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If communication is the key to building good relationships, ALON USA's Big Spring Refinery is certainly doing its part toward building a confidence between itself and the Howard County community.

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BRIEFLY

Concert series returns to Coahoma

Butterfly Sky will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday in the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, located at 205 N. First. The performance marks the return of the Coahoma Community Concert Series.

Bringing to the stage a soulful, bluesy, acoustic-folk style, the duo, Barb Nashold and Greg Greer, began singing together in Chicago about a year ago. They have since written and produced their first CD, "Turn," featuring 13 songs.

All of the proceeds from the Coahoma Community Concert Series go to the artists. Suggested donations are \$8 per person with a maximum donation of \$20 per family.

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Firefighters and emergency personnel had their hands full Saturday afternoon as they battled a blaze at an abandoned building near the intersection of Goliad and Eighth Street. The slope of the terrain leading to the northeastern portion of the structure, where the fire seemed to be concentrated early on, made it difficult for firefighters to get to. Information on the extent of damage and cause of the fire were unavailable at press time.

Commissioners to consider fate of county constable on Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Law enforcement will be the main focus of the Howard County Commissioners Court meeting Monday, as commissioners consider the fate of Precinct 4 Constable Mark Winn.

County Attorney Mike Thomas will make a presentation concerning Winn's failure to meet state requirements for law enforcement education hours necessary to hold the office of constable.

"I'm taking this before the

commissioners mainly to see what direction they want to take on the issue," said Thomas.

"It's going to be an information session for the most part."

Thomas said Winn failed to meet the state's requirement that he be certified as a peace officer since he was elected.

"You don't have to have any law enforcement certification to run for and win the office of constable," explained Thomas.

"However, you have to receive your law enforcement certification within 270 days of taking office."

"Mr. Winn is very close to completing his certification, but the 270-day limit has already expired. I'm obligated by law to file a petition to have him removed from office if he doesn't make that deadline, so I'm taking it to the commissioners to see what direction they want to take."

Thomas said there are two possible answers to the prob-

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GOING BACK U.S. soldiers re-enlisting in high numbers

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Despite the shrapnel wounds Staff Sgt. William Pinkley suffered during his tour in Iraq, the 26-year-old is joining other soldiers who are re-enlisting at rates that exceed the retention goals set by the Pentagon.

As of March 31 — halfway through the Army's fiscal year — 28,406 soldiers had signed on for another tour of duty, topping the six-month goal of 28,377. The Army's goal is to re-enlist 56,100 soldiers by the end of September.

Pinkley re-enlisted for three more years, citing the camaraderie and the challenge of a new assignment.

"To come out and work with you guys every day, it's a good feeling," Pinkley, 26, told his 101st Airborne Division buddies during the ceremony earlier this month. His wife, Kimberly, watched with a smile, their toddler in her arms.

"It's a very positive retention picture at this point," said Lt. Col. Franklin Childress, an Army public affairs officer. The Army had nearly a half-million active-duty soldiers.

However, Childress cautioned that factors such as an improved economy and the Pentagon's decision to keep about 20,000 troops in Iraq for longer than a year to help quell the violence could change the picture.

The Marines, which along with the Army have borne the brunt of combat in Iraq, said they have already fulfilled 90 percent of their retention goal for the fiscal year for getting Marines to re-up after their initial commitment. The Air Force and the Navy said they, too, are exceeding goals for getting airmen and sailors to re-enlist.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Dog Show competitor Betty Melson puts her Labrador Retriever Voodoo through the paces during Saturday's Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show. Robert Boothe, show judge, examines Voodoo, who finished second in his class.

Canine bliss: Show goes on at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The Dorothy Garrett Coliseum has gone to the dogs.

While a statement like this may draw a few snarls and snaps from the community, it's nothing short of the truth as the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show began Saturday morning and will continue through Sunday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Dog owner and competitor

Betty Melson traveled to Big Spring from Loveland, Colo., for the show, and while many of the owners competing in the show are vying for their first win, Melson might have had a head start on them.

"I've been involved with dogs and these dog shows all of my life. I had my first show dog when I was 3 years old. It was a chocolate and white American

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Charles Ingram, right, picks up his tickets for the Alon USA sponsored concert featuring Asleep At The Wheel from KBST Disc Jockey Tim Knox Saturday morning. Knox gave out tickets at the 18th and Gregg Street 7-Eleven from 10 a.m. until noon. The concert is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday, May 22, in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Looking on as Ingram gets his tickets are 7-Eleven District Manager Gary Don Hull, right, and Store Manager David Loveless. Knox gave away more than 200 tickets Saturday.

Free child immunization to be offered by TDH officials

HERALD Staff Report

In recognition of National Infant Immunization week, the Texas Department of Health will be providing free infant and children immunization on Monday and Tuesday.

"If your child is due to have

immunizations or is behind, now is a good time to get caught up," said TDH immunization nurse Sandy Samuels, L.V.N.

Adding a festive air to the event, Blue Bell Creameries is providing free ice cream snacks

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Obituaries

Pfc. Clayton W. Henson



Pfc. Clayton W. Henson, 20, of Midland and Stanton, died on Saturday, April 17, 2004, in Iraq. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Midland with Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stanton, officiating and Van Pendergrass, minister of Downtown Church of Christ of Stanton, assisting. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1983, in Big Spring. Clayton was killed in action while serving in Southern Iraq with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Clayton has been posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his bravery and dedication to his country. His sacrifice brings great credit upon himself, his family and the United States Army.

Survivors include his parents, Rosalind and James Lewis of Midland, and Randy and Leta Henson of Stanton; two sisters, Melissa Henson Leiker and husband, Gabe, and son, Ethan, of Lubbock, and Sharon Henson and fiancé, Jake Reid, of Stanton; three brothers, Lex Lewis of Midland, Kason Anderson and son, Justin, of Big Spring and Brandon Anderson of Phoenix, Ariz.; his grandparents, Eldon and Georgia Welch of Tarzan, Jimmy and Janet Henson, Virginia and Chuck James, and Kathleen Lewis, all of Stanton, and Jack and Dorothy Stovall of Big Spring; his great grandmothers, Jessie Glaze of Tarzan, Amelia Ory of Stanton and Millie St. John of Las Cruces, N.M.; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, and a multitude of friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Clayton Welch Henson Memorial Scholarship Fund, First National Bank of Stanton, P.O. Box 10, Stanton 79782.

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

Paid Obituary

Bonnie Fay Taliaferro Sosebee Fleming

Services for Bonnie Fay Taliaferro Sosebee Fleming, 87, of Ropesville, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2004, in the Ropesville Church of Christ with Don Campbell officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

She died at her residence following a short illness on Friday, April 23, 2004.

Bonnie was born to Benjamin Mason and Emma Amelia Glenn Taliaferro in Plainview on Oct. 27, 1916. She married George Wylie Sosebee in Plainview on April 15, 1936. Wylie died May 24, 1975. Bonnie moved to Ropesville in April of 1978. She married Clarence Elmer "C.E." Fleming on Oct. 30, 1981. C.E. died February 20, 1985.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bartie Dan Sosebee; two brothers, Elvin Lee Taliaferro and Lloyd Mason Taliaferro; and a sister, Thelma Lillie Taliaferro.

Survivors include a son, Troyce Wylie and wife, Carolyn, of Abilene; four daughters, Patsy Gayle Sosebee and husband, John, of Ropesville, Kaye Nell Sosebee and husband, Robert, of Big Spring, Linda Janeen Sosebee and husband, Richard, of Round Rock, and Bonnie Sue Sosebee and husband, Robert, of Ropesville; 13 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, three step great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ropesville Church of Christ, 301 Hockley Main, Ropesville 79358; Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2449, Lubbock 79408; or West Texas Centers for MHMR, 319 Runnels, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends at Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Sunday, April 25, 2004, from 2 to 4 p.m. To send online condolences go to www.franklin-bartley.com.

Ruth Howze



Ruth Howze, 94, of Fredricksburg, formerly of Big Spring, died on Thursday, April 22, 2004, in Fredricksburg. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Elder David Machiavello, pastor of The Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church of Big Spring, and Elder Charlie Rose of The Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Monday, April 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ruth was born on Sept. 18, 1909, and married Ben Howze on May 21, 1927, in Graham. He preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1987.

Mrs. Howze came to Big Spring in 1942. She served as a pastor's wife at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church of Big Spring for 42 years.

Survivors include her son, Ken Howze of Highland Haven; one granddaughter, two great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Mark Howze.

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

Police blotter

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

• **ERIC ANDREW MCELROY**, 19, of 1601 Canary, was arrested Friday on local traffic citations.

• **BENJAMIN CARMAN GARCIA JR.**, 43, of 512 N.E. 11th Place, was arrested Friday on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• **LUCINDA RAMIREZ FLORES**, 19, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was Friday on a city warrant for minor in consumption.

• **LORI ANN MIRAMONTES**, 22, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Friday on local traffic warrants.

• **HEATHER REDDELL KNAPPE**, 17, of 711 Belvedere, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication of a minor.

• **RICHARD HARRISON PRICE**, 42, of 704 Bell, was arrested Saturday on local traffic warrants.

• **FERNANDO ESCAJEDA**, 37, of 1409 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHN M. FONDA**, 28, of 906 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Friday on two local warrants.

• **PAMELA WEATHERBY**, 39, of 2600 Crestline, was arrested Thursday on a Midland County warrant for violation of probation.

• **SAMANTHA WATSON**, 19, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in consumption-third offense, enhanced.

• **JULIE REDDING**, 38, of Big Spring, was arrested Thursday on four local warrants.

• **JUAN CORDOVA**, 27, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Friday on two city warrants.

• **MARCELINO RAMIREZ JR.**, 20, of 908 Elm Street, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.

• **CHRISTOPHER DELBOSQUEZ**, 20, of 704.5 San Antonio, was arrested Thursday on four local warrants.

• **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR** was reported in the 1100 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:

- in the 2700 block of Wasson.

- in the 700 block of 11th Place.

- in the 600 block of 18th.

- in the 1000 block of Runnels.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood.

• **GRAFITTI** was reported in the 700 block of Lancaster

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported:

- in the 2900 block of Highway 80.

- in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1800 block of Gregg.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 600 block of McEwen.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell.

- in the 700 block of Edwards.

• **FORGERY OF A CHECK/CREDIT CARD** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

- in the 100 block of Lockhart.

Sheriff's report

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

• **JASON SCOTT BLANTON**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **BONNIE JANE KLAASSEN**, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.

• **JAMES D. TURNER**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft-more than \$20, less than \$500.

• **JULIE ALTA REDDING**, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a Sterling County warrant for violation of probation.

Support groups

SUNDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian basin will sponsor "Caregiving: Solutions, Support and Relief" from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, April 19 in the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, 205 N. First St. in Coahoma. It is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no long meet weekly.

Special Thanks to the 911 Response Team, Scenic Mountain Emergency personnel, Dr. Stephens, friends and family for all your kindness and concern with loss of our mother.

Lloyd, Lawanda, Leslie, Loretta and John Zant

Bulletin board

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

SUNDAY

• Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show is set from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• House of Hope and Birthright Open House is set from 2-4 p.m. at their new location, 1308 Scurry. The public is invited.

MONDAY

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

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

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

• Parents Who Care senior parents meeting for the After Prom Party is set for 6:30 p.m. in the Vassar accounting building adjacent to The Master's Touch. All parents of Big Spring High School seniors are asked to attend. Donations are being accepted for prizes to be given to the seniors during the party. Call Prissy Stanley at 263-1265.

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. East winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Tuesday night through Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs around 80.

Thursday through Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the mid 80s. Lows in the lower 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-11-16-32.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$21,489.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Longview.

Matching four of five: 127. Prize: \$153.

Matching three of five: 4,707. Prize: \$9.

Matching two of five: 46,692. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-20-30-31. Bonus Ball: 20.

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

Number matching four of four: 6. Prize: \$1,867.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 29.

Prize: \$47.

Number matching three of four: 819. Prize: \$22.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 648.

Prize: \$10.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,342. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,849. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$250,000.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-4

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Firefighters working on structure after fire.

DOG SHOW

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Firefighters work Saturday to reach a fire in an abandoned structure that had once been a nursing home. More than two hours after it began, emergency personnel were still battling back the flames, which spread quickly.

DOG SHOW

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Cocker, and I took it in the ring and beat my mom," she said with a laugh. "So I've been winning since I was 3 years old."

Melson said she's not afraid to slip on her traveling shoes to attend shows like these, and in the end, the level of competition is well worth the miles.

"It's been real sportsman-like here today," said Melson. "We've had a nice day. We go to shows like this about every weekend. I travel anywhere between 12 and 15 hours to compete in shows. Anything within that travel distance is game for me. Most people only travel about five or six hours, but I'm willing to go a little further."

One of the dogs Melson showed during competition early Saturday morning was a lab named Voodoo, and while there are plenty of hurdles for a dog like Voodoo to overcome, he definitely has potential running through his veins.

"He's a dark yellow lab, which is sometimes difficult to show because the judges can be prejudiced with the color," said Melson. "A lot of judges prefer the lighter color, but luckily we've had a champion, which would be Voodoo's uncle."

Voodoo didn't let anyone down, taking second place in his class.

"He won second in his class, and because there were no other classes he also won reserve winner's dog. That basically means second place. The dog that won got a point towards his championship, and if for some reason he's not eligible to keep that point then Voodoo will get it."

"I've actually finished dogs like that because someone entered a dog incorrectly or in the wrong class. It doesn't happen very often, however."

Like it or not, Melson said it's the opinion of the judges that counts, and she'll be ready to go after a first-place ribbon in two weeks.

"It's a sport. You go and have fun, and there's a lot of competition. You're

going in and getting the judges' opinion and you take it for what it's worth and then try again. You either agree with it or disagree with it, but either way you pay your entry fee for his opinion and that's what they are giving you. We all like to win, but unfortunately that doesn't always happen."

COUNTY

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lem. "There are two basic ways to do this," he said. "The first would be to accept Mr. Winn's resignation as constable and then appoint someone else to the office. Depending on what the commissioners want to do, they can also accept his resignation and then re-appoint him to the office, which will give him another 270 days to be certified."

"The only thing the commissioners can't consider doing is accepting Mr. Winn's resignation and then just let the office sit there. They will have to have someone in the office when and if Mark resigns."

Winn said he will be making a presentation to the commissioners on the subject but declined to discuss the particulars.

"I'm going to show what the Attorney General's opinion is on this matter,

as well as the law concerning it," said Winn. "I'd rather not go into the details of my presentation until I've made it to the commissioners."

Winn said he hopes to be able to continue serving as constable.

"It's my sincere desire to continue serving Howard County," he said. "I have a lot of support within the community and I hope I'll be able to continue."

Thomas said the problems are strictly clerical, and to his knowledge, there have been no complaints concerning Winn's performance as constable.

Also on the agenda for Monday's meeting:

- County Attorney Jackie Olson will present invoices and purchase

requests.

- County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will present personnel considerations.

- County Clerk Donna Wright will present a request for a copier machine.

- Road and bridge administrator Eddy Jameson will present pipeline crossings and a report on road maintenance.

- Construction administrator Phil Furqueron is expected to have a report on courthouse and library renovations.

- Sheriff Dale Walker will present information on an inmate housing contract and a request for a replacement vehicle.

- Information concerning the Child Welfare Board.

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OUR VIEWS

Veterans, we need you to sign up for VA facility services

Just what Big Spring and its VA Medical Center can now expect from Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi and his take on the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission final recommendation on a plan to realign VA health care services is anyone's guess.

When it was learned that the CARES Commission's final recommendation to Principi called for a study of the Big Spring facility, with an eye toward the possible closure of the VA Medical Center here, many, it seemed, expressed defeatist dismay.

In the days since, however, it has become clear the Big Spring VA Hospital's fate is anything but sealed.

The Big Spring facility still has solid backing from a formidable contingent of Texas lawmakers from both sides of the aisle — U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, Republican Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Democratic Congressman Charles Stenholm.

All of them have met with Principi and other Department of Veterans Affairs officials to provide a better understanding of the Big Spring VA Hospital's geographic value and of the quality of care it provides West Texas veterans.

That does not, however, mean that we as citizens of Big Spring can afford to rest on our laurels and be confident that the VA Hospital and its 500-plus jobs is safe from closure.

And the most important thing we can all do on that front is to do everything in our power to make sure veterans in this region are signed up as recipients of care at the hospital.

While there are currently some 65,000 veterans living in the hospital's catchment area eligible for VA care, less than 20,000 are registered as recipients of care.

If a vast majority of those veterans who live in the area were registered — even if they never used the hospital's services for more than an annual check-up — it's clear much more consideration would need to be given before making any changes.

Therefore, if you are a veteran and not registered as being served by the VA Medical Center, please remedy that situation as soon as possible.

None of us should take for granted the importance of our VA Hospital, least of all this area's veterans.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

The cost of our disobedience, Lord, is higher than the cost of our obedience. May we trust in you and your word.

Amen

Hello, Kitty, or Franken-pet?

Many discriminating cat lovers know exactly which cat they want, are willing to pay for it and won't settle for anything less," reads the Web site for Genetic Savings and Clone, which now is charging pet owners \$50,000 to clone their cat.

What the Savings and Clone calls "discriminating cat fanciers," most Americans would call suckers or fools. (Another word a friend used was "creepy.") Thousands of cats are killed every day in animal shelters for want of a home. Yet some people with more money than sense are ready to spend more than the median U.S. household income in a vain attempt to sort of recreate their cat.

The folks at Genetic Savings are careful to tell potential customers they can't recreate Fluffy. If you "are grieving your pet's loss and seeking an identical replacement, then we respectfully discourage you from using our services," says the Web site, with a handy link to grief resources.

But David Prentice, a professor of life sciences at Indiana State University, believes that no matter what clients read, they'll be expecting a close facsimile to their beloved cat — and they'll be in for a "surprise." CC (short for Carbon Copy), the first and only cloned domestic cat, doesn't look or act like the cat from which she was cloned. CC is a black and white calico, while her genes come from a tricolored tabby.

CC was born apparently healthy, but that's not the case with many

cloned animals. Wayne Pacelle, senior vice president of the Humane Society of the United States, says pet cloning should be outlawed because "high failure rates and compromised animal welfare are the most likely outcomes of this experimental procedure." The famous cloned Dolly the sheep had arthritis and aged prematurely.

Genetic Savings spokesman Ben Carlson admitted that cloned animals have more health problems than naturally born animals. He referred me to an article in Nature Biotechnology that showed that 77 percent of cloned animals are born healthy and that a new technology should reduce defects.

Prentice, the life-sciences professor, is skeptical of the 77 percent figure. It doesn't recognize botched clones that were never born, he said, and researchers didn't check the animals thoroughly.

Will Genetic Savings disclose to the public how many cats, if any, have to be killed to make one marketable cat? The company spokesman had no answer.

"They recognize that they have a defective procedure, and they're saying, 'In the end, we'll get you a live animal,'" Pacelle noted. "That assumes the process is not so precise."

The company ethics policy promises: "In the unlikely event that an animal is born with deformities or other problems, it shall only be euthanized if it is suffering or facing high probability of near-term suffering, and shall otherwise be placed in a loving home at GSC expense."

That's nice, but if, in the future, cat cloning is inexpensive and frequent, it's hard to imagine the company finding loving homes for any five-legged felines.

Pacelle says that cloning pets is wrong because it creates a new way to produce an overpopulated species. Worse, cloning could produce more rejects.

Genetic Savings' ace in the hole — and Carlson knows how to use it — is that folks like me feel like Puritans trying to argue what other people can and cannot spend their money on. Said Carlson, "In our society, people are free to spend their money as they fit."

True, but this issue isn't just about money, it's about life. It's about creating life while others are forced to destroy life.

Today, Genetic Savings wants to clone nine cats. What happens if the number reaches 9,000 and if the price falls, as the company projects? By then, it may be too late to create a law that covers this concern.

That's why a moratorium on cloning pets makes sense today. It's scary that one company can decide, "Hey, let's make cats," and do it, and then, it is precedent. Americans should at least discuss the ramifications before the practice has a chance to proliferate.

