



TUESDAY

March 9, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:

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At the Crossroads of West Texas

RANGEL

Howard Co. voters to cast ballots in primaries

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area voters will have until 7 p.m. this evening to cast their ballots in the Republican and Democratic primaries.

BIG SPRING

Polling places for the primary elections will be very similar to those used in the recent special and runoff elections, with a few slight changes for voters in precincts 101-115 and 202-205.

The Democratic Primary polling places are as follows:

Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Lane and Kentucky Way.

• Precincts 202-205, Washington Place 1201 School, S. Birdwell Lane. • Precincts 207, 409,

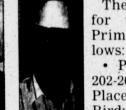
Street.

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 • Precincts 101-115, North Side Garrett Coliseum foyer, Birdwell



The polling places Lane and Kentucky Way. for the Republican Primary are as fol-

• Precincts 101-115, 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.

• Precincts 207, 409, WALKER 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

In contested races on the local Democratic ballot, voters will have the chance to vote in the sheriff's race, with incumbent Dale Walker facing off against Willie Rangel Jr.; county commissioner, Precinct 1, which involves incumbent Emma Puga Brown and challenger Yolanda Mendoza; and Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1, between Donna Gamboa and Phil Bustamante.

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

In contested races on the local

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Big Spring shows 11 percent growth in February

By Bill McClellan

News Editor

Big Spring continued to show improvement in sales tax rebates compared to 2003.

After an 11.6 percent increase the State January, Comptroller's Office reported the city encountered an 11.27 percent increase February.

Statistics indicate Big Spring received \$439,557.20 for the second month of the year, compared to \$395,012.61 for February of 2003. For the year so far, Big Spring has received \$718,781.87. an increase of 11.41 percent compared to the first two months of 2003.

Coahoma received \$5,124.16, an increase of 11.4 percent when compared to the \$4,599.75 taken in for February 2003. For the vear. Coahoma has received \$9,173.47, an increase of 24.54 percent over last year. Forsan took in \$3,774.50, down 11.47 percent compared to the \$4,263.78 received a year ago. Through two months, Forsan has received \$6,616.58, an increase of 1.16 percent when compared to 2003. Sales tax rebates for Abilene were up 7.54 percent, comparing the \$3,098,584.25 taken "in February to the \$2,881,254.09 taken in February 2003. Andrews took it in the pocketbook again, receiving just \$86,849.58 in February compared to \$98,145.75 a year ago - a decrease of 11.5 percent. In January, Andrews witnessed a drop of 23.46 percent. For the year, the city has received

PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT TOMORROW 42°-44° 66°-68°

BRIEFLY

Grady to play for state title Thursday

The Grady Wildcats will try and become the first Crossroads area basketball team to capture a state championship Thursday morning when they face Neches at 8:30 a.m. at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

The Wildcats, 34-1, earned a spot in the state finals by downing Rising Star, 62-46, Saturday in a Region I Semi-State playoff bout at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

Should Grady win the Division II state crown, the Wildcats will play in the Texas Cup matchup Saturday morning. The Texas Cup matches the state's two Class A state champions.

Normangee and Moulton play for the **Class A Division I title** Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Erwin Center.



Big Spring High School freshmen Alyssa Newton, left, and Chris Salazar view Newton's sculpture of rock star Freddie Mercury. The two young artists qualified works for the Texas Art Education Association Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition at a regional competition held Saturday, Feb. 28.

55 Alive to start

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 was developed as 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. Class size is limit to 35.

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Master Pieces Newton, Salazar qualify for '04 state art competition in Houston

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer Two Big Spring High School

freshmen will be taking their artistic works to the state Texas Art Education Association Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition (VASE) in Houston. Alyssa Newton and Chris

Salazar qualified pieces for the state contest at the VASE regional competition held Saturday, Feb. 28.

To qualify, the two artist had to received superior ratings at the regional level and again at the area level, which is held at the same event.

"I'm surprised, but I'm real pleased," said high school art teacher Judy Terelesky. "I give Art I students under my program a splattering of techniques. I teach them all the principals and elements of art and all the different media to work with from clay to drawings to setting up still life.

"The first year they do a lot of work that doesn't qualify for competition because it's not really as original as it could be and that's why I was so pleased with the ceramics that they turned out," she continued.

Both Newton, the daughter of

Courtesy photo This vase created by Big Spring

High School freshman Chris Salazar will be displayed in the **Texas Art Education Association** state Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition (VASE) in Houston.

Melissa and Gary Newton, and Salazar, the son of Rosalinda Salazar, have had an interest in art from an early age and plan to turn their talents into a career.

Newton hopes to become a professional artist and Salazar plans to become a architect.

Forty-one works created by Big Spring High School students were entered in the show. At the regional level, 25 pieces received superior ratings which earned the artist a medal and 16 works were ranked excellent.

Newton and Salazar both recieved medals at the regional and area level.

Results from the contest are: Collin Carroll received two superior ratings ratings; Alicia, Correa received a superior rating and an excellent rating; Joel Flores, two excellent ratings; Gerardo Garcia, a superior rating and an excellent rating; Felix Lugo, excellent rating; Gabriela Lugo, a superior rating and an excellent rating. Also, Nick McMahan, a superior rating and an excellent rating; Rochelle McMeans, two superior ratings; Kristina Moorhead, a superior rating and an excellent rating; David Morales, a superior rating and an excellent rating; Alyssa See ART, Page 3A

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YMCA scheduled to hold lifeguard class

The Big Spring YMCA will begin conducting American Red Cross lifeguard certification and lifeguard rectification courses this month.

Lifeguard certification class will begin March 15 and run through March 21 at the Big Spring YMCA. Classes will be held from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. March 16-19, 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on March 20 and 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on March 21.

Persons must be at least 16 years old and be able to swim 500 yards to participate.

Lifeguard rectification for CPR, AED, first aid and O2 will begin March 27 at 8 a.m.

For more information, contact the Big Spring YMCA, located at 801 Owens Street, at 432-267-8234.

Commissioners approve \$15,000 ammendment to sheriff's budget

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved a \$15,000 budget amendment Monday to the sheriff's department's medicine account to cover unexpected expenses resulting from an injury to a prisoner.

According to Sheriff Dale L.

Walker, a female prisoner broke her right arm as a result from a fall off a bunk at the city jail where she was temporarily housed.

Because the inmate did not have an application with the county's indigent health care program at the time of the accident, the program could not pay

for the those expenses and the cost fell, instead, on the sheriff's department.

In other business, commissioners learned that the Howard **County Criminal Collections** Office continues to make a dent into delinquent fines owed to the county.

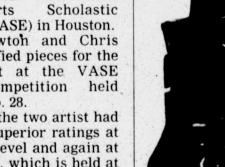
According to Court Collector

\$129,771.25 outstanding.

Commissioners also heard from County Librarian Hollis McCright about the successful Read Across America event on

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Bobby Roever, as of March 2, the office has collected \$66,501.65 in cash, jail credit or community service hours of the original



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Obituaries

Adam H. Valencia



Adam H. Valencia, 43, of Big Spring, died on Monday, March 8, 2004, in a Lubbock hospital. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today, March 9, 2004 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1960, in Big

Spring. Mr. Valencia attended Big Spring schools and had worked as a plumber for Labrew Plumbing for 20 years. He is loved and will be missed by his family and friends. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Adam Valencia and David Adam Valencia; seven daughters, Vanessa Valencia, Cristal Lopez, Adriana Valencia, Bianca Valencia, Mary Valencia, Abigail Valencia and Tiffany Enriquez, all of Big Spring; his mother, Bernarda Valencia of Big Spring; seven sisters, Nellie Flores of Phoenix, Ariz., Lupe Yanez of Big Spring, Irene Aleman of Houston, Antonia Lara of San Antonio, Mary Elma Saldivar of Midland, Mary Talamantez of San Angelo and Alicia Badillo of Dallas; eight brothers, Raymundo Valencia, Joe Rodriguez, Oscar Valencia, Alex Valencia, Steve Valencia and Earnesto Valencia, all of Big Spring, Sabino Valencia Jr. of Lubbock and Arthuro Valencia of Dallas; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sabino Valencia Sr. and one brother, Roberto Valencia.

The family suggests memorials to The American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-8, Midland, 79701.

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

Gene T. Foster



Gene T. Foster, 70, died on March 5, 2004.

She was born in Sweetwater to Robert and Jewel Gilbreth on June 3, 1933. She married Lee Sears of Sweetwater in 1946. She later married James Foster of Sweetwater in 1952. She was preceded in death by both as well as by her parents; one brother, Denver Gilbreth, and one sister, Madge Jones.

