the court to celebrate the Tar Heels' third victory over their Tobacco Road rival in the past 16 meetings.

North Carolina (26-3, 14-2) won its first ACC regular season championship since 1993, the same year of its most recent national title.

Shelden Williams had 25 points and six blocks for Duke (22-5, 11-5), which played without guard Sean Dockery for the third straight game. Redick scored all 17 of his points in the first half.

Even without Redick scoring at his usual pace, the Blue Devils seemingly had control late in the second half.

They broke from a tie at 64 with a 9-0 run capped by a 3 by Lee Melchionni with 3:07 left. That was his fifth 3 of the second half and it gave Duke a 73-64 lead.

Jawad Williams stopped the Tar Heels' drought with a tip-in and Marvin Williams added two free throws to make it 73-68.

On the other end, DeMarcus Nelson missed the front end of a 1-and-1, and May powered inside for a three-point play to cut the margin to two.

Later, North Carolina point guard Raymond Felton had a chance to tie it, but his runner from the lane rattled around the rim before bouncing out.

Then Daniel Ewing, the lone senior on the court for the Blue Devils, lost the ball near midcourt, and Felton grabbed it and quickly called a timeout with 27 seconds left.

The situation was eerily similar to the one the Tar Heels faced earlier this season in a 71-70 loss at Duke, when they couldn't get off a shot in the final seconds. This time, Felton drove to the basket and was fouled by Nelson. He swished the first free throw to make it 73-72.

His second bounced high off the rim, and after a brief scramble for the ball, Marvin Williams grabbed it and quickly shot over Duke walk-on Patrick Johnson.

The shot banked in as he was fouled, and his free throw capped the furious rally.



KRT photo/David T. Foster III, Charlotte Observer
Sean May (right) of North Carolina draws a charge on Duke's J.J. Redick (4) during first half action. North Carolina defeated Duke, 75-73, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina claimed the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season title and bettered its chances at a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Rockets top 'starless' Dallas in Houston

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Facing a crucial four-game road trip against some of the best teams in the West, the Houston Rockets needed a win Sunday. And they didn't care how they got it.

Tracy McGrady scored 32 points and had 10 rebounds to lead Houston to a 90-69 victory over the injury-depleted Dallas Mavericks, who played without leading scorers Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley.

"Regardless of who was or wasn't playing, to win this one means a lot," said McGrady, who

scored 27 of his points after getting six stitches on his chin following a collision in the first quarter. "It gives us confidence. It's a real crucial road trip for us."

The Mavericks, who were without Nowitzki and Finley for just the second time this season, set a season-low for total points.

Their previous low was 80 against San Antonio in November.

Nowitzki, who was averaging 27 points, sat out with a sprained left knee, and Finley missed his second straight game with a bruised left calf.

Houston outscored the

Mavericks 29-14 in the final period to stretch its lead.

Jason Terry led Dallas with 20 points and Keith Van Horn added 12.

The Mavericks have lost three in a row and four of their last five following a six-game winning streak.

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meet. Her third place medal came in the triple jump as her best jump was marked at 32-7. She claimed golds in the 200 meter dash (:27.84), high jump (4-10), 400 meter

relay (:53.51) and 800 meter relay (1:55.05).

Junior Bonnie Kendall was also a part of the first place 400 meter relay team and also captured second in the long jump with a leap of 14-11.

Mallory Cotton claimed third in the pole vault with a vault of 6-7.