Failing that, socially aware people can decide to make pet cloning so unacceptable — the social equivalent of driving drunk — that the twits won't dare do it. They may not appreciate that they are tinkering with life, but shame is something even cats can understand. Well, some cats anyway.

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Mrs. Kerry's secrecy

Sen. John Kerry, having escaped intact a one-hour grilling by NBC's Tim Russert on "Meet the Press" Sunday, slipped in the closing minutes. When asked why his multi-millionaire wife was not making public her tax returns, he misinterpreted the law and the facts. He can only hope voters regard this as arcane trivia.

Three days before her husband's first full-length televised interview since he clinched the Democratic presidential nomination, Teresa Heinz Kerry became the first would-be first lady to refuse disclosure since the practice became common. Kerry told Russert the law required him but not his wife to reveal tax returns, when in fact there is no such law. He is voluntarily disclosing the information, and Mrs. Kerry is not.

This becomes politically critical, because no previous presidential candidate relied so much on his spouse's wealth. Without backing from Heinz ketchup money, it is fair to say John Kerry would not be his party's presidential standard-bearer and probably would not even be a U.S. senator today. Thus, refusal to release his wife's tax returns inevitably raises suspicions, however ill-founded, that the Kerrys have something to hide.

John Kerry, after more than 10 years in the Senate, was nearly broke in May 1995, facing a daunting 1996 election test against popular Republican Gov. William Weld when he married the widow of the richest U.S. senator. The late

Republican Sen. John Heinz of Pennsylvania left his wife, Teresa, \$600 million. Kerry's net worth, according to his official disclosure submitted in 1995, ranged from a plus-\$34,995 down to a minus-\$130,000.

In January 1995, Mrs. Heinz paid \$1.7 million cash for the shell of a town house on Boston's tony Beacon Hill, and restoration brought its value to nearly \$3 million (though that figure is much higher today). She then transferred ownership of half the house to her new husband, and the mansion became the engine financing Kerry's campaigns.

Running behind Weld in 1996, Kerry loaned his campaign \$900,000 by mortgaging the house. By Election Day, he had loaned it \$1.7 million and was \$2.1 million personally in debt. That began a laborious process of paying off his debt, including the 1996 mortgage, which was completed in 1999. Kerry was then positioned to dip into the Beacon Hill mansion for a future attempt to be president.

In December of last year, Kerry's campaign treasury was empty and his candidacy going nowhere. He then loaned his campaign \$6.4 million by mortgaging his one-half share of the Boston home. Without that, Kerry's presidential bid probably could not have been revived.

At the end of the "Meet the Press" interview, Russert noted that 1984 Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro's husband first refused to release his tax returns — adding to the furor over his alleged ethical problems — before he succumbed to pressure and made public the information. Russert asked: Would Teresa Heinz Kerry finally release her tax returns?

"Well," said Kerry, "my wife is doing exactly what the law requires. I mean, we have laws in

America, and the law requires that the candidate release their tax returns." He then launched into Senate-speak about "intrusive ethics forums." In fact, while the Federal Election Commission requires candidates to disclose their financial data, there is no mandate for tax returns.

Kerry had been thoroughly briefed by his staff for the Russert interview, but he went off on his own in addressing his wife's reluctance. Just why she is so reticent is a mystery, though it hardly could be concern about privacy considering the flood of personal publicity welcomed by the Kerrys. That excites curiosity about her charitable contributions (which are not reflected in official U.S. Senate financial disclosures). Release of Vice President Al Gore's tax returns in 1998 revealed an embarrassingly small charitable contribution of \$353 on an income of \$197,699.

Kerry aides shrug off as unimportant his incorrect statement that he was required to disclose tax returns but his wife was not. However, making up things in response to an unpleasant question can signal trouble ahead. Kerry's interview may have been smoother and more articulate than George W. Bush's press conference, but it planted seeds for the same credibility problems that trouble the president.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt attempted a purge of anti-New Deal members of Congress in 1938, not 1936 as stated in my last column.

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Howard College board to consider canceling Pct. 1 election

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College trustees are expected to cancel the order of election for the Precinct 1 board of trustees race Monday during their monthly meeting.

Trustee Michael Flores is running unopposed in the race. Fellow Trustee Adrian Randle and former Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Murray Murphy have both filed to run in the Precinct 2 election. Early

voting in the Howard College race begins on Wednesday. Trustees will meet in closed session at 11 a.m. in the campus student union building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, to discuss personnel issues and for a

telephone conference with their attorney to discuss pending litigation. Following executive session, the trustees will break for lunch, then reconvene at 12:30 p.m. Also on the agenda, trustees will consider:

- Updates on the nursing program and the Lubbock Christian University initiative.
- Naming a Professor Emeritus for 2004.
- Financial and personnel matters.
- Program passing rates.

- Bids on employment practice insurance, notebook computers, 10 desktop computers, one server, medical beds, snack vending service and document imaging software.
- The district organizational chart.

TDH

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for the children and Gale's Sweet Shoppe is providing cookies both days. H-E-B Grocery is furnishing drinks. The immunization clinic will take place at the TDH, 501 Birdwell Lane, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be no charge for infant and children immunizations those two days.

According to a press release from the TDH, national immunization levels are high or near record highs for most vaccines.

And that, the TDH said, translates into record or near record low levels of vaccine preventable diseases. Morbidity for most vaccine preventable

diseases has been reduced by 99 percent or more since the introduction of vaccines.

Although it has increased greatly over the last two years, the TDH said the immunization rate for 2-year-olds in Texas is still only 71 percent.

According to the TDH, vaccination not only protects the individual but the entire community.

When immunization programs achieve high levels of community immunity, the likelihood that an infected person will transmit the disease to a susceptible individual is greatly reduced.

Those indirectly protected are children who may be too young for vaccination, said the TDH, yet still susceptible to the disease, such as children less than

a year old who are too young to receive the measles vaccine.

Also protected are children who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, such as children with leukemia.

National Infant Immunization Week is a national effort to educate parents, caregivers, providers and communities on the importance of timely infant immunization.

RE-ENLIST

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Some contend a poor job market and re-enlistment bonuses worth thousands of dollars are keeping soldiers in the Army. Col. Joseph Anderson, commander of the 101st's 2nd Brigade, said it is more about camaraderie, patriotism and duty.

"They've had a personally rewarding and professionally developing experience," Anderson said. "I think they've formed some bonds that are going to last a lifetime. It tends to make them want to stay."

The only Army division to not meet its goal in the six-month period was the 82nd Airborne Division, whose members have been sent to fight in Afghanistan and Iraq since the Sept. 11 attacks. The division wanted to re-enlist 1,221 soldiers, but got only 1,136.

At Fort Campbell, soldiers from the 101st spent seven months in Afghanistan after the

Sept. 11 attacks. The entire division of about 20,000 soldiers was sent to Iraq last year for major combat, and the last planeload returned home in March. A grueling year in Iraq claimed the lives of 61 Fort Campbell soldiers, and hundreds more were wounded.

In the six-month period ending March 31, the 101st topped its goal of re-enlisting 1,591. It got 1,737 to sign up for another tour of duty.

Fort Campbell leaders said their numbers debunk the theory that yearlong combat-zone assignments — not typically used since Vietnam — and the casualties in Iraq would discourage soldiers from re-enlisting.

Shelley MacDermid, co-director of the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University, said it is too early to know what effect the war in Iraq will have long-term on recruitment and retention.

"If the war were to end tomorrow, the impact on re-enlistments likely would be very different than three years from now," MacDermid said.

Some soldiers, of course, are getting out, for themselves or for their families. ("There's a saying in the Army — 'You enlist a soldier, but you re-enlist a family' — and that's true," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Plemons, who oversees retention for the

101st.)

Staff Sgt. Bobby Miller, 31, has spent more than 10 years in the Army and said he is getting out when his term ends in less than a year.

The 101st soldier has served in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq and said he has barely seen his wife and two children in the past few years.

"It's not that we don't want to deploy; I'd like a little more stabilization," Miller said.

Pinkley was riding in a Humvee the day after Thanksgiving when it was rocked by a bomb. He suffered internal injuries and is still healing from the shrapnel wounds. He said he and his wife discussed for more than a

year whether he should re-enlist.

In the end, despite his pain and his wife's fear for his life, they decided it was best for both of them, she said. His next position will be as a drill sergeant at Fort Benning, Ga.

"I'm excited about it," his wife said. "It's something he wanted to do."

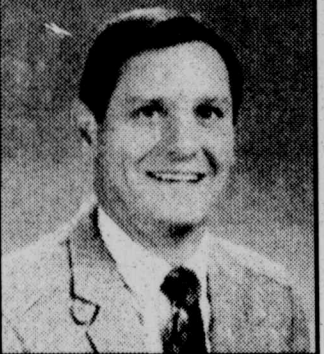
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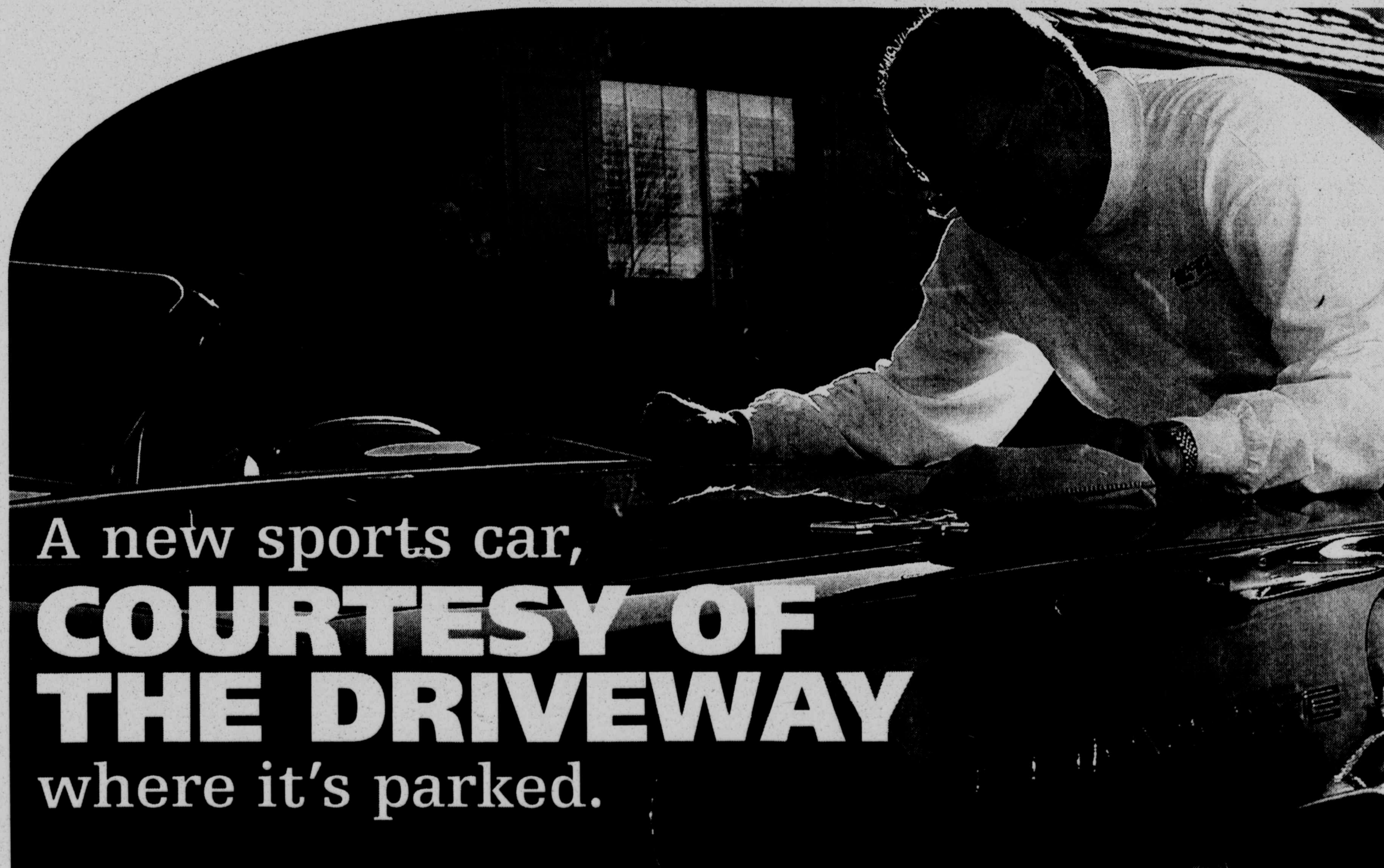
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Refining relationships

Advisory panel serves as a link between ALON and community

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

If communication is the key to building good relationships, ALON USA's Big Spring Refinery is certainly doing its part toward building a confidence between itself and the Howard County community.

While most citizens understand how much the refinery means to the area in terms of jobs and tax base and many are aware it's a major contributor to the United Way, Relay for Life, schools, the YMCA, ball teams and other programs, fewer know about CAP — the ALON USA Howard County Community Advisory Panel.

The all-volunteer group serves as a liaison between representatives of the refinery and the Howard County community.

For example...
"When they had the fire at ALON (September 2002), we were in Big Spring standing outside and watching all the smoke. A woman came up to me and expressed that she was worried about the



Dickie Partlow, Big Spring Refinery cat cracker shift leader, explains something to CAP member Vivian Gordon.

Gordon, an X-ray Department supervisor at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, is one of 14 people who meet once a month for eight months with Joe Concienne, ALON USA's vice president of refining and transportation, to learn about the refinery and ask questions. As topics vary, they are joined by experts throughout the refinery who take them on tours, explain how various operations work and answer their questions. CAP members are then able to take that knowledge and answer questions community members might have, such as how the refinery operates, what goes on in producing a gallon of fuel, what products are produced at the facility, and how safety and environmental issues are addressed.

Because the community is made up of so many different groups of people, CAP members also represent various segments of society. Among its members are a police lieutenant, a minister, a restaurant owner, an environmentalist, an educator, an auto parts store owner, a retired Air Force colonel, a retired broker/real estate agent, an industrial plant manager

and representatives of the local news media.

"It's a diverse group, a very pleasant group. Good people," said Concienne.

refinery manager. "We began this group in September 2001. I think they've now hit stride as a good functioning organization. The members are very interested in learning. Now we're moving into another phase for even more interaction. Their questions are more in-depth."

The group's co-facilitator, Bobby McDonald, said the meetings are lively and interesting, with CAP members and ALON employees sharing feedback.

"Sometimes I have problems bringing the meeting to an end on time," McDonald said with a laugh.

"For instance, we have something we call JUNC Mail, which stands for 'Joe's Undisclosed News and Correspondence.' We put mail — a question or articles — in a closed envelope. Members have the choice to sign or not to sign the mail. Joe is



Clarence Palmer, left, operations coordinator for the fluid catalytic cracking unit FCC, and Michael Dominguez, FCC operator, visit with CAP member Mark Gomez.

not obligated to reply to the question, but we have a lot of fun with it. It's another avenue whereby he finds out what the community is thinking. "ALON has a bent ear to

everything CAP members say," said McDonald.

While CAP is not intended to be an advocate for ALON or the refinery, it's obvious the members are impressed by what they've witnessed.

"I doubt that anyone appreciates the refinery more than a CAP member — except, of course, the employees," McDonald said. "They are highly innovative, highly safety conscious, highly intelligent, highly disciplined, highly environmentally minded, highly civic minded... just a good bunch of people."

The state of the environment is something dear to CAP member Bebe McCasland, local a wild bird rehabilitator and former school administrator. She's also the wife of a retired mechanical engineer who worked at the refinery for 34 years.

"I am privileged to remember the past — Cosden, W.R. Grace, Fina — and to recognize how it has contributed to the future — ALON. Because of my many years of work with birds, I appreciate how far the refining industry has come in protecting its employees and the environment," she

the plant.

g. The intended result of the panel is that both groups will reach a "common ground" of understanding, and a building of trust between the company and the community will occur.

h. The panelists shall serve as an advisory group and not a decision-making body for ALON USA refinery. However, their opinions shall be relayed and considered at the plant and corporate level.



safety of the community," said CAP member Vivian Gordon. "I was able to tell her that I wasn't concerned. People have no idea of the extent they go to with their safety programs out there. One of their main focuses is keeping the Big Spring people safe from anything that might happen at the plant. I was able to explain that to her."



CAP members and others take time out during a monthly meeting to have their photograph taken. Pictured are, from left, front row, co-facilitator Lou Knight, Vivian Gordon, Bebe McCasland and Chris Moore, and in back, facilitator Bobby McDonald, Jim Little; Sid Richardson Carbon Black Plant Manager Steve Honea, Stanley Phillips; ALON USA Vice President of Refining and Transportation Joe Concienne, Dennis Teeters; Terry Wofford, Mark Gomez, Brian Michaelz, ALON USA Manager of Business Development Jimmy Crosby and Terry Chamness. Cap members not pictured are Terry Wegman and Mike Henry.

Objectives of the panel

- a. Provide feedback from the community about plant operations and concerns and identify ways to improve communications with the community.
- b. Provide input to the community from the plant about facility operations and concerns.

- c. Provide a mechanism for the plant to discuss community response to plant ideas and plans.
- d. Address community/industry issues that are important to the community.
- e. Provide a means to educate plant and corporate management about the community.
- f. Provide a means to education community leadership about

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this place," said owner of Carlos Restaurant, CAP member. "The people are equals. It's been a pleasure to meet these people at the restaurant. There are many examples of what Big Spring is — dedicated citizens. I'm proud to live with them."

"Being on the CAP has given me the opportunity to be acquainted with ALON USA and the refinery," said Lou Knight for the group. "I'm educated with their policies and procedures, understand their areas. Being armed with this knowledge has given me the edge to converse with others regarding various issues."

"Knowing the way things are run has taught me how to handle them. I've learned a great deal that seems so much more than I could have learned on my own side public."

In addition to the information received from the CAP, Concienne has increased his knowledge of the refinery.

"It's a challenge to get the information and educate people who are not familiar with it. I understand it."

"They help us in communicating with the community. Why we do it," he said.

The future of the CAP is solid.

"We're going to be here as long as I am here and as long as the refinery is here," said Bobby McDonald. "I agree that it's an asset for both the refinery and the community."

"The refinery could not exist without us. All the time and effort that we put into it, he said. "In my opinion, it's a fact that ALON USA is a segment of our community. It's an effort that indicates what kind of a future we have."

CAP Members

Terry Wofford, retired correctional administrator

Terry Chamness, lieutenant, Big Spring Police Department

Mark Gomez, co-owner, Carlos Restaurant

Vivian Gordon, X-ray Department supervisor, Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Mike Henry, KBST radio

Lou Knight, co-facilitator

Jim Little, retired Air Force colonel

Dennis Teeters, minister, First Baptist Church

Brian Michaelz, KBST radio

Chris Moore, chairperson, Crossroads Housing Board

Bebe McCasland, environmentalist

Bobby McDonald, facilitator, retired broker

Stanley Phillips, educator

Terry Wegman, owner, Autotrend.

"There are lots of very knowledgeable people in the community."

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this place," said Mark Gomez, co-owner of Carlos Restaurant, another CAP member. "They always treat people as equals. It's been very rewarding to meet these people, to have them in the restaurant. They are wonderful examples of what you want: Big Spring to be — decent, law-abiding citizens. I'm proud to be associated with them."

"Being on the CAP panel has offered me the opportunity to become acquainted with the personnel of ALON USA and the practices of the refinery," said Lou Knight, co-facilitator for the group. "By becoming more educated with their procedures, practices and policies, I have been able to understand their position in many areas. Being armed with this knowledge has given me the ability to converse with others outside the refinery regarding various aspects of ALON."

"Knowing the way they have been taught to handle emergencies has put me greatly at ease during problems that seem so monumental to the outside public."

In addition to the feedback he receives from the community through the CAP, Concienne said the program has increased his awareness level.

"It's a challenge to take technical information and explain it so that people who are not in the industry can understand it."

"They help us make real sense in communicating what it is we do and why we do it," he said.

The future of the program seems to be solid.

"We're going to have CAP here as long as I am here and I think well into the future," said Concienne.