She was employed by Village Supermarket for 13 years in Sweetwater. After moving to Conrad, Mont. in 1987, she was employed by Andy and Marian Kovatch. She was also employed by Town Pump of Conrad, Mont. for nine years, retiring in 1998.

Gene is survived by four daughters, Susie (Buster) Gartman of Big Spring, Jan Hayley of Snyder, Donna (Fred) Larson of Fairfield, Mont., and Channin (Cory) Vandiver of Conrad, Mont.; two brothers, Floyd (Neil) Gilbreth of Phoenix, Ariz., Lewis Gilbreth of Odessa; one sister, Judie Sapp of Sand Springs, Okla.; nine

LOCAL

Police blotter

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

- THEFT was reported:
- in the 300 block of Owens.
- in the 2500 block of Wasson.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of 18th Street.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of 13th Street.

POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

 ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1800 block of S. Monticello.

Sheriff's report

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

• DOMINGA SANDY HERNANDEZ, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of theft-more than \$500, less than \$1,500, and theft by check-more than \$20, less than \$500, by public servant or government contractor.

· JOE RODRIGUEZ, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

 FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Take note

□ THE CLASS OF 1974 is looking for the following classmates, If your 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 Baldock, 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, Jimmey Dean, Donna DeFlitch, Joyce DeFlitch, 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 Junek, 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, Cherri 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 Rodriquez, 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.

Bulletin board

BIG SPRING HERALD

Tuesday, March 8, 2004

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

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center, 267-1628.

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. • 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

 Eagle's Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

· Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizen Center at the Industrial Park.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big. Spring Country Club.

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

· Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone.

THURSDAY

 "Life After Loss," a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, meets from 6-8 p.m. for the next six weeks at Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St. Registration is required, and the group will close registration after March 11. For more information contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

 American Legion Auxiliary meets 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

· Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. The group does not meet in June, July or August.

• Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

· Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

 Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

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

• Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night; winning numbers drawn: 11-14-15-26-31. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one greatgreat grandchild.

Memorial Services were held Monday, March 8, 2004 at Praise Tabernacle in Conrad, Mont., led by Pastor Harold Jackson. Pondera Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Treva L. Reed

Treva L. Reed, 74, died Monday, March 8, 2004, at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater, Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at Broadway Baptist Church, with the Rev. Lyndel Hix and the Rev. James Baker, officiating. Burial will be at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Mrs. Reed was born May 23, 1929 in Merkel. She married Alton Reed on Feb. 27, 1953 in Merkel. She had lived in Sweetwater since 1953 and was a homemaker. She was a member of Broadway Baptist Church and had worked at Lawrence I.G.A. in the delicatessen and bakery several years before retiring.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Wesley Marton.

She is survived by her husband, Alton Reed, of Sweetwater; her son Kenneth Reed and his wife Vickie of Big Spring; her daughter, Kathrine Polnack and husband Andy of Sweetwater, a brother, Winifred Marton of Houston; six grandchildren, three greatgrandchildren.

The family will receive visitors today from 6-8 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCov Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Vernon Smith

Vernon Smith, 89, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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.

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.



The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 0-9-9

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 0-7-7

Weather

Today - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the lower 40s.

Friday - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s.

Friday night and Saturday - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Sunday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.



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BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Man accused in child molestation has no regrets from castration

mer YMCA employee accused of sexually assaulting a boy during a field trip says he has no regrets about undergoing voluntary castration.

But David Wayne Jones, only the second inmate to undergo the surgery in Texas, said Monday he's innocent of a sexual assault charge that could send him back to prison for the rest of his life.

Jones, 33, has acknowledged molesting dozens of boys in the early 1990s. He faces a June trial date on a new charge of aggravated sexual assault, which like previous cases dates to his job at the East Dallas YMCA.

The former counselor is accused of sexually assaulting a 5-year-old day camper in 1990 during a trip to White Rock Lake in Dallas. The youth came forward after Jones was imprisoned and prosecutors secured an indictment in 2001.

Dallas County prosecutors, according to Jones, are trying to put him back behind bars because they're embarrassed about the "good" plea deal he got in 1991, when he admitted abusing more than 40 boys and was sentenced to 15 years in state prison. Jones was paroled last

week after serving 13 years, but immediately landed in jail again in Dallas County pending a bond hearing.

"They were going to try to find a way to keep me in prison," he told The *(Dallas Morning)* News in a jailhouse the attacks and their interview for Tuesday's families. "I don't want editions.""I believe this them to continue to feel is that way."

DALLAS (AP) - A for- prosecutor who supervises the county's felony child abuse cases, denied there was any motivation for the new charge other than the fact that a new victim came forward with the accusa-

tion. He said the timing of the charge is still within the statute of limitations for child-sex crimes.

"That's ridiculous to even suggest that, and we will be trying him in front of a jury on this latest indictment," said Blackmon. "The most important people we have to convince would be a jury and a judge hearing the case that's when we're going to speak on any issues that come up.'

Jones said he still has some pain from the voluntary castration surgery he underwent last week before he was released from state prison. He said he is still waiting to receive pain medication and antibiotics.

The surgery and chemical castration substances still in his system seem to have helped him control sexual urges, he said.

"I have a high sex drive," Jones said, referring to his past. After exchanging letters with the only other Texas inmate to have undergone surgical castration allowed by a 1997 state law, he felt his urges would be better controlled by surgical removal of his testicles.

"The only thing I can do is not do it again," he said, adding he feels remorse for survivors of the shame and guilt that

TEXAS

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Hicks to retire from investment firm

DALLAS (AP) - Thomas O. Hicks said Monday he will retire next year as chairman of the private investment firm that he helped found to spend more time with his family and other investments, including the Texas Rangers baseball team.

Hicks will be succeeded as chairman of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Inc. on March 31, 2005, by John R. Muse, 53.

The Dallas investment firm sent a letter to its limited partners Monday, in which Hicks cited his age -58 — and commitments to his family and sports teams for the decision to retire.

"I want to use the next 10 years as an opportunity to have fun," Hicks said in an interview.

Hicks, whose first big deal was to buy Dr Pepper and 7Up for \$638 million and sell them two years later for \$2.53 billion, and Muse founded their firm in 1989. It has raised \$11 billion for private equity investments.

The firm was a galloping success in the 1990s, and Hicks carved out a reputation far beyond Dallas as an astute investor and sharp dealmaker in the highstakes leveraged-buyout industry. In one deal, he built two little radio stations into a big company, AMFM Inc., then sold to an even bigger rival, Clear Channel Communications Inc., for \$16.6 billion.

Hicks has become a fixture in Forbes magazine's annual list of the richest Americans, ranking No. 350 in September, with personal wealth estimated at \$725 million. His Dallas Stars hockey team won the Stanley Cup, and the Rangers _ which Hicks bought from a group that included then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush won two division championships in baseball.

Reliant says prosecutors seeking indictment

HOUSTON (AP) - Federal prosecutors plan to indict a unit of Reliant Resources Inc. and four current and former workers in what would be the first criminal case against a company accused of manipulating power prices during California's energy crisis, the Houston-based company said Monday.

Reliant said the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Northern District of California in San Francisco notified the company Friday of its intention to seek the indictments based on allegations that the subsidiary, Reliant Energy Services, manipulated the prices for two days in June 2000 by curtailing Reliant's electricity generation.

The subsidiary is responsible for buying fuel for and marketing power produced by its electric generation facilities. Reliant "intends to vigorously contest any charges," the company said.

Patrick Robbins, head of the securities fraud unit at the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco, declined comment on possible indictments Monday.

Court won't rule in discrimination appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court refused Monday to hear an appeal from the Boy Scouts over what the organization says is discrimination because of its policy against hiring gays.

The case revisited the gay rights fight surrounding the high court's ruling four years ago that the Boy Scouts have the right to ban openly homosexual scout leaders. This time, the question was whether states may treat the Scouts differently from other organizations because of that policy. The Scouts, based in Irving, Texas, asked the justices to hear a case from Connecticut, where officials moved to drop the group from a list of charities that receive donations through a state employee payroll deduction plan. That's unconstitutional discrimination, the Boy Scouts argued.

their members is to exclude Boy Scouts based on viewpoint and identity," lawyers for the Scouts argued in their Supreme Court appeal.

The Scouts took in about \$10,000 annually from the employee charity campaign, the filing said.

The Scouts lost two previous rounds in federal court, and Monday's action means the case is over.

Nurse charged with killing seeks release

MONTAGUE (AP) - A former nurse accused of killing 10 elderly patients wants to attend her son's high school graduation, but a judge on Monday said a sheriff will have to decide whether she can be temporarily released from jail.