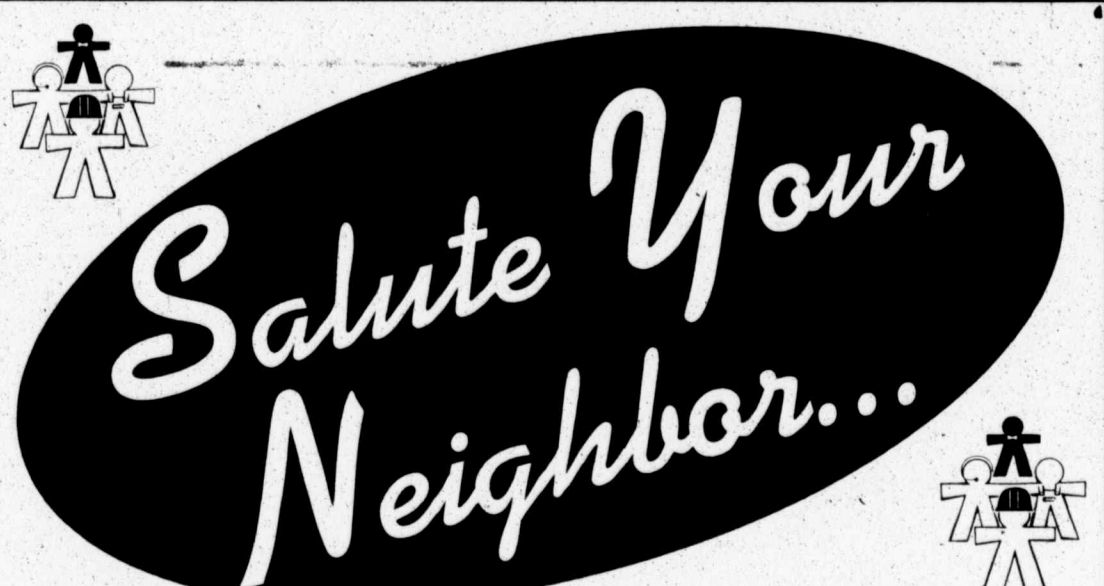
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Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2005, City Council Meeting, City of Forsan, 106 E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas 79733.

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Attention is also called to General Condition 148 "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects." The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that the Contractor, Subcontractors, and materials used on this project are not of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

The Prime Contractor will review the equal employment opportunity section under the General Contract Conditions - Part I and will take affirmative action to meet minority and female participation goals in each task. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meeting of the Forsan City Council on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders.

Date March 3, 2005
By: Roger Hudgins
Mayor, City of Forsan
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Saturn, the taskmaster, opposes Mars, the warrior -- the theme is right versus might. When events are meant to be, they can happen in a number of different ways. Using force to get what you want, therefore, is optional. Perhaps it's better to conserve your energy. Moral of the story: When it's truly yours, no one can stop you from having it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Strangely, some lessons in love can only be learned by developing yourself outside of a relationship. Consider that you may have to create distance between you and a loved one in order to be more closely connected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You let down your guard and find there was little reason for you to have it up to begin with. It's nice when humans reinforce that humanity is mostly good. Someone you need to have in your life reaches for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is so much truly inspiring information out there that you don't even have to make an effort to find it. You bump into it when you're not even sure where you're going. You are being guided by signs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The thing that separates you from the pack is your habits. Do some-



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thing that other people don't like to do. You probably won't like it, either, but your commitment to excellence rules out over the temporary discomfort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's self-appreciation day. You don't have to tell anybody, but the private love affair you've got going with you is getting really steamy. In fact, you're totally irresistible. Buy yourself something you've been wanting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Career aims take over your thought process. There's a vision inside you that is growing in scope. Fill it out with color, character and detail. If you see it, feel it and believe it, doing it is actually the easy part.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Caution: Don't spend your time and energy defending your methods and knowledge. You're better off following your insatiable drive to learn more, even if this seems costly right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A slight lethargy sets in -- perhaps stemming from your basically rebellious nature. The tasks ahead of you are not hard, and they are not easy. But they only get accomplished with the right attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The financial luck of someone in your circle may be a source of envy. Take this as an indication that you need to get moving on your special project. The most acceptable way to get money is still to earn it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The open-mind-

ed, possibility thinker in you surfaces. Perhaps your belief about how to run a relationship was mistaken. When you are willing to be wrong, you lessen the likelihood that you will be in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your lineage affects what happens to you now. It's interesting to note what was given to you by your parents and what is self-created. When it comes to relaying your deep affection, show it rather than telling it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People are grouped together according to the many things they have in common. Think of what you have in common with your group and whether that sits well with you. What was lost is now found ... in the strangest place!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Libra in art school, looking for inspiration and a style to call my own. Can you tell me anything that would help or inspire me?"

Libras are natural artists, as they seek beauty, harmony and balance in all they do. If Libra energy were a painting, it would be Sandro Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus." This classic painting of the goddess Venus rising from a seashell epitomizes the beauty of the female form, and beauty is one of the signature traits of Libra, whose astrological ruler is the planet Venus, named after the goddess. Libra is also an air sign, and there is a strong sense of wind and ocean breezes in this painting.

as epitomized by the character of Zephyr on the far left, whose breath of life sweeps through Venus' hair and ruffles the leaves on the trees. There is a strong sense of symmetry in this painting, which is essentially divided into three sections, with Venus standing in the center. The symmetrical composition evokes Libra's innate sense of balance and fair play. Also, the goddess Flora, on the right, is clearly pregnant, nodding to Libra's fertility of body, mind and spirit.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: It's a big year in the career of actor Freddie Prinze Jr., as he transitions from teen-flick regular to more meaty and adult roles. Pisces actors long to delve into the depths of truly complex characters, and Prinze is no exception. His marriage to Sarah Michelle Gellar has retained more privacy than many celebrity couples enjoy, but this year, events happen to make these two irresistible to the press.