McDonald, agrees, the CAP is an asset for both the refinery and the community.

"The refinery certainly does well without us. All they ask is our time, attendance and to put the truth out," he said. "In my way of thinking, the mere fact that ALON is willing to take a segment of our community, put in the time, effort and resources, should indicate what kind of corporation it is."

Mind, Body and Soul's Razzmatazz raises almost \$500 for Relay for Life

Special to the HERALD

Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team — "Mind, Body and Soul" — raised \$466 during Saturday's Relay Rascal Razzmatazz.

Money was raised through registration fees, spectator fees and participant photographs.

Children, ages birth through 12 years of age modeled "Sunday Best Attire" and answered questions during an on-stage interview with KBST Radio personality and pageant emcee, Lisa Brooks.

"Lisa was terrific," Razzmatazz coordinator Linda Billington said. "She had children singing, reciting the ABCs and the months of the year, and running on stage. The children were a vision of pure delight, innocence and joy."

Trophies were awarded to the female and male winners, and runners-up received a second place ribbon.

Each participant received a participation certificate and a ribbon.

Winners were:

Female, 0-12 months: First place, Delia Rawls, daughter of Daniel Rawls and Anita Valdez; Second place, Jocelyn Gonzales, daughter of Jennifer Gonzales.

Male, 0-12 months: First place, Trenton Clark, son of James Clark; Second place, Adam Joshua Robles, son of Raul and Natividad Robles.

Female, 1-23 months: First place, Brylea Gordon, daughter of Brian and Leah Gordon; Second place, Desiree King, daughter of

Amber King.

Male, 12-23 months: First place, Jeb Worthy, son of Michelle Worthy.

Female, 2-3 years: First place, Karleigh Moore, daughter of Michael and Jacque Moore; Second place, Autumn Guidry, daughter of Danielle Guidry.

Male, 2-3 years: First place Blake Ramirez, son of Raymond and Shelli Ramirez; Second place, Nicholas Allen Billington, son of Dennis and Linda Billington.

Female, 4-5 years: First place Lauren Smith, daughter of Teresa Vela; Second place, Sunny Kuykendall, daughter of Todd and Leslie Kuykendall.

Male, 4-5 years: First place, Matthew Hernandez, son of Gary and Jeannie Hernandez.

Female, 6-8 years: First place, Marisa Ramirez, daughter of Raymond and Shelli Ramirez.

Female, 9-12 years: First place, Misty Kelly, daughter of Charlie and Amanda Vernon.

Winners will be recognized at the Relay for Life Event through a display of photographs set up at the "Mind, Body and Soul" campsite on May 7-8. Relay for Life is a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.

Many businesses and volunteers made the event a huge success, Billington said. An anonymous donor gave



Contributed photo
Nicholas Billington, who won second place in the male 2- to 3-year-old category in last Saturday's Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, poses for a photo following the contest. The contest raises money for Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life committee. Nicholas is the son of Dennis and

blooming potted plants to the event organizers, which were used to decorate the stage and were given to each judge and the emcee.

Sonic Drive-In on Gregg Street donated coupons for each participant to receive a free drink. Teri Telchik and Cody Hare from the city of Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department assisted by answering many questions and handling the

lighting and sound system. Pageant judges were Vicki Denton, Sandra Logback, Mildred Franklin, Brandi Stewart and LaWanda Hamm.

Others assisting were Jacque Moore, Glenda Walton, Dianna Valdez, Bobbie Hanson, Roselia Ramirez, Martha Simmering, Andi Winn, Debbie Vernon and Kay Anderson.

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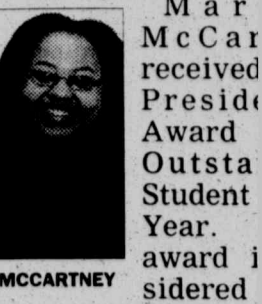
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Howard bestowed its end-of-the-year honors this past week with some Cross area individuals earning top awards.



Marjorie McCartney received the Outstanding Student Award for the year. McCartney is a graduate of Howard College. Selection in the Student Government Nominations are from all employees of Howard College. Selection in the Student Government Nominations are from all employees of Howard College. Selection in the Student Government Nominations are from all employees of Howard College.

She was recently named to the 2003-2004 Who Among Junior Colleges award for participation in the NASA Competition. She was also named to the USA Today American Scholar Team.

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Howard College names outstanding students

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Howard College bestowed its end-of-year honors this past week, with some Crossroads area individuals earning top awards.



MCCARTNEY

Marissa McCartney received the Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year. The award is considered the most prestigious award given to a student at Howard College. Selection is based on academic excellence, participation in student life, leadership qualities, and overall college spirit. Nominations are received from all employees.

McCartney is a sophomore from Big Spring and the granddaughter of Thelma Fannin and the daughter of Dianna Rios. She has been a member of the Student Government Association, the Howard College Diplomats, a member of the Pi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a student tutor at the STEPS Center.

She was recently selected to the 2003-2004 Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges and three weeks ago participated in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars Program. She was also nominated to the USA Today All American Academic Team.

McCartney has represented the college at numerous community and campus events locally and throughout Texas. McCartney excelled in the classroom and maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.695. She plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and major in education and wants to be a kindergarten teacher.

American Legion
The American Legion Citizenship Awards are

presented to one male and one female who exhibit the most outstanding leadership, character and citizenship qualities. Recipients can be freshmen or sophomores. Selection is based on popular vote by the faculty, staff and administration.

This year's female recipient is Krystal Cline, a sophomore from Big Spring. She has been involved at Howard College as an athletic student trainer, a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and recently selected to the 2003-2004 Who's Who and has represented Howard College at many college and community events. She maintains a GPA of 3.781. Cline is the daughter of John and Anita Cline. She plans to continue her education at West Texas A&M and will major in science.

This year's male recipient is Blake Kronkosky, a freshman from Leander. He is a member of the Howard College baseball team. In January 2004, Collegiate Baseball Magazine named Kronkosky one of the top junior college players to watch in the nation. He was recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, selected to this year's Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges and was presented with the Math and Chemistry Departmental Awards. The 4.0 student is a pre-engineering major and the son of Mark and Cindy Kronkosky.

Outstanding Educator of the Year

Cash Berry is a native of Coahoma. He graduated from Howard College in 2000 and transferred to Texas Tech University. While at Texas Tech he received a bachelor of science in agriculture and applied economics in 2002 and a master of science in agriculture education in 2003. As a student at Howard College Berry

was a member of the ag judging team, the Diplomat Scholarship and the recipient of the prestigious Presidential Student of the Year Award. Last year, Berry returned home to join the Howard College family in a faculty role. In addition to his faculty role, Cash has co-advised the Ag Judging team and assisted with the coordination of Youth Agriculture Summer Camps. Berry is the son of Ace and Linda Berry.

Diplomats

Andrea Baird, Rebekah Cowen, Jonathan Flores, K'Ja Fowler, Brandon Hart, April Kennemer, Jennifer Lopez, Marissa McCartney, Vanessa Parra, Kristy Paul, Cynthia Porter, Rebecca Roever, Ryan Sayles, Seth Stovall, Josh Torres, Nadia Torres, Billy Bob Walker and Casie Wood.

Outstanding Club Members

Baptist Student Ministries: Sharissa McMeans and Dylan Thomas.
Mexican American Student Association: Susan Schillo.
Phi Theta Kappa: Marissa McCartney and Rustine Lendermon.
Student American Dental Hygiene Association: Chelsea Shifflett and Angela Parker.
Texas Nursing Students Association: David Salazar and Rance Ramsey.
Thistle's (Writers Club): Vanessa Parra.

Department Awards

Accounting: Courtney Brock, Sara Shaw and Randy Ortiz.
Agriculture: Brandy Daugherty and Keith Newton.
Art: Miranda Parsons.
Biology: Misty DeLaGarza, Cassandra Thompson and Beverly Tubb.
Business Management: Chip Adams and Jayne Masfield.

Chemistry: Austin Dorsey and Blake Kronkosky.
Child & Family Development: Casandra DeLaGarza and Paula Wilkinson.
Computer Aided Drafting: Daniel Martin and Susan Schillo.
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Cosmetology: Shellie Glass and Misti Muller.
Criminal Justice: Adam Acosta and Arista Shepard.
Dental Hygiene: Maria Huff and Dawn McGuire.
Economics: Austin Dorsey and Jordan Hudgens.
English: Melaine Garnett and Jennifer Lopez.
EMT (Paramedic): Francisco Teveni.
Government: Joshua Machiavello.
History: Mike Cogburn and Dena Cox.
Kinesiology: Eric Barber, Krystal Cline and Wade Green.
Math: Blake Kronkosky and Crystal Wingert.

Music: John Ontiveros and Nolan Paige.
Licensed Vocational Nursing: Lori Green, Blanca Sanchez and Sara Smith.
Associate Degree Nursing: Donald Alcorn and Jeana Jackson.
Office Administration: Amy Chapel, Angela Mendez and Casey Ramirez.
Psychology: Hollie Gibas and Melanie Garnett.
Sociology: Beverly Tubb.

Spanish: Norma Navarro and Kristen Valentine.
Speech: Tanner Mattson and Samantha Newton.
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Rina Rodriguez. Rodriguez graduated from Rankin High School in

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Keep Big Spring Beautiful committee members Jan Forseyth, standing, and Irene Bustamante hold a live oak while city employees plant the tree at the West Side Community Center. The tree planting ceremony was held on Thursday to celebrate Arbor Day. Also pictured is committee member Mike Henry.

OUTSTANDING

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1997. After moving to Midland, then Dallas, she moved back to Coahoma to be close to her family. She maintains a household with her husband and their two children who are 5 and 6, yet she still manages to attend Howard College full-time and work as a work-study.

Who's Who

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges is an organization committed to recognizing student leaders across the nation. Selection to the group is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. The employees of the college nominate these students.

They will receive a certificate from the Who's Who Association. Their names will be placed in a book with students from other community colleges across the nation.

Recipients are Alisha Allen, Dean Cox, Jonathan Foster, Janae Giles, Wade Green, Debra Hines, Adam Jones, Blake Kronkosky, Krystal Cline, Melissa Kukoly, Jennifer Lopez, Marissa McCartney, Stephanie Moore, Nolan Paige, Angela Parker,

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'Mountain' final results

Here are the final results from the Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk at Big Spring State Park on Saturday, April 17.

10K Run

Male less than 25 — 1. Mark Salazar (51:19), 2. Kevin Porras, 3. Abel Diaz.
Male 25-40 — 1. Mike Dotson (41:17), 2. Richard Sorenson.

Male more than 40 — 1. Guillermo Zagarra (43:07), 2. Vincent Attanucci, 3. Gene Roffers.

Female — 1. Carol Hise (51:56)

5K Walk

Female 34-younger — 1. Stacy Hare (46:49), 2. Alisha McKee, 3. Shawna Seals

Female 35-49 — 1. Sandy Roffers (42:20), 2. Ida Sumpter, 3. Ellen Parcell.

Female 50-older — 1. Pam Brewer (36:01), 2. Becky Henry, 3. Jean Slate

Male 34-younger — 1. Sam Strahan, 2. Dosten Tompkins.

Male 35-49 — 1. Sonny Garza

Male 50-older — 1. Carl Reynolds (49:23), 2. Bill Hetmaniak.

5K Run

Male less than 25 — 1. John Ramos (20:43), 2. Zack Dawson, 3. Jessie Sanchez.

Male 25-39 — 1. Ruben Holguin (21:24), 2. Frank Sumpter Jr., 3. Chad Norris.

Male 40-55 — 1. Luis Ramirez (22:48), 2. Read Johnston, 3. Craig Felty.

Male 56 and older — 1. Edward Slate (30:32)

Female less than 25 — 1. Laura Teveni (35:25), 2. Michelle Teveni

Female 25-39 — 1. Kathy Dunn (31:04), 2. Donna Spindler, 3. Danielle Ramirez

Female 40-55 — 1. Ellen Seidenberger (32:47), 2. Marty Tindol, 3. Rosey Mindling.

Special Note — Roberto Teveni, 8-year-old boy, ran the 5K Run in 50:55!

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Estimados Votantes de Big Spring ISD,

En la proxima eleccion el sabado, dia quince de mayo de 2004, todos los votantes registrados del distrito #5 y #6 de Big Spring ISD estan elegibles para votar. En su actualizado "Certificado de Matricula de Votante", estos distritos se listan como "B5" y "B6" en la caja de "escuela". Si usted tiene preguntas acerca de su distrito para votar de Big Spring ISD, avisa por favor la Oficina del Registrador del Votante del Condado de Howard.

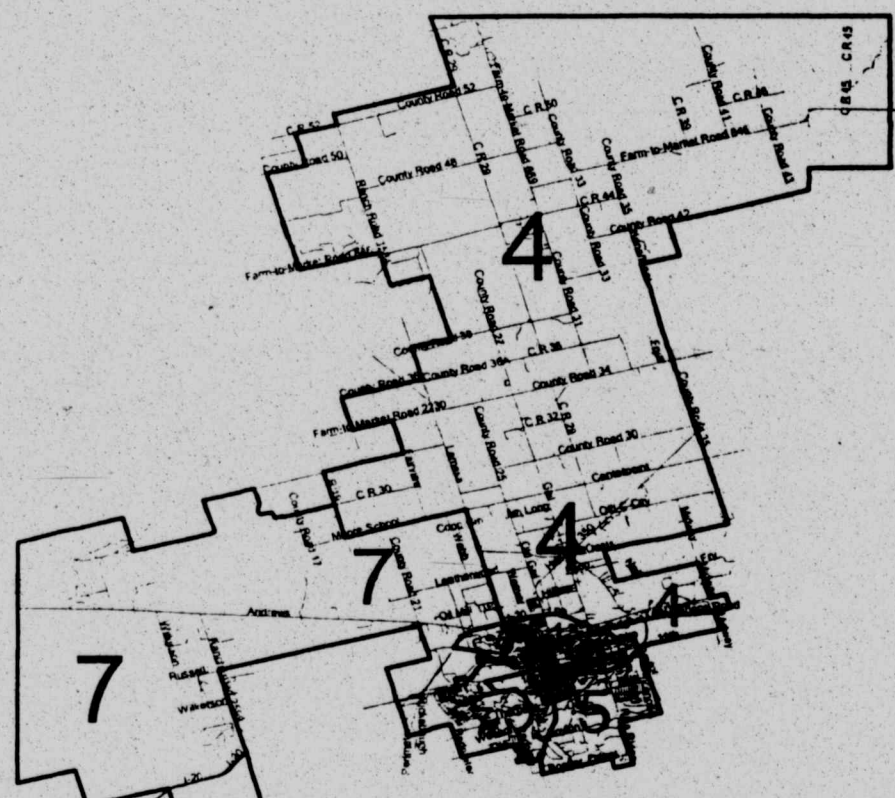
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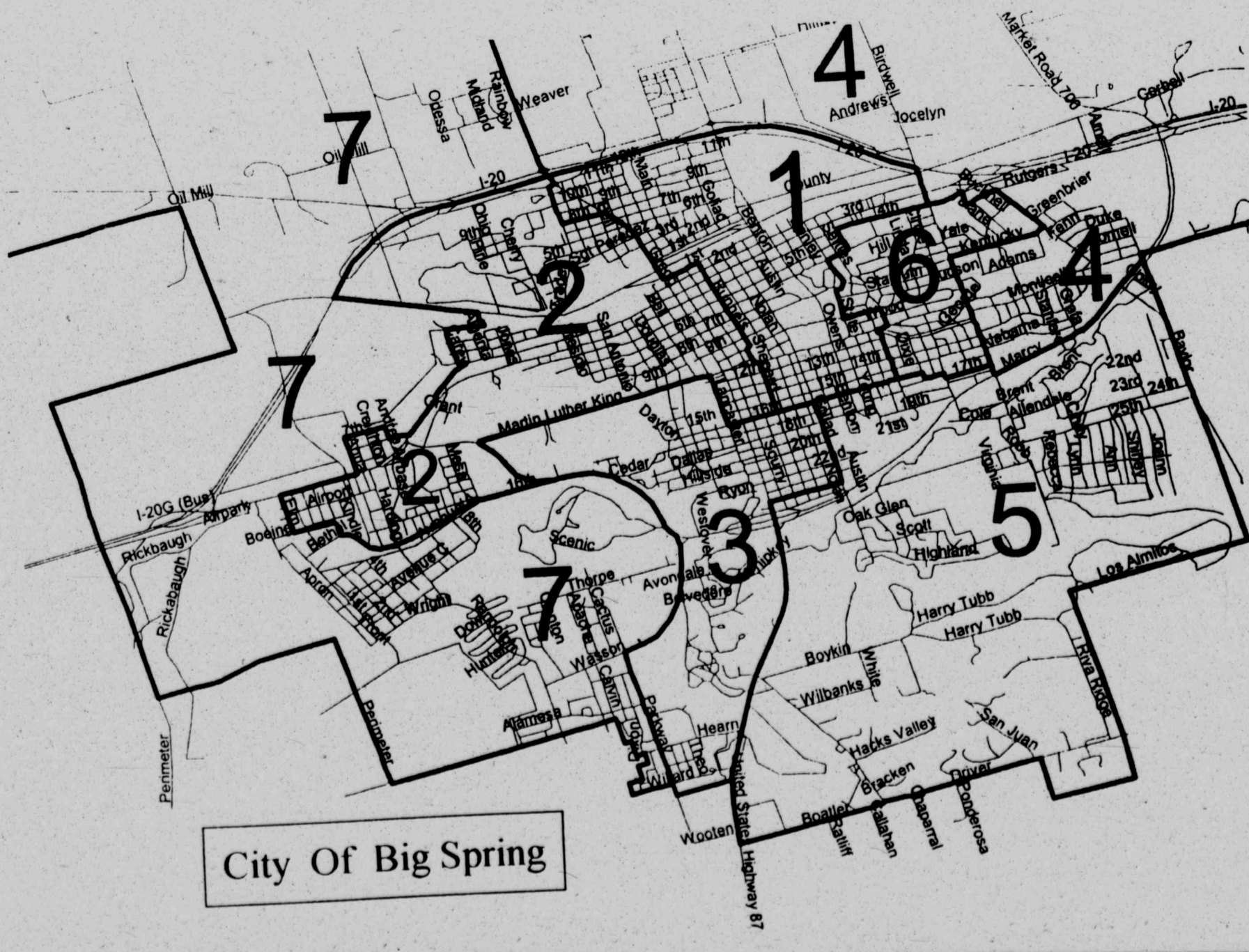
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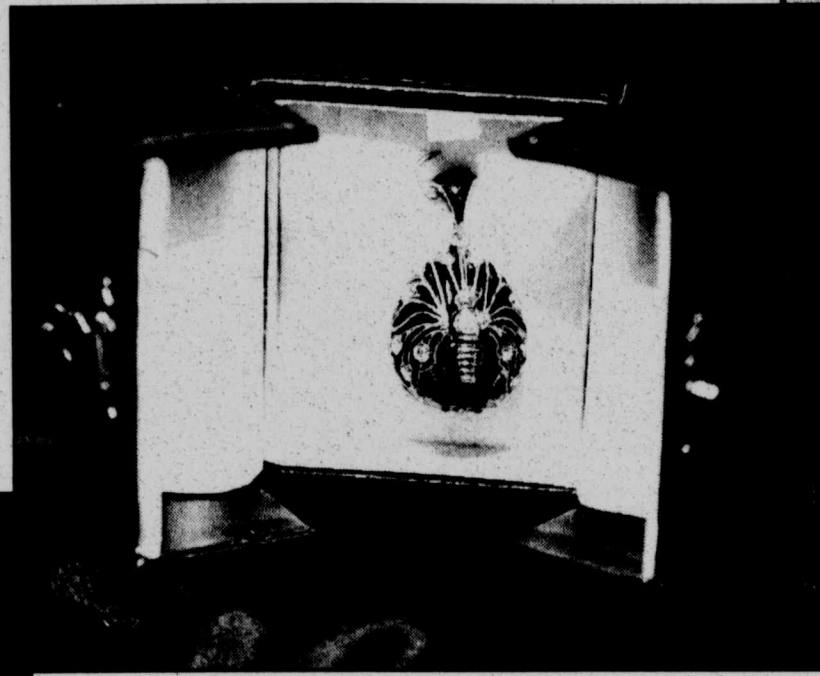
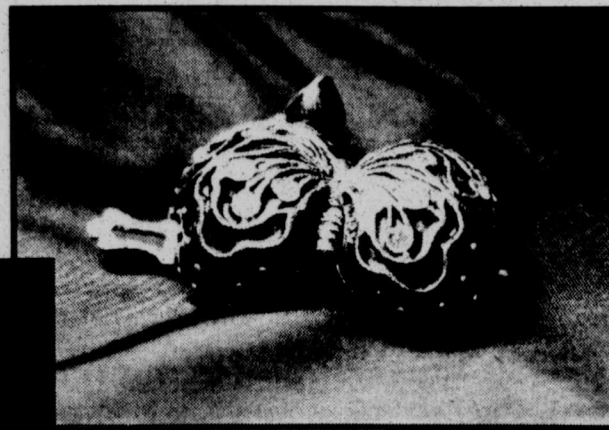
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3. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
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Kerry affirms his support for abortion rights

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry delivered an unabashed defense of abortion rights on Friday just hours after a top Vatican cardinal said that priests must deny Communion to Catholic politicians who support abortion rights.