During a hearing Monday, state District Judge Roger Towery ruled on several motions filed by the attorney for Vickie Dawn Carson Jackson, who was fired from Nocona General Hospital in 2001 after being suspected in up to two dozen patient deaths.

The hearing initially was set for the judge to consider reducing her bond, but defense attorney Bruce Martin withdrew that motion.

Her bond was raised from \$2 million to \$6 million in January after Jackson was indicted on three counts of capital murder _ each count involving two deaths _ as well as one count of attempted murder and a count of injury to a disabled person.

She has been jailed since July 2002, when she was indicted on two counts of capital murder in the deaths of four patients, including her estranged husband's grandfather.

Jackson is accused of injecting the patients with mivacurium chloride, a drug administered by syringe or IV and used to temporarily halt breathing in order to insert a breathing tube. She faces up to life in prison. District Attorney Tim Cole has said he will not seek the death penalty

The judge on Monday approved Jackson's request to be moved from Montague to the Clay County Jail to be closer to her attorney in Wichita Falls.

Clay County Sheriff's Department officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment on whether they would allow Jackson to attend her son's graduation.

New CEO talks about company's future

DALLAS (AP) - After two consecutive money-losing years, Texas Instruments rebounded in 2003 thanks in large part to its dominance in making chips that drive more than half the world's mobile phones.

The Dallas-based company improvement mirrored a turnaround in the semiconductor industry, which is emerging from a three-year slump.

TI's stock price nearly doubled last year but remains well below its dot-com heyday.

The job of continuing the recovery will fall to chief operating officer Richard K. Templeton, 45, a 23-year TI veteran who has been picked to succeed Thomas J. Engibous, his mentor and longtime CEO, on May 1.

Forested mesas to be purchased

AUSTIN (AP) - A Central Texas ranch that includes several of the towering mesas known as the Yegua Knobs will be managed by a land trust after a national conservation group purchased the tract with pro ceeds from an air pollution settlement. The 302-acre ranch includes habitat of the endangered Houston toad and will be used for scientific research.

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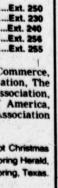
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Man freed from prison still trying to clear name

man freed from prison last year after new DNA tests showed he did not commit the rape he was convicted of in 1998 is still trying to get his record cleared, his attorneys said.

David Dow, director of the Texas Innocence Network, is trying to clear Josiah Sutton's name through a court order to vacate the conviction, as well as a governor's pardon based on innocence, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

HOUSTON (AP) - A Joan Huffman is scheduled in mid-April to hear arguments on vacating the conviction of Sutton,

> 22. After serving 4 1/2 years, Sutton was freed on bond days after an initial retest excluded him as a contributor to the DNA evidence in his case. A second test also excluded Sutton, who had been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Sutton is among hundreds being retested after a state audit found a lack of training of lab employeesat the Houston Police State District Judge Department.

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Republicans dodging truth with silliness

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o the Democrats have a candidate at last, and he is about bent over double with gravitas. I think that means he doesn't a have

humorous bone in his body. It's a good thing there's at least one serious person in this race — the

tion," along comes

Veep Cheney with

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laugh riot.

Bushies are getting sillier and sillier. Just when you thought no one could top Rod Paige calling the teacher's union "a terrorist organiza-

this gem, "If Democratic policies

two-to-three years, the kind of tax

increases both Kerry and Edwards

Uh, in the first place, Kerry and

Edwards are not talking about tax

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ing part of Bush's tax cuts - so

we would have had no tax cuts,

cost about \$1.5 trillion over the

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Gregory Mankiw, chairman of **Bush's Council of Economic** Advisers: "Outsourcing is just a new way of doing international trade. ... More things are tradable than were tradable in the past, and that's a good thing.' I also like the dodge where Bush

claims the reason there's a \$500 billion deficit is because, "We're at war." Unfortunately, the cost of Iraq is not even included in the budget: It's going to be a supplemental surprise request after the election. Does any of this strike you as grown-up behavior? Or even grown-up behavior-related program activities?

The dramatic-upward-cost surprise is getting to be a regular feature with the Bushies. Congress and the Prez passed a horrible Medicare drug bill and then, oops, a week later announced it cost \$134 billion more than the advertised \$400 billion. That's a 35 percent oops. You may consider it churlish of me to still be holding a grudge over the fact that at least 45 percent of Bush's tax cuts went to the richest 1 percent of the people in this country, but it's the kind of thing I get reminded of frequently. For example, the news that 375,000 people exhausted their unemployment in January, the highest number ever recorded for a single month, reminds me of that top 1 percent.

Then we had gladsome tidings last month that Bush would appoint an "independent commission" to find out why the Bush administration kept telling us that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and ties to Al Qaeda. This commission to investigate "intelli-

sionate, partisan, right-wing Republican who remained a rightwing political activist even while serving on the bench. One symptom of the fundamental unseriousness of the Bushies is that they never, ever admit they

are wrong. Nor do they pay penalties for being wrong. What do you have to do to get fired in that outfit? They canned Paul O'Neill for telling the truth — that seems to be fatal. On the other hand, when **CIA Director George Tenet said** intelligence "analysts never said there was an imminent threat" from Iraq, he wasn't cashiered they just pretended they didn't hear him. It is already a truism that this will be an event-driven election, and the spiraling chaos in Haiti and the horrendous coordinated bombings in Iraq remind us that it is good to have grownups in charge when serious things happen.

Leading so far in the Most Imaginative Suggestion for Democratic veep are Eric Alterman for nominating John McCain and Stephen Gillers for suggesting Bill Clinton.

Look at it this way: Even with a couple of bores like Kerry and Cheney talking for the rest of the year (with Bush you get the occasional Bushism), at least it won't be as boring as this year's Oscars.

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OUR VIEWS

Kerry needs good '04 running mate

John Kerry is in the market for a solid running mate. Who will it be? The early money is riding on John Edwards from North Carolina, who ran second to Kerry in most of the primaries (winning in only one, Vermont).

Kerry, from Massachusetts, needs a southerner on the ticket to help balance regional appeal and Edwards certainly qualifies. His drawl is reminiscent of the sounds uttered by Georgia's Jimmy Cah-tah; Edwards may not pull many votes north of the Mason-Dixon line, but folks in Dixie won't run when opens his mouth either.

Some pundits are pushing New Mexico's Bill Richardson, who can certainly identify with the "couch potato" segment of the voting public. One editorial writer has described Richardson as "an unmade bed with one big man sleeping in it."Richardson is a real long shot since New Mexico has a minimum of electoral votes, but he is respected by Hispanic leaders and that segment of the population will be important this year.

Others southern politicians have been mentioned as possible Kerry running mates but one name has been conspicuously absent.

To win in November, Kerry must - not "might," but "must" — win at least a couple of southern states, while holding those states that normally give the nod to Democrats, at least on a national level. To accomplish that chore, Kerry has to select an anti-Kerry, someone southern roots, if not Southern drawl. Additionally, Kerry could make some major points with selected segments of voters by selecting someone who is not a career politician.

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problem out of existence, there's always the option of just announcing bad is good. Think how sur-

ond place, if losing 2.3 million jobs is "job growth," Dick Cheney is a We've got a \$500 billion deficit this year, and Bush's idea of a solution is to make his tax cuts permanent, a move that would

Except for the Rev. Al Sharpton from New York City, only one former presidential candidate fits the profile that can help Kerry in this election: Gen. Wesley Clark (Ret.)

Clark did not rack up more votes in the race for the presidency because he's not a politician and his lack of experience was evident. But that can be a plus in the secondary role on the ticket.

Clark never finished higher than third in any primary, and even though his lack of political experience certainly hurt him in a hold-nopunches-back campaign, he scored major points in connecting with others in his first-ever race.

But in a national campaign, with Kerry setting the political agenda and with Clark's military experience, bearing and presence, the duo would create a powerful ticket.

Right now, looking at what candidates are available, Kerry can do a whole lot worse than picking Clark as his running mate. And, from this perspective, he would have a tough time finding anyone better.

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Kerry disapproves of McAuliffe's apporach

residential nominee-apparent John Kerry has no intention of forcing out Terry McAuliffe as Democratic National chairman for the time being but wants him to watch his words more closely.

After Sen. Kerry clinched the nomination in Super Tuesday's primaries, an aide told reporters the campaign wanted to get McAuliffe entirely off television. That is not exactly the campaign's position, but the senator's aides do want to

restrain the chair man. He recently pub-

licly declared that he would continue to attack George W. Bush's National Guard record even though Kerry disapproved of that approach.

