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Tonight:



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Pancake feed

The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will be serving up hot, fluffy pancakes Friday for its annual fund-raiser.

The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard College cafeteria, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Chili supper

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 will hold its seventh annual chili supper from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday. A plate with fixin's, dessert and a drink is \$5 per person. Carry outs will be available.

Gem show

The Howard County Prospectors Club's annual Gem and Mineral Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns.

55 Alive

The Spring City Senior Center and the American Association of Retired Persons have scheduled a driver safety program course from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 11-12.

This course is a refresher for drivers age 50 and older. It will be taught by a trained volunteer and in addition to reviewing the rules of the road, will teach how to compensate for age related declines in physical and perceptual ability.

Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount. There is a \$10 fee for material. To enroll, go by the Senior Center or call the center at 267-1628.

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Early voting continues at county courthouse

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Thanks in part to a sluggish Saturday turnout, early voting remained low compared to numbers posted in the 2000 primaries as it moved into its second week in the Crossroads area.

As of Monday, 455 ballots had been cast in the Democratic Primary, approximately 256 votes ahead of results from the same time frame in the 2000 primaries.

While the Democratic effort is enjoyed a surge in its numbers, the Republican ticket continued to suffer this week, pulling in only

383 voters. The 2000 GOP Primary garnered 730 ballots in its first week of early voting, making for a wide margin of comparison.

Overall, Howard County ballot boxes are 126 votes short, collectively, in the first week of early voting. County Clerk Donna Wright said there have been several theories tossed around as to the reason for the sudden shift from the Republican Primary to the Democratic, but no solid answer is readily available.

"I've heard some people say it's because of the sheriff's race," said Wright. "They think that race is why we're seeing the shift, espe-

cially since the sheriff's race was on the Republican ballot in 2000."

On the Democratic ticket are incumbent sheriff Dale Walker and challenger Willie Rangel. Former deputy Ron Allen is the only candidate for sheriff on the Republican ballot.

"In the end, I don't think anyone can really say with any real certainty what's caused this shift," said Wright. "I gave up on trying to predict these things a long time ago."

While the shift is something of a mystery,

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Trade corridor workshop derails over reliever route

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While workshop organizer and Ports-to-Plains Deputy Project Manager Billy Parks tried to steer Monday's community meeting concerning the trade corridor away from a possible Big Spring reliever route, it was clear that was the major concern on local citizens' minds.

"At no time am I interested in coming in here and talking about in detail a relief route around Big Spring," Parks said early in the meeting. "That's the Texas Department of Transportation's job. We are going to take information from TxDOT the with regard to the relief route, and we don't want to get into whether it goes east or west of Big

"So if there is an accident out on this proposed reliever route, where is the wind going to take the fumes? It's going to take them into Big Spring."

Bob Parks,
local businessman

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Ports to Plains Deputy Project Manager Billy Parks goes over some of the history and plans for the proposed trade corridor during a special community workshop Monday. The corridor, which will begin in Laredo and move north into Denver, Colo., has spawned a great deal of local interest, due mainly to the possibility of a reliever route around Big Spring.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Masons John Keller, left, and Bo Clawson prepare drinks for the organization's Teacher Appreciation Breakfast which was held this morning at the Masonic Temple. Sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy greeted the flock of public schools employees. The annual event is held in conjunction with Texas Public Schools Week.

Longtime baker to celebrate 90 years of life Wednesday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

Doyle Vaughn, former owner of Vaughn's Sweet Shop, celebrates 90 years of life Wednesday, and the sweet smell of baked bread isn't the only thing his family will remember.

"He started with donuts and sweet rolls and began delivering to all-night cafes at 4 in the a.m.," said Vaughn's daughter, Beverly Vaughn Kay.

"He used Mother's car, a '35 Plymouth to make deliveries. The first morning he began with only 35 cents in his pocket, which was all the money they had," she said.

Vaughn's Sweet Shop opened in 1937 at 1909 Runnels, in a double garage in back of the Vaughn's rented home. In 1938, the bakery moved to 103 Main St., then to 504 Gregg, where it remained a thriving family business until the Vaughns retired in 1973.

"Business started out pretty good. Then when the world war started, I was lucky enough to get the bread contract

here at the base. I kept it until the war was over," Vaughn said in a letter to his children.

Life in West Texas during the Great Depression was filled with hard work, but also great satisfaction. Thousands of people were unemployed at that time, and anyone employed was grateful, he said.

"We didn't have much, but we got by somehow, and enjoyed living," he wrote.

His first job at a bakery in Big Spring netted him the grand sum of \$15 a week, a pay increase from the \$7 per week he had earned in Stamford, where he went through school as far as the eighth grade.

"When payday came (he) paid me \$15. I thought he had made a mistake, but he said that was what he paid. You talk about a happy boy — I was," Vaughn recalled.

Vaughn also remembers motoring to the World Fair in Chicago in 1933, and

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"We didn't have much, but we got by somehow, and enjoyed living."



Doyle Vaughn

One-Year Bible Project still going strong, Murski says

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

More than three years after it began in Big Spring, the One-Year Bible Project has managed to reach out across the world to touch the lives of countless people.

Matthew Murski, director of the project, recently returned to Big Spring and said the growth

of the project is astounding. While the group has been able to provide Christian literature all over the world, they're turning their sights homeward.

"We started back in June of 2001 when I gave away 20 One-Year Bibles here in Big Spring at the Wal-Mart," said Murski. "Since then, we've gone into more than 20 countries giving

away thousands and thousands of not just One-Year Bibles, but other books and Bibles that we've branched into.

"We've been to South America, including Cuba, Mexico and Guatemala. We currently have an order for Liberia, and we recently sent some books with a missionary to Siberia, and now we're focusing our attention on

all 50 states in the U.S. I just got back from Washington, D.C., and we're scheduled to be on the 700 Club soon, Lord willing."

Murski is excited to have a new book among those he and his group are giving away, entitled "More Than a Carpenter," and thanks to cooperation from the

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Obituaries

Antonia Sanchez

Antonia Sanchez, 89, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 1, 2004, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Ada Lorene Petty

Ada Lorene Petty, 82, of Henderson, Nevada died Monday, March 1, 2004, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Take note

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

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

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ **THE CLASS OF 1974** is looking for the following classmates. If you know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net. Kim Adams, Stanley Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Beverly Anderson, Jim Archer, Albert Arriols, Teresa Atkinson, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Ballock, Jackie Barber, Debra Barksdale, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Richard Brackeen, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Mary Burke, Greg Burris, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Karen Conley Melendez, Linda Curtis, Janice Danford, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Lorraine Davis, Jimmie Dean, Donna DeFlicht, Joyce DeFlicht, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eyssen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Victor Garcia, Lonnie Gary, Raul Garza, Ricky Gilliland, Sandra Gleason, Susan Gleason Williams, Belinda Gomez, Evelyn Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Donna Hale, Sue Harris, Terry Harris, June Hendrick Rhea, Adolpho Herrera, Cynthia Herron, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Calvin Juneke, Virginia Keathley, Matthew King, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth, Karen Lawler, John Lipscombe, Wayne Lister, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Mark McLeod, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Patsy Medina, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Ethel Minter, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Ronald Myrick, Marilyn Neill, Billy Nugent, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Barbara Pierce, Carletta Pierce Roberts, Debrora Pineda, Cheri Polanco, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Jackie Richards, Linda Richardson, Earl Richlart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriguez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Danny Rountree, Mary Rubio Fierro, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Esperanza Salazar, Irene Saldivar, Carol Scott, Patrice Sherrill Fivash, Rita Sherril Yeats, Terri Sledge, Doug Smith, Rickey Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Leatreca Stewart, Linda Stewart, Sharon Thorp, Sheryl Tibbs Allen, Carolyn Toaz, Tiburico Trevino, Alice Trevino Hernandez, Robbie Tubb, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Randy Weaver, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Julie Williams, Kenneth Williamson, Monte Wood.

Police blotter

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

- **DAVID CHRISTOPHER PETREE**, 19, of 1401 N. Highway 87 was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended, invalid.
- **JEREMY JAMES BALIOS**, 22, of 4207 Muir was arrested Monday on city warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of Fourth Street, the 200 block of Marcy, the 1700 block of FM 700, the 900 block of Willa, the 200 block of FM 700 and the 2300 block of Wasson.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500** was reported in the 1400 block of Austin.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1700 block of Donley.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 2600 block Hunter.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton and the 400 block of 15th Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson and the 1500 block of Tucson.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King and at the police department.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DAVID CHRISTOPHER PETREE**, 19, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a charge of driving while license suspended, invalid.
- **KRISTIN RENEA HAWKINS**, 21, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by Big Spring police on Tom Green County warrants for theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500, and forgery of a financial instrument and on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and possession of a controlled substance, more than one gram but less than four grams.
- **PATRICIA LYONS MCINTIRE**, 47, was arrested Monday on a warrant for motion to revoke probation-theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 5000 block of Sterling.
- **DEBRIS IN ROADWAY** was reported westbound on Interstate 20 near mile marker 177.
- **SUSPICIOUS SUBJECTS AND VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of West Seventh Street.
- **JUVENILE IN THE MIDDLE OF ROADWAY** was reported in the 1100 block of Jeffrey Road.
- **RETURNED RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1500 block of Eubanks.
- **LOUD MUSIC-VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of Tubb Road.

