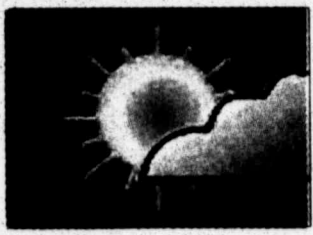


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INSIDE



Although actor Jeff Daniels has been extremely successful in Hollywood, he has remained true to his small-town Michigan roots.

Not only does he still live in Chelsea, Mich., but he also has a theater group there to help support other actors.

COMING MONDAY



To help you find a V-day date, we've come up with 52 pick-up lines. Good ones. Or at least decent ones. All right, most of them are just kinda OK. You try and come up with 52 pickup lines. Heck, you can't come up with even one, which is why you're reading this.

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Proposed jail facility on county agenda Monday

Commissioners convene at 10 a.m. in the Howard County Courthouse.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will continue fine-tuning plans for a new jail when they meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the county courthouse.

Commissioners have spent the past several months hacking



Kilgore

away at details for a new jail, and Monday's meeting will bring more of the same, Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said.

Local architect Phil Furqueron was recently hired by the court to design a new jail for the county, and is expected to present design options.

Several cost estimates have been floated in the past months, ranging mostly between \$5 million and \$7 million, but no set

figure has been agreed on, Kilgore said.

Consideration of a new jail facility began more than a year ago when commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing problem.

According to information previously provided by Commissioner Bill Crooker, the county spent \$108,000 on housing female inmates at other facilities in 2002-2003, while male inmates garnered \$187,000 of the budget because of jail overcrowding.

While commissioners agree that something must be done to relieve overcrowding in the jail, Kilgore warned that they are a long way from finalizing plans for a new facility.

"We're just barely along on the process," he said. "What we're doing now ... is more like just making sure we don't make any mistakes. We're just getting information on what size (of a jail) we're going to need. We're still a little ways from putting

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Safety

Observance to focus on children's auto seats

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It's easy to get lost in the hustle and bustle of getting from one place to another, but national and local officials are asking motorists to take a close look at the safety of children when it comes time to buckle up.

National Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 13-19, has both local and national safety and emergency response officials taking aim at how well children are restrained when they get in a vehicle, including seat belts and car seats.

Unrestrained and improperly restrained children continue to be problems in the Crossroads area, according to Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen, who is asking area motorists to take a hard look at how their child passengers are protected.

"It's very important that you make sure the children riding with you are properly restrained, whether that means seat belts or a car seat," said Jensen. "I really don't know how we can better get that across to the drivers. It's obvious how dangerous the alternative can be."

Jensen said making sure you have the proper type of car seat

"In a car wreck, a child that isn't restrained is moving with the force of a sack of cement dropped from a third-story window."



Jensen



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Ellen Talbot secures a child passenger seat in the back seat of her SUV. National Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 13-19, has both local and national safety and emergency response officials taking aim at how well children are restrained when they get in a vehicle, including seat belts and car seats.

for your child passengers is only half of the battle — making sure it's installed in the vehicle correctly can be harder than it looks when it comes to the plethora of seats being used.

"Car seats built after the year 2000 are pretty much no-brainers when it comes to installing them," said Jensen. "Unfortunately there are so many seats floating around out there, being passed from one family to another that were built before then, that it's hard to have one standard."

"We took a course on car seats in Lubbock a couple of years ago. They had a tractor-trailer full of car seats, and all of them installed differently. I remember seeing a room with more than

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National Child Passenger Safety Week Feb. 13 - 19

As children grow, how they sit in your car, truck, van or SUV should also change. For maximum child passenger safety, parents and caregivers need to remember and follow the 4 Steps for Kids:

- 1. Use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds.
2. Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age one and 20 pounds to about age four and 40 pounds.
3. Use booster seats in the back seat from about age four to at least age eight — unless the child is 4-foot, 9 inches or taller.
4. Use safety belts in the back seat at age eight or older or taller than 4-foot, 9 inches. All children age 12 or younger should ride in the back seat.

Note: More than 81 percent of child restraints are used incorrectly, including 88 percent of forward-facing toddler seats, 86 percent of rear-facing infant seats and 85 percent of safety belts, as determined at child passenger safety seat inspection stations across the country.



Playwright Arthur Miller sits in his New York apartment in 1999.

Arthur Miller, playwright of 'Death of a Salesman,' dies

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Miller, one of the greatest playwrights of the 20th century, gave America — and the world — "Death of a Salesman" and its iconic title character Willy Loman.

A dramatist of personal and public responsibility, Miller wrote forcefully about moral issues in such plays as "All My

Sons," "The Crucible," "A View From the Bridge," "After the Fall," "The Price" and more over a span of six decades.

Broadway marquees dimmed their lights Friday at curtain time in tribute to Miller, who died of congestive heart failure Thursday at his home in Roxbury, Conn. He was 89.

Miller attained a celebrity few American playwrights achieve, in

part because of his marriage to film star Marilyn Monroe. He first dealt with their relationship in "After the Fall," his most autobiographical play, and later in "Finishing the Picture," his final major work, which had its world premiere last October at Chicago's Goodman Theatre.

Miller was particularly fascinated by success and

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Obituaries

Margaret 'Maxine' Blackwell



Margaret "Maxine" Blackwell, 74, of Arlington, a loving mother and homemaker, was called home to be with the Lord Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, in Moore Funeral Home Chapel in Arlington. Burial was in Moore Memorial Gardens.

She was born Aug. 28, 1930, in Colorado City.

To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 55 years, Robert Blackwell; the angel of her life, her son, Gary Don Blackwell; her loving daughters, Amy Schneider and her husband, Randy, Kelli Ashley and her husband, Mike, and Jennifer Hanshaw and her husband, Kenny; grandchildren Katie, John, Alex and Jake; her sister, Myra Kemper of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of Moore Funeral Home in Arlington.

Paid obituary

Louise M. Clark



Louise M. Clark, 84, of San Angelo died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, in a local hospital.

Mrs. Clark was born July 25, 1920, in Calhoun, Ga., to Joseph William Henry Miller and Hazel Holt Miller. She married Robert Lee Clark Sept. 27, 1947, in Gordon County, Ga.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, James Leonard Clark; granddaughter, Krystopher Nicole Clark; and brother, J.W. Miller.

Survivors include two sons, David and Theresa Clark of San Angelo; Robert Steven "Steve" and Patty Clark of Baird; three grandchildren, Shauna, Chad and Teela; five great-grandchildren, Holly, Harley, Steven, Justin and Morgan; and a sister, Mary Brown of Summerville, Ga.

Arrangements are under the direction Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Paid obituary

Harry Jay Merritt Sr.

Harry Jay Merritt Sr., the third child of John and Cosy E. Merritt, was born Oct. 23, 1926, in Seymour Iowa, and died Feb. 10, 2005, at the age of 78 in El Paso.

Harry attended school in the Seymour, Iowa, area and graduated in 1944. Harry married Margaret Ellen Henderson Nov. 21, 1946 in Kansas City, Kan.

Harry began his career as a salesman with Goodyear Tire, who sent him to many places. In 1955, Harry quit Goodyear and, with his family, moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where he went to work for BF Goodrich.

In 1965, Harry was working for Shell Oil when he moved the family to southern California, where they stayed for one year before returning to El Paso to go into business for themselves.

This washer-leasing service was successful and continued until 1985, when he sold it. Since that time, Harry and his wife have traveled all over the United States and many parts of the world.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Forrest C. Merritt.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of 58 years; his daughter, Penny and her husband, Larry Hollar of Big Spring; his son, H. Jay Merritt Jr. and his wife, Julie; and daughter Becky and husband, Bill Miller.

He is also survived by six grandchildren, Stacey and Kelly Hollar, Tiffanie and Mallory Merritt, and Jay and Greg Miller.

Other survivors are his brothers, Jack Merritt and his wife, Berneta of West Des Moines, Iowa, John J. Merritt and his wife, Jeannie of Seymour, Iowa; sister-in-law, Mary Merritt of Scottsdale, Ariz.; brothers-in-law, Alton Henderson of Glendale, Ariz., Tom Henderson and his wife, Jerri of Kent, Iowa, Jim Henderson and his wife, Ruth of Albuquerque, N.M., Bob Henderson and his wife, Jean of El Paso; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Harry enjoyed his hobby of flying and rebuilding various objects, ranging from travel trailers to airplanes to antique model cars. In his later years, Harry enjoyed spending time on his farm in Iowa.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Kaster-Maxon & Futrell Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 7000 Edgemere. Internment will follow at Evergreen East Cemetery in El Paso.

Memorials may be sent to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4487 Houston 77210-4486.

Arrangements under the direction of Kaster-Maxon & Futrell Funeral Home in El Paso.

Paid obituary

W.T. 'Red' Abbott

W.T. "Red" Abbott, 95, of Hurst, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, in a Euless nursing home. Graveside services will be held 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Pioneer Cemetery in Graham. Visitation will be from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home in Colleyville.

W.T. was born in Montague County, he was the son of N.Z. Abbott, former circuit riding preacher for the Baptist community in and around Graham. He married Louise Mitchell Dec. 24, 1932, in Graham. They soon moved from Graham to Sweetwater in 1947 and to Big Spring in 1952.

W.T. was an employee of Cosden Oil Co. Refinery, now owned by ALON USA. He retired after 33 years of service and moved to Hurst in 1993.

W.T. was preceded in death by his wife 17 years ago. Survivors include his daughter, Barbara Forester and her husband, Wade of Hurst; grandchildren Warren Forester and his wife, Rae Ann and Scott Forester and his wife, Elizabeth; and his great-grandchildren, Aaron Forester, Kathryn Forester, Eathan Forester and Sarah Forester.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home in Colleyville.

Paid obituary

Mable Lee Dickenson

Mable Lee Dickenson, 73, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Michael Chase, pastor of College Park Church of God, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born May 8, 1931, in Vandervoot, Ark., and married Glen P. Dickenson Aug. 16, 1955, in Lovington, N.M.

Mrs. Dickenson was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She loved to cook and entertain family and friends.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Glen P. Dickenson Jr. of Big Spring; one son, Junior Barber of Big Spring; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Thelma Snediger of Seminole, Floy and Bill Eason of Troy, Missouri, and Ruby and Melvin Parker of Winterhaven, Fla.; one daughter-in-law, Tamera Barber of Big Spring; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Sue Semmes; her parents, Laura and Frank Timmens; one brother, Frank Timmens Jr.; and one niece, Kathy Parker.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas, Midland, 79702.

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

Paid obituary

John Fickling Jr.

John Elbert Fickling Jr., 89, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

He was born March 4, 1915, in New Castle and married Margy Fauver July 1, 1940, in El Reno, Okla.

Mr. Fickling had lived in Howard County since 1941 and was a farmer. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church and had been a member of the Eagles Lodge for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Margy Fickling of Big Spring; his son, Terry D. Fickling of Las Vegas, Nev.; his daughter, Joyce E. McQuien of Howardwick; one sister, Mary Ethel Thomas of Burleson; two brothers, Jim Fickling of El Paso and Harold Fickling of Amarillo; two grandsons; and three granddaughters.

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

Margie Clardy

Margie Clardy, 80, of Stanton, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, in a Midland nursing home. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

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A.G. Sherrill

A. G. "Red" Sherrill Sr., 87, of Big Spring, died at 9:55 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center following a long illness. Graveside services with full Military Honors will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005 at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso.

He was born Aug. 30, 1917, in Batesville, Ark., to Georgia Edna Wright Sherrill and Austin B. Sherrill. He grew up in Batesville. He was a U.S. Army veteran in World War II, serving in the Pacific, Asia, and the Aleutian Islands campaigns. After his military service, he lived most of his life in Chicago. He had been a crane operator in a steel mill and worked as a truck driver. In 1978, he retired and returned to Batesville, Ark., until 1988, when he moved to Big Spring to be near his children.

He is survived by three sons, Earl Sherrill of Midland and Austin Sherrill Jr. and Kenny Sherrill, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Patrice Fiveash of Paint Rock; and six grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Earl Conway Sherrill.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Ray Stribrny

Ray Stribrny, 86, of Big Spring died at 1:55 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Chaplain Michelle Byler of Odyssey Hospice officiating.

He was born Sept. 7, 1918, in Ohio. He lived most of his life in the Detroit, Mich., area, moving to Big Spring in 2001. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps in Europe. He worked 40 years for National Steel, later U. S. Steel, as a millwright and rigger.

He is survived by two sons, Michael Stribrny of Broestown, Mich., and Max Stribrny of Trenton, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Maxine Kelly

Maxine Kelly, 81, of Stanton, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-13-19-34-35.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 96. Prize: \$638.

Matching three of five: 3,866. Prize: \$12.

Matching two of five: 40,541. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-3-0

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. West winds Around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds Around 10 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Correction

In Thursday's report on the Big Spring Independent School District Spelling Bee, the winner was incorrectly identified as Katrina Patrowski.

The champion's name is spelled Petrowski.

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WEDNESDAY Smothered steak, dles, carrots, sala rolls, fruited gelat
THURSDAY — Liver/steak and o seasoned rice, ok salad, milk, rolls.
FRIDAY — Bar-chicken, potato s beans, milk, corn pudding.