McAuliffe's job appears to be safe at least through the party's national convention in Boston this summer. A Washington dealmaker, McAuliffe was not a popular choice to head the Democratic National Committee following the 2000 election. Bill and Hillary Clinton insisted on it, and Al Gore decided not to make a fight.

Sen. John Edwards ended his presidential candidacy just in time to avoid being written off as Sen. John Kerry's potential running mate.

The Kerry campaign did not relish the thought of dipping into its diminished war chest to battle North Carolinian Edwards in Texas and other Southern primaries coming up today. The message was conveyed to Edwards that Kerry wanted to save available funds for the campaign

against President Bush and Edwards had better get out.

A footnote: Kerry's strategists made a calculated decision to expend major resources in Tuesday's Georgia primary to block Edwards' big effort there, and they barely won the gamble. A victory in Georgia would not really have moved Edwards any closer to the nomination, but the Kerry high command did not want him to have another Southern triumph to go along with his win in South Carolina.

North Korea's communist dictator Kim Jong II, a keen student of everything American, is privately predicting that George W. Bush will be defeated for re-election and that will improve relations between his regime and the U.S. government.

Kim's forecast was made to subordinates in the North Korean regime, who in turn passed it on to Japanese friends. It subsequently found its way into Tokyo press circles, though it has not yet been printed.

According to these reports, the communist dictator has expressed his dissatisfaction about dealing with Bush. He is said to have much preferred his contacts with **President Bill Clinton and** expressed hope that the same kind of cooperation might be possible if John Kerry is elected.

As George W. Bush's re-election campaign was launched Wednesday, the Republican chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee - Sen. John McCain

- conducted a hearing on climate change with testimony strictly from witnesses whose views contradict the preside t's.

The leadoff witness was Sen. Joseph Lieberman, who is not a

member of the Commerce Committee. "I feel we are within reach of finally taking action to combat this global warming,' Lieberman began. McCain is cosponsor of Lieberman's global warming bill, which was a keystone of the senator's recent unsuccessful campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Lieberman was followed by a panel of five expert witnesses, all of whom disagree with the Bush administration on climate change. They included staffers from **Conservation International and the** World Wildlife Fund.

The Texas Democrat who ran against Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is hosting a \$1,000-a-ticket fund-raising reception for Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at the Hotel George in Washington on the evening of March 29.

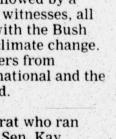
Richard Fisher, though a Democrat, praised Lugar's unsuccessful GOP presidential candidacy in 1996. A Dallas financier, Fisher in 1997 was named deputy U.S. trade representative by President Bill Clinton.

In 1994, Fisher was the surprise winner of the Democratic Senate nomination to oppose Hutchison. He claimed to have been an adviser to Conservative British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who said their association was minor. Hutchison defeated Fisher by 23 percentage points.

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Courtesy photo/Carol Scott

Pink Flamingos decorate the home of Carol and Bob Scott of 3107 Mountain Shadow Drive as a fund-raiser for the Big Spring State Hospital. Volunteers for the Denim and Diamond event, the hospital's largest fund-raiser of the year, placed the plastic birds on lawns of last year's contributors in hopes of enticing them to contribute to this year's event. For more information, call the volunteer office at 268-7535.

El Paso utility OKs negotiation to buy acreage for water farm

EL PASO (AP) - Facing enough to cover an acre 1 Board will negotiate the a possible water shortfall foot deep. in the coming decades,

city leaders approved negotiations Monday for the purchase of about 25,000 acres near Dell City that would be used as a water farm.

If the negotiations are successful, water from wells on the land would be desalinated and pumped about 90 miles west through a pipeline to El Paso. The water farm could provide up to 60,000 acre-feet a year, which is about half of El Paso's current annual usage, said Ed Archuleta, El Water Utilities Paso General Manager.

El Paso now uses about 115,000 acre-feet of water annually. An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons,

"This will be one of the most significant water supply acquisitions this board could ever make," Archuleta told the El Paso Public Service Board, which approved the negotiations. "In my opinion, this will give us (adequate) water for about 100 years or more.'

Land, rights of way design, engineering and construction of the project are estimated to cost between \$400 million and \$500 million, Archuleta said. No timeline has been established.

"The Dell Valley area (is) important because the aquifers are rechargeable renewable,' and Archuleta said. The Public Service Land Co.

purchase with the Dell Valley Water Rights Owners, a group that owns about 40 percent of the permitted water acres in the valley. About 30 farmers and ranchers own the remainder.

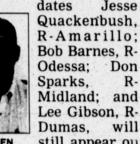
The amount of water exported would be limited to 2.8 acre-feet of water per acre per year, Archuleta said, a number set in the rules of the Hudspeth County Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

The limit is expected to keep enough water in the aquifer, even with water being exported, to allow sustainable agriculture in the valley for the foreseeable future, said Bill Miller, president of C.L.

VOTE

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Republican ticket, the battle for the State Senate District 31 seat will continue between recently elected State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and challenger Kirk Edwards. R-Odessa. Former candi-



ALLEN still appear on the ballot, but all have officially dropped out of the race.

Also on the local Republican ticket will be the county commissioner seat for Precinct 3, which is a contest between incumbent Bill Crooker and challenger Kathy Lusk.

Local candidates running unopposed in the Republican Primary include Kent Sharp, who is vying for the District 85 State Representative seat. Sharp's Democratic opponent in the November

> election, incumbent James "Pete" Laney of Hale Center, is also running unopposed.

unopposed on the Republican

ticket are 118th District Court District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson; County Attorney C.E. Mike" Thomas III:

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Ambassador: Critics now want U.S. to succeed

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations on Monday defended the American military action in Iraq and believes some nations initially critical of the war have come to accept it as beneficial.

ing since then is how everybody seems to have turned the page and basically said: 'Look, there are disagreements about what happened in the run-up to the conflict," John Negroponte told an audience at Texas A&M

"I think what's interest- University. "But no one, none of these countries, wants our policies in Iraq to fail.

"They want our policies to succeed.""

Negroponte said Iraqi leaders in the time before the war "acted guilty."

Place 1, Bennie Green; and Constable, Precinct 1, Boyce Hayle.

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A GREEN BALLOON

The little green balloon sat on the store shelf. All his friends were bright red shiny balloons.

Little boys and girls always came into the store but never picked the little green balloon to take home to share their birthday parties. They always picked the beautiful red balloons.

The little green balloon always felt so sad. He sat in the store all day trying to look happy so the little kids would choose him. But at night, when the store was closed and no one was around, the little green balloon would cry himself to sleep.

The next day, when the store opened again, the little green balloon would try to put a smile on his face. But it was very hard. The owner of the store looked at the poor green balloon and said, "No one is ever going to buy you, so I guess I will just put you on a shelf in the back of the store." The little green balloon thought, "At least it will be dark back there so no one will see me crying!"

One day a lady came into the store and said, "I want a lot of balloons for my son's birthday." The storeowner said, "Okay, I'll go to the back of the store and get a big box to put them in."

It was so dark in the back of the store that the owner didn't notice when he bumped into the shelf and knocked the little green balloon into the box. The little green balloon worried about what was going to happen to him!

The storeowner filled the box with red balloons and handed them to the lady, never knowing that the little green balloon was in there and very scared!

That night the lady started blowing up all the balloons. Then she came upon the green balloon. "Well, how did you get in there?" she asked. "Oh well, you are so cute that I'll just blow you up. too!"

The little green balloon just rolled into a corner and hid. He was so different!

All of the kids came to the birthday party and were having fun with the red balloons. The little green balloon sat in the corner and listened to all of the fun, wishing he could join them. But he was different and scared!

Soon the kids became bored with the red balloons. A little boy saw the little green balloon and said, "Why are you hiding in this corner? Come out and play with us!"

"Oh, look! A pretty green balloon!" said all of the other kids. And they began to play with him for the rest of the party.

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\$144,849.10, down 16.71 percent compared to 2003. Brownfield received \$87,588.45, some 4.38 percent off the pace of the \$91,606.81 received in February 2003. For the year, Brownfield has taken in \$138,997.98, or 4.12 percent less than the same period a year ago.

Colorado City experienced a 3.61 percent Odessa has received increase, comparing February's receipts of \$49,091.62 to last February's \$47,377.74. In 2004,-Colorado City has pulled in \$78,635.69 in rebates, an increase of 5.2 percent.

Fort Stockton witnessed an increase of 11.3 percent, comparing the \$145,689.61 taken in February against the \$130,890.29 received 12 months ago. This year, Stockton Fort has received \$244,389.60, an increase of 4 percent.

Kermit received \$31,776.02 in February, up 19.85 percent from the \$26,512.31 received in February 2003. For the year, Kermit has received \$55,176.26, some 3.78 percent off the pace of 2003.