Several other Catholic politicians said they, too, had no intention of altering the way they practice their religion or their politics.

With hundreds of Catholic politicians in the United States supporting abortion rights, the trans-Atlantic counterpoint was only the latest sign that the issue promises to be a recurrent one on the U.S. campaign trail this year.

"I believe that in the year 2004 we deserve a president who understands that a stronger America is where women's rights are just that: rights, not political weapons to be used by politicians of this nation," Kerry declared at a rally with leaders of pro-choice groups that are mobilizing in Washington for a big march on Sunday.

"We are going to have a change in leadership in this country to protect the right of choice," Speaking earlier from Vatican City, Cardinal Francis Arinze stopped short of saying whether it was right for Kerry to receive Communion, but said a Catholic politician who supports abortion rights "is not fit" to receive the Eucharist.

U.S. bishops have discretion in deciding who should receive Communion, but the cardinal's comments could put more pressure on them to sanction Catholic politicians whose positions are at odds with church teachings. Kerry says he personally opposes abortion but supports a woman's right to choose.

Five U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq attack at dawn Saturday

BAGHDAD (AP) — Insurgents struck a U.S. military base north of Baghdad with rockets at dawn Saturday, killing five American soldiers, an official said, while a rocket crashed into a crowded market in the Iraqi capital, killing at least three people.

Besides the deaths in the market, up to 12 Iraqis were killed Saturday in several attacks, including an apparent suicide car bombing in Tikrit, fighting in Baghdad's Sadr City, and clashes between Polish troops and Shiite militiamen in Karbala.

The fighting in Sadr City, an eastern mostly Shiite district in the capital, came when U.S. forces launched raids against suspected militiamen, sparking a battle that the military said killed one or two Iraqis. During the fighting, three Iraqi girls were badly burned when a shell exploded in their bedroom where they slept.

Hours later, a rocket slammed into the neighborhood, killing at least three people and wounding dozens, residents said. Human flesh could be seen among scattered market goods and burned-out cars in the chaotic street. It was unclear who fired the rocket or what its intended target was.

The five U.S. soldiers were killed around dawn, when two 57-mm rockets slammed into the base in Taji, Air Force Lt. Col. Sam Hudspath said. Taji is a former Iraqi air force base 12 miles north of Baghdad that is now used by the Army's Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division.

Six soldiers were wounded in the attack. Elsewhere, a Marine died from combat injuries suffered on April 14 while fighting guerrillas in Iraq's western Anbar province, the military announced.

The Marines have been besieging the Anbar city of Fallujah since the beginning of the month, but the military has refused to specify whether Marine casualties from Anbar are from that campaign.

The deaths of the five soldiers in Baghdad and the Marine brought to 107 the number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq since the beginning of April. Since March 2003, 715 servicemembers have died in this country.


The Pentagon announced Friday that 595 U.S. soldiers have been wounded in the past two weeks, raising the total number of troops wounded in combat to 3,864 since the start of the conflict.

Also Friday, the U.N.'s top envoy for Iraq said the 25 members of Iraq's U.S.-picked Governing Council should be excluded from a planned caretaker government that is supposed to take nominal sovereignty from the U.S.-led occupation on June 30.

While a group of "technocrats" runs the interim government, the council members should spend the next nine months campaigning for elections due by the end of January, said the envoy, Lakhdar Brahimi.

Washington has thrown its backing behind Brahimi's proposal, suggesting the United States is prepared to allow the removal of Iraqis it had put forward to run the country.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring volleyball clinics announced

Big Spring high school volleyball coach Revis Daggett has announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming seventh-graders.

The clinics will take place this Monday, as well as Monday, May 3, Wednesday May 5, Monday, May 10 and/or Wednesday, May 12.

Athletes may attend one or all five clinics.

Each clinic runs from 4-6 p.m. and takes place at the Big Spring Junior High School Gymnasium.

The cost is \$10 for any or all of the clinics and those interested may pay at the door at any one of the clinics.

Checks should be made payable to the Lady Steers Booster Club.

Seventh-grade volleyball tryout dates set

The Big Spring junior high will also be holding volleyball tryouts in May. The dates for tryouts have been set for May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day.

The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium and are free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance is required at least two of the three days in order to make the 2004-2005 team or prior arrangements need to be made with Coach Daggett. She can be reached at 816-9560 or rldaggett@esc18.net.

Texas Tech to hold softball camps

Texas Tech softball is holding two softball camps this summer.

The first camp will be an overnight/residents camp for 12-18 year olds from June 1-3.

The camp will cost \$260 for residents and \$200 for commuters.

The other will be a day camp for 6-8 and 9-12-year-olds July 12-14. The camp is \$90.

For more information contact Texas Tech softball at 806-742-3355 ext. 262.

Best of the West Junior Golf Classic

This first annual golf tournament will take place June 1-3 in San Angelo at the Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo Country Club and Quicksand Golf Courses.

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Entry forms and more information can be found at www.bestofthewestjr-golf.com or by calling 325-650-9124.

Howard College announces banquet

Howard College has scheduled its athletic banquet for May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

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Astros @ Rockies, 1:40 p.m.	1490	
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Steers @ Lakeview, 5:00 p.m.	1490	

Seventh inning dooms Big Spring

By JEFF LANE

Special to the HERALD

The Big Spring Lady Steers' regular season came to an end Friday night in Andrews much the same as it has for the past three years — with a momentum breaking loss.

Big Spring's 2-1 loss at the hands of district champion Andrews leaves the Lady Steers with a second place finish in the district.

The Lady Steers, who must now find a way to regroup and begin a quest for state, put up a valiant fight, but gave up four hits in the bottom of the seventh inning, letting Andrews squeak by with a one run win.

Alex Watkins started and took the loss on the mound for the Lady Steers as she struck out seven batters and gave up eight hits — all singles.

Big Spring's offense had its chances, but couldn't take advantage as they left eight runners on base.

The Lady Steers' sole run came in the top of the fifth inning. Kate Smiley and Leina Braxton led off the inning with a pair of walks.

Then Erica Stewart reached base safely on an error. Whitney Hufford's bases loaded walk allowed Smiley to cross the plate.

It was a tight game all the way, but Andrews proved too much in the end.

Four straight hits in the bottom of the seventh inning led to the game-winning run and sent the Lady Steers home to contemplate what could have been.

Despite the loss, Big Spring has qualified for the regional tournament which starts next week.

The Lady Steers have made it to the regional semifinals the past three years and to beat that mark they will have to put this tough loss behind them and have a solid week preparing for another run.



Big Spring senior Erica Stewart gets ready to slide into homeplate after a passed ball during the Lady Steers' 33-2 win over Lubbock Estacado last Tuesday. The Lady Steers were in action Friday night against district rival Andrews. Big Spring lost the first meeting 7-0 and were defeated Friday, 2-1, after giving up Andrews' game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. However, Big Spring still took second in the district and qualified for the regional tournament.

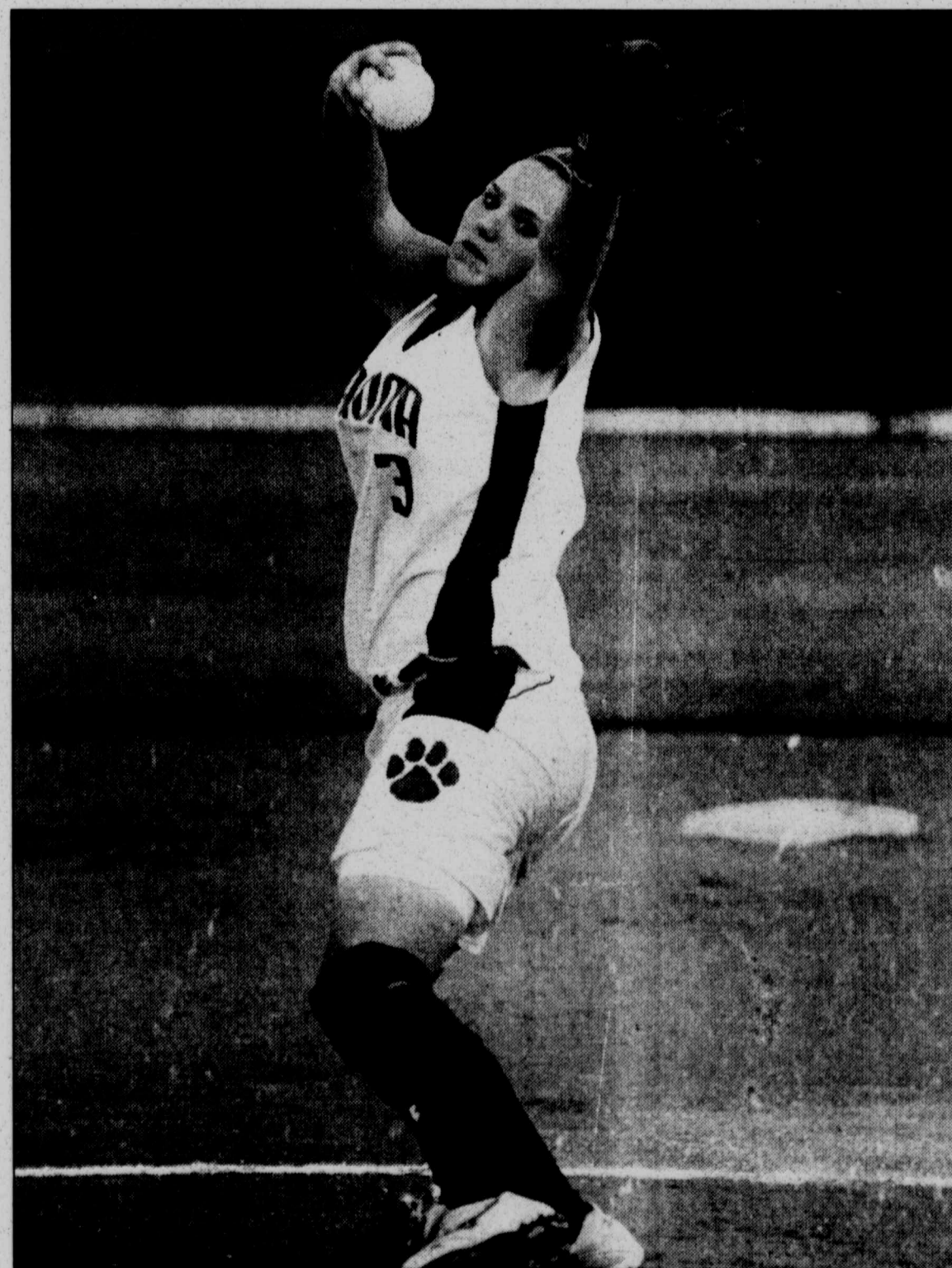
The Lady Steers' playoff motto is "gettin er done."

but they will now have to do that without the momentum they were

hoping to gain Friday night.

The Lady Steers' next

game will take place in Coahoma Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.



Coahoma sophomore pitcher Kail Roberts delivers a pitch during the Bulldogettes' 4-2 win over Class 5A Lubbock Coronado Friday. Roberts earned the win on the mound as Coahoma pushed its overall record to 13-10.

Roberts' clutch hit leads Bulldogettes

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

It took just about every effort sophomore Kail Roberts gave for the Coahoma softball team to record the win Friday night. Her excellent pitching performance on the mound and a clutch bases loaded double in the bottom of the fifth inning led the Bulldogettes to the victory against Class 5A Lubbock Coronado, 4-2.

The Mustangs struck first in the game as they jumped all over Roberts in the first inning. Coronado, however, didn't take full advantage of the situation and managed only one run after loading the bases.

The Bulldogettes got their bats moving in their half of the first inning, as well. Junior Ruby Garcia and sophomore Ashle New each reached base with singles and sophomore Liz Conley reached on an error. Coahoma's first run was handed to them by Coronado. With the bases loaded, Coronado walked in Garcia as freshman Ami Martinez took ball four.

However, just like the Mustangs, Coahoma ended the inning with the bases loaded and just one run across the plate.

Solid pitching on both sides kept the game at 1-1 through the fourth inning, but Coahoma struck again in the fifth.

New, Conley and Martinez loaded the bases in the fifth with three singles. And then Roberts delivered the hit of the game, clearing the bases and putting the Bulldogettes up 4-1.

After a scoreless sixth inning, the Mustangs had one last shot to make a comeback on the road, but a valiant effort fell short. Lubbock Coronado managed to cut into the lead with a run in the seventh with two outs. Then the next two batters both recorded singles to put two on. The Mustang runners advanced to second and third, respectively, as Roberts' wild pitch was mishandled by Garcia behind the plate.

But like she did at the plate in the fifth inning, Roberts delivered at a crucial part in the game, striking out the Mustangs' final batter.

Roberts' win on the mound and three RBIs at the plate proved to be the difference. New and Martinez added two hits at the plate, as well.

The Bulldogettes host Big Spring Tuesday, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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Big Spring catcher Josh Caudill attempts to throw out a runner trying to get to second base against Lubbock Estacado last week. The Steers lost rival Andrews Friday evening, 5-2. The score was 3-2 until the sixth inning before Andrews scored its final two runs. Chad Heinls recorded the loss on the mound for the Steers.

Renteria's gem gives Howard regional hope

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Howard College softball team saw two great pitching performances and one win Friday as the Lady Hawks split a doubleheader with El Paso.

El Paso won the first game, 2-1, in a pitching duel between Howard's Erin Mulvey and El Paso's Megan Barber.

Mulvey took the loss, but gave up just two runs in seven innings of work. The Hawks could not managed much offense against Barber and collected only four hits in the game.

Behind Andrea Renteria's stellar pitching performance on the mound in game two, the Lady Hawks were able to pull out the win, 1-0.

Renteria allowed no runs in seven innings and struck nine batters, while surrendering just four hits, earning the win.

Howard's postseason hopes were put on the line Saturday as the Lady Hawks again took on El Paso in a doubleheader, but scores were unavailable at press time.

If Howard can sweep El Paso, they advance to the regional tournament in Midland next week.

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Howard College names Adams head coach of Hawks mens basketball team

Special to the HERALD

Howard College officials have announced the hiring of Coach Mark Adams to head up the Hawk basketball program. Athletic Director Jim Lewis was temporarily filling the position of head coach and resigned at the close of the season.

Coach Adams, a Brownfield native, will be returning to Howard, a place where he began his coaching career as an assistant under former head coach Harold Wilder in 1979.

"My coaching career began at Howard College and it was a great experience," said Adams. "It is somewhat ironic that my new beginning is in the place where it all started. I look forward to building a winning program at Howard College."

Adams was an assistant coach at Howard College from 1979-1981. In addition to his basketball duties, Adams also served

as Assistant Dean of Students and was a recruiter for Howard College. His career has taken him to head coaching positions at Clarendon College, Wayland Baptist University, West Texas State University and the University of Texas Pan American.

Adams was in coaching until 1997. He soon became General Manager of the Amarillo Rattlers Hockey Club.

Adams left after 1998 to become owner and general manager of the Lubbock Cotton Kings Hockey Club. In total, Adams has 18 years on the professional level, 16 years as a head coach and a record of 298-188, which

is a .613 winning percentage.

"I have known the president of Howard College, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, for many years," said Adams. "I appreciate this opportunity that I have been given and I look forward to the new challenge."

Sparks added, "I have known Mark since he first worked here. I noticed from the beginning that Mark has a strong work ethic and strives to make a difference in whatever he is

involved in. He believes in young people and wants them to accomplish their goals. A highlight, on his resume, is Adams' graduation rate of 81 percent."

Adams has been, and currently is, owner of the Lubbock Cotton Kings

since the inception back in 1998. He will keep his shares of the Cotton Kings, but will not be involved in the day-to-day operation of the team.

Adams will begin his coaching duties immediately.



Coach Adams

Two fourths end Garden City's year

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Garden City tennis season officially ended Thursday after two doubles' teams finished fourth at the regional tournament in Levelland.

Alex Halfmann and Taylor Niehues finished fourth after losing to Sudan's Kade Gaston and Davan Provence, who were eventually the runner-ups of the tournament, 2-6 and 3-6.

The Garden City boys tandem also lost in the third place match to Nazareth's Charlie Rundell and Jake Hoelting, 1-6 and 1-6.

The girl's doubles team was defeated by two teams from Nazareth.

First, they fell to Jenna Acker and Jamie Birkenfeld in the semifinals, 5-7 and 1-6.

Then they lost to Lacey Acker and Helly Kleman, 6-3, 0-6 and 1-6 in the third place match.

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By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

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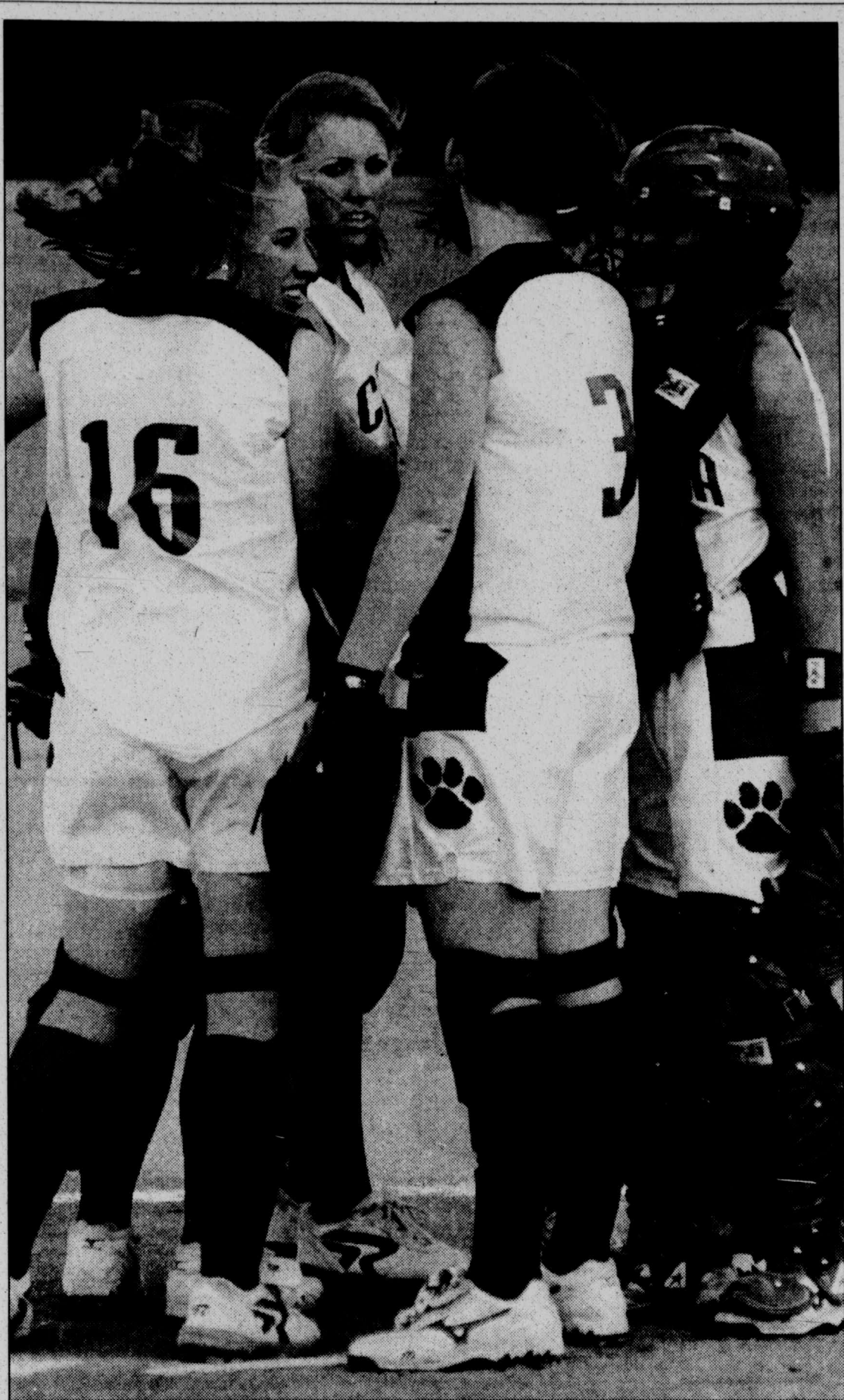
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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma's infield meets at the mound in between innings during the Bulldogettes 4-2 win over Lubbock Coronado Friday evening. Sophomore Kall Roberts picked up the win on the mound and delivered the game-winning three-RBI double in the fifth inning to lead the Bulldogettes (13-10) to the victory.