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST
MONDAY — S DEVELOPMENT
TUESDAY — P on a stick.
WEDNESDAY Breakfast pizza
THURSDAY — pockets
FRIDAY — Cer LUNCH
MONDAY — S DEVELOPMENT
TUESDAY — S gers w/gravy, m potatoes, green t rolls, pudding.
WEDNESDAY grilled cheese s crackers, pinto l chips, peaches, THURSDAY — nuggets, mashe toes, peas and c rolls, mixed fru FRIDAY — Pi salad, cookies, r

FORSAN ISD BREAKFAST
MONDAY — (Poptarts, juice, TUESDAY — on a stick, juice WEDNESDAY toast, juice, mil THURSDAY — Cinnamon toas juice, milk.
FRIDAY — D juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — pot pie, sliced c apple, crackers
TUESDAY — pinto beans, p Spanish rice, n WEDNESDA dog, baked bea smiles, lettuce/tomato/ milk.
THURSDAY Chicken patty corn, peas, let tomato/pickle.
FRIDAY — F w/chili, chips beans, mixed f

COAHOMA I BREAKFAST
MONDAY — TUESDAY — gravy, sausage juice, milk.
WEDNESDA French toast, ham, grape ju
THURSDAY Poptarts, saus apples, milk.
FRIDAY — I sausage on a s syrup, orange milk.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

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TUESDAY — Chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, crackers, cake.
WEDNESDAY — Smothered steak, noodles, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.
THURSDAY — Liver/steak and onions, seasoned rice, okra, salad, milk, rolls, pie.
FRIDAY — Bar-b-que chicken, potato salad, beans, milk, cornbread, pudding.

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST
MONDAY — STAFF DEVELOPMENT
TUESDAY — Pancake on a stick.
WEDNESDAY — Breakfast pizza
THURSDAY — Hot pockets
FRIDAY — Cereal
LUNCH
MONDAY — STAFF DEVELOPMENT
TUESDAY — Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pudding.
WEDNESDAY — Chili, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, pinto beans, chips, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, mixed fruit, milk.
FRIDAY — Pizza, corn, salad, cookies, milk.

FORSAN ISD BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cereal, Poptarts, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Sausage on a stick, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Eggs, toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Cinnamon toast, yogurt, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Donuts, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken pot pie, sliced carrots, apple, crackers, milk.
TUESDAY — Burrito, pinto beans, peaches, Spanish rice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Corn dog, baked beans, orange smiles, lettuce/tomato/pickle, milk.
THURSDAY — Chicken patty sandwich, corn, pears, lettuce/tomato/pickle, milk.
FRIDAY — Hot dog w/chili, chips, green beans, mixed fruit, milk.

COAHOMA ISD BREAKFAST
MONDAY — HOLIDAY
TUESDAY — Biscuits, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — French toast, syrup, ham, grape juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Poptarts, sausage, sliced apples, milk.
FRIDAY — Pancake sausage on a stick, syrup, orange juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — HOLIDAY
TUESDAY — Chicken

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WEDNESDAY — Fried chicken or burrito, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, milk.
THURSDAY — Homemade burritos or corn dogs, potato salad, apples, milk.
FRIDAY — Cheeseburgers, salad, trays, chips, Jello/fruit, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD BREAKFAST
MONDAY — French toast sticks, Little Smokies, cereal, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Assorted cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Sausage 'n' blanket, cereal, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Beef fajitas, salsa, tossed salad, refried beans, cherry cups, milk.
TUESDAY — Fish, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, glazed carrots, peaches, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Tortilla beef bake, salsa, Spanish rice, corn, pineapple chunks, milk.
THURSDAY — Frito pie w/cheese, tossed salad, ranch beans, chocolate milk, milk.
FRIDAY — Barbeque rib on bun, lettuce, onions, pickle spears, French fries, pudding cups, milk.

New Hope Christian School
MONDAY — B-B-Q sausage, potato salad, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY — Mac and cheese, pinto beans, rosa pears, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Patty melt, French fries, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY — Beef stew, cornbread, apple sauce, milk.
FRIDAY — Pimento cheese sandwiches, rice & chicken soup, apple sauce, milk.

Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week begins Monday at VA Medical Center

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The local VA Medical Center will be the focus point of several events commemorating National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week. A variety of events are planned at the hospital Monday through Friday, all intending to throw a needed spotlight on this nation's hospitalized veterans, said the director of the local facility.

"The National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans gives everyone a chance to let those who have given the nation so much know that they are not forgotten," said VA

Medical Center Director Lou Ann Atkins. "We've invited local celebrities, elected officials, school children and other groups to visit during the week. We want people of all ages to bring Valentine's Day cheer to our patients." Activities begin Monday

when a group of Howard College cheerleaders and athletes visit the hospital to distribute Valentine's Day cards and candy to the patients. Also visiting patients Monday will be local musician Jody Nix

and Dimples the Clown. On Wednesday, the Coahoma High School Community Service Class will show its appreciation to the veterans by preparing ice cream sundaes, while hospital staff will show its appreciation Thursday with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. A group of veterans will be taken on a day trip to Odessa Friday to visit the Presidential Museum. That evening, Lindsey Rogers, a singer-songwriter from Spur, will perform at 6 p.m. Observances end Saturday with a visit from Goodfellow Air Force Base personnel. Atkins also hopes this

week's activities throw a spotlight on the work done by hospital volunteers. "Our medical center's volunteers are an integral part of our healthcare team, and the national salute program is a great way for people to learn more about helping the veterans we serve here at the medical center," Atkins said. "Visitors are surprised at how varied our volunteer opportunities are."

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Atkins

Symphony to perform Feb. 26 in auditorium

HERALD staff report

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Keith Graumann, presents, "An Encore Performance" at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Municipal Auditorium. Cynthia Bauhof-Williams is the returned

guest pianist. She performed with the orchestra in December 2002. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the Big Spring Herald, Blum's Jewelers, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Faye's

Flowers, First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum, the symphony office, 808 Scurry or at the door. For more information, visit the Web site, www.bigspringssymphony.com or e-mail bssa@bigspringssymphony.com.

COUNTY

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things down on paper." Other items listed on Monday's agenda include: Executive sessions on personnel matter and

pending litigation. Discussion of the Election Administrator's Office with County Clerk Donna Wright. Purchase of Homeland Security equipment. Discussion of vehicle bids for the sheriff's

department with County Auditor Jackie Olson. Personnel considerations and a payroll report from County Treasurer Teresa Thomas. Discussion of courthouse and library renovations with Furqueron.

SAFETY

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100 different seats as well, many of which were very complicated in how they were supposed to be installed.

"You wouldn't believe how many people simply set the car seat in the car and that's it," he added. "They don't attempt to buckle the car seat in at all. Those are the ones that really scare me." The fire chief said the course also involved a quick class in physics, dispelling the common idea that someone in the car can simply "hold" a child in place in the event of an accident. "We looked at the physics of a car wreck," said Jensen. "In a car wreck, a child that isn't

restrained is moving with the force of a sack of cement dropped from a third-story window. Obviously, putting your arm out in front of them isn't going to do a thing to keep them out of harm's way. There's just too much energy involved in an accident. "I really don't know

what else we can do to get the message across to people," he continued. "The statistics and the severity of the injuries speak for themselves, yet people still don't do it. I think the knowledge is out there. I just don't think people realize what can happen if children aren't properly restrained."

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OUR VIEWS

Negativity
main killer
of progress

Getting involved ... it's the one thing more than any other any of us can do to make Big Spring and Howard County more prosperous and a better place to live.

Unfortunately, too many of us find excuses — primarily it's about not having the time due to work or family responsibilities. Some simply say they can't. And sadly, others just won't.

It's all called negativity, and that's a killer when it comes to progress ... both for individuals, groups and communities. That's something most of our parents try to teach us at a relatively early age. Didn't almost all of us hear somebody tell us that "can't never did anything" when we were young?

Some would call that an old adage, but then all adages are old, so it's just an adage. But nothing could be more true. Can't never did get anything accomplished. Never will.

We have quite often noted that the biggest asset our community possesses is its people. That's been particularly true when encouraging people to take leadership roles, but those admonitions need to be expanded.

We as an entire community continually speak of the friendliness, generosity and pioneering spirit of West Texans. But we — as many of us as possible — need to take those attributes and put them to work for the betterment of us all.

It's not hard to find something that needs not just our monetary support but our physical involvement. Just look around. You don't have to have been elected to the Moore Board, city council or a school board. You don't even need to have been asked to join a service club like Rotary, Kiwanis, the Lions or Optimists.

Opportunities quite literally abound — from groups focused on the community's business climate like the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Revitalization Association, to those targeting long-term needs like the possibility of building a community center. Others focus on the here and now — Keep Big Spring Beautiful, the Pops in the Park Committee, Vietnam Memorial Committee, hospital auxiliaries and organizations like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Boys Club, PTA, church groups...

The list really is virtually endless and the need for involvement limitless.

A call has been issued. Are you willing to answer?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Let us remember to thank You each day for all that You do for us, Lord.

Amen

Inside report: Kerry's campaign

In the same e-mail to Sen. John Kerry's supporters announcing his presidential campaign's \$1 million gift to the Democratic National Committee (DNC), Kerry requests new contributions in a way that assures he personally gets the credit for the fund-raising.

The e-mail contains a link to the DNC donor site. When clicked, it shows Kerry is the referrer of funds he requests. The 2004 presidential nominee declares: "Join me with a contribution of your own to show the incoming DNC chair [former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean] that you want to support organizing in your community."

A footnote: Dean's closest political associates reject the prediction by his former campaign manager, Joe Trippi, that Dean would break his promise not to run for president next time if he is elected DNC chairman. They say Trippi never was close to Dean and has not seen him or talked to him for months.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is rejecting nearly universal advice from financial experts that he dramatically should accelerate the decline of the dollar in order to reduce the U.S. international current-account deficit.

Greenspan is being told that the trade imbalance requires drastic action: a 40 percent decrease in the value of the dollar. But he

worries that such action could be inflationary in the growing American economy.

The Federal Reserve staff no longer worries about the duration of the U.S. economic recovery. Its doubts of a few months ago are gone, contributing to Greenspan's concern about inflation.

Agents of Republican Rep. Bill Thomas of California have started a backstage campaign to suspend term limits and permit him to remain chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee through the end of George W. Bush's presidency.

Thomas has said nothing himself, but Ways and Means staffers are arguing that he should be given a waiver to keep him on as chairman to complete the Bush agenda. His six years in charge under Republican term limits end in January 2007.

Nobody has been given a waiver since chairman term limits were instituted in 1995. Rep. David Dreier's tenure as Rules Committee chairman is expected to be extended after the six-year limit, but that post is appointed by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, while all other chairmen are elected by the full House Republican Conference.

Republican sources are reporting that Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois might cut short his last term in Congress to become U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

The Vatican post, considered a plum appointment by Catholics, has been vacant following the departure of Jim Nicholson to become secretary of Veterans Affairs for President Bush's sec-

ond term. Hyde is a prominent Catholic layman and a leading foe of abortion.

The 80-year-old Hyde is serving his last two years as chairman of the House International Relations Committee under Republican self-term limits. He is expected to announce his retirement this spring after 16 terms in Congress.

The best Republican chance to pick up a Democratic seat in the Senate next year disappeared Wednesday when Sen. Mark Dayton of Minnesota announced he would not seek a second term.

Dayton's approval rating had dropped to 43 percent, and he was far behind in raising money for a re-election campaign after self-financing his previous candidacies. Republicans licked their chops when possible Democratic challengers announced they would not take on Dayton in the primary.

With Dayton out, the Minnesota Senate race becomes a tossup. State Attorney General Mike Hatch is considered the strongest Democratic possibility, but he may run for governor. Left-wing talk-show host Al Franken is interested in being a candidate. The leading Republican is Rep. Mark Kennedy, who last November survived a strong Democratic challenge. GOP leaders dread the prospect that former Sen. Rod Grams, beaten by Dayton in 2000, may run again.

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Drug war follies: A 'war on people'

Here's another example of how America's war on drugs has devolved into a war on people.

In 1998, Congress passed an amendment in the Higher Education Act to deny federal financial aid to college students convicted for possession or sale of illegal drugs. In America, you can be convicted for rape, murder or drunk driving and still qualify for federal aid — as long as you didn't smoke pot.

The measure isn't as harsh as it first sounds. Convictions before age 18 don't apply. The ineligibility period lasts for one year for a first-possession offense and two years for a first-dealing offense, but is "indefinite" for repeat offenders. Even then, would-be students can have the ban lifted by completing drug rehabilitation and passing two drug tests.

Despite that, it's still a bad idea. It's so bad that U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., has suggested that students sue the government if they are denied aid for long-ago convictions. Souder's aides blame "the Clinton administration's misinterpretation" of the law, though they still support the ban as a deterrent. They say the law was never meant to apply to offenses committed before entering college. Souder aide Martin Green explained that the congressman's evangelical Christian beliefs reject punishing people for old wrongs they have addressed.

In that spirit, Souder has tried repeatedly to change the amendment so that it only applies to arrests of current students. But you see, in Washington, it is easier to pass a bad law than to fix one.

Better to junk the whole thing, says Marisa Garcia, who in 2000 discovered she couldn't qualify for student aid because of an arrest

for possession of a marijuana pipe. Now a junior at California State University at Fullerton majoring in sociology, Garcia was able to stay in school with the help of her mother, and she now qualifies for federal financial aid. But her experience with the law was not positive.