Rebates were down 6.31 percent for Lamesa, comparing the \$93,795.62 received in February to the \$100,118.29 received February 2003. Rebates for 2004 total \$153,474.30, up 1.9 percent

Lubbock experienced a 3.58 percent increase, comparing February's rebates of \$3,520,467.40 to February 2003's rebate of \$3,398,742.21. For the year, the city has received \$5,708,497.44, an increase of 5.35.

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of 2.22 percent. Monahans witnessed a

decrease of 4.32 percent in February. That compares February's proceeds of \$87,218.65 to February 2003's proceeds of \$91,157.84. For the year, Monahans has received \$151,015.51, an increase of 4.44. Odessa, received

\$1,702,528.49 in February compared to \$1,616,145.36, .a difference of plus 5.34 percent. For the year, \$2,712,051.37, up 3.56 percent.

Pecos' proceeds were off the mark by 10.27 percent, comparing February 2004 totals of \$73,905.67 to February 2003 totals of \$86,863.36. For the year,

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March 2. McCright also noted that tiles in the basement need to be replaced as a result of damage.

FBI investigates vandalism at Lubbock mosque LUBBOCK (AP) -American and anti-Muslim slogans scrawled in black marker on walls and on a computer. Chairs broken in the women's worship hall. Money and electronic equipment stolen. "All our Quran, our

holy books, have never been thrown like this,"

the Democratic presidential nominee assured, the Texas primary drama turns to what many Lone Star State voters are infinitely familiar with new congressional districts. **Candidates for Congress** in Tuesday's primary are squaring off in Republican-drawn dis-

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Care Director Irene Dominguez requested commissioners that change a nurse's position for auditing indigent health care bills from a contact basis to that of a part-time employee. Commissioners also

Also, Indigent Health approved a proclamation

Muhammad Chaudhry, a apparent references to the Windows smashed. Pro- member of the Islamic Center of the South Plains, said as he walked through the vandalized building Monday.

Worshippers discovered the damage - estimated to be about \$1,800 -Sunday. The graffiti included

racial epithets and what investigators said were

advantage in the state's

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Also before the voters

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Congressional races overshadow presidential primary AUSTIN (AP) - With January and could give Court of Criminal the GOP a commanding

Appeals, State Board of Education and Texas Legislature. Texans "As

Republican legislators Americans, we should remember that democracy is dependent on a single act - the act of voting. There are plenty of reasons to go to the polls on March 9th," Texas Secretary of State Geoff Connor said.

name of a gang depicted in a movie.

The FBI and local authorities believe two or more people broke into the mosque - the only one in the city and surrounding area - late Saturday or early Sunday, and have lifted fingerprints that they hope will lead them to suspects.

Texas defector likely last party switcher for a while WASHINGTON (AP) -

Texas Democrat Ralph

ceded him.

the once-solid Democratic South trended for switch when Newt Ralph Hall is gone."

of GOP freshmen took hold of the U.S. House a decade ago. They didn't switch after the election of President Bush, or the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, or the war in Iraq.

switched by now, when will they? Never, predict some analysts who contend it's not that these lawmakers aren't conservative, it's that they conservative aren't enough.

"Their voting records are not as vastly opposed as one would think," said Bruce Oppenheimer, a Vanderbilt University political scientist. "There's almost nobody left who votes more often with Republicans than Republicans. They didn't Democrats now that

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Three-year-old Jori Harlan, left, and 7-year-old Angela Garza enjoy birthday cake in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the late Dr. Seuss' birthday. The Howard County Library held the event March 2. More than 200

Hall's defection to the Republicans in January was hardly a shock considering he'd voted like one for years. But it may be a while before GOP leaders find another Democratic congressman willing to switch sides. Those Democrats who

now hold the "most conservative" mantle, including a good portion from the South, insist they have no plans of defecting, largely because their differences with the party aren't quite as stark as Hall's or numerous other party-switchers who pre-

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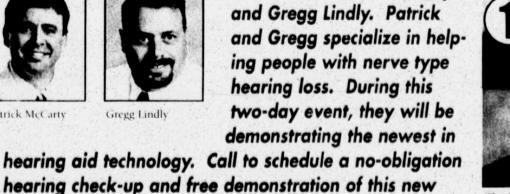


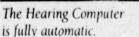
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IN BRIEF Saint Joseph's climbs to No. 1 for first time

Sports

Hawks to face Wayland Baptist

The Howard College Hawks, off to a 15-6 start (8-4 in WJCAC action) will face Wayland **Baptist** University on March 13 at Jack Barber Field.

The doubleheader will begin at 1 p.m.

Umpires needed for upcoming season

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

Parties interested in umpiring should contact Francisco Ramirez at (432) 466-3670.

Longhorns to host 'Warm up Tourney'

The Longhorns softball team will be hosting the "First of the Year Warm-Up Tournament" on March 20-21 at Stanton Park. Deadline for teams to enter is March 17. Entry fee is \$120 per team.

For more information contact Sally Grant at 393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 267-6619.

Lady Steers to travel to play in Arlington

The Big Spring Lady Steers will return to action Thursday when they travel to Arlington to compete in the Arlington Invitational.

Big Spring, 16-1 overall, has won both of its previous two tournament outings this season. The team won the Brewer Invitational in Fort Worth and the West Texas Classic last

Tiny Saint Joseph's and its Washington. ever-flapping Hawk have soared to the top of the basketball world.

The Philadelphia school with an enrollment of 3,400 and not much recent sports history to brag about was No. 1 in the AP men's college basketball poll Monday for the first time.

"It's a dream come true," Hawks senior guard Jameer Nelson said. "At the same time, we have to take care of business these last few games. We'll still approach each game and practice the same way."

The Hawks (27-0) are the only unbeaten team in Division I, now that previously top-ranked Stanford was, upset by

Saint Joseph's needs three victories in the Atlantic 10 tournament to become the first team since UNLV in 1991 to enter the NCAA tournament without a loss.

"All along, we have discussed the idea of having a great program," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "Obviously, we have a great team, and now we can talk about a great program, and this can be a springboard."

With help from the Hawk, of course. The mascot never stops flapping its wings during games. A national basketball power in the 1960s, the Hawks were ranked in the Top 10 consistent- Martelli said.

ly. They made their only Final Four appearance in 1961, then reached No. 2 in the rankings twice in December 1965.

"It's a significant feat for the longtime followers of this program," Martelli said. "Schools like ours have been overlooked for years by things like the BCS and the football powers."

The coach doesn't think he has to worry about his team looking past the conference tournament and thinking ahead to a probable No. 1 seeding in the NCAA tournament field.

The A-10 tournament starts Wednesday in Dayton, Ohio.

"We're going there to fight,"

The Hawks moved up from No. 2 thanks to the loss by Stanford (26-1) Saturday. That ended the Cardinal's three-week run atop the AP poll.

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Saint Joseph's received 67 firstplace votes and 1,795 points from the national media panel. Second-ranked Stanford was No. 1 on two ballots and had 1,648 points.

Gonzaga (26-2) moved up one spot to No. 3, the highest ranking in school history, and received one first-place vote. Mississippi State (25-2) moved up one place to fourth, switching positions with Duke (25-4), which was No. 1 on two ballots after losing to

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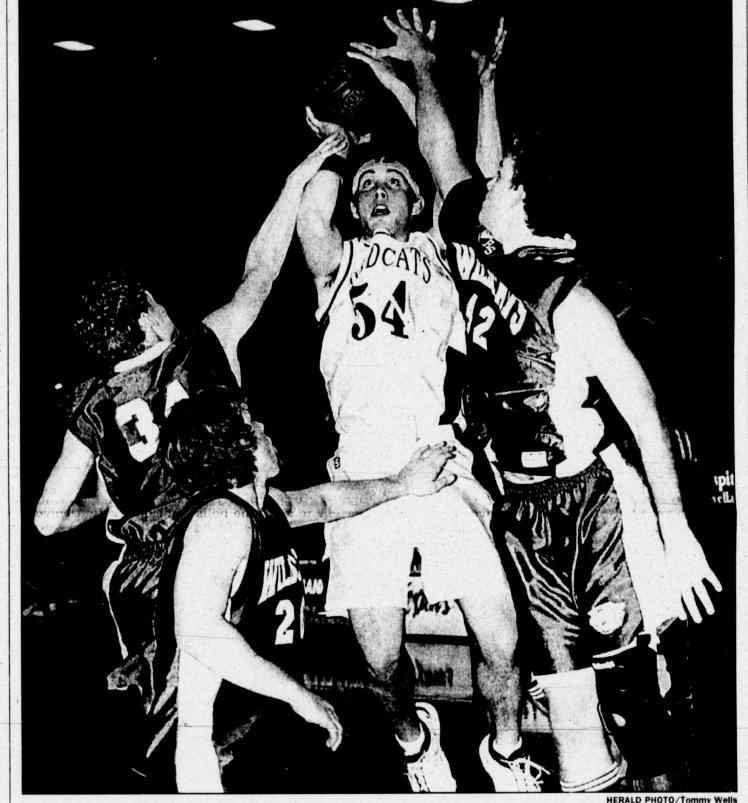
Stars acquire Philly's Therien

FRISCO, Texas (AP) -The Dallas Stars acquired defenseman Chris Therien from the Philadelphia Flyers for two draft picks on Monday, then added veteran offensive winger Valeri Bure from the Florida Panthers later in the day in exchange for one draft pick and a prospect.