Armes' performance enough for nationals

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

With a strong performance in the steer wrestling competition at the Tarleton State Rodeo this weekend, Bray Armes has secured second place overall in the region, which sends him to the national rodeo finals in June.

Armes recorded a time of 4.6 seconds to claim a tie for second so far in steer wrestling.

The Hawks will also have the chance to send one or more to the national finals rodeo bar-

ring a strong performance at Saturday night's finals.

Howard's Trent Cornelius and Cole Bigbee, who is not of Howard, scored a 5.0 second time in the team roping Friday night, which placed them first overall, while Ty Glover and Kyle Lodgsdon scored a 5.7, as well.

Cornelius and Glover are currently tied for third overall in the region and the top three advance to the national finals.

"One of our guys might have to beat the other one

out tonight," said Coach Greg Kernick. "In a perfect world, we are all hoping for a tie."

Neeley Riley scored a 2.2 in the breakaway roping competition, which landed her the second best time thus far. Shank Edwards' 9.9 second calf roping time placed him fourth overall, while Danny McDowell's score of 75 in the bull riding portion of the rodeo placed him tied for fifth.

The short round took place Saturday night, but results were unavailable at press time.

Upset losses at conference tourney ends Hawk season

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

After two losses in two days at WJCAC baseball tournament in El Paso, the Howard College Hawks baseball team's season is over.

The Hawks were narrowly defeated by Odessa College Thursday, 9-8, and then fell to the New Mexico Military Institute Friday afternoon, 17-7, in eight innings. The game was shortened due to the eight-run rule.

The game against the Broncos of New Mexico Military Institute was close through six innings. Then the Broncos' bats woke up as they scored six runs and sent the entire lineup to the plate in the seventh inning.

The second run of the inning scored by the Broncos came on a potential inning-ending double play for Howard. However, the Hawks infield misplayed the ball and the second of six runs came across the plate.

The inability to get out of the inning triggered eight straight balls and a wild pitch by pitcher Patrick Criss, who was on in relief for starter Blake Kronkosky.

After that, a three run triple by the Broncos' hottest hitter cleared the bases to make the score 11-4.

The Hawks answered in their half of the seventh inning with three runs of their own, knocking the Broncos starter out of the game in the process.

Ben Moore started off the inning with a single, which was only the Hawks' second hit since the second inning. Ryan Femath also got on base

before Scott Mitchell's triple cleared the bases.

Mitchell went three-for-four on the day. He hit everything, but a home run, walked once and scored two runs.

Roberto Martinez's base hit on the next play scored Mitchell to cut the Broncos lead to 11-7.

Martinez, a sophomore catcher, collected two hits and two RBIs on the day.

Criss returned to the mound in the eighth inning. And, frankly, he probably wished he hadn't.

Criss didn't have an answer for the Broncos offense as New Mexico Military Institute loaded the bases again.

Two more runs scored after Criss issued two straight free passes, which then triggered a call to the bullpen.

Criss (6-1 with a 2.79 ERA on the year) went one and two-thirds innings and gave up nine

earned runs.

Chance Sebek relieved Criss, but the Broncos didn't seem to care. Sebek's first batter cleared the bases with a triple and his second batter knocked in New Mexico's 17th run of the game on an RBI single.

The Hawks got two runners on base in their half of the eighth inning, but neither crossed the plate and Howard went down in defeat.

It was the second straight year New Mexico Military Institute ended Howard's season.

And both years were considered upset losses for the Hawks.

The Broncos played in the next round of the conference tournament Saturday morning after collecting 17 hits against the Hawks Friday afternoon.

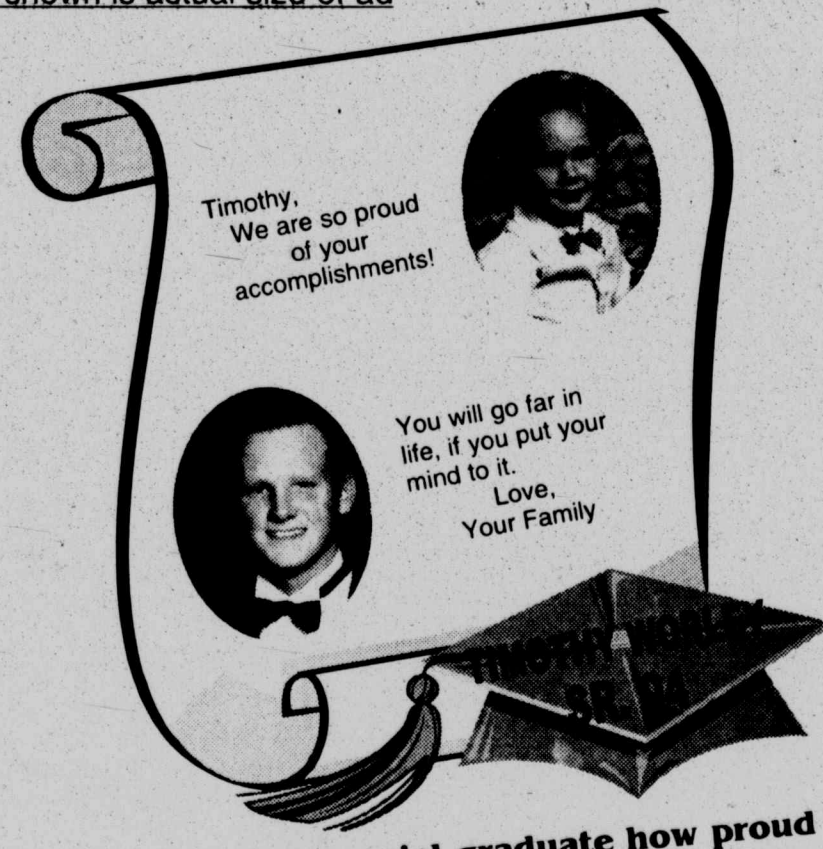
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Francis looks Kobe-like in win over Lakers

By **JOEL ANDERSON**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - Yao Ming powered near the basket, lowered a shoulder into Shaquille O'Neal and dropped in a left-handed hook.

The shot put the Rockets up by six points, and the Lakers were deflated. Not just deflated, but frustrated — as O'Neal made clear.

Yao got the best of O'Neal when it counted, starting a late 7-0 run that sent Houston past the Los Angeles Lakers 102-91 on Friday night in Game 3 of the Western Conference series.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson called it the biggest shot of the game, and his All-Star center paused for a couple of seconds before agreeing.

"Yeah, maybe. We had a lot of opportunities, and he made a tough shot,"

O'Neal said.

The Lakers lead the series 2-1, with Game 4 on Sunday in Houston.

"All I can do is try my best to push (O'Neal) out and use my size," Yao said. "It was very physical out there. You couldn't relax for a moment."

Steve Francis had 27 points, nine rebounds and seven assists. Cuttino Mobley added 21 points. Yao scored 18 and Maurice Taylor came off the bench to add 16 as the Rockets thrilled their fans in the first playoff game in Houston since 1999.

Then, O'Neal and Kobe Bryant keyed the first-round rout of an aging Rockets team led by Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley and Scottie Pippen.

This time, Houston's up-and-comers had their way with Los Angeles' established stars.

"To tell you the truth, I'm not even satisfied," said Mobley, who was a rookie on the Rockets' last playoff team. "The Lakers are going to come out aggressive. And we will, too."

It was a rare Game 3 loss on the road for a team coached by Jackson with a 2-0 series lead. His teams, when given a chance to take an all-but-insurmountable 3-0 lead, have historically gotten it.

In this case, however, the middle two quarters proved to be the Lakers' undoing. O'Neal scored 25 points, 11 coming in the first few minutes and 10 more in the fourth quarter.

O'Neal had 11 of the Lakers' first 13 points, powering through the single coverage of Kelvin Cato before the Rockets started double-teaming

him and the Lakers stopped passing to him.

"He probably got tired from scoring so much," Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy quipped.

O'Neal took just one shot in the second quarter and missed it, and he picked up his second and third fouls late in the quarter and walked angrily to the bench.

It was 56-43 at intermission, and it took O'Neal almost four minutes to get his next field goal. The Lakers pulled to 62-56 on a 3-pointer by Gary Payton, but they never got any closer until 2:08 remained.

"I'm proven like two plus two. I shouldn't have to say anything. They should know," O'Neal said. "We have to stick with what got us the lead. I got the ball and I was doing my thing, then I didn't see it for a while.

That's been going on all year."

With Los Angeles trailing by 10 late in the third period, Bryant tossed up a 3-point shot with plenty of time remaining on the shot clock. It missed, and Jackson shook his head in disgust as the teams went the other way.

Taylor scored the final basket of the period to give Houston a 74-62 lead entering the fourth.

With Taylor providing the bulk of the offense, the Rockets were able to stay in front by at least six points throughout most of the fourth quarter.

"I had to be aggressive and turn it on for us to win," Taylor said. "I hadn't been aggressive in the first two games."

A leaning bank shot in the lane by Bryant made it 90-86, but Yao answered with the shot over O'Neal to start the game's decisive run.

"I think we needed that shot to go in for maybe our team confidence," Van Gundy said. "But (Yao), his confidence doesn't waver. I think Yao has solid self confidence."

Bryant scored 21 and Karl Malone added 18 for the Lakers.

Payton, angered when he was benched for the entire fourth quarter of Game 2, did not play in the fourth quarter again.

"I don't care. Whatever he (Jackson) wants to do. It's on him," Payton said.

Chargers take reluctant Manning with top NFL draft pick

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK - San Diego chose Eli Manning to open Saturday's NFL draft, ignoring requests from the Mississippi quarterback and his family that the Chargers not select him.

Manning joined brother Peyton, the NFL's co-MVP last season, and father Archie in being picked in the first two spots of a draft. Peyton went first overall in 1998 to

Indianapolis, and Archie was the No. 2 pick in 1971. They are the first family to have three players selected in the first round of the draft.

The crowd at Madison Square Garden booed lustily as Eli Manning held up a No. 1 Chargers jersey and a hat in his hand. Whether he ever actually plays for San Diego is uncertain.

"Right now, we just hope a trade will happen. I'll sit and wait to see what happens," he said.

Through Archie and agent Tom Condon, the Mannings told San Diego general manager A.J. Smith not to take Eli, and that Eli was prepared to sit out the season if they did choose him.

Still, the first name announced by commissioner Paul Tagliabue, to a chorus of boos, was Eli's. And that ended all the intrigue about whether the New York Giants would move up from No. 4 to the top slot, or Cleveland would trade

up from No. 7.

"It is nothing new. I've heard boos before," Manning said. "I've been in a lot of stadiums where they've booed."

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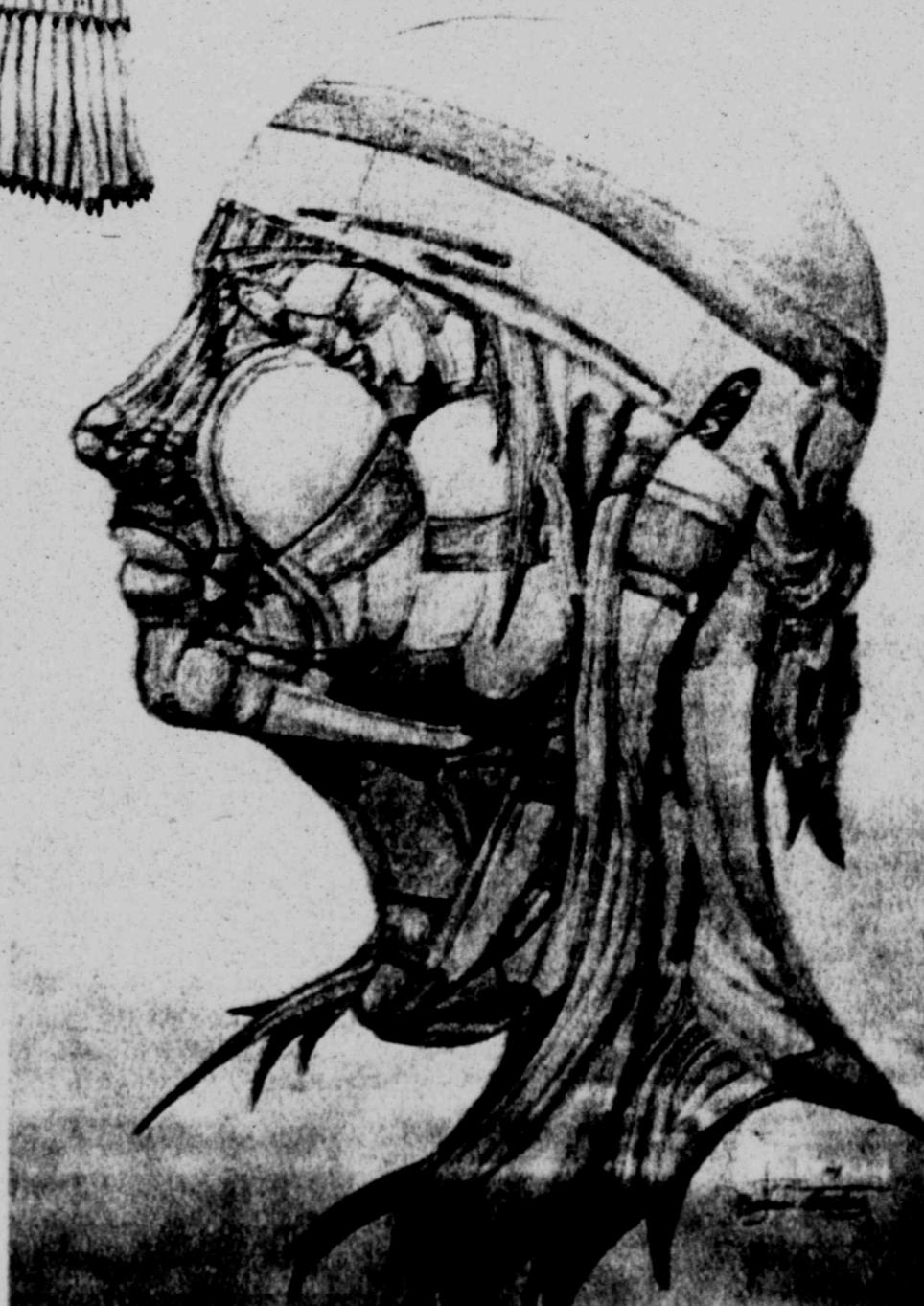
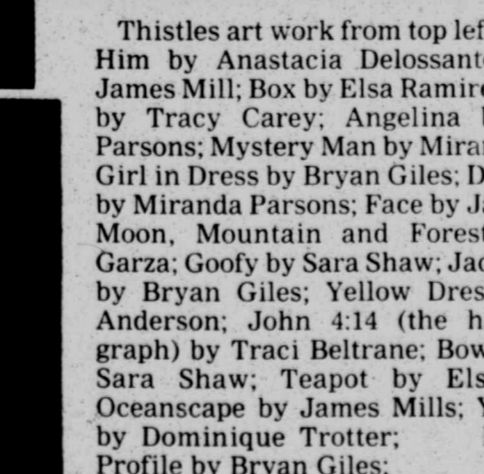
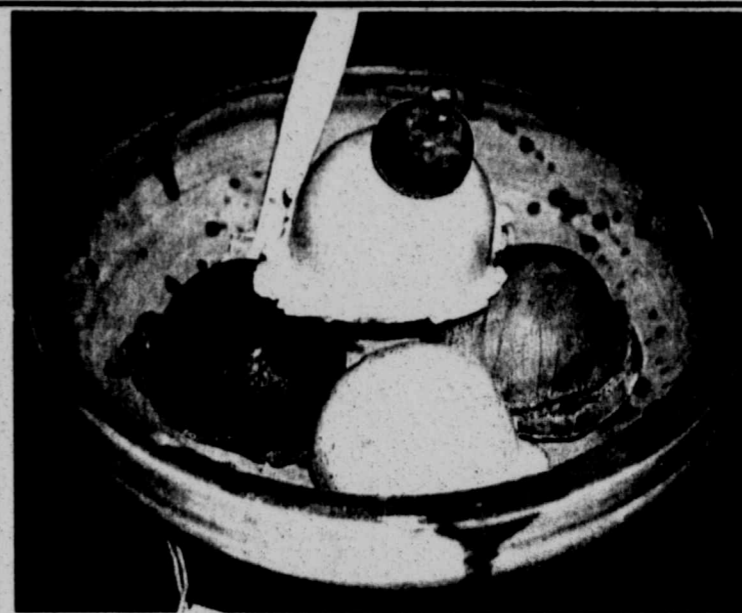
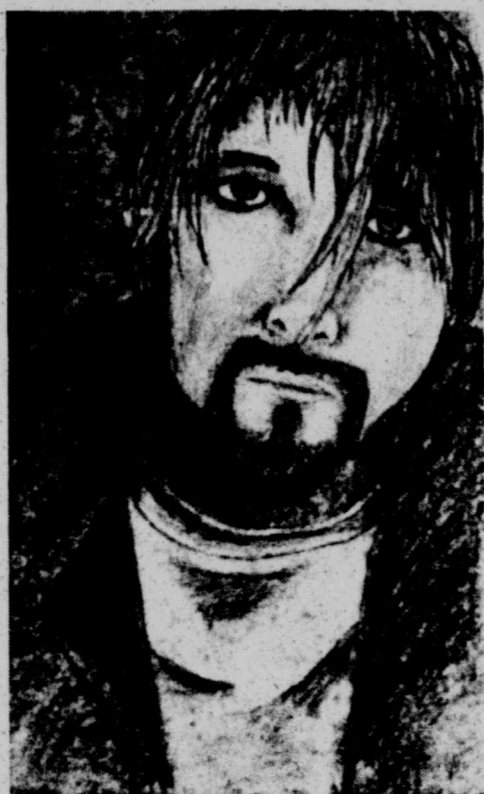
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**Howard College's Thistles first place essay
Santa is a biker**

By Jennifer Dubose

Special to the Herald
Most people think that Santa wears a red suit and rides a sleigh. I know for a fact, that in Big Spring, at least, Santa wears leather and rides a motorcycle.

Every year the Permian Basin Cossacks Motorcycle Club, in conjunction with several other organizations and many caring and generous people, sponsor the Big Spring Bikes for Tykes campaign.

The actual run is performed the Saturday before Christmas. Bike for Tykes benefits needy families that otherwise may not have a Christmas at all. This is one of the most gratifying and exhausting events in which of I have ever been involved.