Souder's staff claims the ban is a deterrent to drug use. No way, responded Garcia. She didn't know about the ban before her arrest. If the law is a deterrent, it is a deterrent to going to college. A congressional advisory committee agrees, as a report released last month noted that drug questions "can deter some students from filing for financial aid."

Garcia also doesn't believe the government should punish her twice for one crime. "I had already paid my fine. I broke the law. I have a misdemeanor on my record now," said Garcia. If you commit other crimes, "you get punished once. I don't think that people with drug convictions should get punished twice."

For its part, the Souder camp really does think the ban is a deterrent. It's not too harsh, it says, because students can attend drug rehab. (Garcia said rehab cost more than tuition.) Martin Green said the ban prevents those who would "squander taxpayer dollars" — adding, "These are not going to be your best students."

I don't know that Green is right about that. In my college years, there was no shortage of students who, despite their drug use, had high GPAs. Indiana's new Republican governor, former Bush budget director Mitch Daniels, was arrested for marijuana possession in college, and it's pretty clear he learned something at Princeton.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., has led the fight to repeal the Souder amendment, supported by Students for a Sensible Drug Policy. I wish them luck and GOP support.

I agree with Souder that law-breakers do not have an automatic right to federal financial aid,

although the government may be committing double jeopardy by punishing convicts twice for one offense.

To the charge that Souder is soft on other crimes, his staff responds that he is willing to expand the list of offenses. It's funny, though, because when Souder had his shot at legislation, he targeted drug users and dealers instead of violent or career criminals.

My theory on the drug war is that it is popular largely because parents will support draconian sentences for other people's children (bad kids) in order to protect their own children (good kids) from doing what the bad kids do. It doesn't occur to these parents that their kids could be on the punishment end. They think they're on the side of law and order.

Not everyone with a badge agrees. John W. Perry was a New York police officer who publicly protested drug-war excesses. He was signing his resignation papers on Sept. 11 when the first plane hit the World Trade Center. He grabbed back his badge and gun, rushed to action, and died in the service of others.

Opponents of the Souder amendment set up a scholarship fund in Perry's name for students who couldn't get student aid because of the Souder legislation. Over the phone Wednesday, Perry's mother, Pat, talked about her son. He was a "health nut," Pat said, who didn't use drugs but "had sympathy for people who weren't as strong as he was." As a police officer, he saw the excesses of the drug war, said Pat, "and he didn't think it was fair."

And it isn't.

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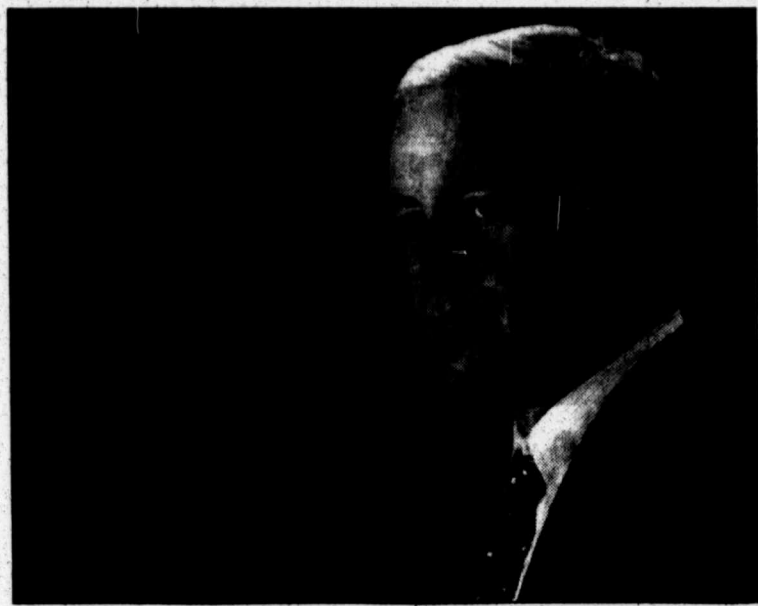
By WILL LESTER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats elected Howard Dean chairman of their national party on Saturday, casting their lot with a skilled fund-raiser and organizer whose sometimes caustic, blunt comments can lead to controversy.

The 447-member Democratic National Committee chose Dean on a voice vote to replace outgoing party chief Terry McAuliffe. The former Vermont governor and presidential candidate had promised to rebuild the state parties, take the offensive against Republicans, and better explain party positions on issues.

Democrats are eager to renew their campaign to regain political power, though some admit to a



bit of anxiety. President Bush just won his second term. Republicans are firmly in control of the House and the Senate. And the GOP is gaining strength in conservative states in the South and West.

Georgia delegate Lonnie Platt said.

For Joyce Cusack, a Florida delegate, it's time for Democrats to embrace their party's values.

"We are trying so hard to be like Republicans and we're not. I think Howard Dean says clearly that we are different,"

Cusack said. "We are the party of ordinary citizens and not the elite, we are everyday working folk."

Democratic leaders, who were initially wary of a Dean chairmanship, started embracing his leadership after it became apparent he was strong enough to claim the job. Several high-profile Democrats considering a bid for chairman backed out of the race.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, not always a Dean supporter, said Friday, "He has used the power of technology, the force of his personality and the depth of his ideals to bring new people into the party."

Dean told Democratic committee members Friday that it's important to learn to be more comfortable discussing the party's core values.

"The way I hope to deal

with that problem, is not to abandon our core principles, but talk about them in a different way," he said.

Democrats are not pro-abortion, but "we are the party in favor of allowing women to make up their own minds about their health care," Dean, a physician, said.

Democrats are not for gay marriage, but "we are the party that has always believed in equal rights under the law for all people," he said.

"We are the party of moral values," Dean said. "There is nothing moral about cutting 300 million dollars that is used to feed starving children."

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failure, two components of the American Dream. And nowhere are success and failure more profound and treated with more compassion than in "Salesman," his best-known play. Loman, its stoop-shouldered protagonist, became synonymous with everything that went wrong with the dream.

Willy was a beaten-down true believer who fell victim to his own beliefs. For actors, it was a role that made new reputations and cemented old ones — from Lee J. Cobb, Willy in the 1949 original, to the two very different Broadway Lomans of the last 20 years — the diminutive Dustin Hoffman in the superb 1984 revival to a strapping Brian Dennehy 15 years later.

Dennehy will play the role again, this time in London, where a revival will open in May.

The actor said Friday that not having Miller with them in England will put "a pall over it. We wished he would be there with us, although the last few months we knew it probably wouldn't happen."

"It's not just the play, he's been a presence in my life since I was 13. He's one of the great triumvirates of the American theater."

Miller married Monroe in 1956, following his divorce from his first wife and childhood sweetheart, Mary Slattery.

In a 1992 interview with a French newspaper, he called Monroe "highly self-destructive" and said that during their mar-

riage, "all my energy and attention were devoted to trying to help her solve her problems. Unfortunately, I didn't have much success."

In 1962, he married his third wife, photographer Inge Morath. That same year, Monroe committed suicide.

Miller's success, so overwhelming in the 1940s and 1950s, seemed to wane during the next two decades, despite the well-received Broadway revival of "Death of a Salesman" starring Hoffman in 1984.

Undaunted, Miller continued to write, even as he became increasingly disillusioned with Broadway. In 1991, he premiered a new play, "The Ride Down Mt. Morgan," in London — the first time he had opened a play outside of the United States.

"It is what I do," he said in a 1996 interview with The Associated Press. "It is my art. I am better at it

than I ever was. And I will do it as long as I can. When you reach a certain age, you can slough off what is unnecessary and concentrate on what is. And why not?"

Born Oct. 17, 1915, Miller was one of three children in a middle-class Jewish family. His father, a manufacturer of women's coats, was hard hit by the Depression and could not afford to send Miller to college. A tall, imposing man with a gruff accent, Miller worked as a loader and shipping clerk at a New York warehouse to earn tuition money and eventually attended the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1938.

He wrote his first plays in college, where they were awarded numerous prizes. He also published several novels and collections of short stories. Miller also wrote screenplays. He wrote "The Misfits," for Monroe,

which turned out to be her last movie, and "Playing for Time," (1981) a controversial television movie about the women's orchestra at Auschwitz.

He also wrote essays, a 1987 autobiography called "Timebends," and a number of books with Morath, mainly about their travels in Russia and China.

Miller had two children, Jane Ellen and Robert, by Slattery, and he and Morath, who died in 2002, had one daughter, Rebecca, a filmmaker married to Daniel Day-Lewis.

In Memory Of
James (Jim) Felts

On Jan. 7, 2005 your Heavenly Father called you home. Oh how you will be missed. You leave us with such wonderful memories. We will never forget your smile, laugh and that sense of humor. Your co-workers loved you like a brother. We know you love your family, music, your truck and all of your cats. God sent us David, Jim, R.M. in our darkest hours, the 11 days in the V.A. Hospital in Amarillo. The nurses of Hospice (Odyssey) are such special people. Thank you so much.

Jim is survived by his mother Marion Slavens, father J. D. Felts, stepfather Morris Slavens, sons Chris and Jeremy, one sister Connie Fletcher, nieces that loved him so - Amy, Anna, Brandi and Laci. One granddaughter he loved with all his heart - Keely Marie. Preceded in death by his son Chad and brother Russell.

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North Korea's U.N. envoy says talks over

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — North Korea's deputy U.N. ambassador said there would be "no more" six-nation talks on the country's nuclear program and maintained the real issue is whether the United States intends to attack the reclusive communist nation. Han Song Ryol made clear his country's announcement Thursday that it is a nuclear power and that it would indefinitely suspend its participation in six-party negotiations was the result of Pyongyang's belief that the United States is bent on invading North Korea to topple Kim Jong Il's authoritarian regime.

But Han went further in an interview Friday with Associated Press Television News when asked what it would take to get North Korea to come back to the talks.

"Six-party talks is old story. No more," the North Korean envoy replied in English.

The United States, South Korea, China, Japan and Russia have struggled to arrange a fourth round of talks aimed at persuading Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons programs. The last round was held in June.

Car bomb kills 17 outside hospital south of Iraqi capital

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded in front of a hospital in a mostly Shiite town south of Baghdad Saturday, killing 17 and wounding 21, police and hospital officials said, a day after 23 were killed in two attacks aimed at the Shiite community.

A police captain who refused to give his name said the Saturday blast occurred in front of the main hospital in Musayyib, 35 miles south of the capital in a religiously mixed area that's been the scene of frequent attacks by Sunni Muslim insurgents.

Elsewhere, a prominent Iraqi judge under Saddam Hussein, Taha al-Amiri, was assassinated Saturday by two gunmen in the southern port city of Basra, said Lt. Col. Karim al-Zaidi.

Police in Mosul said they discovered the bodies of six men dressed in Iraqi National Guard uniforms dumped on a main highway near the city. The bodies of six Kurds who had apparently worked for a security guard were also found in Mosul, a hospital official said.

The six Iraqi National Guardsmen had been shot in the chest and head, said police Lt. Ali Hussein. They were found in the area of Intisar, east of Mosul.

Attacks against Iraq's security forces have steadily risen following the Jan. 30 national elections.

Rumsfeld calls for unity in war on terror

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld struck a conciliatory tone at a European security conference Saturday, saying the American-European alliance could withstand its current differences and calling for unified efforts to defeat terrorism and weapons proliferation.

Referring to his earlier critical description of European nations that opposed the Iraq war as "old Europe," he said, "That was old Rumsfeld," drawing laughs from the assembled officials.

"Our collective security depends on our cooperation and mutual respect and understanding," Rumsfeld told the conference, which included U.N. chief Kofi Annan, NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and German Defense Minister Peter Struck.

Rumsfeld called for further cooperative efforts to counter the spread of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism.

"Our Atlantic alliance relationship has navigated through some choppy seas over the years. But we have always been able to resolve the toughest issues. That is because there is so much to unite us: common values, shared histories, and an abiding faith in democracy," he said.

White House details proposed spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than five days after unveiling his budget, President Bush spelled out in detail for lawmakers his requests to eliminate or sharply reduce spending for 154 programs the administration sees as duplications, failures or inefficiencies.

With a document detailing the administration's rationale for each proposed cut, the White House fleshed out Bush's State of the Union promise to curb government spending and reduce budget deficits that have been forecast.

The document was released late Friday, a time that administrations of both parties have picked for years to deliver unpopular news, because of Saturday's newspapers and news broadcasts have the week's smallest audiences.

Many of the items listed are not widely known, rather very small projects inserted by lawmakers to benefit their districts.

This list was in addition to \$4.7 billion in savings from major proposed reforms already discussed in the budget released Monday, such as beginning to eliminate Amtrak, consolidating job-training programs and moving community development grants to the Commerce Department.

Thousands of demonstrators clash with Togolese police

LOME, Togo (AP) — Thousands of demonstrators clashed with riot police in the capital for a second day Saturday, protesting against Togo's recent army-appointed president in what many are calling a coup d'etat. Three people were reportedly killed and dozens wounded when police fired at demonstrators.

West African leaders, who are leading the international pressure on Togolese authorities to roll back their constitutional changes, have demanded Togo's leaders meet them in neighboring Niger on Saturday.

An estimated 3,000 protesters hurled rocks and jagged pieces of metal at police, and set garbage fires to block their vehicles. Security forces fought back with tear gas, batons and stun grenades, attempting to quell a growing opposition against the appointment of President Faure Gnassingbe.