Support groups

TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

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.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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



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TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Line dancing meets at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628 for more information.

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

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

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

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

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club meets at noon at Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

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

Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. at Howard County Library, 500 South Main.

FRIDAY

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

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-4-12-20-22.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$49,089.

Winning tickets sold in: Texarkana, Texas.

Matching four of five: 181. Prize: \$122.

Matching three of five: 5,212. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 50,743. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-1

Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Thunderstorms likely...Some thunderstorms may be severe. Highs in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Wednesday night...A 80 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night and Friday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Friday night and Saturday...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Saturday night through Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

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he married Mildred in 1934. The couple celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in September.

Vaughn recalls the simplicity of life in the last millennium.

"I worked 18 to 24 hours a day for three years or more, but I was young and in good health. The bid (for the air force base) was 6.5 to 7.5 cents per pound. Everything then was cheaper and rationed and I made a little money all along. I still have my payroll records and everybody worked hard and long hours," he said.

Vaughn's Sweet Shop, which was across the street from the train station, never closed, and Vaughn provided sandwiches to the men headed overseas, Kay said.

She recalls the excitement of the trains filled with soldiers pulling into and out of the train station. And she recalls feeling the unity of all Americans, and the satisfaction of providing a



Doyle Vaughn at 23 with his first delivery truck.

Courtesy photo

needed commodity to those defending the country.

"I still remember the soldiers hanging out the windows of the train as it pulled into the station —

they were yelling and waving and thrilled that we were all there to meet them," she said.



Doyle and Mildred Vaughn stand at the counter of Vaughn's Sweet Shop which was located at 103 Main St. in 1937.

Courtesy photo

VOTING

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Wright said the real concern is the overall shortfall in comparison to the 2000 primaries.

"When you start talking about voter turnout, it's really hard to predict from year to year," she said. "At this point, having had so many elections already this year, I think some people may be tired. It certainly hasn't been because of a lack of publicity, as we've managed to get the word out on early voting through both the newspaper and the radio."

Wright said the Tuesday, March 9, polling places for the primary elections will be similar to those used in the recent special election and runoff election, with a few slight changes for voters in Precincts 101-115 and 202-205.

The Democratic Primary polling places are as follows:

- Precincts 101-115, North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street.
- Precincts 202-205, 208, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.
- Precincts 207, 409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Avenue, Coahoma.
- Precinct 208, Forsan School.
- Precincts 302-305, Goliad Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street.
- Precincts 401-406, 410, Big Spring High School Library, 707 E.

11th Place.

- Precincts 401-410, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum foyer, Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way.

The polling places for the Republican Primary are as follows:

- Precincts 101-115, 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.
- Precincts 207, 409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Avenue, Coahoma.
- Precinct 208, Forsan School.
- Precincts 302-305, Goliad Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street.
- Precincts 401-410, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum foyer, Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way.

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Bedtime Stories



The Shoemaker and the Centipede

Once there was an old Grandpa who made shoes. He was a kind old man. Everyone that lived on his street loved him.



He was so thoughtful in every way. He even gave away the shoes that he made to some people that didn't have a lot of money. Why, one time he even made a special pair of shoes for a little girl who wanted to learn how to tap dance!

But the kind old Grandpa wasn't making enough money to keep his shop open. He didn't know what he was going to do! But he was too kindhearted to ask some people to pay for their shoes that they got from him. If a little boy wanted a bicycle, but needed shoes, the little old Grandpa would tell him to buy the bicycle and then give the little boy the shoes!

What a good old Grandpa!
Little Cindy Centipede lived just up the street from the shoemaker. Now Cindy had a problem! Her feet would always get very cold in the wintertime. They would always get hot in the summertime. The street that Cindy lived on was paved and boy, was it uncomfortable!

One day Cindy walked by the shoemakers and saw a very sad look on his face. Cindy had always seen him smiling, but never wearing a frown! "What is the matter?" she asked. "I am going to have to close my shop because I am not making enough money to keep it open," he said slowly.

"You know what?" Cindy said. "What you need is to let everyone know about these beautiful shoes you have made. The only people who know about them is the people that live on this street!" "Why yes, that would work," he said. "But how will I be able to let everyone know?"

Cindy thought and thought. "I know," she said. "I know the answer!" Cindy went all over the store picking up pairs of shoes. She picked up fifty pairs of shoes and put them on. (Did you know that centipedes have one hundred feet?)

Then Cindy walked all over town and told everyone that she saw where they could buy those pretty shoes. And with Cindy wearing them, everyone thought that they were very special. And they were!

The little old Grandpa sold every shoe that he could make after that. He never had to worry about having to close his shop again!

And as for Cindy, her feet never got too hot or too cold again. If you ever get to visit her town, look for a centipede with fifty pairs of shoes on. It'll be Cindy!

Cindy and the kind little shoemaker says,

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Today, several hundred school children are a part of the *Big Spring Herald's* readership, as a result of our Newspapers In Education program that is designed to make the daily newspaper a living textbook and reference source.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are never strangers in your world, Lord.
Thank you.

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Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae in trouble

Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae have gone and gotten themselves in big trouble. For those of you who do not follow the business pages, I only wish we were talking about pregnant teenagers. Fannie and Freddie are the two government-sponsored mortgage companies that help most of us buy homes. Trouble is, they've run themselves into big-time debt — they've doubled the amount they owe in just the last five years. When I say big-time, try \$2 trillion. And guess who's on the hook if these things go under? Congratulations, taxpayers.

Alan Greenspan, the Great Pooh-Bah of the financial world, opined in his usual Delphic style before the Senate Banking Committee, "To fend off possible future systemic difficulties, which we assess as likely if the expansion continues unabated, preventive actions are required sooner rather than later." The *Wall Street Journal* helpfully translates this as, "Act quickly." Hard to tell with Greenspan: I yield to the *Journal's* long experience in Greenspan translation, but it could also mean, "Push the panic button now!"

What we have here is the same thing that happened after the famous S&L deregulation in the 1980s — privatized profit and socialized risk. You may recall that little adventure in deregulation — the universal panacea according to the right — cost the taxpayers half a trillion dollars.

Fannie and Freddie were created by Congress as private companies to encourage home ownership and — in theory, on paper — the taxpayers aren't responsible if they go bust ... but they're literally too big to fail. Unfortunately, the markets have always assumed Fannie and Freddie's debt was guaranteed

by the U.S. government. Should they go under and the government not pay, it would be as though the United States government were defaulting on a sort of low-level debt. All that would do is cause financial collapse and chaos and probably worldwide depression, but try not to think about it too long.

On the other hand, the people responsible for all this have already been thinking about it too long. For over a year now, Fannie and Freddie's pickle has been obvious, and the experts on the financial pages have been writing, "Do Something," for ages.

The fiscal irresponsibility of this so-called CEO-administration is a source of constant wonder. This potential financial crisis is racing toward us like a tidal wave, gaining strength as it comes. Are they actually going to stand there like Alfred E. Neuman, saying, "What, me worry?"

Of course, the conservatives think the thing to do is privatize the companies, and the liberals think the thing to do is regulate them. I don't see where privatizing gets us any further. Oh, to be sure, in the long run, market discipline would work like a charm, but one reason I'm a Keynesian is the old boy's observation, "In the long run, we'll all be dead." And dead-broke, too, if these things default.

Seems to me Fannie and Freddie's mess is the perfect argument FOR government regulation, and not just of the two giant mortgage companies. These GSE's (gobbledygook for "government-sponsored entities") have been hedging their debt risks through hedge funds, which are in turn almost entirely unregulated. Greenspan warns that Fannie and Freddie's debt could soon be larger than the federal government's. Think about it. Remember what happened when one large hedge fund, Long-Term Capital Management, started to go under? Ooops.

You know, when a bleeding heart liberal like me has to sit

around lecturing a Republican administration on fiscal responsibility, we're in a sorry pass. I watch the entire corporate and financial structure of this country running around raising money like crazy for the re-election of George W. Bush, and I am reminded once more that capitalism will destroy itself if you let it.

Congress has already failed in its oversight responsibilities by letting the companies get into this mess. The Center for Responsive Politics reports Fannie and Freddie contributed \$6.5 million to federal campaigns in 2002. Fannie has hired 14 lobbying firms, and Freddie 26. They spent \$9.7 million on lobbying in the first six months of last year. According to Ralph Nader (always a reliable source in these matters, no matter what his political judgment), "The board of directors on staff of Fannie and Freddie have always been populated by former officials and political activists from both the Republican and Democratic parties who are given huge pay packages."

The Bushies want to put regulation of the GSEs in the Treasury Department and abolish the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, the independent agency whose sole responsibility is monitoring the GSEs. Moving regulation to Treasury would make the GSEs even more political and even more apparently creatures of government. In typical Republican fashion, the small agency now handling the job has been starved for funds.