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Annie's Mailbox ®



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: Recently, my 13-year-old daughter, "Ellie," told me she was raped two years ago by a boy who also was 11 at the time. I had no idea, since she never let on that anything had happened, never showed changes in her personality or became withdrawn, nor did she display any signs that she was troubled.

I know that this must have been a horrible experience for Ellie, and as a teenager, it is imperative that she have a healthy self-image. She said the reason she didn't tell me earlier was because she didn't want me to think she was a "whore." I reassured her and told her I would never think that, and that this was not her fault. But her words broke my heart.

Ellie doesn't want anyone else to know about the rape, and told me if she feels the need to discuss it, she will come to

You can check it out first. Mom, and then encourage Ellie to do the same.

While it is a good sign that Ellie is willing to confide in you, it is important that she talk to someone who is trained to assist victims of sexual assault.

Dear Annie: What is the proper etiquette about inviting your boss to baby and wedding showers? My boss, who is not a particularly friendly person and has no personal relationships with any of her staff, always gets peeved when one of us has such an event and doesn't invite her. She says it is "proper etiquette" to invite your boss to these kinds of parties and that we girls have "no manners."

Am I rude for not including my boss in my personal events, to which I invite my family and close friends? - Anxious Employee

Dear Anxious: Your boss is mistaken. You are not obligated to invite her to any non-work-related event outside the office. However, if you feel your job may be in jeopardy, you might want to make allowances for her. It sounds as if the woman desperately wants to be included in these social affairs.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Exasperated Son-in-Law," who lacks the guts to tell his in-laws they're too intrusive. How could you tell him to rely on his wife to do it? Did it not occur to you that she, too, is spineless? Why

should SHE do the speaking, just because she's the offspring?

Guess what? It's HIS house, too. It doesn't matter that the intrusive people are his in-laws or not. He has every right to assert himself. It's his house and his castle. Whatever happened to the concept of "man of the house"? Isn't he supposed to wear the pants in the family? Why should his wife handle it? If he is annoyed by his in-laws, he should be the one to tell them. - F.H.

Dear F.H.: Man of the house? Pants in the family? Are you stuck in the last century? They are HER parents, and it is best for her marriage if she tries talking to them first. It would be presumptuous of her husband to think it is his prerogative to take over his wife's familial relationships without her approval.

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8 PM	Boss Swap (CC)	Boss Swap (CC)		24 (CC)	Raymond Two-Half Men	Gitanas	The Contender (CC)	Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Roadshow FYI Sci. Frontiers	Monster Garage		WWE Raw (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)			College Basketball	College Basketball	
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10 PM	News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Movie: Captain Ron (CC)		Charlie Rose (CC)	Power Tool Drag Racing		The Ultimate Fighter	Without a Trace (CC)	Nightly News Grown Folks	That's Raven That's Raven	Dream Job 2005	SportsCenter (CC)	
11 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC)	La Hora Derbez	Becker (CC)	Letterman Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night	Boomer Schriver		Sign Off	Monster Garage		Wildcat Police Videos	NYPD Blue (CC)	Midnight Love (CC)	Proud Family Kim Possible	NBA Fastbreak Streetball	College Basketball	Movie: Dressed
12 AM	Live (CC)	Live (CC)	Alma Rebelde	Spin City	Show. The Insider	Maria Celeste	Conan O'Brien	Movie: Ready to Rumble	Update: Israel How Can I		American Chopper	Movie: Rocky	Blind Date Shipmates	NYPD Blue (CC)	Club Comic View	Boy World Lizzie McGuire	SportsCenter (CC)	WCC Final - Teams TBA	