CNN News Exec quits following controversy

NEW YORK (AP) — Worried that CNN would be "unfairly tarnished" over remarks he made about journalists killed by the U.S. military in Iraq, one of CNN's most visible executives chose to quit.

With the resignation of chief news executive Eason Jordan, CNN hopes to end a distracting controversy that had threatened to rival the Internet campaign last fall against Dan Rather for a CBS story about President Bush's military service.

During a panel discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland last month, Jordan said that he believed several journalists who were killed by coalition forces had been targeted. Jordan quickly backed off his statements, both at the Jan. 27 panel and afterward.

27 leave El Paso school district over drugs

EL PASO (AP) — Twenty-seven El Paso school district employees — a teacher, two administrators and 24 maintenance and custodial workers — were fired or resigned after a monthlong investigation into drug use at several campuses, the superintendent said.

Superintendent Charles Tafoya said Friday that the employees at six facilities were fired or voluntarily resigned after the district's police department began asking questions about on-the-job drug use — mostly cocaine — in early January.

Tafoya, citing federal privacy laws, refused to name the employees or say at which schools they worked.

"Because of the nature of the investigation and the drug testing conducted, we are being very careful not to violate" the

privacy laws, Tafoya said. "We want to assure you that we are not being evasive."

The investigation did not find any link between the employee drug use and students, administrators said. He said there was no evidence that drugs were sold at any district school or other facility.

El Paso Independent School District Police Chief Armando Nava Jr. said no criminal charges have been filed because there is no evidence of drug possession or distribution.

Terry Roberts, the mother of two high school students, said she would have liked to know what schools were involved.

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By KATHY ANTO

Knight Ridder Ne

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You can make your own card for your special valentine. It doesn't take long and it's super easy!

Homemade valentines show you really love 'em

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Pictures of cartoon characters will probably grace almost all the greetings you receive on Valentine's Day this year from your classmates. The cookie cutter, store-bought valentines are popular with kids and a really easy way to handle the chore. Sign your name on the back of an Incredibles character or a Disney-esque princess and you're done.

Take my word for it; that kind of valentine will not tell anyone they are important to you. If you want to let someone know that he or she is special, you must make your valentine greeting stand out in a crowd. A valentine for someone you admire or for someone who has been especially kind to you such as your teacher and your parents, should take a little bit more work.

Don't worry that your homemade valentine greeting won't be good enough to give special people. You can express your personal, heart-felt sentiments in an impressive manner even if you aren't an artist and you don't know how to write like a calligrapher. Find the right method and your valentines won't fail to get their message across.

Declaring one's true love in a sentimental note has long been a custom people have used to celebrate love on Feb. 14, the feast day of Saint Valentine, a martyr of the early Christian church. Although authorities don't agree on the origins of Valentine's Day, people in England have probably been celebrating the holi-

day since the early 15th century. Some historians believe that sending verses of poetry became customary after a Frenchman named Charles, Duke of Orleans, sent a love letter with rhymed verses to his wife from prison. It is said that Charles, captured by the

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English during the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, sent the letter from his cell in the Tower of London on Valentine's Day.

I found a way to impress your sweetheart with a unique homemade card that can be made with little or no artistic ability. It incorporates all the important symbols we associate with Valentine's Day to make a beautiful valentine for your special someone. You may want to add a verse on the back, or just sign your name. I promise, your valentine will get the message. You can find directions for this project at www.bhg.com on the Web under a search for candy hearts. While you are there, take a look at the dozens of other ideas that will help you make the holiday the best ever. I modified the directions

Make a heart-shape paper pattern from a 6-inch square of paper. Cut it out and trace around the shape on pink construction paper.

Cut a 6-inch square of adhesive-backed vinyl and stick it to the construction paper. Cut out the heart shape.

Turn the heart over to the construction paper side and write your verse and your name in the center.

Trace the heart shape onto the clear plastic and cut out.

Put both the hearts together with the clear plastic on top of the contact paper and use a paper punch to make holes all around the edge of the hearts. Try to keep the holes evenly spaced and the same distance from the edge.

Hold the pieces tightly, keeping the holes lined up, and weave a 36-inch piece of red yarn through the holes starting at the top. Leave about 6 inches of string hanging through the front of the heart at the top for one end of a bow.

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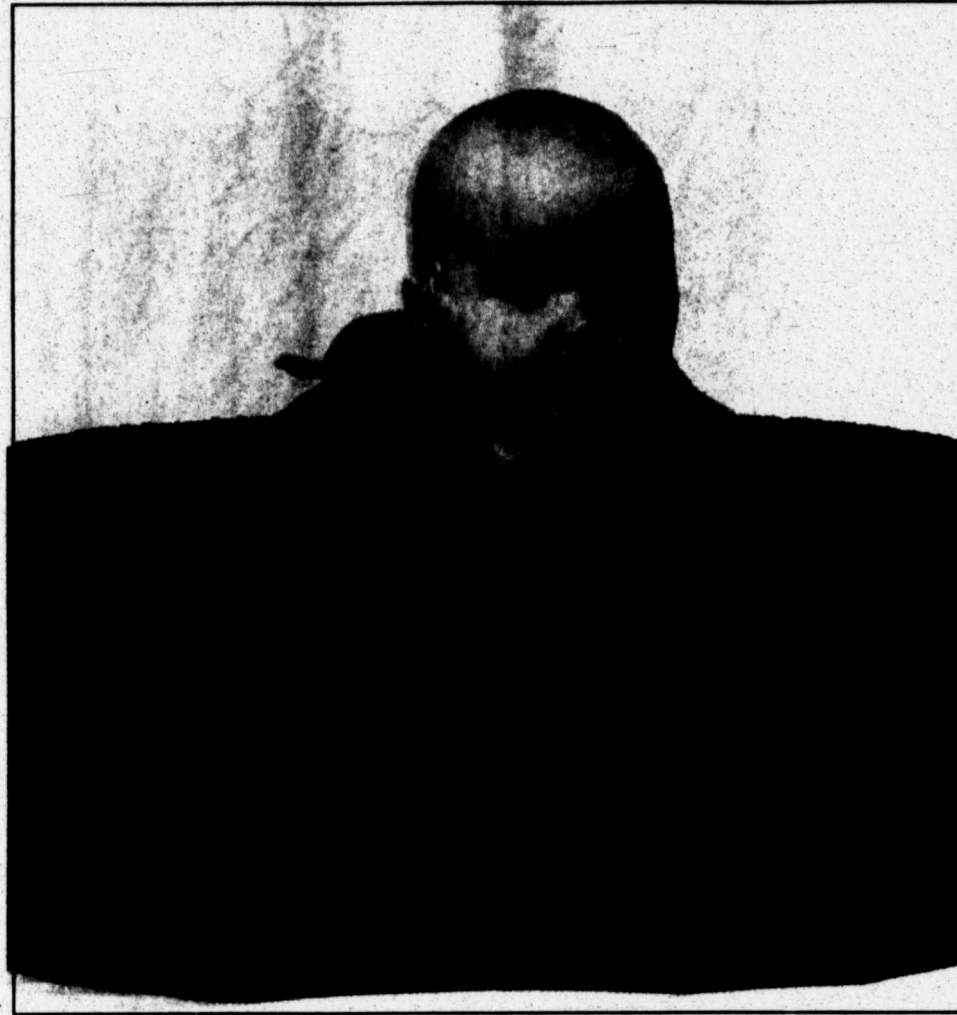
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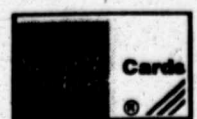
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2005 Little League to hold signups

Sign-ups for the 2005 Big Spring Little League season will take place Feb. 19 through Feb. 26 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

The league is for anyone ages five through 16 that live within the Big Spring little league boundaries. Registration is required even if player has played before, at least one parent or guardian must be present and an original or state-certified copy of child's birth certificate is required.

For more information, contact Chuck Rosenbaum at 263-1792.

Class of 2005 to host fund-raiser

The Big Spring class of 2005 will be holding a softball fund-raiser at Cotton Mize Field March 11 and 12.

The entry fee will be \$125 and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. The final day to enter the tournament will be March 9.

For more information, contact J.R. Landin at 264-1736 or Able Rios at 213-2115.

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting set

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet Monday, Feb. 21, in the ATC at 6 p.m.

All parents of players involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, track and training are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez at 263-6100.

Lady Steer Softball Booster meeting set

The Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet Monday, Feb. 21, in the ATC at 7:30 p.m.

All parents of girls involved with the softball program are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023.

Softball umpires needed for season

Anyone interested in becoming an ASA certified umpire for the upcoming softball season can obtain information from Francisco Ramirez at 466-3670.

C.G.A. sets first toumey of new year

The Chicano Golf Association has set its first tournament of the year — the membership drive toumey — for Sunday, Feb. 20, at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. and all participants must be registered by 11 a.m.

This tournament was originally scheduled for Feb. 13, but the date has been moved up.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

Coahoma clinches playoff berth after victory



By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Coahoma boy's basketball team joined its counterpart — the Bulldogettes — Friday as the Bulldogs rolled past district rival Hawley at

home, 58-36, and earned themselves a spot in the Class 2A playoffs.

The Bulldogs are currently 19-10 overall and 6-3 in District 4-2A. Anson has already locked up the district title, but Coahoma can now finish

no worse than second.

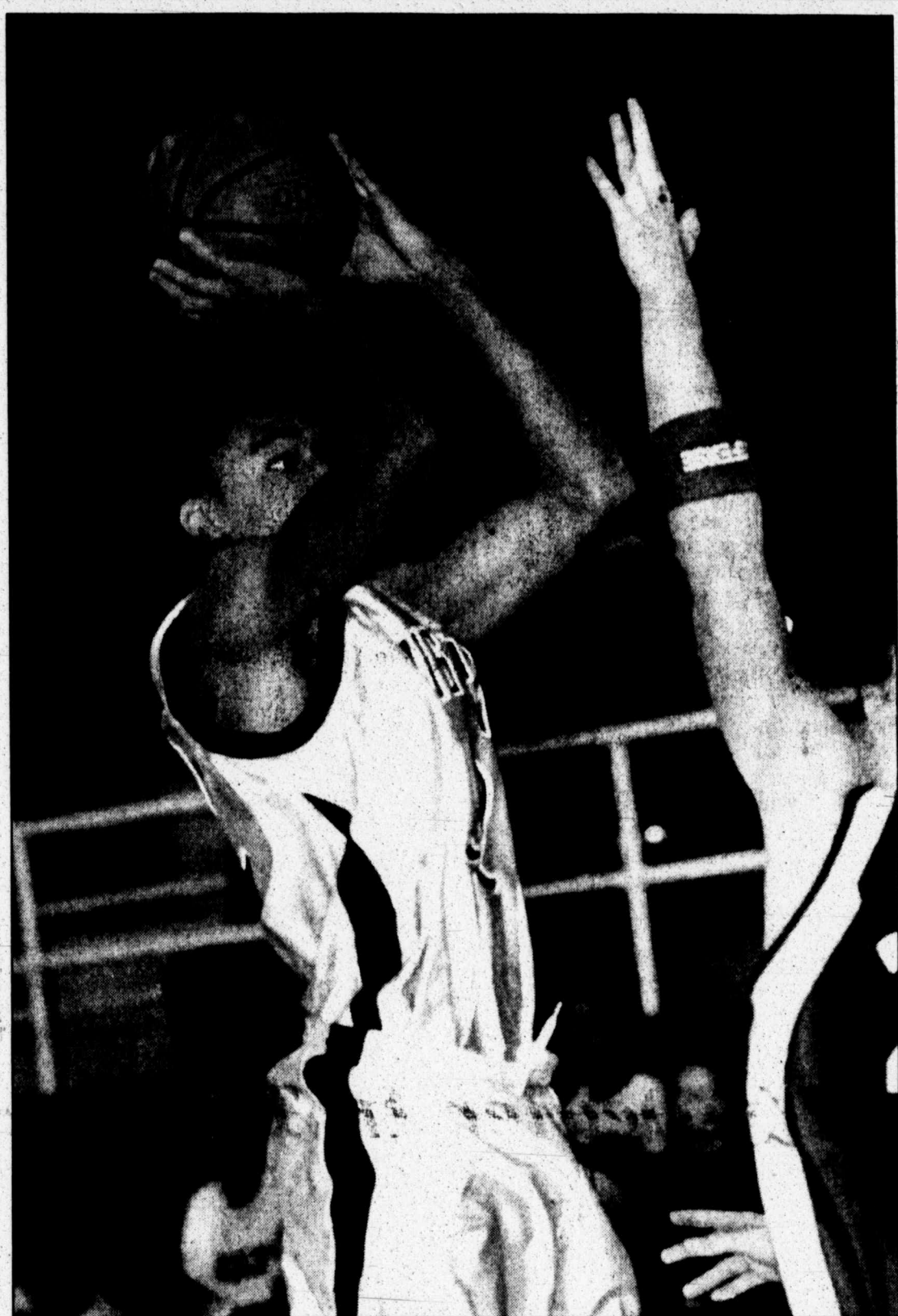
The Bulldogs jumped out to an 11-2 lead after the first quarter and grabbed a 28-10 lead at halftime.

Coahoma exploded in the third quarter, outscoring Hawley (9-21, 1-8) 23-

11. The substantial lead allowed Coahoma coach Kim Nichols to go to his bench in the final frame as the Bulldogs were outscored 15-7.