This is the great Gingrich ploy — don't give a regulatory agency enough money to do its job, and then when things come unstuck, announce that regulation doesn't work.

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The Edwards loophole, short changing seniors

Sen. John Edwards got through last Thursday night's debate in Los Angeles, as he has his entire presidential campaign, without being asked an embarrassing question. How can he explain setting up a dummy corporation to avoid paying an estimated \$290,000 in Medicare taxes in the two years before he ran for the Senate? It would be an embarrassing question for a self-described populist inveighing against privileges for the rich and powerful.

There were plenty of opportunities for Sen. John Kerry to bring this up during the debate's extended discussion of health care. Some of Kerry's key advisers worked on the 1998 North Carolina Senate campaign won by Edwards, when this issue was raised. But with Kerry on the brink of collecting a majority of delegates to guarantee the Democratic presidential nomination, he does not want to risk trouble with negative campaigning against his sole remaining serious opponent.

However, it is inconceivable that President Bush's crack researchers are not aware of the massive tax loophole utilized by Edwards, who is the clear consensus choice to be Kerry's vice-presidential running mate. Democrats, relishing thoughts of the attractive and charismatic Edwards face to face against Dick Cheney in debate, must ponder a better answer to

the Medicare tax question than the senator gave six years ago.

At 9 a.m. on June 28, 1995, articles of incorporation were filed with the North Carolina Secretary of State for John R. Edwards, P.A. (professional association), of Raleigh, N.C. The new corporation was authorized to issue 100,000 shares of common stock — all owned by Edwards, who is its only employee. This is a classic Subchapter "S" corporation devised to shelter income, mainly for professionals such as lawyers (and also syndicated columnists, but not me). It is one of the last loopholes left in the Internal Revenue Code, and it is a big one.

Edwards put his own little corporation to good use in his last two years as a multi-millionaire personal accident lawyer before becoming a full-time politician. He paid himself salaries of \$600,000 in 1996 and \$540,000 in 1997, on which he paid Medicare taxes. As the sole stockholder, Edwards received dividends of \$5 million for each of those years — all of it free from Medicare taxes. That saved the future senator around \$290,000.

Republican Sen. Lauch Faircloth, facing defeat in 1998 by Edwards, charged that his challenger "has avoided paying taxes, shortchanging seniors." Edwards shot back with a response of a young man who had proved himself a virtuoso in pleading before juries: "I have paid every dime of Medicare taxes I owe and am required to pay by law. If Lauch Faircloth wants to make negative personal attacks, he needs to do it to my face in debate."

Faircloth, a self-made and largely inarticulate businessman, was not

about to take on silver-tongued Johnny Edwards in debate — and Edwards knew it. Whether his tax avoidance was perfectly legal, however, remains unknown in the absence of an IRS audit. The government's position is that dummy corporations such as John R. Edwards, P.A., must pay its sole employee a "reasonable" salary. Tax practitioners told me that paying a \$1.1 million salary out of \$11.1 million net income may not pass the "reasonable" test.

Manipulating the IRS code to maximize his personal wealth comes at the peak of a campaign where Edwards has raised himself from the lowest of also-rans to become a strong runner-up by propounding his concept of "two Americas" — including one America where the rich play dirty tricks on the other America. In an early presidential debate in Columbia, S.C., last May 3, he promised "a better life for our families" that would be "based on the values of hard work and responsibility, not accounting tricks and corporate greed."

There is no record that Edwards, during his six years in the Senate, ever even considered legislation to close the giant loophole of the personal corporation. He must know that loophole well, because he is a lawyer who took advantage of it. He has not been seriously challenged on this so far, but surely will if he is put on the ticket in Boston this summer.

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Despite Billy Parks' statement, local business man Bob Parks was the first of the citizens to approach the subject and its possible effect on Big Spring.

"Why does TxDOT not entertain the reliever route going in more than one direction," asked Bob Parks. "I've been to three of these meetings with TxDOT and they won't even consider or talk to the public about an eastern route."

"There has been some discussion about how we need a reliever route around Big Spring because of hazardous materials, yet they want to build it on the west side of Big Spring, where we get our western winds. So if there is an accident out on this proposed reliever route, where is the wind going to take the fumes? It's going to take them into Big Spring."

Bob Parks went on to question the effects of a hazardous material spill on the west side of Big Spring could have on the large prison population in that area.

"We've got three or four prisons out there right now," he said. "What is their evacuation process for a situation that would occur? How could we evacuate four prisons in a relatively short period of time?"

"None of these ques-

tions have been answered. The only answer I get is that we need to have it near an airport. That's the only answer I get from anyone, that we need it near the airport so we can grow as a community. We've had Interstate Highway 20 out there since 1966 and I've been in business here since 1980, and the same amount of businesses is out there next to Interstate Highway 20 that were there in 1980, so I don't think that's necessarily an issue."

TxDOT District Engineer Russel Lenz said he was new to the project and still trying to gather all of the necessary information to address the question of a reliever route.

"We're still studying the reliever route," said Lenz. "You have to realize I just came into this project on Jan. 1, and there are a lot of issues that are going to be looked at. I'm not prepared to talk about them today, but I do know we have been having discussions, trying to work out issues. Conceptual issues, not about how many feet of right-of-way there is."

"We're going to continue to look. They are supposed to be putting together a report for me to read and get up to speed on. I certainly don't believe anything is hammered in granite at this point."

While Lenz seemed somewhat unsure of the east vs. west debate on the reliever route, TxDOT

Area Engineer Roy Dill said the tendency to look westward for the route comes from a number of studies conducted by the state, and while FM 700 may seem like an ideal road to use, to some, TxDOT doesn't see things that way.

"There have been several feasibility studies performed to look at where the best location for the reliever route would be," said Dill. "There are a lot of factors involved. FM 700 is an active five-lane facility and there has been a lot of economic growth along it. What we are looking for here is a controlled access freeway to increase safety. To take FM 700 and make it a controlled access facility just isn't feasible."

Local citizens also voiced concerns over areas where the reliever route may be forced to cross bridges or other means of traffic, and the overall time period it would take to complete the Ports-to-Plains project.

"Our grandchildren might get to see its completion," laughed Billy Parks. "It's going to take a great deal of time to complete the project, and a great deal of the reason comes from Washington, where they are still arguing over a transportation bill."

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BIBLE

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book's author, will be handing out copies of it following showings of the film "The Passion of the Christ" at Ritz Theater.



MURSKI

"As we progressed giving away One-Year Bibles, I had always wanted to give away a book by Josh McDowell, an author from Dallas, entitled 'More Than a Carpenter,' he said. "It's a great book and it correlates with the movie in a great way. The only problem was the book retails for \$5.99, and with my arrangement with Tyndale House Publishers, I would still be paying around \$2.50 for them, and that was just too expensive."

"We now have an arrangement with Josh McDowell Ministries that when we pick this book up from them, we're paying 43 cents a copy. We've already given away thousands of them and we plan to give away a lot more."

While Murski is as enthusiastic about the project today as he was during its meager begin-

nings, he said he's endured his share of "spiritual warfare" during his travels.

"The best way to describe what I've been through would be to get you 100 One-Year Bibles and let you go hand them out and see what happens," he explained. "When they come back and tell me they're being attacked, I'll tell them to let me get them 500 and see what happens. They will say strange stuff is happening, so we'll move up to 1,000."

"It's spiritual warfare, but the good part is I'm surrounded and joined with some of the greatest guys on the face of this earth. Here in town, I work with Don Swiney, Malcolm Pointon from Christ Community Fellowship, Howard Hornsby and just so many others."

Murski said the addition of other books to the One-Year Bible Project hasn't diminished his love of the town that

started it all one bit.

"It's the whole Bible, but it's broken down each day so you read a little bit of the Old Testament, a little bit of the New Testament and Psalms and Proverbs," he explained. "For instance, on Jan. 1 you read the first two chapters of Genesis. Then you read about a chapter and a half of Matthew, Psalm 1 and the first six verses of Proverbs."

"In one year's time you will have read the Bible in its entirety. It doesn't matter when you get it, you just start reading on that date. When you come around a year later, you've completed the One-Year Bible, and have read the Bible from beginning to end."

For more information on the One-Year Bible Project, call 1-800-774-7780.

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As your newly elected State Senator, I want to encourage your support in helping me represent all of our district in the Texas Senate; after all, we have a lot in common.

We need to work together to defend and restore conservative values, to protect our local water, to bring in new jobs, and we must get some real school funding reforms which replace Robin Hood taxation with a fairer system and more complete system of funding our schools and paying our teachers.

This is the third time in the past three months I've asked to earn your vote. As our new State Senator-Elect, I am honored to ask BOTH those who have supported me in the past to support me again, and to ask those who would consider supporting me for the first time to let me earn your vote in this year's Republican Primary. Together, we'll get it done.