For the trade to be finalized, Bure must pass a medical exam by the Stars on Tuesday, the NHL trade deadline.

"Valeri Bure is a skilled winger that we feel will bring some offensive punch to our team," said Stars general manager Doug Armstrong.

The 5-10, 180-pound right wing currently leads Florida in scoring with 20 goals and 25 assists for 45 points in 55 games with 20 penalty minutes. Bure, 29, who is playing in his 10th NHL season, comes in exchange for compensatory Dallas' draft pick in the 2004 NHL entry draft, awarded to the Stars for Derian Hatcher's free agent signing with Detroit last summer, and defenseman prospect Drew Bagnall, the Stars' sixth round selection in the 2003 draft. For Therien, the Flyers get an eighth-round selection in the 2004 entry draft and a third-round choice in 2005. The deal will be finalized as long as Therien, 32, passes a physical Tuesday. :Chris Therien is a veteran player who will add depth, experience to our defensive corps," Armstrong said.



week in Midland.

Swingley early leader in race to Nome

RAINY PASS, Alaska (AP) - More than 200hundred miles into the **Iditarod Trail Sled Dog** Race, Bill Cotter gave his team a long rest while he mulled over the nasty bump on his forehead.

Cotter said he got the injury when he encountered a log on the tiail coming into the Rainy Pass checkpoint, 224 miles from Anchorage. A record 87 mushers, including five former champions, are competing in the 1,100-mile race to Nome, the world's longest sled dog race. This year's purse is more than \$700,000.

San Antonio signs **Carroll to contract**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Guard Matt Carroll was signed Monday by the San Antonio Spurs after playing in the National Basketball **Development League.** The 6-6, 212-pound

Carroll, who played at Notre Dame, was in training camp with the New York Knicks, then signed with Portland.

CGA to hold 4-person event on March 28

The Chicano Gold Association will hold its 4-Person Select Drive event on March 28 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The public is invited to participate.

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Grady senior Jason Pribyla shoots between three Rising Star defenders in the Wildcats' 62-46 win in the Class A Division II Semi-State playoff at the Texan Dome in Levelland. Grady, 34-1, will play Neches Thursday morning for the Division II state title at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

Mavericks snap 3-game road slide against Suns

what they do best to recover from a winless three-game road trip. They took care of business at home.

Suns 103-90 on Monday night behind Dirk Nowitzki's 26 points.

The Mavericks, whose 11-19 road record could prove to be a liability in the playoffs, had lost to Houston, San Antonio and Minnesota, dropping from third to fifth in the Western Conference.

"The 0-3 trip was brutal," Nowitzki said. "We can only look forward from here. It can't get any worse."

Nowitzki scored 18 points in the first half, the Mavericks and

Softball sign-ups to start Saturday

Registration for the 2004 sign up for the league. Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

ages are encouraged to for March 27.

DALLAS (AP) - The extended their home win-Dallas Mavericks did ning streak to nine games. Reserve Antawn Jamison added 21 points and eight rebounds for Dallas.

Now the Mavericks face Dallas, which has the a tough stretch with eight league's best home record of their next 10 on the at 29-4, beat the Phoenix road starting Thursday night at Western Conference-leading Sacramento.

Dallas has beaten Sacramento in both meetings this season, although the Kings were without forward Chris Webber in game. The each Mavericks also knocked the Kings out of the playoffs last season.

"Sacramento hasn't forgotten what happened the last two games against us," Jamison said.

The Suns got 29 points, 13 rebounds and eight See MAVS, Page 2B

Big Spring Girls Softball The fee is \$30 per player. Association will continue Last fall, the league fielded a senior league squad. Sign-ups will be held for the next two Saturdays Women and girls of all with late registration set



Howard College's Nicole Chesworth delivers a pitch to the plate during the Lady Hawks' recent out at home. Howard College will return to play this weekend when they host Odessa College at Foundation Field.

Steers rip Monahans

Jerry Doporto cranked out three hits, including a grand slam home run, Monday afternoon and helped the Big Spring Steers pound out an 11-4 win over the Monahans Lobos at Steer Park.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 4-2 for the year and avenged last week's loss to the Lobos in the Monahans tournament.

Doporto finished the game with four runs batted in and two stolen bases.

Lee Gillihan also had three hits.

Big Spring will play in the Greenwood Invitational beginning Thursday at Christensen Stadium in Midland.

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Soriano drives in two in Rangers' 4-2 win over San Diego

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) - lowed Michael Young's leadoff Alfonso Soriano had two hits and two RBIs, lifting the Texas Rangers to a 4-2 victory over the San Diego Padres on Monday.

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Soriano, who had a double, a single and a walk, has hit safely in all four games he's played with the Rangers after being acquired from the New York Yankees for AL MVP Alex Rodriguez.

The two-time All-Star fol-

Munson's HR sparks Tigers past Astros

- Eric Munson homered and Nate Cornejo pitched three scoreless innings to lead the Detroit Tigers to an 8-4 victory over the Astros Houston on Monday.

Houston right-hander Wade Miller has been a historically slow starter in spring training, and this outing was no different.

Making his first start of the spring, Miller gave up five runs and four hits in three innings.

"It wasn't as bad as it looked," said Miller, who led the Astros with 33 starts, 187 1-3 innings and 101 strikeouts last year. "I felt fine. I had a few location pitches that got me in trouble, and that's about it."

Miller retired the Tigers in order in the first before allowing five runs in the second. Munson led off with a homer to right, and Miller gave up doubles to Warren Morris and Jason Smith.

Miller pitched a scoreless third and threw 50 pitches in all, 28 for for him. I'm very happy More important, he showed no signs of the arm and shoulder pain that bothered him last season. "This time of year I usu-

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) in spring training, but everything feels fine," Miller said. "I just have to tune into some location. My arm strength is there, I just need to fine-tune some pitches."

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scoring single and scored on a

triple by designated hitter Brad

Fullmer to give the Rangers a 2-

in the seventh to make it 4-2.

Soriano added an RBI double

"I didn't realize they have hit

streaks in spring training," Young said. "Sori sure is an

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Cornejo started and threw only 25 pitches. He retired his last nine batters after Craig Biggio reached on an error to start the game.

The right-hander also used his split-finger fastball in a game for just the second time in his career. He struck out Jeff Kent in the first inning with the splitter.

After he was done, Cornejo threw 15 pitches on the side to finish his day's work.

"I never pitch good in the spring, even in the minors," said Cornejo, one of four pitchers with a spot in the rotation locked up.

He set down all six batters he faced in two innings March 4.

"Nate Cornejo was out-standing," Tigers manag-er Alan Trammell said. "That's two good outings

about him. He deserves a lot of credit already.' Detroit committed six errors, giving the Tigers 17 in five games and 11 in the last two. "It's kind of ugly right

Padres slugger Phil Nevin had an MRI in San Diego that revealed a strained left shoulder. He is expected to miss about four weeks, a timetable that could have him back by opening day.

The first baseman was hurt diving for a liner against Anaheim on Sunday night, a year to the day he dislocated the same shoulder, which kept him sidelined until July 23 last season.

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The top 25 teams in The Associated Press

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ommonwealth 55, George Mason 54 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Championship

The Padres tied the game in the second, touching starter Mickey Callaway for two runs. Designated hitter Miguel Ojeda hit a run-scoring double and scored on a single by Rey Ordonez, who went 2-for-3.

Texas center fielder Laynce Nix made his first game of the spring a memorable one by driving in the go-ahead run with a double that scored Fullmer, who walked.

Nix, who made the jump from

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Georgia Tech and beating North Carolina.

Air Force moved into the Top 25 for the first time in school history. The Falcons (22-5), the No. 1 defensive team in the country, won the Mountain West regular season title.