The Permian Basin Cossacks, a chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club, was chartered in 1993. That same year they held the first ever Permian Basin Cossacks Bikes for Tykes with only a dozen members. The first years the Cossacks MC provided Christmas

for about 20 families. As word spread of the Cossacks determination to provide a merry Christmas for the less fortunate, several other organizations began to join them. In 2002 the Cossacks and the various participating entities provided Christmas for approximately 43 families and nearly 100 children.

The Cossacks plan for their annual Bikes for Tykes year around. However, the real work usually begins in October of each year. Several clubs and organizations donate time and money toward the cause. The Cossacks host a Halloween party every year to benefit Bikes for Tykes at the Cossack Club House. They raise money in several different ways at this benefit which is held on the Saturday before Halloween.

To gain entrance to the benefit, one must either pay seven dollars or donate a new, unwrapped present. The Cossacks provide a meal which is included in the entry fee. An endless array of food is prepared and served and it is all-you-can-eat.

The club provides tea and water for free, any other drinks must be brought by the party participant. They have a live band that starts at 7 p.m.

One of the most popular ways of raising money is the 50/50 drawing. This is a simple fundraiser where they sell tickets for \$1 a piece or \$5 for six tickets. A ticket is drawn about 9 p.m. and whoever has the matching half of the ticket wins half of the money collected. The other half is donated to the Bikes for Tykes fund. Starting the first of December the hard work begins. The Cossacks obtain lists of needy families from the Methodist Church, Spring Tabernacle and the local schools. The families are asked to provide information about the gender, ages and number of children in the home.

The most difficult part of the process is the screening of the families. Due to the amount of families that are nominated it would be impossible to provide Christmas for all of them. The difficult job of screening is done by the

Cossack's Road Captain. He may easily spend two weeks or more investigating the families. Families that live in very nice homes and drive expensive cars are deleted from the list. This is necessary in order to serve the families with the most need. As soon as the lists are completed and approved the fun begins.

First, the food and presents are obtained. The Cossacks are able to obtain these items through their fund-raiser and through food donations from the American Legion and Fraternal Order of Eagles. Starting the Thursday before the run the Cossacks begin to organize the items into the appropriate family groups. This can prove to be exhausting and time consuming. Friday is more relaxed, this is the night to stuff stockings. All sorts of small toys, personal hygiene items, as well as coloring books are crammed into the hand-sewn stockings. In addition, the necessary fruit and candy are added.

Saturday morning starts at 6, usually cold and crisp. Everyone is exhausted by this time and wondering why they continue to torture themselves year after year.

The perishable food items are added to the family food boxes and the convoy begins. The Big Spring Police Department provides an escort for the numerous motorcycles and four-wheel vehicles. The fatigue wears off quickly and the cold ceases to be a factor after the first stop. Seeing the excitement and joy on the faces of these little ones gives everyone involved new energy and warmth starts to spread through the body, starting with the heart. I have never in my life witnessed the spirit of giving and love as much as when I saw the effect these children have on rough, tough bikers. I have seen Santa cry and I have seen his heart break at the happiness for the small Christmas the Cossack's provide for these few families.

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Thistles first place poetry

Changeling

by Sandra Osbourn

Caged heat beyond compare.
Through the pits of sulfur-smoke.
The image forms and solidifies,
and she is thin like diseased flesh.

Her laugh like a cackle from death.
Her eyes cold and deceiving.
She smiles cruelly, evilly, deceptive.
Claiming to be what she is not.

She is what she despises.
Clawing for a part of heaven.
She plays her games well.
Deceiving those around her.

And she coughs, coughs up death.
Black smoke of poison and disease.
She is the viper of the pit.
Beware, beware her charm.

**Howard College's Thistles first place short story
My children were abducted by aliens**

By Mary Ellen Coleman

Special to the Herald

The counselor watched the woman as she dabbed at her eyes yet again with another Kleenex. Her eyes were red and swollen, giving her face an overall puffy look. Her hands were visibly shaking, although he could tell she was valiantly trying to regain control. Sydney saw these types of cases more often than he wished to. He had heard many tales of desperation. Yet there was something about this woman that seemed to reach out to him. She was different somehow, maybe he could help her. He hoped he could.

"Annie?" He paused a moment, waiting for her to look at him. "Annie, are you ready to talk?"
"I - I guess so. I... I just don't know where to begin... I've never done this kind of thing before - you know, talking to someone like you. I'm... I'm just not sure what to do."

"Can you tell me why you chose to come see me today?" he asked gently. "That would be a good first step."

"Everything is confidential isn't it?" she asked nervously as she eyed the closed door. "I - I mean, no one will know I've been here or anything, will they? No one will know what I, we, talk about will they?"

"No" Sydney stated firmly. "Anything we say will remain right here."

"A-alright." Annie hesitated and he could tell she was debating what she should say. "I..." she took a deep breath and tried again. "I think I might be going crazy. Everything is just so confusing now days."

Another deep, shuddering breath. Annie sat up straight and squared her shoulders as she looked Sydney in the eye as if she dared him to disagree with her.

"I believe my children were abducted by aliens!" Sydney had to concentrate on keeping a stoic expression. This is not what he had expected. He did not know whether

he wanted to laugh or call for the straight jackets. "Can you explain why you believe this?" he asked, watching her closely.

"Oh, there are so many reasons. Why, I don't even know where to begin."

"Why not at the beginning?" "How cliché," Sydney thought. "Well, first I guess you ought to know I love my family very much. They mean everything to me. My husband is the love of my life and I would literally die for my kids."

"How long have you been married?"

"Almost 20 years - it will be 20 years in July."

"And how old are your kids?"

"They are both teenagers," she said almost scornfully. "15. They're twins."

Ah, thought Sydney, although he said nothing. He didn't have to as she continued.

"They have always been basically good kids. Now don't get me wrong, they weren't perfect but overall they were really good. For the most part they did what they were told and stayed out of trouble. They had their times, just like all kids, where they had to test their limits and when they did my husband and I were there to keep them safe and in line," She paused. "We used to have so much fun." She looked wistfully at Sydney.

"We were more than

parents and kids, family. We were friends. I would like to think best friends. We would go almost everywhere together and share everything. Then one day there were subtle changes in them. Little things - nothing major, just little things like the way they talked and things they watched and read. Oh, how I wish I'd paid more attention. I thought once that I was a good mother, you know, and now I'm not so sure"

"What happened?" he questioned her gently.

"Well," she sighed despondently, "one day everything changed. I'm not even sure exactly when. And I sure don't know how it happened so fast. One day they were your average good kid, the next who knows what they are? Suddenly they were doing things totally out of character, things I know I taught them not to do - yelling and screaming at me, using profanity, being very rude and hateful towards my husband and I. Nothing we did seemed to help. Things just kept getting worse. They disagreed with us on everything. Just discussing what we were going to have for supper would cause an argument?"

"It sounds like teenage rebellion to me," Sydney commented calmly.

"No, it isn't!" She said almost viciously. "You don't understand! If it was

just teenage rebellion I could handle that. Teenage rebellion is normal. This isn't normal! This is beyond rebellion - this is - is - I don't know what it is! That's why I say that aliens have abducted my kids! Nothing else explains it! Aliens either took my kids, did horrible things to them and sent them

back, or else the aliens took my kids, did something to replace them with their kind made to look like my kids, while they are keeping my kids, my real kids, somewhere!"
Sydney knew with a certainty as he watched

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Mae Mayhall will be retiring on April 30, 2004 from the Howard County Appraisal District.
Mrs. Mayhall started working at the Appraisal District on February 18, 1978.
A farewell reception will be held at the Appraisal District Office, 315 Main St. April 30, 2004 from 3 pm - 6 pm

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Brissa Raeleigh Carpenter

Brisa Raeleigh Carpenter, a girl, was born April 11, 2004, at 1:15 p.m. weighing 6 pounds and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Samantha Juarez and Rudy Carpenter Jr. Her grandparents are Lorenzo and Mary Juarez, Irene Talamantez and Rudy Carpenter Sr., all of Big Spring. She is welcomed home by family members Saleena, Rachel and Gabriel, Adam and

Naomi, Fabian, Gabriella, Aricella, Ariel and Adam Jr.

Joshua Isaac Miramontes, a boy, was born April 5, 2004, at 10:37 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, and was 20 1/2 inches long. His parents are Issac and Amy Miramontes of Big Spring. His grandparents are Henry and Leonor Dominguez of Big Spring and Felipe and Frances Miramontes of Muleshoe.

Noah Ryan Rivera, a boy, was born April 7, 2004, at 11:41 a.m. weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. His parents are Veronica and Ronnie Rivera of Big Spring. His grandparents are Rafael Ortiz, Gwynette Lozano and Rudy and Marcy

Noah Johnathan Martinez, a boy, was born April 10, 2004, at 12:47 weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Filiberto and Tabri Martinez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Lupe Ramos, Gilda Castillo, Francisco Martinez and Paula Martinez.

Thomas Lee Gabehart, a boy, was born April 10, 2004, at 2:20 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Greg and Luci Gabehart of Big Spring. His grandparents are James and Paula Gabehart of Hinton, Okla. and Jimmie and Mary Schuelke of Ackerly.

Abel Torres Jr., a boy, was born April 12, 2004, at 8:36 a.m. in Odessa Regional Hospital weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18 inches long. His parents are Rosanna Rodriguez and Abel Torres of Big Spring. His grandparents are Frank and Cindy Rodriguez and Joe and Nora Torres, all of Big Spring.

John Richard von Hassell, a boy, was born, April 14, 2004, at 7:11 p.m. weighing 4 pounds, 8 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long. His parents are Beverly and Richard von Hassell of Big Spring. His grandparents are the late George and Rose von Hassell of Big Spring and Patricia and the late Kenneth Adams of Ontario, Canada.

Ty Freeman Quinones, a boy, was born April 16, 2004, at 4:20 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. His mother is Yanira Yvette Quinones of Big Spring. His grandmother is Maria Guadalupe Bella of Big Spring.

Isaiah Grayson Colegrove, a boy, was born April 18, 2004, at 12:11 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. His mother is Ashley Colegrove of Big Spring. His grandparents are Rachel and Jesse Colegrove of Big Spring.

Wedding

Ginger Lara and Paul McEvers wed

Ginger Ann Lara and Paul McEvers, both of Austin, exchanged wedding vows on April 23, 2004, at 4:30 p.m. in Austin with the Honorable Richard Scott presiding. The bride is the daughter of Lupe Pattin of Big

Spring and Tony Lara of Antioch, Calif. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Martinez of Big Spring and Elena and the late Guy Lara of San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Donna Daylong of Big Spring and the late Don

McEvers. He is the grandson of Ester and the late Albert "Bull" Daylong of Big Spring and Jennie and the late Douglas McEvers of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The maid of honor was Donna Daylong. The best man was

Alissa Brasket. Honorary best man was Stevie Daughtery.

A reception was held in the couple's home in Austin following the ceremony. A second reception will be held in Big Spring at a later date.

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Annie that she was indeed at a crisis point. He could tell that if she did not receive some interactive help fast — right now — that she very well could have a complete nervous breakdown. He had seen it happen all too often before. His own wife had had a mental breakdown because of their teenage son's rebellion a few years before. Unfortunately no one had caught it in time and she had overdosed on sleeping pills. She was still in a coma from that and he visited her daily in hopes she would wake up and look at him to forgive him for not seeing her head of help. Now as he looked at Annie, he knew he could not allow her to go through what Sarah had. He had to help her get past this. Sidney began asking lots of questions, some

easy, others hard to answer. Annie began to feel more comfortable and started opening up more with each question/answer. It was a slow, tedious process, but very necessary. After Annie had been in his office for almost two and a half hours it was apparent that she had a control problem, which was making her have difficulty coping with her teen's rebellion. "So," Annie said with a self-mocking half smile, "I need to recognize the fact that my kids are nearly grown and are fixing to leave home, that they are their own person and I cannot control everything, specially not them. Right?" "That pretty well sums it up." "Humph. Now the hard part is to act on what I know. I'm not sure I can, but I will try."

"You can do it. You're a lot stronger than you know. You won't do this over night, but you will continue to get better at it." He paused. They had made it through the crisis. She was going to be OK now. He knew it. But he also knew that she would need follow ups to keep doing OK. "Do you think you could come in every Thursday about this time for a few weeks? That way we can continue working on this together until you don't need help anymore." "Sure. I ought to be able to do that," Annie answered sincerely as they walked to the door. "Oh, Dr. Roy," she smiled suddenly with a mischievous twinkle in her eye. "I guess aliens didn't abduct my children after all. But wouldn't it be nice if they did?"

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TUESDAY - Liver & onions, potatoes, broccoli, salad, milk, rolls, pie.
WEDNESDAY - Steak & onions, potatoes, corn, salad, milk, rolls, cake.
THURSDAY - Cheeseburger, French fries, beans, lettuce & tomatoes, milk, cobbler.
FRIDAY - Meatloaf, blackeyed peas, okra, milk, cornbread, fruit.

STANTON ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuit, scrambled egg patty, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Bagel French toast, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY - Cheese omelet, sausage, biscuit, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL
LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, hamburger salad, pears.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce (Salisbury steak), green beans, salad, fruit gelatin, French bread.
WEDNESDAY - Pepperoni pizza (pizza cheese sticks), carrots, salad, fruit cocktail.
THURSDAY - Steak fingers

(grilled cheese sandwich), potato puffs, vegetable sticks, apple, French bread.
FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL TODAY

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MONDAY - Chili dogs, potato chips, corn, fruit punch.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti, salad & dressing, peaches, lemonade.
WEDNESDAY - Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, salad & dressing, lemonade.
THURSDAY - Meat burritos, Spanish rice, tortilla chips, applesauce, fruit punch.
FRIDAY - Mini pizza, salad & dressing, applesauce, fruit punch.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY - Corn dog, potato rounds, pineapple tidbits, grape juice.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, breaded okra, jello w/mixed fruit, corn, garlic roll.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken fryz, mashed potatoes, green beans, rosy applesauce, wheat roll.
THURSDAY - Nacho Grande, border beans, grapes, peaches.
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger, salad, French fries, pinto beans, cookie.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Waffles, juice, sausage, milk.
TUESDAY - Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Donuts, ham, syrup, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY - Poptarts, sausage links, juice, milk.
FRIDAY - Pancake, sausage, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Green enchiladas (McRibs), ranch beans, baby carrots, tortilla chips, milk.
TUESDAY - Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, grapes, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Lasagna (burritos), salad, finger rolls, mixed fruit, milk.
THURSDAY - Stomboli (corn dog, tater tots), stew, apples, milk.
FRIDAY - Deli turkey (chili dog), macaroni, baked beans, oranges, milk.

SANDS CISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Pancake on a stick
TUESDAY - Biscuit & sausage
WEDNESDAY - Muffins
THURSDAY - Donuts
FRIDAY - Cereal
LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, pickles, cookies, milk.
TUESDAY - Stir fry, crackers, rice, broccoli, carrots, squash, apples, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Enchiladas casserole, pinto beans, corn, bread, cheese.
THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, peas & carrots, grapes, milk.
FRIDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, salad, batterbread, fruit,

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.
TUESDAY - Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Sausage on a stick, juice, milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.
FRIDAY - Donuts, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza, corn, mixed fruit, ice cream, milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti, salad, pears, French bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken

fajitas, pinto beans, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY - Chili dogs, corn, apple wedges, chips, milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, pears, rolls, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake pups, cereal, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Sausage, bacon, biscuits, jelly, juice, milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal, toast & jelly, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza, salad, corn, applesauce, milk.
TUESDAY - Cheeseburgers, salad fixings, fries, pineapple chunks, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Frito pie with cheese, beans, salad, fruit cup, cornbread, milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken fajita wrap, salsa, salad, corn, peaches, milk.
FRIDAY - Turkey & cheese deli sandwiches, salad fixings, pickle spears, cookies, juice, milk.

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Military

Marine Corps Pvt. Matias V. Faulkner Cisneros

Marine Corps Pvt. Matias V. Faulkner Cisneros, son of Regina Ann and Gilbert Cisneros of Big Spring, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Cisneros is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School of Big Spring.

He and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical

conditioning program, Cisneros spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. Cisneros and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Army Pvt. Samantha D. Castro

Army Pvt. Samantha D. Castro has graduated from basic combat

training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Castro is the stepdaughter of Christy Castro and the stepsister of Kami Bennett, both of Big Spring. She is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, and field tactics.

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Bob Brock Ford presents youths with scholarships

Special to the HERALD

Bob Brock Ford, Inc. and Ford Motor Company have awarded six local students scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Jesse Metcalf, Grant Bartlett and Trevor Bibb, 2004 graduates of Coahoma High School, and Erica Cayless, Donna Mitchell and Jill Nix, 2004 graduates of Lamesa High School, have been chosen to receive the scholarships.

"We understand that agriculture is a vital part of all that is West Texas," said Randy Gee, Bob Brock Ford general manager. "We consider it an honor to be able to help students involved with FFA to further their education. It is just one of the ways of giving back to our area communities."

Metcalf's parents are Jesse Jr. and Lori Metcalf of Coahoma. He plans to study agricultural economics at Howard College-SouthWest Coll-

egiate Institute for the Deaf.

Bartlett's parents are Jeff and Julie Bartlett of Coahoma. He plans to study robotic technology at Angelo State University.

Bibb's parents are Steve and Donna Bibb of Coahoma. He plans to study ag business finance at Texas A&M University.

"We consider it an honor to be able to help students involved with FFA to further their education."

Randy Gee
Bob Brock Ford
general manager

Cayless' parents are Mike and Donna Burkett of Lamesa. She plans to study agricultural public relations at South Plains College.

Mitchell's parents are James Mitchell and Wendy Pierce of Lamesa. She plans to study agricultural law at Texas Tech University.

Nix's parents are Dave and Mitzi Nix of Lamesa. She plans to study business at Texas A&M University.

The scholarships are among 626 awarded by Ford Division, Ford

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Dentist attends mini dental implant seminar

Special to the HERALD

Dr. David Ward, a Big Spring dentist, recently returned from the Mini Dental Implant training seminar where he successfully completed an industry-sponsored seminar designed to train general dentists and denture specialists in the placement of mini dental implants.



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The seminar, moderated

by Dr. Charles E. English, a Little Rock, Ark., board certified prosthodontist and denture specialist, was sponsored by IMTEC Dental Corporation, an Ardmore, Okla., based manufacturer and distributor of the MDI minimally invasive dental implant system.

"These are ultra small, 1.8 millimeter diameter, biocompatible titanium alloy implant screws," said Dr. Ward. "They were developed in the 1970s by a New York City

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A leap of faith



Linda Buchanan, the new owner and operator of Discount Flooring (formerly West Texas Discount Flooring), looks through samples of hardwood flooring at the store's showroom. Buchanan, along with her son, David Patterson, took over the flooring sales and installation business several months ago.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Flooring business gets new owners

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

It's a leap of faith. That's what Linda Buchanan and her son, David Patterson, call their purchase of West Texas Discount Flooring.

"It's a leap of faith, and hopefully our store is based on faith anyway," said Buchanan. "With the situation with the Veteran's Hospital and everything here in Big Spring, it wasn't something I really thought about. It just seemed like the time and circumstances were right."

"I'm an educator. I'm a full-time professor at Howard College, so I'm only here late in the afternoons and sometimes early in the mornings. This is for David. I want to help him with his accounting and books for the first four or five years, then turn it over to him."

Buchanan said the decision to purchase the business came as something of a surprise for her and her son.

"My son David had 10 years experience in flooring and was actually working for the store when we

bought it," said Buchanan. "We bought it from Clint and Melanie Sheets. Clint had wanted to go to work for the police force and got the chance to go to the academy,

"My goal with this business is that we'll be a blessing to our customers. That we will give them a fair price for a quality job."

Linda Buchanan

and of course Melanie already had a full-time job with the Big Spring State Hospital. So they were very interested in selling the store.

"They've shown a great deal of faith in David to keep the store going, because it was their original creation. That's something they wanted to see, so here we are."