Kel Seliger

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Permian Basin Republican Don Sparks Endorses Kel

"Today I am announcing my endorsement of Kel Seliger in the March 9th Primary. While my name will appear on the primary ballot, I urge everyone to make their vote count by choosing Kel Seliger. I hope this will help unify the district and I believe this to be in the best interest of our communities and businesses."

When I entered the race for District 31 State Senate, one of my goals was to help unite the Panhandle and the Permian Basin. Throughout the race I tried to maintain my goal of a united district by encouraging voters to look at the candidate's qualifications, not where he resided in the district.

I now believe it is in the best interest of the communities in the south part of the district to reach out to our newly elected senator and begin to work with him concerning the issues which may be unique to the southern portion of the district, along with the issues which are important to the entire district."

Texas State GOP Party Chair Congratulates Kel

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This event will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Workforce Network, 310 Owens.

There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Business After Hours is designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors. There is no charge to attend.

The public is invited.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Injured soldier's claim raises thorny legal issues

DALLAS (AP) — A West Texas Army reservist injured during the Iraq war has sued the state for denying his claim for a grant from a fund established to assist crime victims.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Kelly believed to be the nation's first soldier to apply for compensation under such a program, and is seeking \$150,000 in damages in a lawsuit he filed last month.

Kelly, 23, of Abilene contends he was a terrorism victim on July 14, 2003, when a hidden roadside artillery shell detonated near Baghdad and blew off his right leg below the knee. His leg was later amputated.

He applied twice for money from the state's Crime Victims Compensation Fund, which is designed to pay uncovered medical expenses for victims of crime including those injured or killed in overseas terrorism. He was turned down each time.

In court papers, Assistant Attorney General Rita Baranowski, representing Texas' attorney general, said Kelly is a casualty of war, not a crime victim.

The lawsuit has raised some sticky legal issues concerning who is considered a terrorist and who is responsible for taking care of wounded soldiers. The issues have yet to be tested in court.

Haiti's conflict moves to political front

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The aftershocks of President Jean Bertrand Aristide's departure from Haiti echoed from the streets of Port-Au-Prince to Washington D.C. as rebels refused to fade into the background and accusations of a coup dogged American officials.

U.S. Marines and French troops secured key sites around the capital on Monday, and rebels rolled into the capital to cheering crowds as Haiti's bloody uprising moved from the streets to the political arena.

Aristide, currently in the Central African Republic, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday that he was "forced to leave" Haiti by U.S. military forces. He added that they would "start shooting and be killing" if he refused, but it was unclear if he was referring to rebels or U.S. agents.

American officials dismissed Aristide's claim. Secretary of State Colin Powell called the allegations "absolutely baseless, absurd." U.S. officials acknowledged privately, however, that Aristide was told that if he remained in Haiti, U.S. forces would not protect him from the rebels.

U.S. plans for a quiet, orderly transition appeared threatened, despite the arrival of hundreds of American, French and Canadian soldiers as an interim peacekeeping force.

Rebels who had promised to lay down their arms if their main demand — Aristide's resignation — was met, instead swaggered into the capital, hinting they were here to stay. They said they would just tolerate police and international peacekeepers, while enforcing their own kind of justice.

Kerry seeks sweep in Super Tuesday races

ATLANTA — Democratic front-runner John Kerry, looking for a sweep of 10 states that could end John Edwards' bid for the presidential nomination, said Tuesday there should be no doubt that he has the "fire in the belly" to spend the next nine months trying to oust President Bush.

"Boy, wait til you see the fire in my belly. I didn't win 18 out of 20 caucuses and primaries so far because I don't have the fire in the belly," Kerry told "The Early Show" on CBS. "And people who know me well know that fire is raging, and on behalf of the working people of America I intend to make sure that we restore fairness in our country again."

Edwards shook hands with supporters outside a polling place in suburban Atlanta, declining to take questions from reporters. Kerry also campaigned in Atlanta as polls opened in Georgia and nine other Super Tuesday states worth more than half of the delegates needed to win the Democratic nomination. Both candidates were returning to Washington to vote on gun legislation before the Senate. Edwards planned to await returns Tuesday night in Atlanta while Kerry was to remain in Washington for an election-night party.

In spite of polls showing him ahead of Edwards in every state, Kerry would not predict victory or suggest that Edwards leave the race if he were to fail to win any states. The Massachusetts senator also would not say whether anyone, including his colleague from North Carolina, is under consideration for the No. 2 spot on the ticket.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks to face WTC Wednesday

The Howard College Lady Hawks will try again to square off against Western Texas College Wednesday at noon.

High winds, rain and standing water forced the HC women to postpone this weekend's planned games with Western Texas College.

Umpires are needed for BSGSA season

The Big Spring Girls' Softball Association is currently seeking individuals interested in umpiring games.

Interested parties please contact Francisco Ramirez at (432) 466-3670.

Wildcats to face Nazareth in Lubbock

The Grady Wildcats will try and move on step closer to the Class A state basketball tournament Tuesday when they face Nazareth in a Class A, Division II regional semifinal bout.

Grady, 31-1 overall, is slated to begin play at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey High School.

'Dorothy to host CC-Roosevelt matchup

Area basketball fans will get the chance to take in a little playoff basketball action today when the Colorado City Wolves face Lubbock Roosevelt in a Class 2A regional quarterfinal matchup at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Steers to make home debut today

The Big Spring Lady Steers will make their home debut today when they host the Brownwood Lady Lions at the BSHS Softball Complex.

Big Spring, 16-1 overall, will begin play at 4 p.m.

The Lady Steers will host Permian on Friday before traveling to Arlington this weekend.

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Coahoma LL tryouts slated for Friday

Coahoma Little League tryouts will be held Friday at the Coahoma field from 6 p.m. Tryouts will also be held Saturday, starting at noon.

All players must attend one of the tryout dates unless they played on a Major division team last year.

For more information call, Jill Ringener at 263-2789.

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Mavericks vs. Seattle	7 p.m.	1490
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Sports vs. Seattle	7 p.m.	1490
March 5		
Hawks vs. El Paso (baseball)	3 p.m.	1490
Sports vs. Dallas	6:30 p.m.	1490
March 6		
HC vs. Cleburne (softball)	1 p.m.	1490

Bulldogettes rally for 3-2 win over Greenwood

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Liz Conley came up with the big hit when Coahoma needed it most Monday evening and lifted the Bulldogettes to a 3-2 come-from-behind win over the Greenwood Rangerettes.

With the win, the 2003 Class 2A state runners-up evened their season record at 4-4 heading into Thursday's opening round of the Snyder Invitational Softball Tournament. Three of the four CHS losses this year have come

against 4A or 5A squads.

Conley made sure Greenwood wouldn't add its name to the list with a key hit in the bottom of the sixth inning. With the Bulldogettes trailing by a 2-1 margin, Conley hammered out a single that knotted the score at 2-2.

The Rangerettes aided Coahoma from there. Greenwood misplayed a ball moments later and allowed the winning run to race home from third.

Kali Roberts made sure the Bulldogettes wouldn't have any trouble for much of the contest.

The CHS pitcher, en route to notching the win, blanked the Rangerettes over the first five innings of play.

Greenwood's Sara Heidelberg was almost as good. She held Coahoma scoreless through the first three innings before getting tagged.

The Bulldogettes, who managed just five hits in the game, roughed up Heidelberg in the fourth. Coahoma, which also picked up solid performances from Ruby Garcia and Ashle New, scored once in the frame and carried a 1-0 lead into the top

of the sixth.

The Rangerettes found their stride from there. Greenwood used a lead-off walk and a sacrifice bunt had put Kim Smith in scoring position. Veronica Carruth tied the game with a single. Emily Burgess followed with a run-scoring double that staked Heidelberg to a 2-1 cushion heading into the bottom half of the frame.

Burgess' double was the lone extra base hit Greenwood had in the game. Overall, the Rangerettes managed just five hits off Roberts.



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells
Albert Gonzales prepares to field a grounder at short during Monday's Major League tryouts at the Pittman-Mimms National League baseball field. Gonzales was among more than 50 players participating in the first of two days of tryouts for Big Spring Little League's top level. Tryouts continue Wednesday at 6 p.m.

BSHS netters shine in Midland

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring head tennis coach Sarah Corse knew going into the Midland Tall City Tournament her BSHS squad would need a strong performance to succeed at the Class 5A-dominated event.

Her team delivered. Big Spring, sparked by an impressive outings by Veronica Villarreal and Vishal Shroff, powered its way to 10th place in the final team standings.

"Everyone played extremely well," said Corse. "I was pleased with the way we played. I think we held our own and I'm looking forward to using that to move on."

Villarreal, a preseason favorite to battle for the District 4-4A crown, starred in girls' singles action. The BSHS sophomore hammered out a fourth-place finish in the final standings.

Shroff, too, was sharp on the court. After dropping a tough decision in his first match, he rallied to reel off four straight wins and finished 17th overall.

Senior captain Heather Parnell also notched a Top 20 spot in singles play. The four-year varsity veteran took 18th, while Jason Vela netted 26th.