Pittsburgh, Oklahoma State, Kentucky and Connecticut held sixth through ninth from last week, while Wisconsin moved up six places to No. 10, its highest ranking of the season.

Texas was No. 11, folby Illinois, lowed Cincinnati, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Kansas, Syracuse and Providence.

The last five ranked

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assists from Shawn Marion, 19 points from Amare Stoudemire, and 17 from Joe Johnson.

Stoudemire had at least 20 points and led the Suns in scoring in 11 consecutive games. He fell one game short of matching the club record for leading the team in scoring set by Charlie Scott in 1974-75.

Stoudemire drew the most defensive attention from the Mavericks, who switched to a zone in the quarter after first Phoenix shredded Dallas' man-to-man early:

"We didn't want him to

now," Trammell said.

teams were Arizona, Utah State, Memphis, Southern State Illinois and Air Force.

Louisville (19-8) fell out from 25th after being ranked for the last 12 weeks, reaching No. 4. The Cardinals lost 81-80 at Marquette on Saturday, their seventh loss in 10 games.

Saint Joseph's is the sixth team to reach No. 1 this season, joining Connecticut, Kansas, Florida, Duke and Stanford.

"Being ranked No. 1 is a sign of steady improvement and the hard work we've put in all season," Saint Joseph's junior forward Pat Carroll said. The NCAA "tournament will prove who really is the No. 1 team in the nation, but right now, it's a good feeling to have that ranking in front of us."

get in the flow of the game," Jamison said. 'He's one of those guys who's deadly when he gets the ball in the low post."

Nowitzki made his first eight shots before missing a 15-foot fallaway with 3:48 left in the third quarter. He finished 11for-13 from the floor and added six rebounds.

Mavericks starting forward Antoine Walker had six points and eight rebounds in a season-low 18 minutes.

"I'm not going to make an issue of it," said Walker, 2-for-9 from the field. "I'm going to continue to work hard. But I can't give you anything in 18 minutes."

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Helen Keller (1880-1968) is about 7 in this picture. She loved dogs her whole life, and always had at least one. (This is a black-

and-white photo colored in by an artist.)

Helen as a child

Helen Keller grew up in the country near Tuscumbia, Ala. She was a smart, loving child. But she also misbehaved a lot. Her parents felt so bad that she couldn't see or hear that they didn't teach her proper behavior. Helen also acted naughty because

she was upset when she couldn't communicate with others.

She wandered around the table, grabbing food from other people's plates. One time she locked her mother in a cupboard. She bit and scratched people. Some members of her family thought

she would always be impossible to handle at home.



And then the miracle happened. Suddenly Helen understood. She understood that what her teacher was spelling stood for actual water. She realized words had meaning.

When Helen was about 7, inventor

Anne Sullivan knew she had to be

strict with her naughty student. For

example, she would not let Helen eat;

rebelled, fighting her teacher for hours.

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could teach her without the family's

interference. In just two weeks, Anne

Sullivan taught her much about how

family house, Helen continued to

throw tantrums occasionally.

However, when they returned to the

Anne Sullivan took Helen to a little

until Helen sat properly, with her

napkin on her lap. At first Helen

Alexander Graham Bell helped

Helen's worried parents find a remarkable teacher, Anne Sullivan.

From then on, everything changed. That day alone she learned about 30 words.

The Mini Page by Betty Debnem C 2004 The Mini Page Put



Height: 5-8

Hometown: Pembroke Pines, Fla. The "S" in Sanya Richards' name could stand for "speed." The University of Texas sophomore looks like a blur on a track. She won the 400meter gold medal in the U.S. championships in

meter relay team at the world championships. In 2002, Richards was named Verizon Youth Athlete of the Year.

Richards, who was born in Jamaica, also played basketball in high school and had a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. At Texas, the "Gold Girl" is majoring in engineering - and winning races



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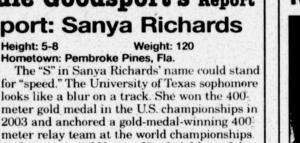
- Add the pecans and toss until well-coated.
- Spread pecans on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 250-degree oven for 30 minutes.
- 6. Remove from oven and let cool on wax paper
- Nakes 4 half-cup servings. Note: You will need an adult to help you with this recipe.

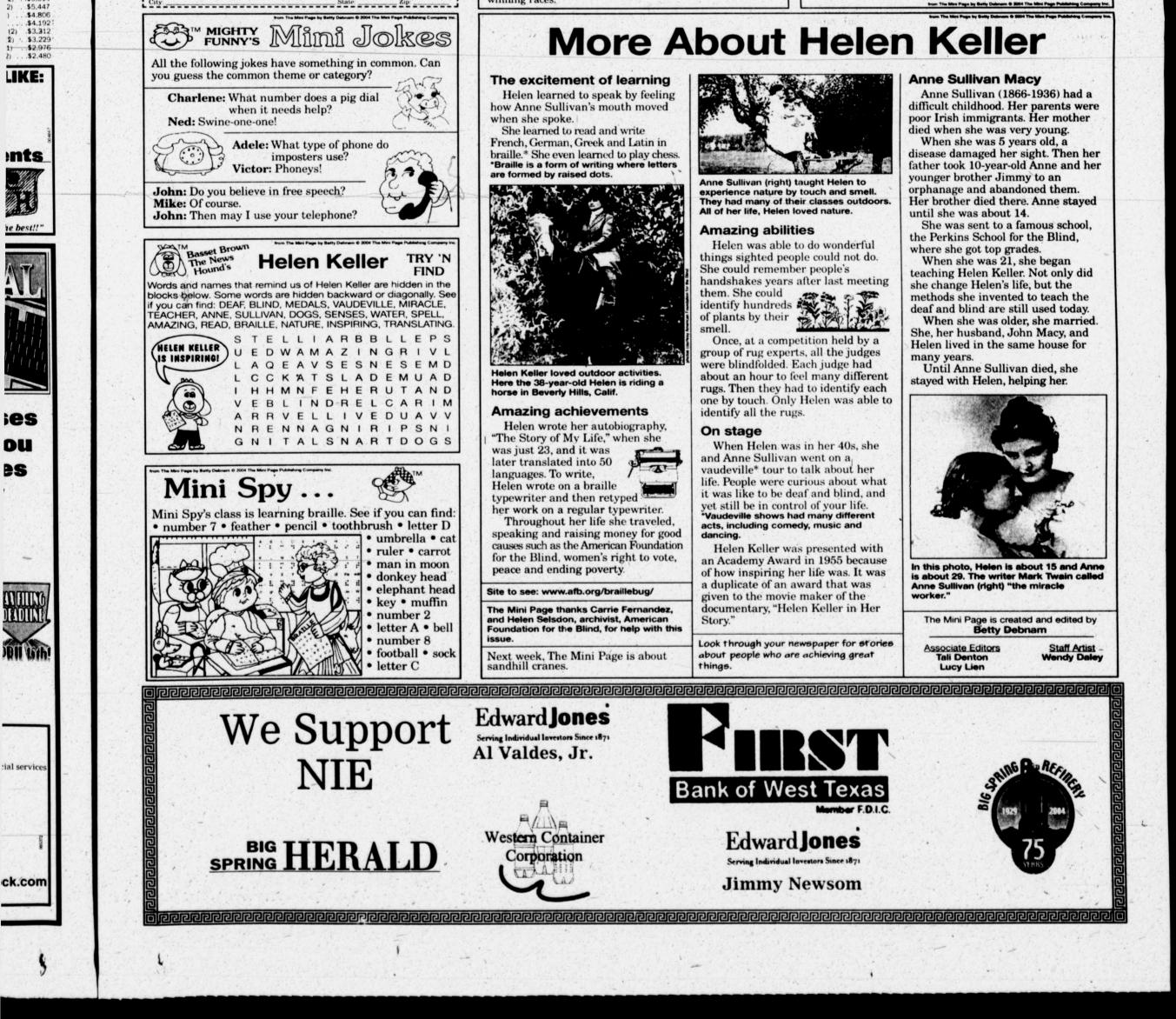
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Amber likes to write poetry and enjoys singing, dancing and theater. She currently lives in Los Angeles.





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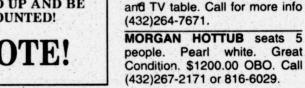
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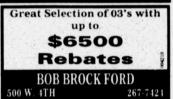
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON The moon is void of course early in the day. and you may feel out of sync with a partner.



really not. Joyce Jillson The need to

fit in and be liked seems to override the need to listen to what that voice inside is telling you about a situation. You can disagree and still get along.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Put enthusiasm behind what you say. At work, you'll find both excited partners and impossibly negative colleagues. You know who to go to. Make smart choices, and you'll save vourself hours of frustration. A Virgo is an ally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). By the middle of the day, you're in unknown Thinking territory. things over takes too much time. Action cures fear. Free stuff is featured tonight. You

Legals

NOTICE OF RATE REVIEW, RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby that Cap Rock Energy Corporation ("Cap Rock") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective March 30, 2004, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending September 30, 2003, the increase requested over adjusted test year revenues \$10,202,700 or 14.45%. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Cap Rock.