Seniors Isaac Brewer

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Big Spring senior Bobby Newton gets up high for a shot in the lane Friday during the Steers' much-needed win against rival Lake View. Big Spring won the game 66-47 and Newton grabbed five rebounds in his final home game.

Senior pride

• Teeters scores 27 points on senior night as Steers upend Chiefs

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

A senior shined on "his night" Friday at the Steer Gym and the Steers' basketball team played solid defense and smart offense as the Big Spring boy's basketball team eliminated its zero in the district win column with a much-needed 66-47 rout of District 4-4A rival Lake View.

"I thought our defensive pressure was the difference in the game," said Big Spring coach Jim Kinnear. "We got some steals off the half-

court trap and were able to push the floor and confuse them a bit. Our defensive pressure opened up our game on the offensive end."

The seniors were honored at the beginning of the game and Nathan Teeters responded in the game with what could be considered his best game ever. He finished with 27 points on 11-for-18 shooting from the field, pulled down five rebounds and had two steals. Of his 11 made shots, 10 of them came from inside the lane — and most of them

were uncontested. The only shot outside the lane came from behind the 3-point line. He made five layups in the fourth quarter.

"My teammates deserve the credit," said Teeters after the game. "I couldn't have scored the points without someone passing me the ball. I couldn't have done it without them."

Kinnear adjusted his lineup for senior night as seniors Brandon Boling, Brandon Gross,

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Big Spring finds no trouble in first round

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The first round matches for the Big Spring tennis team at the Big Spring Invitational Friday went as planned by most Steer competitors.

The team went 6-1 in first round matches and was led by seniors

Veronica Villarreal and the Nick's — Paredes and Rivera.

Villarreal, Big Spring's No. 1 girl, made easy work of her first round opponent as she won in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. The team of Paredes and Rivera also won 6-2, 6-2.

The boy's No. 1 singles player — sophomore Roshan Shroff — had no trouble in his first round match as he won in

See TENNIS, Page 2B

Bailey's effort not enough as Forsan suffers tight loss

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Freshman Adam Bailey scored 16 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, but it was not enough Friday at Midland Christian against district rival McCamey as a close game throughout ended in a 51-48 loss for the Forsan boy's basketball team.

This game was the first of two play-in games in which Forsan needed to win to advance to the playoffs. McCamey will now take on Iraan later next week at Midland Christian for that chance.

"I am very proud of how far this team has come this year," said Forsan coach Terry McDonald. "They finished tied for second in the district and had a chance at a play-in game on a neutral site."

The game featured several lead changes right up to the final buzzer.



"The experience our young guys got this year will serve them well in the future," said McDonald.

Junior Tye Baker added 13 points and seven rebounds for the Buffaloes, while Jeremy Johnson had eight points and eight rebounds. Josh Paredes scored eight points, as well.

The loss ends the Buffaloes season with a record of 11-17 and ends the high school careers of two seniors — Clay Kuykendall and Burke Atkerson.

"They both have provided great leadership and played important roles on this year's team," said McDonald.

Billalba grabs 2nd after first round 72

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Big Spring junior Tommy Billalba shot a first round 72 Friday at Comanche Trail Park as part of the opening day of the Big Spring Golf Invitational and enters round two in second place overall. Junior Chance Cain shot a 76 in his opening round, but did not finish in the top-five. Sophomore Taylor Parks shot an 87.

Midland Lee's Tyler Sheppard was the first round leader after shooting a 71.

Senior Rachel Gee led the Big Spring girl's with a 90, while Megan McCormick shot a 94. Kim Paredes and Cassie Gwinn both shot a 101.

The girl's first round overall leader was Allison Jordan of Monahans.

The Big Spring girl's team is in fifth place, while the boy's team held down 10th place heading into the final day.

The tournament concluded Saturday, but final results were unavailable at press time.

MLB won't look into Canseco allegations

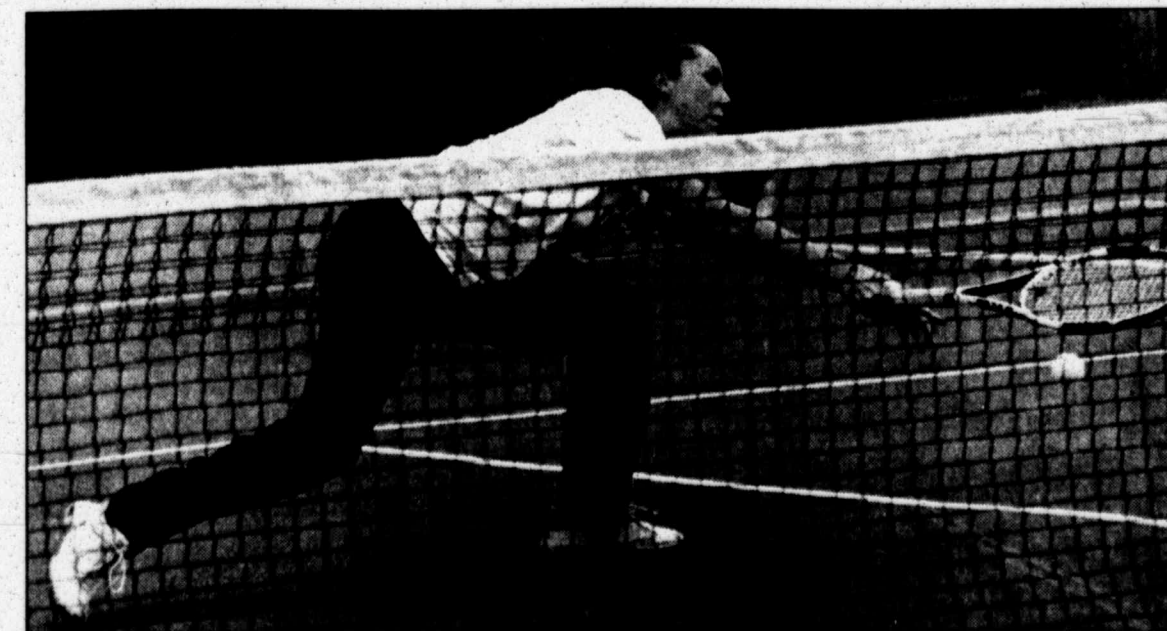
By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball likely will not follow up on any of the allegations of steroid use that Jose Canseco makes in his new book.

Canseco said in the

book, which is being published next week, that he, Mark McGwire and Jason Giambi shot steroids together in the bathroom stall at the Oakland Coliseum, the New York Daily News reported last

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Big Spring senior Alex Gariepy can't get to a ball that is just out of her reach Friday afternoon at the Big Spring tennis invitational. Gariepy and teammate Reinhilde Robinson won their first round doubles match, but lost their second round match 6-2, 6-3.

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IN BRIEF

Kings plead for call as Mavericks win

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Jason Terry's three-point play with 12.6 seconds left gave Dallas the lead and left Sacramento once again pleading for a goaltending call. The Mavericks won the game 115-113.

With Sacramento up a point, the Kings' Cuttino Mobley drove to the basket with 27.7 seconds to go. Erick Dampier came over and blocked Mobley's shot after it hit the backboard.

It was similar to Tuesday night's loss to Phoenix when Amare Stoudemire blocked Brad Miller's shot with less than a second to go to preserve a two-point win.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 27 points, Michael Finley added 19 and Terry had 17. The victory was Don Nelson's 329th with the Mavs, tying Dick Motta's franchise record.

Mike Bibby led the Kings with 25 points.

'Mallman' to stop delivery Sunday

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone will announce his retirement, deciding against making one more run at an NBA title.

Malone, the No. 2 scorer in NBA history, will hold a news conference Sunday at the Delta Center — the arena where his 1997 and 1999 league MVPs are celebrated with signs below the upper deck.

His agent, Dwight Manley, said Malone was "very serious" about returning to action with the San Antonio Spurs before he decided to retire.

Sharpshooting Miller to retire after season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Reggie Miller will retire after the season, ending a career with the Indiana Pacers in which he became one of the NBA's greatest shooters, his sister and The Indianapolis Star said.

Miller, who turns 40 in August, holds NBA records for most 3-pointers made (2,505) and attempted (6,321) and is the leading scorer in Pacers history with 24,685 points. He appeared in five All-Star games, 131 playoff games and the 2000 NBA Finals.

Michelson leads at Pebble Beach Pro-Am

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Phil Mickelson finished with a 5-under 67 at Poppy Hills, giving him a four-shot lead over fellow southpaw Mike Weir at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Mickelson had a 15-under 129 total, two strokes better than the previous 36-hole tournament record set by Matt Gogel in 2001.

CANSECO

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weekend.

Canseco also said he introduced Texas teammates Rafael Palmeiro, Ivan Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez to steroids after being traded to the Rangers in 1992. All of the players he mentioned have denied the allegations.

"I'd be surprised if there was any significant follow-up," Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said Friday. "This is a terrible thing for anyone to allege. It's hard to understand why anyone would make these allegations — to sell a book? I don't know what constructive purpose Jose has in mind."

Alderson, designated as baseball's spokesman on the Canseco book by commissioner Bud Selig, was general manager of the Oakland Athletics when Canseco and McGwire played for the team in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Alderson said he saw no reason to believe Canseco's allegations about McGwire were true.

"I did not suspect that McGwire was using steroids at the time," Alderson said. "That was for a host of reasons. Mark was working diligently with our coaches. His weight gain was far more gradual than one would suspect (if he had used steroids)."

"Jose made statements before that haven't been

entirely true. I don't think any of us in the commissioner's office intend to speculate on allegations he made regarding other people."

Alderson said baseball's security department, headed by Kevin Hallinan, had not been contacted about checking into Canseco's allegations.

"I'd be very surprised if that were to develop in the future," Alderson said.

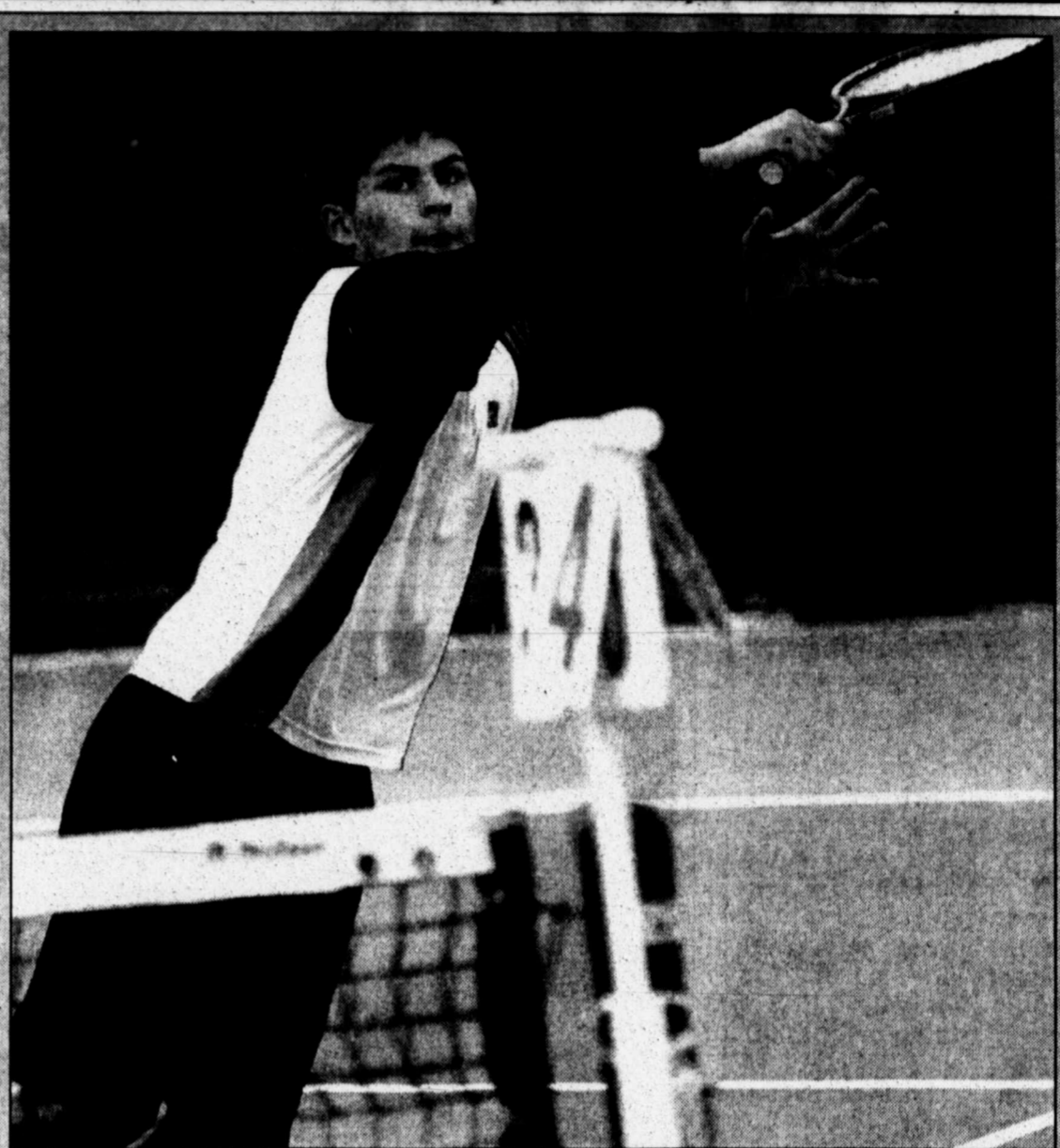
He also said the new agreement between players and owners for more frequent testing for performance-enhancing drugs and harsher penalties for positive tests will take care of the issue going forward.