In doubles, Lauren Chesworth and Jessica Rodriguez highlighted the BSHS effort. The two-some claimed 14th in girls' doubles play. Alex Garipey and Natasha Neighbors finished 24th.

In boys' doubles play, Nick Paradez and Nick Rivera finished 19th, two spots ahead of Justin Ferrell and Roshan Shroff.

'Lights' movie begins filming in Odessa

ODESSA (AP) — The lights at Ratliff Stadium will be blazing — and it's not even football season yet.

Another cinematic view of the city's fabled Permian High School team is in the making.

The cast and crew of "Friday Night Lights" will move into Odessa on Wednesday night to begin shooting Thursday at the stadium at the start of a three-week stay in the city, says publicist Ernie Malik.

The best-selling book by H.G. "Buzz" Bissinger focuses on the 1988 Permian team that lost in the state semifinals. No release date has been announced for the film.

QB Henson works out for Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys got another up-close look at quarterback Drew Henson, this time holding a private workout Monday at team headquarters.

Although the Houston Texans own Henson's rights, they already have a young quarterback in David Carr. The Texans drafted Henson merely in hopes of being able to trade him should he decide to give up pro baseball, a decision he recently made.

Henson, a former star at Michigan, is hoping to arrange a trade to the team of his choice. If no deal is done by the draft on April 24, he could be selected by any team.

The Texans held an open workout in Houston on Feb. 12, and Dallas was among 20 teams that attended, represented by quarterbacks coach Sean Payton, offensive assis-

tant David Lee and scout Walter Juliff.

More coaches and front-office personnel watched Monday as Henson threw to Cowboys receivers including Antonio Bryant and Zuriel Smith.

Henson is expected to hold similar private sessions for more teams.

The Texans are believed to be asking for an early round draft pick for Henson. Whoever trades for him also would have to sign him.

Two years ago, the Cowboys won a bidding war for Chad Hutchinson when he returned to football following the end of his baseball career. He was rushed into the lineup that season and went 2-7. He lost the starting job to Quincy Carter and played in just one game. He's now headed to NFL Europe to try reviving his changes in the eyes of Cowboys coach Bill Parcells.

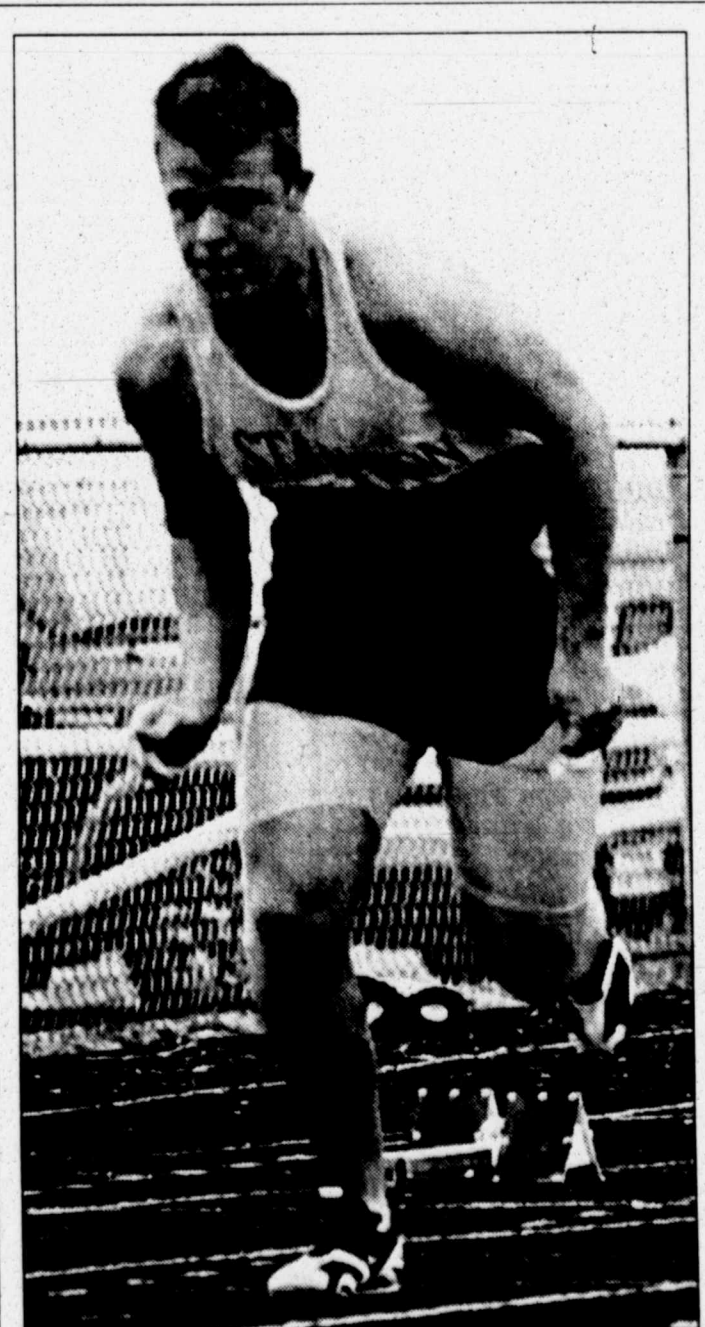
Softball sign-ups to start Saturday

Registration for the 2004 Big Spring Girls Softball Association will begin Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the softball complex.

Women and girls of all ages are encouraged to

sign up for the league. The fee is \$30 per player. Last fall, the league fielded a senior league squad.

Sign-ups will be held for the next three Saturdays with late registration set for March 27.



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells
Stanton's Dex Allred sprints out of the blocks in the 100-meter dash at the Garden City Relays. Area track fans will be able to see some of West Texas' best on Saturday at the Stanton Relays.

Big 12 may not get its usual six NCAA tournament berths

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — No. 8 Oklahoma State and No. 10 Texas are locks, of course. So is No. 21 Kansas.

But just how many other Big 12 schools will wind up with a precious invitation to the prestigious and moneymaking NCAA tournament?

Using history as a guide, every team that goes 9-7 in the league will hear its name called on selection Sunday. But with pundits around the country saying the Big 12 is going through a down year, maybe the league's participation will be down as well.

"I don't think it's down at all," said Kansas' Bill Self, who is in his first season as a head coach in the Big 12. "I think it's a monster league. If you go above .500 in our league, I don't see how you cannot get in, unless you had some really bad losses early."

Since the Big 12's first season

in 1996, only one Big 12 team that finished 9-7 or better did not make the NCAA field. That was Texas Tech, which was embroiled in an ineligible player controversy and took itself out.

If 9-7 remains the magic record, then Colorado and Missouri are in good shape with 9-5 marks heading into the last two regular-season games.

At risk are Texas Tech (7-7), which has lost seven of its last 10, and Oklahoma (6-8). The Sooners have been to the NCAA tournament nine years in a row, or every season during Kelvin Sampson's tenure as head coach. Iowa State and Nebraska are also 6-8 with two games remaining.

The Big 12 has sent six teams to the NCAA tournament in each of the past four seasons, with four Final Four participants.

"I think that six this year

may be a little bit more of a stretch than it has been in the past," said Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins, whose team is a winless 0-14 in league play. "But it will depend on other factors."

Baylor, the team just about everybody figured wouldn't win a single Big 12 game, finishes its home schedule against Kansas State on Wednesday night before ending its season at Oklahoma on Saturday.

And what a season it's been. The Bears won't play in the Big 12 tournament; they removed themselves from postseason play following the tragic events of last summer, when former player Patrick Dennehy disappeared and was later found dead. Another former player, Carlton Dotson, is charged with his killing, and the school has cited itself for violations that include improper tuition payments and other travel, lodging

and meal benefits for players paid for by former coach Dave Bliss.

But with three league wins with two games left to play, the Bears have already earned respect of everyone on their schedule.

"I am really pleased with how the team's performed this year," said first-year coach Scott Drew. "We've tried to represent Baylor in a positive way."

Three of Baylor's best players transferred in the scandal's wake, including John Lucas, the Oklahoma State point guard who has emerged as a leading candidate for Big 12 player of the year.

"Even though we've lost a lot of games, the community and the school have been encouraging, have been great," Drew said. "The players can hold their heads high and walk around campus with a sense of

pride rather than being made fun of."

Kansas is home Wednesday night against Nebraska and will then help Missouri close out a colorful era on Sunday when the Tigers play their final game at the Hearnese Center. Freshman center David Padgett, who's been starting since about midseason, may be out with an ankle injury he sustained Sunday against Oklahoma.

"He's definitely going to be on crutches for a while," Self said. "We can't anticipate him being available on Wednesday. Sunday would be a serious question mark. But hopefully we'll have him back by the Big 12 tournament."

The conference's tournament will again be played in Dallas this season. Kansas City's Kemper Arena had hosted every Big Eight and Big 12 tournament until last season.

Jordan ready to lead new-look Rangers

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Brian Jordan prepares for his morning workout with the Texas Rangers from the locker closest to the back door, the one that used to be occupied by the MVP he expected to be his teammate.