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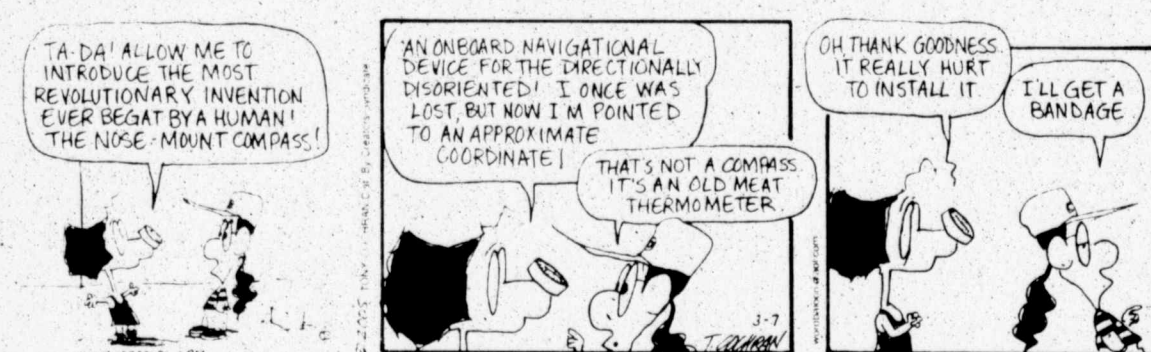
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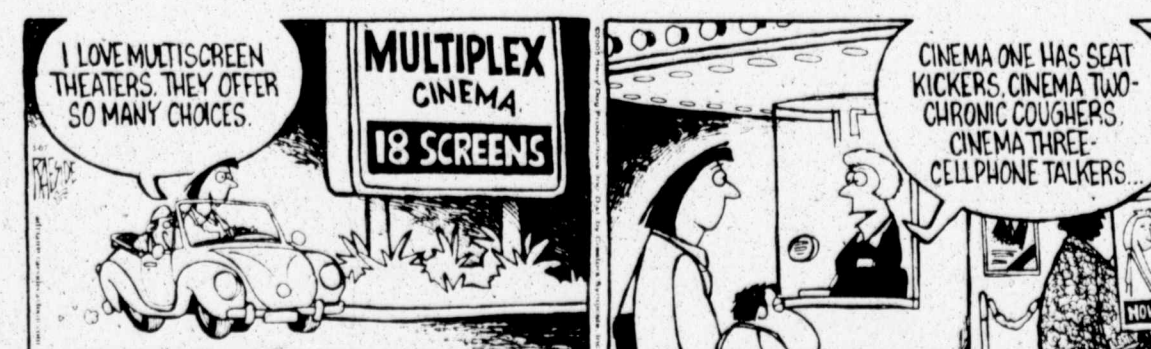
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 7, the 66th day of 2005. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

On this date: In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Cibourne, France.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a

patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

Today's Birthdays:

Photographer Lord Snowdon is 75. TV personality Willard Scott is 71. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 67. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 65. Walt Disney Company chief executive officer Michael Eisner is 63. Rock musician Chris White (The Zombies) is 62. Actor John Heard is 59. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 59. Rock musician Matthew Fisher (Procol Harum) is 59. Singer Peggy March is 57. Football Hall-of-Famer Franco Harris is 55. Football Hall-of-Famer Lynn Swann is 53. R&B singer-musician Ernie Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 53.

Answer to previous puzzle

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1 Room coolers
5 50%
9 Banana (dessert)
14 Admired celeb
15 Nabisco cookie
16 Author Jong
17 Not on time
18 Bosc or Bartlett
19 Felt under the weather
20 King Tut, for one
23 Dentist's concerns
24 Whichever
25 London tavern
28 Retired airplane: Abbr.
29 Votes in
33 Narrow street
34 Sports complex
35 Singer Adams
36 Christina Crawford memoir
41 Have the courage
42 Church official
43 Brockovich
44 Fashionable crowd
46 Having no seats left, as a theater: Abbr.
49 Say "pretty please"
50 Horse food
51 Fall flower
53 Irene Dunne film of '48
58 British lord's home
60 Fill, as a camera
61 Have a go (try)

DOWN

1 Boneless beef servings
2 Wise sayings
3 Later
4 Got some Z's
5 Pueblo Indian
6 Territory
7 Containing little fat
8 General arrangement
9 Disreputable
10 and proper
11 Frog perches
12 Skater's surface
13 Little bit
21 Bit of gas heat
22 Young (kids)
26 Army group
27 Spelling competition
30 Hawaiian neckwear
31 Compass point opposite WSW
32 West Point student
33 Impolite look
34 Prayer ending
36 Female horse
37 Not a copy
38 Overhead trains
39 Citrus drink
40 Pave once more
41 Society girl
44 Toast topping
45 Hole for a shoelace
46 Liberty Island figure
47 Mails a payment
48 Gives a speech
50 Long sandwiches
52 Pint-sized
54 Frolic
55 "Encore!"
56 Cotton bundle
57 Biblical paradise
58 Spring month
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