On October 24, 2003, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed a petition to inquire into the reasonableness of the rates being charged by Cap Rock. That proceeding has been designated as Docket No. 28813. Although Staff contends that some of Cap Rock's rates are to high, the inquiry could reveal that rates for mer classes or some

deserve for some things to come easily to you, so why be too proud?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone whose style is different from yours is frustrating to work with, but you're better for the trying. Seeing things from another point of view is crucial to getting along — luckily, you're excellent at this.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're finding it hard to believe in yourself, fake it. Giving voice to your feelings of inadequacy will prove to be a mistake, even if you think that it will bring you closer to someone. Write in a journal instead. You'll learn more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's help for a loved one's problem. You can lead the way, but that's all you can do. Recognizing the limit of your responsibility will help you focus on being a terrific example. Make yourself happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The more casual conversations you light up, the luckier you are. You'll win favor by being with clear your Tonight objectives. features something you've always wanted. A Sagittarius or Capricorn is probably involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a smooth start, but the mood changes. A scattered afternoon might require you to use some mind force. Get into the mechanics of working if nothing even productive is coming of it. Act as if, and soon, it

Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: My sisterin-law, "Joanna," is an exhibitionist. Over the years, family members have been shown pictures of her in thong

will be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are what you think you are. Let nothing confuse you. The smartest solutions happen when you put down the task and walk away for a while. Lots of sleep is the answer tonight - you need time to rejuvenate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Cultivating a little drama makes this a fabulously dishy day. Relationships are enriched by the sense of fun you bring. Pose an interesting problem tonight, and everybody races to solve it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Modesty is nice for others, but you win by giving yourself full credit. The strength of your team becomes an issue. One shaky talent will bring a project down. Lay some ground . rules about whom you'll work with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ideas drive you. You're getting tired too early in the day, a sign that you need more to look forward to. Search newspaper the or Internet for exciting events to add to your. schedule soon. A Libra or Virgo is the perfect company.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are too many questions that can't be answered by being thought through. You've got to jump in and do! through Muscle a complex work situation with a little compromise and a lot of common sense.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that by authority of a Judgment dated December 15, 2003, in Cause No. 43,111 in the District Court of Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District, styled Barbara A. Brumley and Jon L. McLeod v. Michael Robey and Susan Robey, I will sell at public auction the property which was the subject of said lawsuit, described as the surface estate in a tract or parcel of land containing approximately one half acre of land out of the East One-Half (E/2) of Section No. Forty-three (43) in Block No. Thirty-one (31), T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey in Howard County, Texas, on the 6th date of April, 2004, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the North door of the Courthouse of Howard County, Texas. Such property is more fully described in a deed date September 29, 1981, from Truman Lee Mason, a single man, to Lloyd R. McLeod and wife, Vera McLeod, recorded in Volume 512, page 429 of the Deed of Records of Howard County, Texas. The property is located at the corner of W.Robinson Road and the South service road of Interstate Highway 20 in Howard County in Howard County, Texas and is most generally known as the former location of Lou's Antiques. Dale Walker, Sheriff of Howard County By: D. Restelli, Deputy

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service areas need to be increased. Therefore, the Staff inquiry could result in increased or decreased rates for some customers. Affected persons may intervene in this proceeding, as detailed below, to address the rates being charged by Cap Rock.

In response to the Staff inquiry; on February 24, 2004, Cap Rock filed a rate filing package and a request to increase its rates in Docket No. 28813. Additionally, Cap Rock stated that it intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service. Cap Rock intends to charge uniform system-wide rates to customers in each of Cap Rock's divisions. As a result, the McCulloch Division will no longer have separate tariffs after September 1, 2004.

The specific rates that Cap Rock proposes to charge, the proposed tariff revisions, and a copy of the rate filing package may be reviewed during normal business hours at Cap Rock's offices at (1) 500 West Wall Street, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701 (Cap Rock's Headquarters); (2) 1400 W. Business Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas 79782 (the Stanton Division); (3) 1825 South Highway 208, Colorado City, Texas 79512 (the Lone Wolf Division); (4) Highway 69 South, Celeste, Texas 75423 (the Hunt-Collin Division); and (5) 326 E. U.S. Highway 190, Brady, Texas 76825 (the McCulloch Division). Additionally, copies may be viewed at the Commission's offices in Austin, Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 and should reference the specific Docket No. involved. Docket No. 28813 will address whether Cap Rock's current rates are reasonable; whether they should be revised; and whether Rock's proposed tariff Cap changes should be approved or modified. Further information about this proceeding may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512)936-7120, or (888)782-8477. Hearingand speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512)936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is April 9, 2004, 45 days after the date Cap Rock's statement of intent was filed with the Commission.

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bikinis and even, oops, a few nude pictures. ("Oh, how did they get in there?") This is a 48-yearold woman who should know better.

What Ι can't understand is why Joanna wants to expose herself this way to us and our two teenage sons. During their last visit to our home, she wore a G-string bikini. I consider this totally for inappropriate a family picnic. Although my husband says he agrees with me, his actions say something At a recent else. gathering, he dragged Joanna around on a pool

float for an hour. Why should I have to put up with this display and question my husband's morals every time Joanna is around? husband doesn't My understand why I get so angry, and his attitude is causing great distress in marriage. He our certainly doesn't want to cut his brother off, but I'm ready to call it quits. We have talked to Joanna about her behavior, but she just doesn't get it. Any suggestions? Tired of the Show

Dear Tired: She gets it, all right. Joanna knows exactly what she is doing and enjoys every bit of attention she attracts. Appealing to her sense of decency isn't going to make a dent. She has no sense of decency.

If you trust your husband, Joanna is no threat to you. Nonetheless, there is no reason you have to m up " with her inappropriate behavior. Let her know if she doesn't tone down her act, the invitations will stop. A 48-year-old woman who must flaunt herself in front of the teenage relatives sounds pathetic.

Dear Annie: My longdistance boyfriend of the past year asked me what I wanted for my birthday, and I told him I wanted a book. I figured it went without saying that something more than a book was in order.

I flew up from Houston to Seattle to spend my birthday with him. And when I opened my birthday gift, I was stunned to see a \$7.50 paperback.

I'm not sure if I should say something or not, but my feelings are definitely hurt. I thought he would get me something a little more personal after a year of dating. At least he could have given me flowers. How should I approach the subject without sounding ungrateful? -Confused in Texas

Confused: Dear Obviously, your boyfriend's crystal ball wasn't working well. He didn't realize that "book" was a code word for champagne and jewelry. He assumed you meant what you said.

It is romantic, but unfair (and ultimately disappointing) to expect a man to read your mind. you want more personal gifts in the future, you'd better clue him in. Tell him you love the book, but you were hoping he would have attached a single red rose to the cover. And next time, be more honest.

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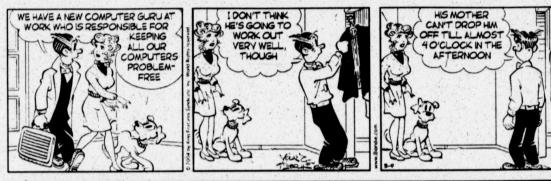
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 69th day of 2004. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 9, 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on an episode of "See It Now." On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

and Virginia (formerly Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people.

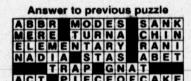
In 1933, Congress, called into special session by Franklin President Roosevelt, began its "hun-dred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in its New York Times v. Sullivan decision, ruled that public officials who charged libel could not recover damages for defamatory statements related to their official duties unless they proved actual malice on the part of the news organization. In 1975, work began on

one person and taking more than 130 hostages. The siege ended two days later.

Today's **Birthdays**: Author Mickey Spillane is 86. Singer-actress Keely Smith is 72. Singer Lloyd Price is 71. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 70. Actorcomedian Marty Ingels is 68. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 68. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 62. TV personality Charles Gibson is 61. Chess player Bobby Fischer is 61. Actress Trish Van Devere is 59. Rock musician Robin Trower is 59. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 56. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 55.



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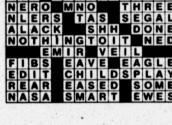
In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple divorced in 1809.)

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the Alaskan oil pipeline. In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing

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