When Jordan signed in December, the Rangers had just ended two months of talks with Boston concerning Alex Rodriguez. But the American League MVP was then traded to the New York Yankees the week before Jordan got to spring training.

"You get a great opportunity to play with a great player. You look forward to that," Jordan said. "So it caught me by surprise. When the Boston trade didn't go through, I just knew he was going to be here."

While Jordan is "really unsure" if his decision to join Texas would have been different if he'd known A-Rod would be gone, the youthful Rangers need the veteran outfielder more than ever.

They need Jordan's bat in the middle of the lineup, his glove in right field and, most importantly, his presence and leadership.

"You can tell already the weight that Brian's words carry," manager Buck Showalter said. "What I love about him, he's very selective about when he uses them. ... The other day when he spoke up, every head there jerked around to see what he had to say."

Jordan, who turns 37 before opening day of his 13th major league season, knows part of his role is to lead. That's something he planned to do regardless, and what the Rangers wanted even before trading Rodriguez.

"I don't think my role changes whether it's a younger club or a veteran club," Jordan said. "I go about my job as far as leading by example, play hard and just hope guys follow. When I need to speak, I speak, but I'll let my actions speak."

Jordan is a .287 career hitter who played in the World Series with Atlanta in 1999, the same season he was an All-Star. He also played three NFL seasons (1989-91), and was an alternate defensive back for the Pro Bowl to end his football career.

"We just get everything we can from him," first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "There's no doubt that when somebody like that is talking, you're definitely going to listen."

While playing with a torn left knee tendon in Los Angeles late in the 2002 season, Jordan was the National League's player of the month in September. After offseason surgery he was ready for 2003, but another surgery in July ended his season and stint with the Dodgers.

The Dodgers didn't pick up his \$10.5 million option, and instead paid a \$2.5 million buyout. Jordan then signed a \$1.375 million, one-year deal with Texas that includes a mutual option for 2005.

The Rangers are being cautious, and held Jordan out of their first intrasquad game Monday. Still, Jordan and the team say he's healthy.

"Last year was a tough decision for me, to end my season so short," he said. "But it was the right decision for me, because right now I feel great. I can go out here and sprint full speed right now, but I'm just going to pace myself for April 5."

After hitting .299 in 66 games before the last surgery, Jordan was eager to get back on the field. He reported early with Texas pitchers and catchers, about a week before the full-squad reporting date.

He issued a simple challenge to his younger teammates.

"I'm going to outplay you. That's the mentality I have, and you should want to outplay me," he said. "If we go about our business in that way, then we're going to be a great team."

Whataburger buys naming rights to new Corpus Christi ballpark

The \$21.5 million baseball stadium that will house the Astros' Double-A Texas League affiliate in Corpus Christi starting next season will be known as Whataburger Field, the team and the hometown fast food company announced Monday.

The team, co-owned by the family Nolan Ryan and businessman Don Sanders, plays in Round Rock but is moving after this season. The two will move its newly acquired

Triple-A team in Edmonton, Alberta, to Round Rock next year.

The Astros' Class AAA affiliation with the New Orleans Zephyrs ends this year, and the club is expected to link up with Round Rock.

"We're glad to become part of the Whataburger family," Ryan said. "This partnership will allow us to bring the most affordable family entertainment possible to baseball fans all over South Texas."

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"The Cat in the Hat" was a big hit for beginning readers 47 years ago. It was an easy book to read. The illustrations were fun. The book is still popular today, and so are other books by Dr. Seuss. He is one of our best-loved authors.

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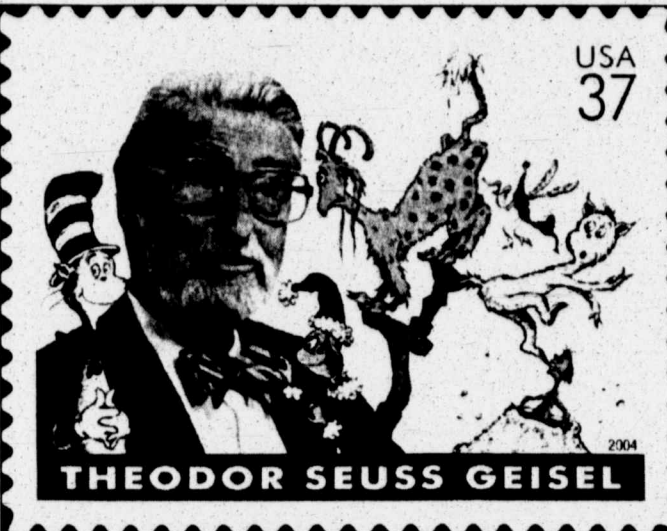
Readers everywhere will be celebrating the joy of reading on Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2.

Get yourself a book or a newspaper and do a little extra fun reading on that day.

There will be reading parties in schools, libraries, airports, bookstores and even on baseball fields.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of his birth in 1904.

Many other celebrations will go on for the next 100 days.



A new stamp honors Ted Seuss Geisel. Around him are his characters: the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch, the Grotz from "Oh Say Can You Say?" and the Skritz, the nameless young fellow and the Skrink from "I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew."

Dr. Seuss and Ted Geisel

To find out about Dr. Seuss, The Mini Page talked with Judith Morgan. She and her husband, Neil, wrote a biography, "Dr. Seuss and Mr. Geisel." They knew him well. The book is for adults.

"He was absolutely honest and funny. He did like kids and respected them. He never tried to fool kids."

"He wrote the way that he felt ... that you should use imagination. If you don't develop imagination as a kid, you don't get it."

Ted Geisel was a very private person. He was not well known at all until he won a Pulitzer Prize in 1984. This very special prize was given for his contribution of 50 years of education and enjoyment to children and their parents.

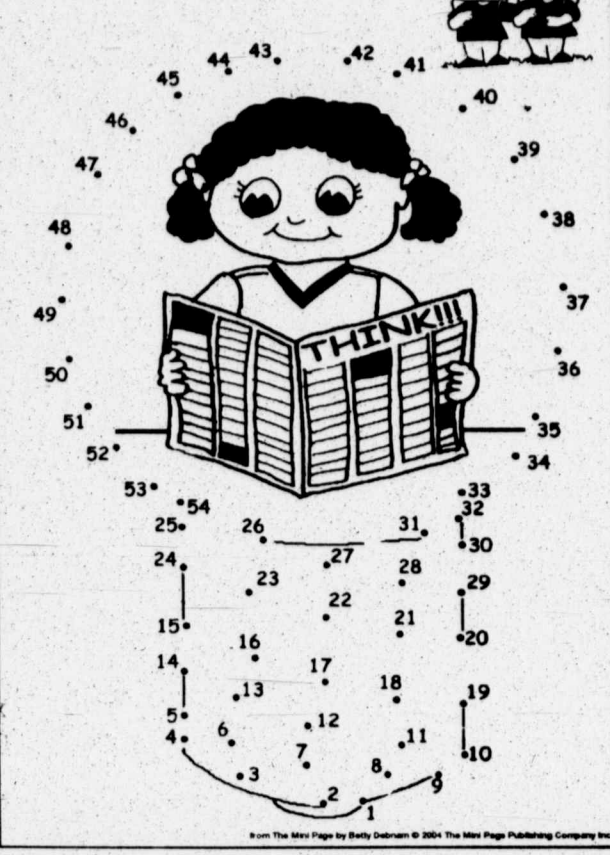
"He enjoyed writing and his friends, and he loved to travel."

"He used rhyme and repetition. He wanted to reach children through his writings. Kids love books written in their own words."

Read Across America Day, March 2, is sponsored by the National Education Association, a group whose members are teachers. Here's what the president, Reg Weaver, said about the day:

"Read Across America is a party with a purpose ... to show young and old alike not only the importance of the written word, but the joy of reading as well. No one better illustrates the pleasure and the power of learning to read than Dr. Seuss."

Go dot to dot and color this NIE Week theme.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Eggceptionally Colorful Eggs

Colored eggs are fun to make any day. You can try them on holidays such as Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and July Fourth. Make them green for Dr. Seuss' birthday!

You'll need:
 • 2 eggs
 • 2 drops food coloring of your choice
 • 1 tablespoon butter

What to do:
 1. Beat eggs in a bowl.
 2. Add food coloring.
 3. Melt butter in a pan.
 4. Add eggs and stir around to scramble.
 5. Remove when cooked. Serves 2.
 Note: You will need an adult's help with this recipe.



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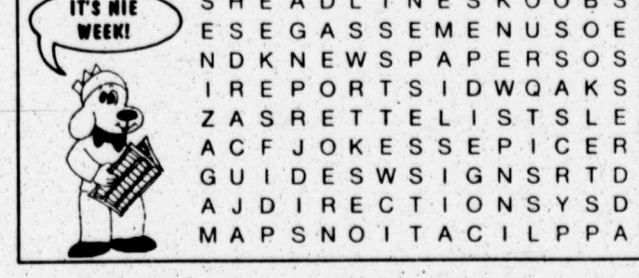
MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- April:** What is a shark's favorite game?
Harold: Swallow the leader!
- May:** What do you get when you cross a shark and a parrot?
Frank: A creature that talks your ear off!
- June:** What did the shark say when he bumped into the whale?
Bert: "I didn't do it on porpoise!"