Although Clint and Melanie Sheets are no longer the owners of the business, which has been renamed Discount Flooring, 1712 Gregg Street, Buchanan said she

hopes to carry on the excellent reputation they developed in the Crossroads area.

"We certainly hope to maintain the same high level of service," she said. "We're not perfect and I'm sure we're going to make mistakes, but quality is very important to us. I'm older than David and I've seen some things that he hasn't gone through yet, and I want to pass my standards on to him."

"My goal with this business is that we'll be a blessing to our customers. That we will give them a fair price for a quality job."

Despite tough economic times, Buchanan said Discount Flooring has gotten off to a sterling start, and now it's simply a matter of keeping things moving and weathering the tough times.

"The first couple of months were very busy," said Buchanan. "I think we purchased it about the same time that the people that were getting an income tax refund were getting them, and we certainly prospered from those circum-

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Space Data launches new wireless telemetry service

Special to the HERALD

Space Data Corporation, a company providing wireless data and messaging services in rural and remote areas, has announced the launch of its telemetry service in the Permian Basin region of West Texas.

Space Data has designed and deployed the first commercial balloon-borne wireless data network — the SkySite® Network — enabling applications such as SCADA and field communications in even the most remote locations.

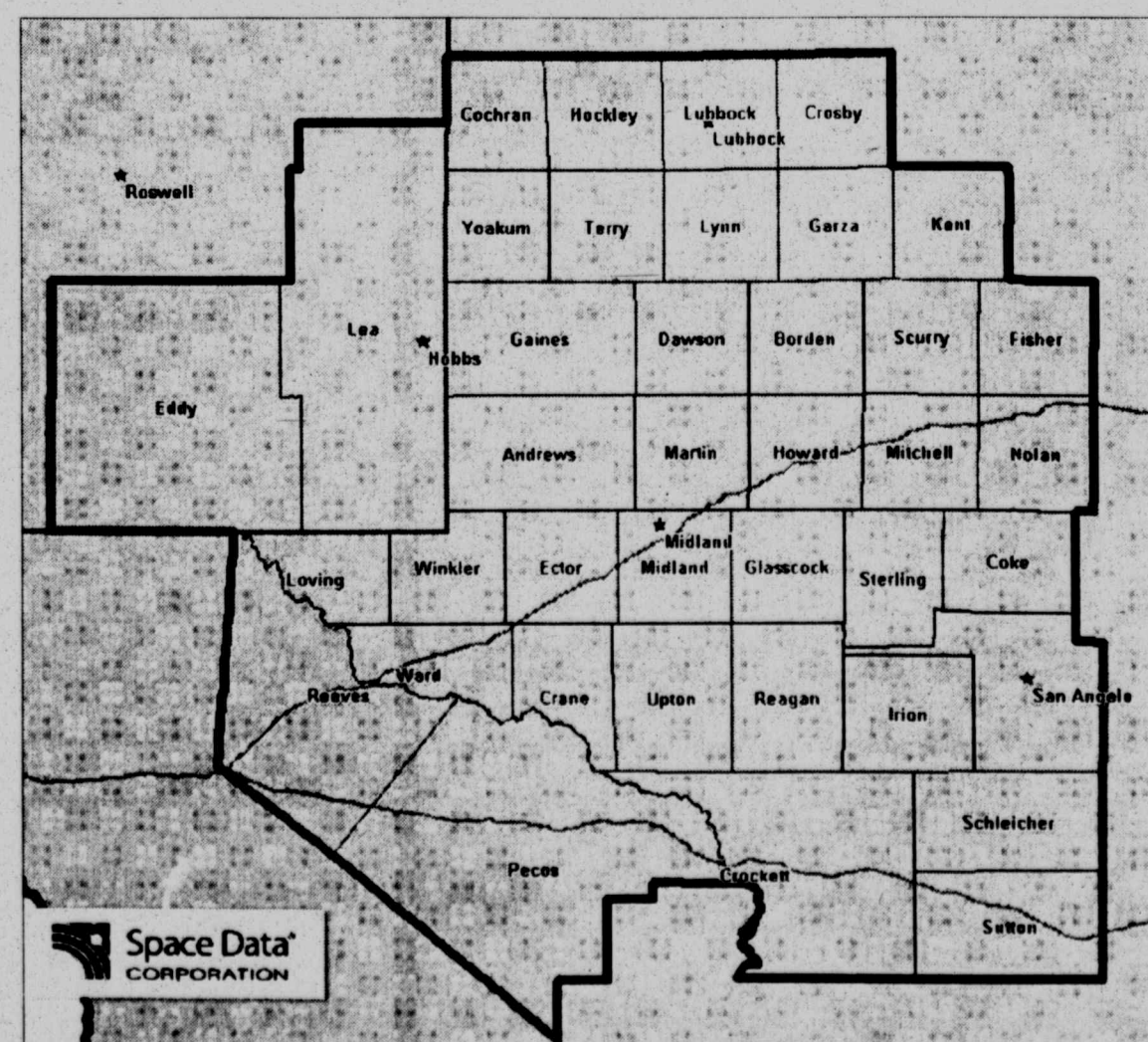
Energy industry customers using automation equipment such as remote telemetry units (RTU) and electronic flow meters (EFM) can establish SCADA connections through SkySite Network by installing a low-power wireless modem at any automation location. Space Data's network utilizes ReFLEX™ technology, a proven wireless data standard developed by Motorola to provide high reliability data delivery.

"Energy industry man-

agers are looking for cost effective communications that will allow them to automate more of their sites," said Mark Davis, Space Data's director of marketing. "We provide the same coverage ubiquity as satellite systems but at a more affordable price. We also offer an ideal solution for those customers who can't or don't want to own and maintain their own radio infrastructure. For those who do, we can provide the backhaul."

Building on decades of success by weather service organizations around the world that have used balloon-borne systems to gather meteorological data, the company has developed a command and control system that enables the management of a large "constellation" of SkySite Platforms. These SkySite Platforms deliver reliable, digital signals over hundreds of miles.

"We've successfully completed a nine-month field test with producers in the oil and gas industry," said Davis. "We're confident that the SkySite



Network can meet and exceed the needs of our customers, so the time is right to begin offering them a new alternative for remote wireless cover-

age." Service plans are available directly from Space Data. The wireless modem used to connect to the SkySite network is

available from select Space Data resellers.

For more information about Space Data Corporation, visit www.spacedata.net.

Field day set in San Angelo

The Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and

Extension Center at San Angelo will offer a number of continuing education units during its first natural resources field day April 29.

Registration starts at 8:15 a.m. for "Behind the Dozer — a Comprehensive Investigation of Followup Brush Control Options." The program begins at 9 a.m. at the center located on U.S. Highway 87, north of San Angelo. Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units for pesticide applicators will be available to each participant — four in the general category and one in the integrated pest management



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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Relay for Life Under Writer Chairman Elaine Talbot, left, accepts a \$5,000 check from H-E-B Store Manager Kenny Breazeale, Administrative Specialist Cheryl Edmondson and Assistant Store Director John Smith.

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Implantologist, Dr. Victor I. Sendax, and represent the cutting edge in dental technology. They're extremely patient friendly and every effective in stabilizing a patient's denture. They work very well and are quite economical. The industry sponsored seminar was designed to train dentists in mini-dental implant placement and denture stabilization techniques." Ward, who has practiced general dentistry for more than 19 years, is a 1984 graduate of the University of Texas Health Sciences Centers at San Antonio Dental School. In discussing the mini dental procedure, Dr. Ward pointed out that the FDA in Washington, D.C., has granted market approval for the Sendax technique for long-term purposes.

"This is significant," Ward explained. "The few competitive products on the dental market are approved for transitional, or temporary purposes. This new mini dental implant is approved for long-term, ongoing purposes, which simply means that with proper care and maintenance, the implants should last as long as the patient desires." Industry studies reveal that there are literally tens of millions of denture wearers in the United States and that most are unhappy with their dental appliance and have trouble stabilizing them, especially the lower one. "The IMTEC MDI directly addresses this problem in an innovative way," Dr. Ward explained. "Four of these tiny implants, which are about the size of wooden toothpicks, can stabilize a patient's lower denture and because they're so minimally invasive, a

patient can receive this treatment in less than two hours, then go out and eat a meal. The implants are that patient friendly." IMTEC MDI is a relatively new dental treatment system, and only came on the market in April 1999. "It's been an overwhelming success," he said. "Dentists all over the world are learning to place these tiny implants to stabilize dentures, and the patient satisfaction rate from those who have tried the system is extremely high. Also, most patients are very pleased with the economical cost when compared to conventional dental implants." Dr. Ward is an active member of several professional organizations, including the American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association and the Permian Basin District Dental Society. His clinic is located at 1500 Scurry Road.

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stances. "Around April 15, it seemed like things slowed down a lot, but we sort of expected that. We have some future plans to try to address that issue." Buchanan said she hopes a new campaign to offer discounts to various organizations and agency employees in the Big Spring area will help pick things up. "We're offering area educators a 10 percent discount if they come in during the next month and line up an installation on any sort of flooring," explained Buchanan. "We want to

be able to do the same thing for other groups locally, such as employees of the Big Spring State Hospital or the prison, for example. We plan to go through out the community, picking new groups each month and offering

that group the same 10 percent discount if they line up the installation within that month."

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BOB BROCK

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Motor Company Fund and the Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2004. The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program, which recently celebrated its seventh full year. There are 621 scholarships being awarded on behalf of individual participating Ford Dealers. Additionally, five \$1,000 national scholarships are being awarded of behalf of Ford Division. The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their past and future academic achievements. Built Ford Tough Trucks and Ford Motor Company Fund sponsor these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

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category. The field day also offers seven CEUs for Society for Range Management members who are certified as professionals in rangeland management. Dr. Darrell Ueckert, the center's range researcher and a program planner, said only those who have met minimum education, training and experience criteria qualify as certified professionals in rangeland management by the SRM.

"This certification program arms experts with the knowledge needed to help government agencies, non-governmental organizations and ranchers with their rangeland problems," said Ueckert. "These certified professionals have met certain standards of professionalism set by the SRM which is the scientific and professional society that deals with rangeland management."

State Rep. Scott Campbell, R-San Angelo, will be the featured luncheon speaker.

The field day concludes with a rancher panel and should adjourn by 5 p.m.

Individual pre-registration is \$25. After April 27, registration is \$40. Student registration is \$10. Registration fees include meals and printed materials.

For more information call the center at (325) 653-4576.

Tommy Yeater is the Howard County - CEA-AG.

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BARTENDERS NEEDS. Must be 18 yrs old. Experienced need only apply. Call (432)213-0946.

COASTAL TRANSPORT is hiring for a mechanic to perform services and tractor/trailer repairs. Must have own tools. Excellent pay and benefits. Call Jay, 432-263-7656.

COOK needed at Park Place Retirement Living. Apply in person at 501 W. 17th Street.

DANCER/ COCKTAIL waitress needed. Must be 18 yrs. old. Call (432)213-0946.

Help Wanted

COOKS NEEDED. Must be Neat in Appearance, Honest, Dependable. No experience necessary will train. Inquire at Wagon Wheel, 2010 Scurry St. No phone call Please!

CRUZ CONSTRUCTION Inc. is looking for carpenters & electricians to work in Big Spring. Call (800)395-8491. **MUST PASS DRUG TEST.**

FOREMAN POSITION AVAILABLE

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an opening for a Foreman in Martin County. A High School graduate or GED, Class A CDL license, welding and mechanical experience is required. A minimum of five years supervisory experience is required. Preference will be given to an applicant with minimum of a Class D Groundwater License. District benefits include paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, and group insurance. The District is an equal opportunity employer. Applications will be accepted until close of business, Friday, 30 April 2004.

Applications are available at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas or by calling 432-267-6341.

Help Wanted

DESERT SPRINGS Medical Center is a psychiatric and chemical dependency treatment facility located in Midland, Tx. We are currently looking to fill the following positions: Adolescent Residential, Acute Adult, and Adolescent, experience preferred.

* Full-time & Per Diem Social Workers (Must have current Texas LPC, LMSW licensure)
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DRIVERS BE HOME DAILY. Coastal Transport is a leader in transport of LPG Asphalt & Petroleum Products. Coastal serves high profile accounts & needs dedicated professionals to join our growing team in Big Spring. Quality 25 with class A & One year driving experience. Call Jay at 888-527-7221

LONG JOHN Silvers, Day and evening shifts available. Must be energetic. Apply in person, 2403 S. Gregg. No phone calls, please.

MEDICAL BILLER needed for busy Doctor's Office. Experience required. Mail resume to: 1605 W. 11th, Big Spring, Tx 79720 or fax (432)264-7381.

Help Wanted

MITCHELL COUNTY Hospital is taking applications for a Registered Nurse for the 7:00 pm to 7:00 am shift. Also needed is an LVN for the 7:00 pm to 7:00 am shift. These are full time positions with benefits in a brand new facility. The Medical Unit at the Wallace Prison Unit is taking applications for an LVN for the 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm shift. This is a full time position with benefits.

Send resume to: Mitchell County Hospital, 997 West I-20, Colorado City, TX 79512 or call Sandra Sullivan, Human Resources at (325)728-3431 ext. 7105.

Nursing

DIRECTOR OF NURSING \$2,500 sign-on bonus!

Sage Health Care Center in LAMESA seeks a Director of Nursing to oversee Nursing Services and provide direct quality care in our skilled nursing facility. Requires an RN with min 2 years experience, preferably in a long term care facility, supervisory experience and superior communications skills. Must be thoroughly familiar with rehab, therapy, and comprehensive nursing practices. Must be familiar with TEXAS regulatory requirements.

We can offer a competitive salary and benefits (health, dental & life insurance avail), & 2 weeks vacation after 1 year. EOE. Please send cover letter and resume to:

Fax: (806)872-2490 or mail to SAGE HEALTH CARE CENTER, 1201 North 15th St, Lamesa, TX 79331

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Now hiring part-time shift drivers. Salary plus Tips & Commission. Please apply in person @ 1702 Gregg Street. No Phone Calls.

READY-MIX DRIVERS needed. Full time position with Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co., a leader in the ready mix industry in Texas. Full benefit package. Must have good driving record and CDL license. Experience a plus. Apply at Transit Mix: 605 North Benton, Big Spring, Texas (432)267-6348. Transit Mix Concrete is an EOE/A employer.

RECEPTIONIST Wanted for Busy Doctor's Office. Mail resume to: Big Spring Pulmonary, 1605 W. 11th, Big Spring, Tx 79720 or fax resume (432)264-7381.

RETAIL BUSINESS has opening for mature lady, afternoons from 1:00-5:00 Monday thru Friday. Some Saturdays. Call from 9:30- 5:00, 432-238-8851.

STAFF ACCOUNTING POSITION open with local CPA firm. BBA in Accounting required. CPA a plus. Salary negotiable. Mail resumes to Personnel, P.O. Box 949, Big Spring, TX 79721.

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Is looking for Owner Operators in the Big Spring area to haul asphalt. Qualified drivers will need; at least 2 yrs. verifiable tractor trailer experience OR 1 yr. tanker experience, be at least 23 yrs. old, and have a Class A CDL w/X endorsement. **Qualified drivers call (800)353-5606 to complete an application over the phone.**

THE HOWARD County Sheriff's Office will accept applications for a part-time dispatcher thru April 30, 2004. Applications are available in the Sheriff's office, 1st floor of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St. M-F, 8-5 EOE.

WAITRESSES NEEDED

Also Dishwasher
Split Shift
Must be 18
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Red Mesa Grill
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COMPLETE USED Internet ready computer systems 200MHZ to 850MHZ. 1 Year warranty, \$125.00 & up. CD writers and DVD players available. (432)756-2354 Stanton.

COVERED PORCH, 12x24. Metal roof with plywood deck. \$1500.00 OBO. Call (432)267-3355 leave message.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER Chair Jet 3. Used very little. \$5,000. Call (432)394-4449.

Lost and Found

LOST CHIHUAHUA, tan color, red collar. Lost at Mount Olive Cemetery. If found call (432)263-3744 or 816-6378 leave message or 263-4681.

LOST LITTLE white Chihuahua around 700 block of S. Main. Please return to 1703 Main.

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: 2 Three piece bedroom sets for sale. One Antique & One Baby/Toddler. Both are in excellent condition. Please Call (432)263-4733 or 213-1099.

FOR SALE: Two Wheel Utility trailer, 25 ft. Side by side refrigerator and a Queen size bedroom suite. Call (432)263-3702 or 263-9462 for more info.

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Help Wanted

Help Wanted



West Texas Centers for MHMR has opening for Consumers Financial Specialist. High school diploma or GED. Duties include processing all financial information on consumers for the Intake Center. Serves as liaison between Intake Center and the consumer. Salary \$7.71hr. (\$16,044.00 annually). 8-5, M-F. Benefits. Applications may be obtained at 409 Runnels or by calling JOBLINE AT 1-800-687-2769. www.wtcmhmr.org. EOE

Help Wanted

Help Wanted



Ackerly-Vealmoor
Carrier wanted
The Big Spring Herald has a carrier opening in the Ackerly and Vealmoor areas.
Great afternoon route for someone who lives in Ackerly or Vealmoor but works in Big Spring
Contact Angie at
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Help Wanted

Help Wanted



West Texas Centers for MHMR has an opening for a Training Coordinator. Duties include development and preparation of habilitation plans for persons with developmental disabilities. High school/GED + 2 years of full-time experience assisting in therapeutic activities involved in the habilitation process. Salary \$7.71 hour (\$16,044 annually). Benefits. Applications may be obtained at 409 Runnels or by calling JOBLINE at 800-687-2769 or visit www.wtcmhmr.org. EOE

Help Wanted

Help Wanted

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL currently has a full-time opening for a **Benefits Manager** in our Human Resources Department. Applicant must have prior experience that included complete responsibility for the administration of benefits, such as employee health plans, prescription drug plans, retirement plans and other employee benefits. Requires a working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Candidate should also have good interpersonal and organizational skills. Qualified candidates should apply at:

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Human Resources Department
2200 West Illinois Midland, Texas 79701
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Requires 2+ years experience in oilfield operations as an engineering technician supporting petroleum engineers and a working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs such as Access, Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Good communication and analytical skills, a demonstrated initiative and the ability to be a team player are essential. An associate's degree with AutoCad and Production Management software (Landmark's DSS) experience is preferred.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to fax resumes to: 432-688-3799. For more information, visit our website at www.kindermorgan.com. EOE/M/F/D/V



Help Wanted

Help Wanted

Electrical Line Technician

CAP ROCK ENERGY has immediate opening for an Electrical Service Lineman in our Colorado City office. The position is responsible for work on system voltages, distribution and transmission lines. Duties include installations, repairs and removal of services, investigating service complaints and service interruptions.

Good verbal and written communication skills needed. Two years of experience as a lineman with prior experience in high voltage electrical systems preferred. CDL is required to operate heavy automotive equipment and employees must live within 10 miles of Colorado City office. Position is required to work overtime in emergency situations. To apply, contact Alfred Lynch at 325-728-5232.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted



NURSE MANAGER (RN)

To oversee all aspects of nursing operations at TDCJ Preston Smith Unit, Lamesa, Texas. Must have current Texas RN license. 3 years experience in nursing administration preferred. Correctional nursing experience helpful. Full time position, exceptional benefits and salary.

NURSE SUPERVISOR (RN)

To supervise nursing operations under the direction of the Nurse Manager at TDCJ Preston Smith Unit, Lamesa, Texas. Must have current Texas RN license and at least 2 years experience as a RN, correctional nursing experience a plus. Full time position, extensive benefits, salary based on experience.

Direct inquiries/resume to:
Medical Arts Hospital
1600 N. Bryan Ave.
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-5727 #238
806-872-0823 fax

Help Wanted

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RN Charge Nurse positions available at main hospital campus:
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We pay for ACLS, PALS, TNCC, and NEONATE certifications.
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Premium shift differential for this worksite location.
Direct inquiries/resumes:
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Medical Arts Hospital
1600 N. Bryan
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-2183 806-872-0823 fax

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Apply at
7435 Hwy. 277 South, Abilene, Texas
325-691-1085

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Help Wanted

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1102 SYCAMORE. 1 Bedroom 1 bath. No Pets. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642.