"We have made massive strides in this area, just in the last few weeks," Alderson said. "I'm not sure what the motivation is, other than to sell books, and I don't think Jose's admission would sell many books."

Giambi, at a news conference Thursday, would not discuss whether he had used steroids but dismissed Canseco's charges as "delusional."

Giambi again Friday made light of the allegations, bringing up the game May 26, 1993, when Canseco allowed Carlos Martinez's fly ball in Cleveland to bounce off his head and over the wall for a home run against Texas.

"The allegations in this book are absolutely false," Giambi said in a statement released by the office of his agent, Arn Tellem.



Big Spring senior "big" Nick Paredez leans to snag down a ball hit to him during the Big Spring tennis invitational Friday afternoon. Paredez and teammate "Little" Nick Rivera won their first round match in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

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straight sets 6-3, 6-4. The other singles competitor was freshman Allison Ward. She won her first round match 7-5, 7-6 before falling in her second match 2-6, 3-6.

The junior duo of Natasha Neighbors and Jamie Jordan won their

first round match 7-5, 6-4, but struggled in match No. 2 and lost 1-6, 0-6.

Senior Alex Garlepy and sophomore Reinhilde Robinson also played two games Friday. They won their first round match 7-5, 7-6 before falling in their second match 2-6, 3-6.

The only first round loss of the day came in doubles action as senior

Jason Vela and sophomore Bryan Juan lost 2-6, 2-6.

The tournament's first day suffered a five-hour rain delay as several match results were unavailable at press time. To speed matches up, every first round match's sets began 2-2. Check out Monday's issue of the Herald for final results.



Big Spring junior Collin Carroll knocks in a putt on the ninth hole at the Big Spring golf invitational Friday morning. Final results will be available in Monday's issue of the Herald.



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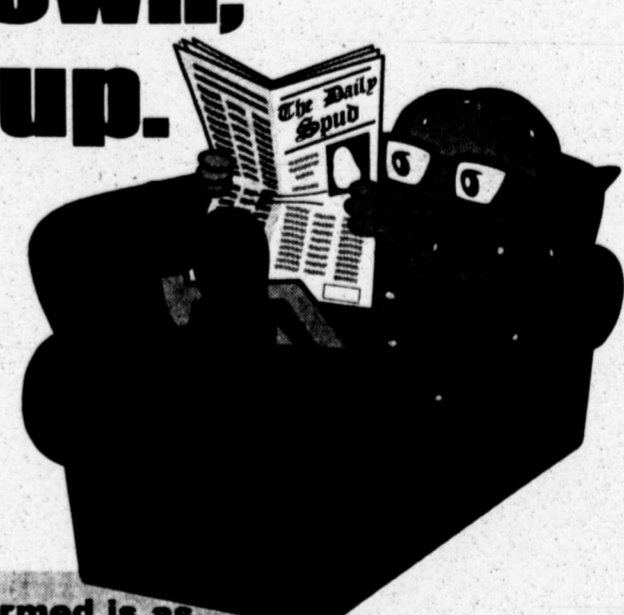
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Coahoma senior Joe Holguin hustles down a ball Friday night during the Bulldogs' playoff-clinching victory over district rival Hawley.

VICTORY

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Wes Parks, Bobby Newton and Justin Green all started the game for the Steers. The Steers also played the game without starting power forward Kyle Piercefield, who was out of town on a student council field trip.

The seniors struggled early from the field and fell behind 9-2 with 4:32 to play in the first quarter. The original lineup was inserted at that point and Big Spring quickly got back into the game.

Teeters scored six straight points after entering the game and the Steers' deficit was just three at 11-8 with under three minutes to play in the opening quarter.

Big Spring trailed after the first period 13-12, but outscored Lake View 10-2 with the new lineup over the final 3:38.

The Steers got up by as many as eight in the second quarter, but let Lake View back into the game just before halftime as they grabbed a 28-23 lead at the break.

Teeters had 10 points at halftime and was the beneficiary of some nice passes from various Big Spring teammates.

"They got me the ball



that's for sure," said Teeters.

Kinnear added, "we have been preaching patience at the offensive end all week because we wanted to make Lake View's defense work and as a result we got a lot of easy layups."

Big Spring turned the ball over to Lake View on its first two possessions of the third quarter and the Chiefs took advantage by grabbing a 28-26 lead.

However, the lead wouldn't last long for Lake View as two jumpers by freshman center Jordan Kinnear put the Steers up for good at 31-30. Back-to-back 3-pointers by junior Kalin Whitehead and sophomore Ryan Tannehill pushed the lead to six with just more than a minute left to go in the third. The Steers eventually led 43-35 after three quarters.

Big Spring's 23-12 fourth quarter advantage was more than enough to send Lake View home with a loss.

Teeters and Tannehill dominated the quarter. Teeters got 10 points off

five layups, while Tannehill recorded eight points off two 3-pointers and the final layup of the game.

"This game is a great confidence builder heading into Andrews Tuesday," said Coach Kinnear. "We have a little momentum and we are playing great defense right now. I think teams are starting to look past us and I don't think they can do that anymore."

The win not only gives Big Spring its first district win, but it also sends the Steer seniors home with a victory in their final game at the Steer Gym.

"You give a little bit more on senior night I guess because you want to get a win," said Teeters. "I was open a lot because Lake View double teamed the other big guys on the floor. I guess they thought I couldn't play down low."

Coach Kinnear added, "some of these seniors have been on varsity for the past two and three years. A lot of these kids made big strides this year in helping contribute to this team and I am sure it means a lot for them to win their final home game."

Tannehill finished with 12 points, five rebounds,

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COAHOMA

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and Adrian Abrego led the way for Coahoma with 16 and 10 points, respectively. Abrego hit

two 3-pointers in the game.

Coahoma will finish up its regular season schedule Tuesday at district rival Stamford, which has been eliminated from playoff contention. The game will start at 7 p.m.

District 4-2A Standings		
Anson	8-0	22-7
Coahoma	6-3	19-10
Colorado City	4-4	13-13
Stanton	4-4	14-13
Stamford	2-6	12-15
Hawley	1-8	9-21

High School Playoff Games at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Tuesday (girls)

Seagraves vs. Haskell, 6 p.m.

Smyer vs. Hamlin, 8 p.m.

* more games will be announced upon verification

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association (C.G.A.)

2005 Schedule

February 20	Membership Drive	11:30 a.m.
March 20	Four person scramble	11:30 a.m.
April 23	Relay for Life	TBA
May 15	Four person selective drive	10 a.m.
June 11-12	Two-day scholarship tourney	9 a.m.
July 17	Hispanic women for progress	10 a.m.
August 14	666	10 a.m.
September 11	Father Delaney	TBA
October 16	Grand Tour	TBA
November 13	Four person scramble	11:30 a.m.
December 4	Two person selective drive	11:30 a.m.

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Big Spring freshman center Jordan Kinnear likes what he sees from his teammates Friday as he takes a breather on the bench. The Steers recorded their first win in district play after beating rival Lake View, 66-47, in front of a loud crowd at the Steer Gym.

VICTORY

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three steals and seven assists, while Jordan Kinnear was one rebound away from a double-double as he finished with 10 points, nine rebounds, four blocks and three steals.

Whitehead made some big shots for Big Spring off the bench and finished with 13 points and six rebounds. Newton pulled down five rebounds in his final home game and Green added three steals, as well.

A.J. Ross led Lake View with 16 points, while Donnell Harris added 10.

Big Spring finished with 16 turnovers.

"I think that could be a season-low," said Coach Kinnear. "And as you can see by us winning that if you take care of the ball good things will happen."

The Big Spring freshman and junior varsity teams also won Friday.

"It was a clean sweep," said Coach Kinnear with a smile.

The Steers will close out their season on the road at arch rival Andrews Tuesday. Big Spring lost to the Mustangs by one point at home earlier this year, but missed 11 free throws in the fourth quarter. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

HOWARD COLLEGE HAWKS

HAWK HAPPENINGS



• Listen to "Hawk Talk" on the second and fourth Monday each month at 9 a.m. on KBST/1490. The featured sports are men's and women's basketball. The radio program provides the latest updates on the athletic teams.

• The Hawk rodeo team begins its spring season March 10-12 at Weatherford College.

• The Hawk women's basketball team dropped two more conference games this past week and is now 11-14 overall and 0-7 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC). Howard hosts rival Clarendon Monday before traveling to Hobbs, N.M. Thursday to take on rival New Mexico JC. The Clarendon game begins at 6 p.m., while the New Mexico game tips off at 7 p.m.

• The Hawk men's basketball team split two games last week as they defeated Midland on the road and lost to Frank Phillips in Borger. The team is currently 19-5 this season and 5-3 in the WJCAC Conference. The Hawks host rival Clarendon Monday before traveling to Hobbs, N.M. Thursday to take on rival New Mexico JC. The Clarendon game begins at 8 p.m., while the New Mexico game starts at 9 p.m.

• Ticket prices ... Adults \$5 and students \$3. All employees, employees' families, students and senior citizens get in free. Sign the pass list in the foyer.

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Upcoming Events

Monday

Howard College basketball vs. Clarendon, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Coahoma girls basketball bi-district vs. Jim Ned at San Angelo, 7 p.m.
Garden City girls basketball bi-district vs. Aspermont at Post, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Big Spring boys basketball at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma boys basketball at Stamford, 7 p.m.
Big Spring softball at Odessa, 5:30 p.m.
Big Spring baseball scrimmage vs. Midland High, 4 p.m.

District 4-4A

Standings

Plainview	8-1	26-5
Frenship	8-1	20-10
Estacado	6-3	18-12
Andrews	3-6	19-11
Big Spring	1-8	7-24
Lake View	1-8	5-26

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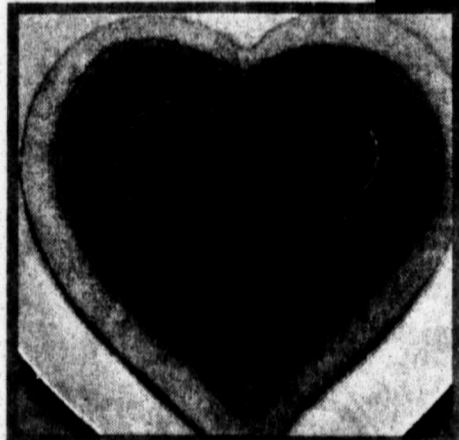
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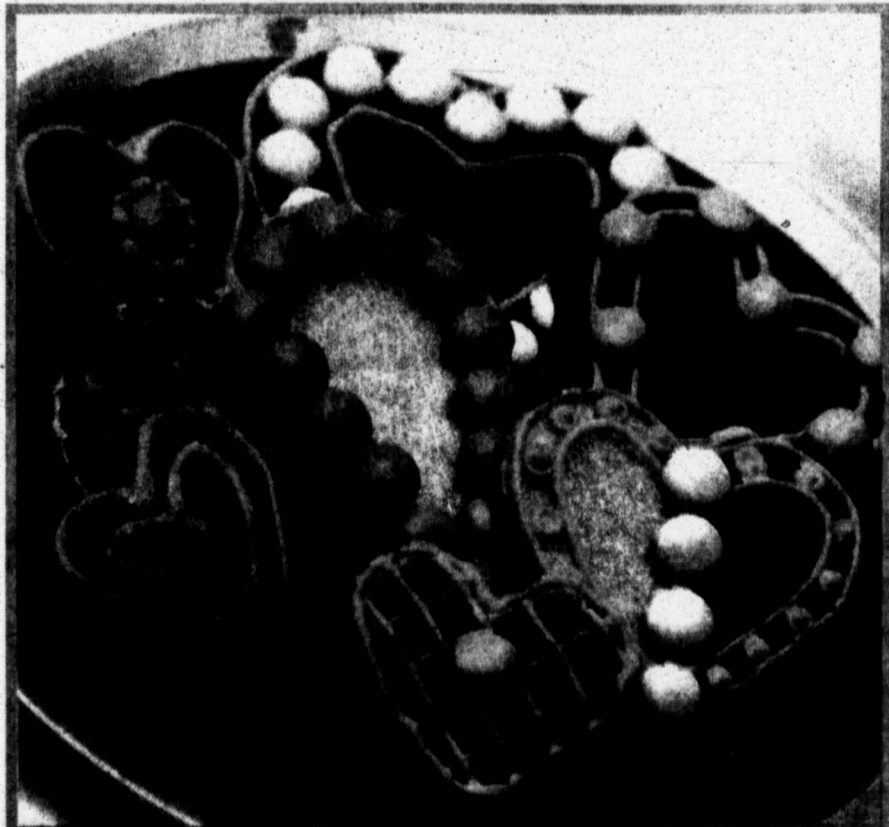
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Sweetheart Cookies



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- 1 (18-ounce) box cake mix
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- Red food coloring
- 2 (12-ounce) cans whipped vanilla frosting
- 3/4 cup heart-shaped sprinkles
- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day

1. Line muffin tins with paper cupcake liners. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Chop Pop'ables and fold into batter before spooning into muffin cups. Bake according to package directions.
2. Let cupcakes cool to room temperature.
3. Using red food coloring, tint one can vanilla frosting pink. Spread 12 cupcakes with pink frosting and 12 with remaining white frosting.
4. Roll edges of frosted cupcakes in heart-shaped sprinkles. Arrange colored candies into various designs on top of each cupcake. *Makes 24 cupcakes*

Sweetheart Cookies

- 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks)
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- Various heart-shaped cookie cutters
- 1 (11-ounce) bag Dove Milk or Dark Chocolate Hearts
- Red, pink and white M&M'S Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day

1. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add salt, egg and vanilla, and continue to beat until well blended. Gradually blend in flour until fully incorporated. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and chill at least 1 hour.
2. Preheat oven to 375°F. Roll out dough on lightly floured surface or between two sheets of parchment paper or plastic wrap to about 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into heart shapes or use heart-shaped cookie cutters. Place on parchment-covered baking sheet. Bake until golden brown (8 to 10 minutes). Cool.
3. To melt chocolate hearts, microwave approximately 3 to 4 minutes on medium power, stirring every 20 to 30 seconds, being very careful not to burn.
4. Dip cookies (an edge or up to one-half) in melted chocolate. Alternatively, try painting chocolate on cookies using baker's spatula or table knife, then decorate with colored candies. *Makes 2 dozen heart-shaped cookies*

Tiny Love Cakes

- 1 (16-ounce) frozen pound cake, thawed
 - 1 2 to 2 1/4-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter
 - 1 (16-ounce) can prepared vanilla frosting
 - Red food coloring
 - 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day
 - 1 tube chocolate decorative frosting, with plain tip
1. Line cookie sheet with waxed paper and top with wire cooling rack; set aside. Cut pound cake lengthwise into 9 slices, each about 1 inch thick. Using heart-shaped

cookie cutter, cut out 2 heart shapes per cake slice. (Save trimmings for another use, such as trifles, rum balls or snacking.) Place heart-shaped cake pieces on top of wire cooling rack.