Things to Read TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of things to read are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: NEWSPAPERS, NOTES, ADS, EMAILS, NEWS, BOOKLETS, ADDRESSES, HEADLINES, MAPS, GUIDES, RECIPES, BOOKS, CARDS, MAGAZINES, LISTS, LETTERS, JOKES, DIRECTIONS, MESSAGES, REPORTS, MENUS, APPLICATIONS, SIGNS.



Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are enjoying the morning paper at breakfast. See if you can find:



- ladder • cat
- letter C • fish
- letter A
- ice cream cone
- bell • carrot
- toothbrush
- kite • pencil
- number 3
- safety pin
- man in the moon
- lima bean
- word MINI

Goldie Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Hannah Teter

Height: 5-6 **Birthdate:** 1-27-87
Weight: 140 **Hometown:** Belmont, VT

Hannah Teter puts on a show in the snow. At age 17, with a daredevil's nerve, she's one of snowboarding's stars. Teter recorded two Grand Prix wins in 2003. That came after she was a World Juniors Gold Medalist in '02.

Teter wins with flair and tricks that include a back flip, a McTwist, front side 900s and alley-oop backside rodeos.

Teter, whose three brothers also snowboard, took up the sport at age 8 and has never stopped. Since she travels extensively, she misses much school. But she does her schoolwork on the road.

Teter's other interests include skateboarding, bouncing on a trampoline and playing a little soccer. But she's at her best flipping, twisting and sparking in the snow.

Meet Wayne Brady

Wayne Brady can act, sing and dance, but what he really likes to do is make things up as he goes along. That skill is called "improvisation," and Wayne, 31, uses it to make people laugh.

The comedian and talk-show host grew up in Orlando, Fla. When he was a teenager, he thought about joining the military. But he changed his mind when he got praised for his acting in high school plays.

Wayne moved to Los Angeles in 1996 to pursue an entertainment career. He starred on the TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

A year ago, he started his own talk show, "The Wayne Brady Show," and won one of television's top awards, an Emmy, for his work. This spring, he will appear in a new movie, "Going to the Sun," on the Disney Channel.

Wayne lives in Los Angeles with his wife and child.

Happy Reading to You!



Dr. Seuss (Ted Geisel) with his little dog, Samantha. This photo was taken in 1979, 12 years before he died.

A visit with Dr. Seuss

The Mini Page visited Dr. Seuss at his home in LaJolla (pronounced La Hoya), Calif., in 1979. That was 25 years ago.

He bought the house in 1948. It was built around an old observation tower. The Geisels called it "The Tower." It was his home for the rest of his life.

It was way up on a hillside with a wonderful view of the Pacific Ocean. Whales spouting water could be seen from our view way up high.

He had a swimming pool in the front yard. Of course, he had a closet full of lots of hats.

He told us: "Sometimes I do an entire book without drawings. Sometimes I do it the other way around."

One time he wrote most of a book on the back of a laundry list in one afternoon. But most of his books took longer than that.

About Dr. Seuss

Theodor Geisel won three Caldecott Honor Awards. These awards are given by the American Library Association to the illustrators of outstanding children's books.

Dr. Seuss won honor awards for:

- **McElligot's Pool** (1947)
- **Bartholomew and the Oobleck** (1949)
- **If I Ran the Zoo** (1950)

Ted Geisel also won the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award in 1980, a special award given to an author or illustrator whose books have made an important contribution to children's literature.

What contribution did Ted Geisel make to children's literature? This is the question The Mini Page put to Carla Hayden, president of the American Library Association: "Ted Geisel contributed cartooning, word play with rhymes and a lot of humor. He loosened up children's literature. Before that time, stories written for children weren't as lively."

It's also Newspaper in Education Week

"Just Think" is the theme of this year's Newspaper in Education Week (March 1 through 5), a special time that calls attention to the importance of newspapers in your life.

Below are some fun activities for younger kids to do:

When an editor bet Dr. Seuss that he couldn't write a book using only 50 words, he wrote "Green Eggs and Ham."

50 WORDS
 • To do: Look through your newspaper and cut out 50 easy words from the headlines. Paste them on a sheet of paper. Can you write a story using only those words? Use words that name things and action words, too.

SHIRTS FOR SALE
 • Look at an ad for a store. Can you make up a list of other items that you think that store might sell?

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 • Dr. Seuss wrote his books in rhyme. Find a want ad in the classified ad section. Can you write it in rhyme?

?
 • Find an ad for a pet. Make up a story about what might happen if you brought it home to your family.

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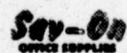
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The challenge is to avoid being too hard on yourself or others. Try and accept that people really are doing the best they humanly can.

Jupiter in Virgo is very close to the full moon, augmenting all of the qualities of Virgo. Any entertaining you do will be an all-out kind of affair, touched with elegance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you teach what you know, you'll reinforce your confidence in yourself. Parents and children are fabulous supporters. Exercise with reckless abandon, especially to music that makes you feel vital.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A long string of phone calls and errands might distract you from the bigger goal. Start keeping track of everything you do! Success happens in the planning stages! An Aries can help you think big.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll get the chance to run with a project. The respect of your peers is imminent. Conquer your fear of a certain person by learning to use the proper perspective. People are alike in many more ways than they are different.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Once personal issues are sorted out, it's easy to handle everything that family members want from you. Tonight, you'll be one of a group of people

discussing a topic of mutual benefit and interest. Capricorn is lucky.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your first instincts are winners. If you are selling, market research is a must today. Also, practice on friends to help get your sales pitch down perfectly. Expensive dates are not as romantic as one that's free.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you do what's right and your conscience is clear, incredible self-confidence can take hold. Friends come to visit and may make quite an effort on your behalf. Joyful reception of your loved ones makes them feel special.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's rare that you'd rather handle your business on your own, but today, you would. Partners slow you down. Numbers tell a story. Statistics turn out to be very informative, and you can solve problems by using your head for math.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being successful doesn't require you to work twice as hard as everyone else, but it does require you to take a path where few dare to tread. You get along in a group setting even when others can't stop arguing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stepchildren, extended family and previous financial conditions could all take their toll on new relationships. You're the mature one. It doesn't diminish you to make concessions for others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love relationships affect your

finances in a bigger way than any other influence now. If you've been living up to someone else's expectations instead of your own, there's an opportunity to change that tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Resist the temptation to be distracted. Follow through with what you've started. If you can push through a lack of interest, what's on the other side is a deeper commitment to yourself and your project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Forgiveness is the most healing element. Give up being hard on yourself for past sins. Love tip: Not every connection is meant for the long term, but take the beautiful times into your next relationship.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a career-oriented woman who never married. I've had three relationships — one with a Pisces, one with a Taurus and one with a Libra, all of them four or five years younger than me. Things just didn't work out with us. And now, I'm back in the dating world. What's ahead of me? I was born Dec. 11, 1970."

You are an ambitious Sagittarius who wants to see the world and embrace it on your terms. Your independence is somewhat intimidating to men your age, but the younger guys you dated admired you for it. You're more likely, however, to get the security you want from an older man. A Cancer or a Virgo would be terrific.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am 48 years old and recently married for the second time. My son from my first marriage lives with me, as well as my wife's 16-year-old daughter from her first marriage. We have been together as a family for only a few months.

My problem is the child support that my new wife gets from her ex. She believes this money should be kept separate and used only for her daughter's personal needs. I think it should be added to our combined account, particularly since we still have two houses, and right now, getting by is a struggle.

I don't want to be greedy, but I pay for almost everything, including my stepdaughter's expenses. My wife gives me her paycheck, but it hardly begins to cover her bills. I feel as if I am supporting all four of us.

Before we married, my wife was getting alimony and receiving child support in addition to her income from her job. She didn't separate any of it. I feel like she hands me all her bills and is giving me far less money than she always had to pay them.

I don't mind spending more than my share, but this situation seems unfair, and I'm becoming resentful. I think my wife is afraid that her ex will take her to court if the support money isn't used solely for her daughter. Please give me some guidance. — Want To Do the Honorable Thing

Dear Honorable: Child support should be used for the child — but that includes putting a roof over her head and supplying her with food, both of which are part of your total household



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

expenses. While it would be a loving gesture for you to donate the roof and the food, if it makes you resentful, it isn't working. Also, your wife is correct that her ex-husband could demand an accounting of the money.

Tally the amount your stepdaughter generally requires each month for food, rent, clothing, phone bill, Internet service, school supplies, and so on, and then you will know how much of what you are paying should be covered by the child support. Anything left over belongs to Mom to use for her daughter's care. Hardhearted? A bit, but sometimes these cold calculations are necessary to achieve balance.

Dear Annie: We recently received a wedding invitation that read:

"The parents of Mary Smith and John Doe invite you to be there when they get hitched on Saturday at 2 p.m., at Main Park. Cocktails, dinner and an all around damn good time to follow. Please RSVP."