1308 WRIGHT. 2 bedroom, new paint inside & outside, new screens, fenced front yard, stucco outside. \$295. month. Call for more info (325)658-7133 or 658-6544.

1404 TUCSON. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. No pets. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642

1501 LINCOLN A. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642.

1505 OWENS. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. No pets. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642.

1611 Donley. 1 Bedroom, 1 bath. \$235.00 Month, \$150.00 deposit. Call (432)263-1792 or 816-9984.

1807 YOUNG. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. Everything is New. Completely remodeled. \$365.00 month \$200.00 deposit. No HUD. Call (432)263-1792 or 816-9984.

2606 CARLETON 3 Bedroom 2 bath, CH/A. \$495 month + deposit. Call (432)263-6997.

3/1 BRICK, sharp, nice. Central air, panoramic view, trees, fenced. \$350. Non-smoker, no pets. Agent, (432)263-4835 or 263-1234.

3702 CONNALLY 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. \$400.00 month \$200.00 deposit. 3802 Connally 4 Bedroom, 2 bath. \$550.00 month \$300.00 deposit. Call (432)263-4528 or 296-1523.

602 1/2 GEORGE. Available May 1st. 1 Bedroom Apartment. Stove & refrigerator furnished. 1 car carport, CH/A. \$450.00 month plus deposit. No pets. No HUD. Call (432)267-2296.

611 RIDGELEA. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, carport, fenced yard, CH/A. Washer & dryer connections, refrigerator & stove. \$480.00 Month \$375.00 deposit. Call (432)263-8005 or 267-0833.

712 GOLIAD. 2 or 3 Bedroom house. Completely remodeled. Kitchen cabinets, carpet, tile, plumbing, electric, paint. CH/A. \$575. month, \$500 deposit. No HUD. Call (432)267-2296.

BILLS PAID. Furnished Studio Apartment. Also 2 Bedroom house. \$260.00 month \$125.00 deposit. No bills paid. No Pets. Call (432)264-7931.

Real Estate for Rent

801 WEST 17th. Roommate needed to share nice efficiency Apt. Ideal for 1 person. No pets. \$350. month + deposit includes utilities. Stop by and leave message, (432)264-3700.

900 RUNNELS. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath on corner lot. \$400.00 month \$300.00 deposit. Call (432)263-4898 ask for Linda.

ARE YOU looking for a quiet, nice neighborhood? 900 Scurry. 3 bedroom, 1bath, apartment. CH/A, washer, dryer hookups. Appliances furnished. No HUD. Please Call (432)213-2681.

COAHOMA SCHOOL District. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath with Window cooler and fenced yard. Call (432)394-4792.

RENT TO Own. Large 2 Bedroom 1 bath. Fenced yard, washer & dryer connections, CH/A. 1111 Mulberry. \$300 month \$250 deposit. Call (432)264-6611.

Three Bedroom, 1 bath. CH/A, fenced back yard. \$475.00 month. Also upstairs efficiency apartment. \$375.00 month. All bills paid. Call (432)267-3398 or 213-0529.

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2314 North ANDERSON RD.

8 APARTMENT complex and 3 bedroom, 2 bath house for sale. Only Serious inquires please. Call (432)967-4471.

Real Estate for Sale

809 N. Tubb Rd., Cohoma School District. 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick on approx. 3 acres. Fireplace, horse stalls with out building. Call (432)661-5552.

ATTRACTIVE HOME for Sale by Owner. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, CH/A. \$29,500. Shown by Appt. Only. Call (432)268-9874 or 213-2124.

BEAUTIFUL MF home 3 bedroom, 2 bath, approx. 1/2 acre. 800 N. Tubb Rd. Landscaped, covered patio, garage, storage or work shop, appliances. Call (432)661-5552.

BY OWNER: 3,200 sq. 5 bedrooms, 2 bath, 3 car carport. Game room, large kitchen, large livingroom, fenced yard. \$67k. Will help financing. Pam 940-300-9257.

COAHOMA 3 Bedroom, 2 bath Beautiful master bath, walk-in closet, appliances, Hand-capped porch. Like new MF Home. Land & Home \$42,000. 803 Atlantic. Call (432)661-5552.

For Sale by Owner. Owner Financing Provided. Low Down Payment. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath. **1602 Settles.** Call (432)413-7559.

FOR SALE By Owner. Owner financing provided. Low down payment. Low monthly. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, freshly painted on outside. Call Kelly, (432)425-9994.

HOME BUILDER will help 5 families with downpayment on a new home. Call For Details 1-866-262-5393.

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LOVELY UPDATED 3 Bedroom home on Drexel. Call Doris, Home Realtors, at 432-263-6525 or 270-8920.

NICE COUNTRY Home, 12 miles south of Big Spring. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick on approximately 5 acres, over 1,800 sq. ft. formal living, large open den/kitchen, lots storage, utility room, garage. New carpet, water heaters, gas lines, sinks. Move-in Ready! Call (432)263-1738.

NICE QUIET Neighborhood. 3 Bedroom (2 rooms have children's mural's) 1 bath. CH/A, fenced yard, carport, utility room. \$25,000. Call (432)267-4647 or 270-1845.

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Real Estate for Rent

Real Estate for Sale

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1602 Lincoln, 4 Bedroom 2 bath (big house). \$7,000.00
1507 Lancaster, 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, carport, fenced. \$15,000.
708 1/2 Lorilla, 1 Bedroom-good porch and yard. \$3,000.

1811 Scurry St., 50x130 building with tan brick front. Offices and Shop Building corner of 19th/ Scurry 3 truck doors-concrete floor throughout. Good for mechanic shop or any similar use, \$20,000.00

1608 North Birdwell- Fenced with 6 chain link- 4 acres with truck scales, strong steel boxcar. \$10,000.00 Call (432)264-0510 or 270-2414

REPO'S, REPO'S, REPO'S. Save \$\$\$ we are. Almost giving them away. Call 1-866-268-3681.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, CH/A, 1100 sq. ft. breakfast bar, large utility room, cedar block fence. Small apt. in rear & workshop. \$30s. Call (432)263-7156.

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Bob Brock Ford
500 W. 4th 267-7124

1999 Chevy Silverado SL 2500. 3 Door, shortbed, hard load, Hydraulic vehicle winch. 70,000 miles. \$12,500.00.
Alexander's Motor Company, 711 W. 4th. or call (432)270-4499.

2000 EXPEDITION Eddie Bower addition. 61K miles, loaded. Red. \$18,500. Call (432)517-0447 or can see at 1505 West 4th.

FOR SALE, red 2003 Ford F-250, 4x4, 29,000 miles. Reduce for quick sale, \$24,500. Located 600 Main. Call 432-267-3126, from 8:00-5:00, 432-267-7648 after 5:00.

SANDRAIL & Trailer. Blue & yellow, looks sharp! 1600cc. Runs excellent. Lots of Fun! \$5500. for both. Call 432-816-1052.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR KBTS (FM)

On April 16, 2004, there was tendered for filing with the Federal Communications Commission an application for consent to the assignment of radio station KBTS(FM), 94.3 MHz, Big Spring, Texas, from Equicom, Inc. to Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), L.P. The officers, directors, and 10% or greater stockholders of Equicom, Inc. are: Randall B. Hale, J. Brent Humphries, Faith Vincent, Dain L. Schult, Dan Ginzel, Equus II Incorporated, LBJ Capital L.P., and Texas Growth Fund - 1995 Trust. The members of Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), L.P. are: Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), Inc. and Rhattigan Broadcasting, LLC. The officers, directors, and 10% or greater stockholders of Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), Inc. are: Michael Rhattigan, Jerome Rhattigan, and Guy Gill. The members of Rhattigan Broadcasting, LLC are: Michael Rhattigan, Jerome Rhattigan, and Guy Gill. A copy of this application and related materials are available for public inspection at the KBTS(FM) main studio located at 608 Johnson St. #4197 April 25, 26, & May 2, 3, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR KBST-FM

On April 16, 2004, there was tendered for filing with the Federal Communications Commission an application for consent to the assignment of radio station KBST-FM, 95.7 MHz, Big Spring, Texas, from Equicom, Inc. to Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), L.P. The officers, directors, and 10% or greater stockholders of Equicom, Inc. are: Randall B. Hale, J. Brent Humphries, Faith Vincent, Dan L. Schult, Dan Ginzel, Equus II Incorporated, LBJ Capital L.P., and Texas Growth Fund - 1995 Trust. The members of Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), L.P. are: Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), Inc. and Rhattigan Broadcasting, LLC. The officers, directors, and 10% or greater stockholders of Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), Inc. are: Michael Rhattigan, Jerome Rhattigan, and Guy Gill. The members of Rhattigan Broadcasting, LLC are: Michael Rhattigan, Jerome Rhattigan, and Guy Gill. A copy of this application and related materials are available for public inspection at the KBST-FM main studio located at 608 Johnson St. #4198 April 25, 26 & May 2, 3, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR KBST (AM)

On April 16, 2004, there was tendered for filing with the Federal Communications Commission an application for consent to the assignment of radio station KBST(AM), 1490 kHz, Big Spring, Texas, from Equicom, Inc. to Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), L.P. The officers, directors, and 10% or greater stockholders of Equicom, Inc. are: Randall B. Hale, J. Brent Humphries, Faith Vincent, Dain L. Schult, Dan Ginzel, Equus II Incorporated, LBJ Capital L.P., and Texas Growth Fund - 1995 Trust. The members of Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), L.P. are: Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), Inc. and Rhattigan Broadcasting, LLC. The officers, directors, and 10% or greater stockholders of Rhattigan Broadcasting (Texas), Inc. are: Michael Rhattigan, Jerome Rhattigan, and Guy Gill. The members of Rhattigan Broadcasting, LLC are: Michael Rhattigan, Jerome Rhattigan, and Guy Gill. A copy of this application and related materials are available for public inspection at the KBST (AM) main studio located at 608 Johnson St. #4199 April 25, 26 & May 2, 3, 2004.

Region 18 Education Service Center is issuing three (3) "Open Catalog" bids on behalf of approximately thirty-nine (39) Texas school districts. The bid categories are:

- School and Office Supplies, Instructional Materials and Furniture (R18C036)
 - Computer Hardware, Software, Supplies and Accessories (R18C037)
 - PE and Athletic Equipment and Supplies (R18C038)
- Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., May 17, 2004 at Region 18 ESC, PO Box 60580 Midland, TX 79711-0580 (for overnight mail 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland, TX 79706). Bids will be opened and recorded as they are received. All bids, meeting the bid criteria, will be formally approved by the Region 18 ESC Purchasing Committee at a special meeting to be held after all bids have been received and recorded at the above address. Bids forms are available from Gary Bond, Region 18 ESC at PO Box 60580, Midland, TX 79711. Please call 432-567-3258 should you have any questions. #4200 April 25 & May 2, 2004.

Glasscock County ISD is accepting sealed bids for the resurfacing of the track field and replacing the high jump pad. Specifications for the track field are available in the superintendent's office of the Glasscock County ISD, located in Garden City, Texas. For more information call the superintendent's office at 432-354-2230 or write P.O. Box 9, Garden City, Texas 79739. Bids will be opened at the board meeting to be held on May 10, 2004 at 7:00 pm. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept, reject or

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#4201 April 25, 2004

Glasscock County ISD is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of two buses. A 53 passenger and a 78 passenger bus. Specifications for the vehicles are available in the superintendent's office of the Glasscock County ISD, located in Garden City, Texas. A copy of the specifications may be examined from 8:00 am until 3:40 pm during the regular hours in the Administration Building located at 308 West Chambers, Garden City, Tx. For more information call the superintendent's office at 432-354-2230 or write P.O. Box 9, Garden City, Texas 79739. Bids will be opened at the board meeting to be held on May 10, 2004 at 7:00 pm. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept, reject or postpone any and all bids. The district will consider each bid's advantages to the district and will act in a manner that the board considers most advantageous to the district. All applicable laws, rules and regulations takes precedence.
#4202 April 25, 2004

No. P-13, 157
ESTATE OF EVA NALL, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eva Nall, Deceased, were issued on the 20th day of April, 2004, under Docket No. P-13, 157, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Betty Ray Coffee.

Claims may be presented in care of Betty Ray Coffee to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Eva Nall
c/o Betty Ray Coffee
2808 Cactus
Big Spring, Texas 79720
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 20th day of April, 2004.

BETTY RAY COFFEE,
Independent Executrix of the Estate of Eva Nall, Deceased
#4204 April 25, 2004

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
To the Registered Voters of the City of Big Spring, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 15, 2004, for voting in a general election for the election of a City Mayor, Districts 1-6 and City Councilmember, District 5.

Location of Polling Places:
City Mayor-Districts 1-6 - Big Spring High School Cafeteria - 707 E. 11th Place.
City Councilmember District 5 - Big Spring High School Cafeteria - 707 E. 11th Place.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday, Monday through Friday, at City Hall, 310 Nolan, in said City between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 and ending on Tuesday, May 11, 2004.
Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Peggy S. Walker
City Secretary
310 Nolan St.
Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657
Applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2004.
Issued this the 23rd day of April, 2004
Russ McEwen, Mayor

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A los Votantes Registrados de la Ciudad de Big Spring, Texas:
Se les avisa por la presente que el lugar para los votantes estara abierto de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m., el sabado, el 15 de Mayo de 2004, para votar en una eleccion general para elegir el Mayor de la Ciudad y el Miembro del Concilio del Distrito 5.
Lugar para las casetas de los Votantes
Mayor de la Ciudad Distrito 1-6 - Big Spring High School Cafeteria - 707 E. 11th Place.
Miembro del Concilio Distrito 5 - Big Spring High School Cafeteria - 707 E. 11th Place.
Cada dia de la semana, se llevara acabo una pre-votacion, de Lunes a Viernes en el City Hall, 310 Nolan. El 28 de Abril al 11 de Mayo de 2004, desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m.
Las personas que desean votar por correo deben solicitar una aplicacion de voto de:
Peggy S. Walker
Secretaria de la Ciudad
310 Nolan Street
Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657
Las aplicaciones que se envien por correo se recibirán solamente hasta las 5:00 p.m. del Viernes 7 de Mayo del 2004.
Circular emitida el 23 de Abril del 2004.
Russ McEwen, Alcalde
#4203 April 25, 2004

BY JOYCE JILLSON

Relax. When all is straight at home, the week ahead will get off to an auspicious start. The Cancer moon creates a homey, comfortable atmosphere — enjoy family, food and domesticity at its finest. Taurus solar energy is constant and calming. We're starting to realize that if we stay the course, we're bound to reap the rewards.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some say, "Embrace the chaos," but this could only make you feel more hyper and stressed out today. You may have to induce a restful state of mind through meditation or exercise in order to get through your day gracefully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Connecting with people you haven't seen in a while brings up all those, "What have you been up to?" questions, which force you to consider what the most compelling thing you've been doing really is. It's not your work!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Home is where you do your clearest thinking. Chats with loved ones clarify the cloudy issues. Family members need you and

love to have you around. Relationships that have gone through a dormant period are waking up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The feud with your neighbor is over. If you don't know this to be true yet, he or she does. You're burying the hatchet in many areas of your life now! The roundabout way you approach problems proves to be the best way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You take for granted the work you do on a daily basis. After chilling out a whole day (and I mean really chilling — doing nothing but sitting back and watching TV or daydreaming life away), you'll appreciate your usual routine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The most excellent connection is the one closest to you. Ask a significant person in your life to help you forward that secret desire or goal. Tonight, you bring down the house with your witticisms.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This afternoon is all about doing everything in your power to break down the barrier between you and your day in the sun. It happens with your fertile imagination. Let Sagittarius give a little advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Ingenuity helps you get into the flow. If teenagers across the planet can learn

transcendental meditation to get through adolescence, as is the current trend, you, too, can find innovative methods to deal with stress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Letting loved ones in on your agenda for the family is a good idea. Think of your family unit as a team on "The Apprentice." The goal? To create a mutually supportive environment. Singles find love with a Leo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Adjustments are happening in our family dynamic — it's scary, but ultimately, these changes are moving all toward a higher plane of understanding. A certain pompous individual is really crying out for your approval.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your ability to roll with the situation will be tested. It won't be the way you thought it would be. Talented people have much to teach about when to shine and how bright — like all the time and as bright as you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Yeah, it's Sunday, but you can still make phone calls to keep yourself in the mind of a valuable contact. News from an ex-love ignites a spark — are things really that over? A Libra is your creative touchstone.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: We're

well into the Taurus solar transit, and it's starting to become clear that if we keep plugging, we're bound to reap the rewards — it's a simple cause-and-effect equation. The Cancer moon begins the week on a domestic note. The more harmony you can create in your home environment, the better start you get to a busy week. Mercury is still retrograde until Friday, but don't let that hold you up. While it may not be a great idea to, say, file a court case, start a business or sign loan papers until after Friday, it's a fabulous idea to seek creative solutions, think outside the box and intuit your way through life's most logical situations. Make art, get philosophical, and read. Being uncertain can be beautiful if you give it a chance. Wednesday is Secretary's Day under the showy Leo moon. So if you have a secretary, gifts are definitely in order — Leo lunar vibes expect generosity and prefer public adoration. Thursday is the most productive day of the week. The momentum continues as Mercury readies to go direct on Friday. Saturday is Beltane, or May Day, whichever you prefer. The Libra moon says partner up to make the celebration of spring sweeter!
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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: For many years, I have had problems sleeping. It made my life absolutely miserable. After trying various techniques, my doctor finally put me on sleeping pills that work. Maybe they work too well.

I have discovered that my husband is having sex with me while I am sleeping. At first, I wasn't sure, but when I confronted my husband,

years, and I'm sick of it.

Mother doesn't pay for anything in the home, including groceries, utilities or the telephone bill, even though she makes plenty of calls. If she were in a retirement home, she'd be forking over \$1,500 per month and she would still have to do her own laundry. Should I ask her to foot some of the bills? If I suggest that Mom move out, my sisters and brother will never speak to me again. Yet they won't offer to take Mom into their homes. What can I do? — Trapped in Ontario

Dear Trapped: There are some parents who can't seem to appreciate the children who do the most for them. It's time for a frank discussion with your siblings. Explain the financial situation. There is no reason for you to foot the entire bill for Mom. Your siblings should be contributing as well, and if your mother has an income, she can certainly afford to use part of it to pay for her expenses.

Then talk to your mother. Tell her she seems unhappy living with you, and ask if she'd prefer a retirement home where there would be people her age and activities she might enjoy. At the very least, it will make her aware of your feelings.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Little Piggies," whose co-worker clips his nails at work. I work as a flight attendant. In first class, during pre-departure, we serve orange juice and sparkling wine on a white linen-lined tray. One time, the passenger in 1C was clipping his fingernails, and while I held the tray out to the passenger next to him, one of Mr. 1C's "clippings" plopped itself right on the tray. Needless to say, the whole lot was dumped.

Right you are, Annie. This is a personal grooming chore to be done in private. — F.A. in Toronto

Dear Toronto: How appetizing that must have been. And in first class, yet. Feh.

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Anthony" for five years. We dated in college, but lost touch. Fifteen years later, we ran into each other and started dating again. Anthony has been married twice before and has a child from each marriage.

Here's the problem: Anthony's first child was conceived while I was dating him in college. He cheated on me, and the other girl became pregnant. I was only 19 years old, and my world was devastated. It was the reason for our breakup, and I never got over it. As a result, I have no feelings for Anthony's children. As a matter of fact, I despise them because they remind me of what happened back then.

I didn't marry until I was 38, and this is my first marriage. I was so happy to marry Anthony, but now I've given up. Every time my husband talks about his children or calls them, I get very upset. I love kids, just not his. — Stuck in West Virginia

Dear Stuck: Your dislike of Anthony's children is unwarranted and harmful to your marriage. It also indicates you never have gotten over the original breakup of your college days, nearly 25 years ago. You are smart enough to realize this is irrational. If you cannot learn to forgive Anthony for his previous transgressions, your marriage will be in serious trouble. Please make an appointment with a counselor and take the first step toward healing the tear in your heart. You need help.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.com
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