2. Spoon 1/4 cup of vanilla frosting into resealable plastic bag and set aside. Using red food coloring, tint remaining frosting light pink, and spoon it into glass measuring cup. Heat pink frosting in microwave 5 to 10 seconds, or until pourable. DO NOT OVERHEAT. Pour pink frosting over heart-shaped cake pieces, to cover both tops and sides, reusing drippings and reheating if necessary. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.
3. Using scissors, snip small corner from resealable plastic bag filled with white frosting, and use it to pipe designs on tops and sides of heart-shaped cake pieces. Attach candies in different designs, then pipe messages on tops with decorative chocolate frosting. *Makes 18 cakes*

Heart and Soul Cookies

- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
 - 2/3 cup flour
 - Printable templates or 2 3/4 and 1 1/2-inch heart cookie cutters
 - Red food coloring
 - Red or pink sugar crystals
 - 1 (13-ounce) bag Milky Way Minis for Valentine's Day
 - 1/4 cup heavy cream
 - 1 (11-ounce) bag Dove Milk or Dark Chocolate Hearts
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
 2. Knead cookie dough with flour until smooth. Roll out 2/3 of dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Using large heart template or cookie cutter, cut out 18 heart shapes, each 1 1/2 inches. Sprinkle tops of smaller hearts with sugar crystals, and bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden.
 3. Tint remaining cookie dough with red food coloring. Roll out red cookie dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Using smaller heart template, cut out 18 heart shapes, each 1 1/2 inches. Sprinkle tops of smaller hearts with sugar crystals, and bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden.
 4. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack and let cool completely.
 5. In microwave-safe bowl, melt 2 cups candy bar minis and heavy cream about 1 1/2 minutes or until smooth, stirring every few seconds.
 6. Spread top of each larger heart cookie with chocolate mixture. Center smaller heart cookie on top of chocolate mixture. Spread back of chocolate hearts with melted chocolate mixture and place in center of cookie. *Makes 18 cookies*

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Anniversary

Clantons celebrate 50 years wed

Charlie and Oleta Clanton of Sand Springs were treated to a private dinner and video presentation to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, hosted by their children, Randy and Tricia Clanton and Angie and Iain Sloan and surrounded by their grandchildren.

Charlie was born in Salem, Ark. and the former Oleta Townsend was born in Rotan. They met at a New Year's Eve dance in Odessa in 1954. They were married Feb. 11, 1955, in Odessa.

They have two children, Randy and wife, Tricia Clanton of Sand Springs and Angie Sloan and hus-

band, Iain of Coahoma. They also have five grandchildren.

The couple have lived in Big Spring, Carlsbad, N.M. and Sand Springs during their marriage.

Charlie is a Korean War veteran and the retired owner of Clanton Auto Parts.

Oleta is the retired former owner/manager of Lakeway Grocery.

The are affiliated with Midway Baptist Church.

They enjoy watching the grandkids play sports, home repair and cooking for the masses.

They say the secret of their marriage is to keep a sense of humor and to never go to bed angry.



Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clanton today and in 1955.

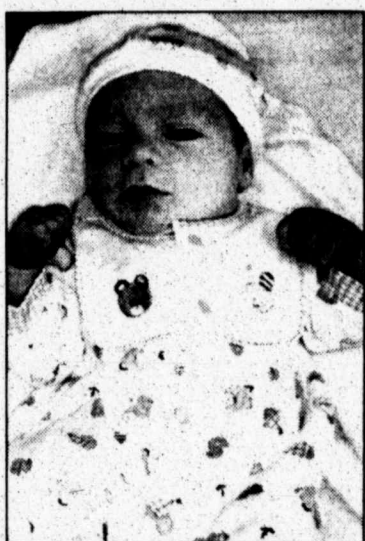
Births



David Valor Summers

David Valor Summers, a boy, was born Feb. 3, 2005, at 6:57 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are David and Megan Summers.

His grandparents are Carol Scott and Armando Reyes of Big Spring and Debbie King of San Diego, Calif. and David Summers of Temple. He was welcomed home by Lindsey Summers.



Bryson Paul Kinsey

Bryson Paul Kinsey, a boy, was born Jan. 15, 2005, at 4:38 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. His parents are Paul and Brandy Kinsey. His grandparents are Tray and Tricia Vess and Ricky and Tina Kinsey. His great-grandparents are Evelyn Fox, Audrey Vess, Paul and Lois Kinsey and Alice Landers all of Big Spring.

Nayeli Leah Soliz, a girl, was born Feb. 5, 2005, at 2:47 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Her parents are Jimmy and Patricia Soliz.

Her grandparents are Julian and Guadalupe Burciaga and Joe and Mary Soliz, all of Big Spring.

David Lynn Tidwell, a boy, was born Jan. 31, 2005, at 5:56 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Gary and Patricia Tidwell. His grandparents are David and Elizabeth Nance of Hobb, N.M., Don and Carlyn Tidwell of Sweetwater. Her great-grandparents are Marion Teague of Sweetwater and Robert and Clara Pollard of Watts, Okla.

Rowdy Blake Atkins, a boy, was born Jan. 31, 2005, at 2:26 p.m. weighing 7

pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. His parents are Brandon and Holly Atkins of Coahoma.

His grandparents are Jug and Lulu Boyd and Tim and Julie Atkins, all of Colorado City.

His great-grandmother is Maryann Turner of Big

Spring. He was welcomed home by Cutter and Tanner Atkins.

Erika Frances Martin, a girl, was born Feb. 1, 2005, at 8:43 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was

20 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Annetta Pena of Big Spring and Bryan Martin of Odessa.

Her grandparents are Susan and Mike Thompson, Rolando and Darlene Pena and Sonya and Joe Keith Martin.

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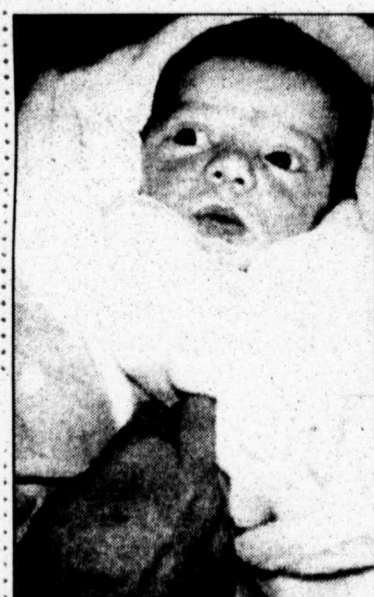
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Mikaela Lea Estrella

In the Military

Army Reserve Pfc. Martina De Los Santos

Army Reserve Pfc. Martina De Los Santos has graduated from the Automated Logistical Specialist Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

She is the daughter of Manuela Robles De Los Santos of Big Spring.

Her husband, Daren, is the son of Fred C. Weatherby and Pamela D. Weatherby, both of Big Spring.

Mikaela Lea Estrella, a girl, was born Jan. 22, 2005, at 10:27 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 1/2 ounce and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Esequiel Estrella and Christina Kistler.

Her grandparents are Paul and Carla Kistler of Big Spring and Joel and Carmen Estrella of Coahoma.

She is the great-granddaughter of Vivian Rush and Gary and Karen Kistler.

Paid birth announcement

Big Spring Symphony tickets now available

The Big Spring Herald has tickets to give away for the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's presentation of "An Encore Performance" at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Municipal Auditorium.

To receive two free tickets to the concert, call 263-7331, ext. 236 at 11 a.m. Monday-Friday.

YoungLife Round-Up Banquet scheduled

YoungLife, a non-profit Christian organization for high school students, is preparing a Round-Up Banquet, set for Feb. 28 in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Round-Up provides community members an opportunity to enjoy a catered barbecue dinner while learning about the work that takes place during YoungLife club.

The banquet will feature some of the YoungLife club members.

Club meets each Monday at 7:59 p.m. during the academic school years.

Club members are also preparing for YoungLife camp July 2-10 in Colorado.

The organization welcomes adult volunteers.

For more information or to contribute to YoungLife call leader Shelly Warren at 264-1234.



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Engagement



Melinda Rebecca Norman and Lucas Lopez

Norman, Lopez to exchange vows

Melinda Rebecca Norman and Lucas Lopez will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. March 26, 2005, at the Fairbarn in Big Spring.

The bride is the daughter of Vernon Smith and Juanita Smith, both of Big Spring.

She has received an associate of science degree in computer networking from Anne Arundel Community College, a bachelor of arts degree in government from Angelo State University and is currently attending the University of Texas at the

Permian Basin to complete a master's degree in public administration.

She is employed as a medical records tech at the V.A. Hospital.

The groom is the son of Habacu and the late Olga Juanita Lopez of Big Spring.

He has received an associate of arts degree from Barstow Community College and is currently attending Howard College to complete the registered nurse program.

He is employed as a claims examiner at the V.A. Hospital.



Alecia Danielle Peterman and Oscar Franco III

Peterman, Franco engaged

Oscar Franco Jr. and Mary Gutierrez would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Oscar Franco III to Alecia Danielle Peterman.

Oscar grew up in Big Spring and attended Coahoma High School. He now resides in Dallas, where he is employed as an access control technician.

The bride-elect grew up in Canton and graduated from Canton High School. She then received her

degree at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth in radio/television/film.

Alecia is now the production coordinator at the movie studios in Las Colinas for Don Ross Nabb Production Companies and also resides in Dallas.

The wedding ceremony will be Feb. 26, 2005, at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Midland with the reception immediately following.

Attendance by invitation only.

Newcomers

• Danny Sanders, wife Patty and daughter Brandi, formerly of Levelland. He is employed by Key Trucking.

• Art Wolfe and wife, Marcia, formerly of Oxnard, Calif. He is retired from civil service.

• Ross Anderson, formerly of Flandreau, S.D. He is a self-employed truck driver, contracted by Overby Transport.

• Willie Wilkins, wife, Crystal, daughter, Megan and son, Anthony, formerly of Marshall. He is employed by Price Construction.

• Mariano Granados and wife, Amanda, formerly of Fort Worth. He is employed by Bob Brock Ford.

• John Caldwell, wife, Jeanette, sons Eufemio and Caleb and daughter, Jenoe, formerly of Albuquerque, N.M. He is retired from oil field work.

• Ron Haselby, wife, Diane and son, Jimmy, formerly of Carlsbad, N.M. He is retired from I.M.C.C.

• Johnny Wallace, formerly of Brady. He is employed by Wal-Mart Supercenter.

James Alexander and wife, Betty, formerly of Stephenville. He is retired from floor covering.

• Oscar Guerra, wife, Minnie and daughters,

Alya, Monica, Vivianna and Dorothy, formerly of Amarillo. He is employed by Big Spring Co-op Gin.

• Yolanda Aguirre, daughters, Marlin and Alexandria and son, Aaron, formerly of Weslaco. She is employed by Howard County Humane Society.

• Roseanne Alvarado, formerly of Garden City.

• Eddie Garza and wife, Judy, formerly of Corpus Christi. He is employed by Domino's Pizza.

• Chris Dujach, formerly of Lubbock. He is employed by Pollard Chevrolet.

• Shoni Hildebrand and daughters, Kristne and Jana, formerly of Sweetwater. She is employed by Goldrush Discount Tobacco.

• Jami Welch, formerly of Odessa. She is employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

• Alfred Dickens, wife, Mia and son, Thomas, formerly of Fort Rucker, Ala. He is employed by the U.S. Army as a recruiter in Midland.

• Earl Diddle, formerly of El Dorado, Kan. He is employed by Howard College.

• Eric Rodewald, formerly of Nebraska. He is employed by Howard College.

• Mark Adams, wife, Jennifer, daughter Abbie and son, Luke, formerly of Lubbock.