Have you ever heard of such a tacky wedding invitation? — Friend of the Bride

Dear Friend: It sounds

like Mary and John managed to exasperate their parents to the point where this was the best they could do. Regardless of how informal the gathering, if you are a friend of the bride, please attend and give her your best wishes.

Dear Annie: I recently interviewed for my dream job, and the signs are pretty good that I'll get it. The problem is, I'm struggling with feelings of guilt about my current job. I started only two months ago. I don't much care for the work (it's highly stressful), but the money is good. I've managed to make some big mistakes in the two months I've been here and have been chastised severely as a result.

I do, however, like and admire my co-workers. I'd feel terrible telling them the two months of training have been wasted and they'll have to start all over with a new employee. Is there a way to bow out gracefully? — Guilty, No Name, No State

Dear Guilty: You are unhappy and making major mistakes. Tell your coworkers: "I have enjoyed working here and appreciate the training, but I have been given an opportunity to go elsewhere, and I think it's best if I move on."

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TUESDAY

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6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Amar Otra Vez	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Friends (CC)	Booker John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Justice Files (CC)		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET.com	Sister, Sister Lizze McGuire	College Basketball	College Basketball	JAG (CC)	Movie: Curse of the
7 PM	8 Simple Rules: It's With Her	8 Simple Rules: It's With Her	Velo de Nova	American Idol (CC)	Navy NCIS (CC)	Amor Descarado	Whoopi (CC) Happy Family	Movie: Lethal Weapon 2	Update/Israel N. McBride	Nova (CC) (DVS)	Monster House (CC)	Movie: Conan the Destroyer	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	The Parkers	My Date With the President's Daughter	Wake Forest at Virginia (CC)	Wisconsin at Michigan State	Law & Order: Special Victims	Taismen (CC)
8 PM	According Jim Less-Perfect	According Jim Less-Perfect	Bayo la Misma Pel	Forever Eden (CC)	The Guardian (CC)	El Alma Herida	Fraser (CC) Scrubs (CC)	(CC)	Light of the Southwest	Innovation (CC)	Discovery Quest	Movie: Army of Darkness	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Coming to the Stage	Daughter	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	College Basketball	Movie: The Musketeer	I Still Know What You Did Last Summer
9 PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	70s Show Raymond	Judging Amy (CC)	Mujeres Apasionadas	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: Lethal Weapon	The Hour of Healing	Independent Lens (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Army of Darkness	Charmed (CC)	Comcview	Sister, Sister Boy World	(CC)	Auburn at Miss. St.	(CC)	Last Summer
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight Show (CC)	Movie: Lethal Weapon	Joe McGee Richman	Best Friend	Monster House (CC)	Movie: Conan the Destroyer	Angel (CC)	Nightly News Proud Family	Kim Possible	Streetball Wisconsin	SportsCenter (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: Devil's Prey (CC)
11 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC) The Late Late Show	Al Roco Vivo	Show (CC) Late Night	Movie: Lethal Weapon 2	Update/Israel Booker	Forgotten Sign Off	Discovery Quest	Movie: Conan the Destroyer	The X-Files (CC)	Midnight Love	Even Stevens	NBA Fastbreak Streetball	Outside-Lines Gamernight	Karen Sisco (CC)	
12 AM	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Live (CC) Pad Program	Rencor Apasionado	Blind Date	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Mania Celeste Corte-Familia	(CC) Frasier (CC)	Weapon 2 (CC)	Update/Israel Booker		MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Conan the Destroyer	The X-Files (CC)	Comcview	Boy World Recess (CC)	Streetball Streetball	SportsCenter (CC)	Nash Bridges (CC)	Crossing Over Twilight Zone

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"SINCE MR. WILSON WENT ON A DIET, THE ONLY THING HE'S LOST IS HIS TEMPER."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"Just what I like best in my hot chocolate — marshmallows!"

HAGAR

MARRIAGE IS FOR THE BIRDS!!

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BLONDIE

DAD, CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME ADVICE ON HOW TO EXPLAIN MYSELF TO MY GIRLFRIEND?

ABSOLUTELY, ALEXANDER.

DON'T EVEN TRY.

THANKS, DAD.

YOU BET, ANYTIME.

BC

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORTICIAN WHO WENT BALLISTIC WHEN HIS BATTERY DIED IN THE MIDDLE OF A FUNERAL PROCESSION?

NO. WHAT HAPPENED?

THEY ARRESTED HIM FOR BEATING A DEAD HEARSE.

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WIZARD OF ID

CONTRIBUTE TO MY NON-CAMPAIGN FUND

WHAT KIND OF FUND IS THAT?

FOR ENOUGH MONEY, I WON'T RUN

CONTRIBUTE TO MY NON-CAMPAIGN FUND

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 2, the 62nd day of 2004. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on March 2, 1904, children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel, popularly known as "Dr. Seuss" was born in Springfield, Mass.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

In 1933, the motion picture "King Kong," starring Fay Wray, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected pope; he took the name Pius XII.

In 1943, the World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

Ten years ago: The government of Mexico and Indian rebels reached a tentative accord on most insurgent demands for the ending the rebellion, including sweeping political reforms.

Five years ago: Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan launched a third White House bid. Texas Governor George W. Bush announced he was forming a presidential exploratory committee.

AGNES

WHAT IS THAT?

SOMEONE THREW AWAY AN OLD PING-PONG TABLE.

WHAT'S PING-PONG?

IT'S A SPORT BASED ON AN OLD SEVENTIES VIDEO GAME.

PING-PONG, PING-PONG, PING-PONG! I LIKE TO SAY THAT! PING-PONG, PING-PONG, PING-PONG! SAY IT WITH ME, PING-PONG, PING-PONG, PING-PONG, PING-PONG.

AND I WORRY THAT WE WILL RUN OUT OF CONVERSATION.

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HI AND LOIS

WHY CAN'T WE GET AN SUV?

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH A CAR THIS BIG?

I COULD LIVE IN THE DRIVEWAY!

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Newsday Crossword

FOR THE BIRDS by Bob Frank
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

1 Office plant

5 Nose neighbor

10 Knights' titles

14 Brainstorm

15 Great Lake

16 Garden flower

17 Take money illicitly

20 Finish

21 Picnic crashers

22 Piano practice pieces

23 St. crossers

24 Big galoots

25 Put in the wrong place

28 Shawl

29 Where St. Pete is

32 French soup

33 -back (easygoing)

34 Barely passing grades

35 Become independent

38 Tints

39 Metallic rocks

40 Botanical fence

41 UFO pilots

42 Mightily impressed

43 Singer Cline et al.

44 '50s TV detective

45 Guys' partners

46 Costello's partner

49 Stallion's mate

50 Vegas

53 Return, unfortunately

56 Owl sound

57 Walked through water

DOWN

1 Piccolo relative

2 Adam and Eve's home

3 Library poster word

4 "King" Cole

5 Gore's successor

6 Injures

7 Love god

8 Very long time

9 Patella protectors

10 Nasal cavity

11 Teed off

12 Stand up

13 Retired fliers

18 Castro's capital

19 Stair part

23 Soothing plants

24 Sign after Pisces

25 Dayan of Israel

26 Add computer data

27 Thoroughbred fathers

28 Became smaller

29 Repels, with "off"

30 Like young horses

31 Horses' relatives

33 Actress Sophia

34 Eats sparingly

36 City center

37 Ahab captained one

42 Book writer: Abbr.

43 Spool

44 "Pride" before ...

45 Microsoft head

46 Sore spot

47 Cowboy's footwear

48 Coll. hotshot

49 "Health" starter

50 Traditional knowledge

51 Largest continent

52 Top banana

54 Former Chinese Chairman

55 Rowing need

THE OTHER COAST

COME ON DOWN, THESPIAN BOB. THINGS CAN'T REALLY BE THAT BAD.

I'M A CLASSICALLY TRAINED BROADWAY ACTOR SURROUNDED BY A SEA OF LOW-BROW REALITY TV PROGRAMS.

JUMP.

SNUFFY SMITH

LOWEEZY, HOW DO YOU KEEP SNUFFY FROM FINDIN' YORE BUTTER 'N' EGG CASH?

SIMPLE, ELVINEY!!

HE DON'T BOTHER WIF LI'L OL' PENNIES!!

BEETLE BAILEY

CAN YOU CHANGE A 20, COSMO?

SURE.

NEVER ASK THAT OF A MAGICIAN.

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AGNES

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Answer to previous puzzle

FOAM	CHAR	DAB
OPRAH	AONES	IDA
NICKEL	PLATE	MUG
DESIRER	PARCELS	
NOVA	KARAT	
BUDGIE	PEEPED	
ANO	CELLO	EPOCH
IDLE	SUING	EZRA
TOLLS	BESOT	MEER
PREEN	LIMO	
SADNESS	AVENGES	
AGA	PENNY	ARCADE
KEY	SCORE	SOLAR
IDS	TBAR	MAMA