Who's Who

Abilene Christian University honor roll

John Giles, a sophomore Christian ministry major, Jamie Pineda, a senior psychology major and April Ward, a senior integrated marketing communication major, were named to the Dean's honor roll at Abilene Christian University for the spring 2004 semester.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

hours.

Sarah Vela

Sarah Vela of Big Spring has earned the distinction of the Dean's Honor List for the Fall 2004 semester at the University of Texas at Austin.

The college of communication honor's list includes students who have completed 12 or more hours of graded work with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade less than C.



Sarah Vela

Crystal Leanne Wingert

The Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M University named Crystal Leanne Wingert for Outstanding Academic Achievement for the fall 2004 semester.

Crystal is the daughter of Chris and Karen Wingert and the granddaughter of Cad and Anne Wingert.

Texas A&M University Kingsville honor roll

Catherine Dione Juare of Big Spring, has been named to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Honor Roll for the fall 2004 semester. The honor roll requires a grade point average of 3.5 while taking at least 12 semester hours.

UTPB graduates

Elizabeth Gentry of Big Spring received a bachelor of business administration in accountancy, Lyndsey Smith earned a bachelor of business administration in management and Amy Trevino received a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin during fall 2004 commencement.

From Coahoma, Donna Spindler earned a bachelor of arts in humanities.

Baylor University honor's list

Jacquelyn Nila Bowen and Chelsea Ann Helsley, both of Big Spring were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2004 fall semester at Baylor University.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester

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Blowin' in the wind

West Texans joining forces to advance wind energy

Special to the Herald

After a successful first meeting a month ago, members of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium are getting together again.

January's organizational meeting in Sweetwater drew elected officials, landowners, school superintendents, county and city officials, economic development authorities, bankers, attorneys, business leaders, utilities and major wind energy developers. Attendees came from as far away as 250 miles in every

direction: far West Texas, the northern Panhandle, the Pecos Valley, Dallas, and Austin.

State and federal officials included representatives from the offices of Gov. Rick Perry, state Sens. Robert Duncan and Troy Fraser, Rep. Bob Hunter, U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer and the Texas Workforce Commission. Major international wind energy developers such as GE Wind and Gamesa Energy of Spain also attended.

"The strong showing that we had from every sector and from every direction demonstrates the vital interest that our

The West Texas Wind Energy Consortium will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, on the Texas State Technical College-West Texas at Sweetwater.

region has in the wind energy industry," said Greg Wortham, the group's executive director. "Many people throughout the region and the state are working to advance the interests of

West Texans. The Wind Energy Consortium provides a central forum for us to bring all of those efforts together to maximize benefits for our region."

The second session of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium will be held at noon Friday, Feb. 25, at The Center on the campus of Texas State Technical College-West Texas at Exit 240 off of Interstate 20, four miles west of Sweetwater.

The luncheon will be \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. The February session will feature a panel discussion on

legislative action at the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress. Interested persons are requested to RSVP at 325-236-9499 if they plan to attend.

"Now is the time for West Texans to join together to maximize our common economic interests in this important industry," said Greg Wortham, executive director of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium. "There are many crucial legislative issues and business opportunities for region in the immediate future,

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Jacob Brewer joins HSU PT department

Special to the Herald

Jacob F. Brewer, a 1998 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University's physical therapy department with a master of physical therapy degree, has been named a visiting instructor.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, in 1994.

He has been employed as a physical therapist since graduation, coming back to the Hardin-Simmons University campus from Waco, where he was administrative director of rehabilitation services for Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

He previously served as director of rehabilitation services for Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring.

He has served as a youth minister at several churches. His wife, Melanie, is a former residence hall director of Hunter Hall at Hardin-Simmons University, earning a master of business administration degree from HSU in 1998.

The Brewers have three daughters, Brianna, 9; Brittany, 7 and Brooklyn, 4.

Dell sales rise but profit slips on tax charge

DALLAS (AP) - Dell Inc. set a record for sales and topped Wall Street's earnings expectations in the fourth quarter, but the personal computer juggernaut indicated that revenue for early 2005 could fall short of analysts' predictions.

That cautious forecast caused Dell shares to fall \$1.34, or 3.2 percent, in after-hours trading Thursday. Before the earnings report, the shares gained 58 cents to \$41.57 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

BEST IN BUSINESS



Marvin Boyd, of Boyd's Auto Glass, receives the Business of the Year award from Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde during the chamber's annual banquet.

Gasoline prices fall in Texas

IRVING (AP) - Gasoline prices in Texas fell for the first time in four weeks to a statewide average of \$1.82 per gallon for self-serve regular, according to AAA Texas.

The auto club said Friday that price was a penny lower than last week's average.

Club spokeswoman Rose Rougeau said mild weather in the Northeast had helped refineries increase gasoline inventories.

The cheapest average

price in the state was recorded at Corpus Christi, at less than \$1.73 per gallon, while Dallas was the most expensive, nearly \$1.84 per gallon.

The average in Houston was \$1.81 per gallon, down 1.2 cents; San Antonio was nearly \$1.79, down 3.6 cents, and Austin-San Marcos was nearly \$1.81, down 2 cents, AAA Texas said.

The national average was also down a penny, to just below \$1.90 per gallon.

Weekly oil and gas rig count up

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States was up by 32 this week to 1,280.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 1,086 were exploring for gas, 193 were looking for oil and one was listed as miscellaneous, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday.

A year ago, the rig count was 1,111. Baker Hughes has kept

track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 in 1981, during the height of the oil boom. Several record lows were set in 1999, bottoming out at 488.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas gained 13 rigs, Louisiana 11, California six, Oklahoma five and Colorado one. Wyoming lost three rigs and New Mexico lost one. Alaska was unchanged.



At left, Brittnee Nix with her Reserve Champion Angus steer. Above, Jess Brooks with his Champion Polled Hereford.

Locals fare well at Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show

Special to the Herald

Animals exhibited by Howard County youth were among those winning their classes at the 2005 Southwestern Exposition and

Livestock Show in Fort Worth.

Jess Brooks, a 4-H member from Big Spring, exhibited the Champion Polled Hereford Steer in the Junior Polled Hereford Steer Show. Brittnee Nix, another 4-H member from Big Spring, exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Steer in the Junior Angus Steer Show.

The Stock Show's Junior Division this year hosted 10,068

entries by youth of Texas as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums exceeded \$83,966.

Some turf tips everyone can use this winter

Scalping Your Lawn — Should You Do It?
There are usually pros and cons to every decision you make in life — even scalping your lawn.

Scalping is defined as the removal of an excessive quantity of leaf tissue at any one mowing, resulting in a stubby brown appearance due to exposed stems, stolons, crowns, dead leaves and even bare soil.



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While scalping is not normally recommended for the warm season turfgrasses during the active growing season or prior to winter dormancy, it can be a beneficial cultural practice in late winter to early spring. Benefits include:

an earlier spring green-up, control of some winter annual broadleaf weeds and removal of some debris that could contribute to thatch accumulation. Scalping during the growing season will cause turf stress or potential injury to turfgrass plants.

A more appropriate scalp warm season grass lawns is just prior to spring green-up. Drop your mower cutting height down to 1/2 to 1 inch

and begin mowing. It is an excellent practice to remove old, dead plant material and to expose the soil to sunlight to warm the soil for quicker lawn green-up. Scalping too early may injure the turfgrass by exposing plant parts such as stolons and crowns to frost or extremely low temperatures. If delayed until the grass is actively growing, scalping will result in turf stress and shock the grass plant to the point

that it slows growth until it can recover. Take caution to not overdo scalping on lawns with heavy thatch — especially St. Augustine. If the active stolons (runners) are located in the upper portion of the thatch, scalping may cause a tremendous amount of damage to these vital plant parts and result in turf injury and even death.

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COUNTY COURT RULINGS

State of Texas vs. Ronnie Lee Bell —
Probated judgment on criminal mischief under \$500; 180 days in jail, probated for six months, \$500 fine, court costs.
State of Texas vs. David Lee Campbell —
Probated judgment on driving while intoxicated, second offense; 180 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Richard Lujan Delgado —
Probated judgment on driving while intoxicated, second offense; 180 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$750 fine, \$376 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Brent Todd Herring —
Probated judgment on driving while intoxicated, open container; 180 days in jail, probated for six months, \$750 fine, \$376 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Rocky Lee Rodriguez —
Judgment and sentence on assault causing bodily injury/family violence; 90 days in jail, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Rocky Lee Rodriguez —
Judgment and sentence on unlawful restraint; 90 days in jail, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Wretha Matlock Speer —
Probated judgment on theft under \$500 by check; 180 days in jail, probated for 24 months, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, restitution.
State of Texas vs. Leldon Taylor Jenkins —
Probated judgment on theft under \$500; 180 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Teresa Josefina Zarate —
Probated judgment on theft under \$500 by check; 180 days in jail, probated for 24 months, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Ruben Cisneros —
Probated judgment on possession of marijuana under two ounces; 180 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Steven John Alvarez —
Probated judgment on driving while license suspended, enhanced; 180 days in jail, probated for six months, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Carlos Marquez —
Judgment and sentence on accident involving damage to vehicle over \$200; 90 days in jail, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Martha Ann Vanderbuilt —
Probated judgment on failure to identify; 180 days in jail, probated for six months, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Kendra Harrison —
Judgment and sentence on theft under \$1,500;

120 days in jail.
State of Texas vs. Pamela C. Henry —
Probated judgment on theft under \$500 by check; 180 days in jail, probated for 24 months, \$100 fine, \$311 fine, restitution.
State of Texas vs. Rudolph Avalos Jr. —
Probated judgment on criminal mischief under \$500; 180 days in jail, probated for 24 months, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. David Rivera Jr. —
Probated judgment on driving while license suspended; 180 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Jeremiah John Alfaro —
Probated judgment on possession of marijuana under two ounces; 180 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Francisco Jesus Nieto —
Probated judgment on criminal mischief under \$500; 180 days in jail, probated for six months, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Maria Kay Standish —
Judgment and sentence on theft under \$500; 60 days in jail, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Kendra Harrison —
Judgment and sentence on theft under \$1,500; 120 days in jail, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Juan Jesus Zavala —
Judgment and sentence on accident involving damage to vehicle over \$200; 180 days in jail, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Larry Tepera —
Judgment and sentence on criminal trespass; 30 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Steve Hannabass —
Judgment and sentence on theft of service less than \$1,500; 180 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$257 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Steve Alan Hannabass —
Judgment and sentence on driving while license suspended; 180 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$234.25 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Matthew Clint Collins —
Probated judgment on possession of marijuana under two ounces; 180 days in jail, probated for 24 months, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Clifford Anglim —
Judgment and sentence on theft under \$500; 180 days in jail, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Steve Hannabass —
Judgment and sentence on theft under \$1,500; 180 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Paul rostum Ramirez —
Probated judgment on driving while intoxicated, second offense; 365 days in jail, probated for 24 months, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Clifford Anglim —
Judgment and sentence on criminal mischief under \$1,500; 180 days in jail, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Clifford Anglim —
Judgment and sentence on evading arrest; 180 days in jail, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Clifford Anglim —
Judgment and sentence on attempted burglary of a building; 180 days in jail, \$311 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Ashley Lynn Ward —
Probated judgment on prostitution; 180 days in jail, probated for 24 months, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Frankie Dean Norvell —
Judgment and sentence on evading arrest; 30 days in jail, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs.
State of Texas vs. Selestino Hernandez III —
Judgment and sentence on failure to identify; 25 days in jail, \$261 court costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Douglas Wade Vickers, 40, Big Spring, and Janis Sue Murphy, 53, Big Spring.

Zackary Scott Lyon, 29, Big Spring, and Jenny Marie Hamilton, 30, Big Spring.
Johnny Lee Williams Jr., 24, Big Spring, and Rebecca Brea-Ann, Raschke, 20, Big Spring.
Ricardo Antonio Arguello, 20, Big Spring, and Alice Lynn Trevino, 19, Big Spring.
James Don Avant, 49, Big Spring, and Anna Marie Smith, 48, Big Spring.
Gilberto Salazar Regio, 59, and Maria Luisa Marquez, 64, Big Spring.
Marcelino Herrera Jr., 53, Big Spring, and Hilda Rodriguez, 48, Big Spring.

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS

Leslie Fay Grantham vs. Donald Yates Bowlin, other.
Jennifer Irene Esparza vs. Victor Richard Esparza, divorce.
Russell Andrew Neefe vs. Laverne C. Neefe, divorce.
Yolanda Aguirre vs. Isreal Aguirre Jr., divorce.
Jason Paul Mize vs. Wendy Diane Mize, divorce.
Citibank (South Dakota), N.A. vs. Timothy Stewart, accounts, notes and contracts.
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Ruben Gamboa, accounts, notes and contracts.
Eddie Glen Williams vs. Tina Williams, divorce.
Big Spring Hospital Corp. vs. SHA LLC, accounts, notes and contracts.
Anthony Wayne Dawson vs. Stacey Lee Dawson, divorce.
Linda Ho-Gland vs. Randy Lee Ho-Gland, divorce.
Daayana De La Rosa vs. Adrian Rodriguez, family protective order.
Artel Financial Services vs. Don W. Crittenden, accounts, notes and contracts.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: A.R. Ballard
Grantee: Susan Ella Myers
Property: E. 621 feet of Lot 7, and W. 30 feet of Lot 6, Block 3, Edwards Heights addition.
Date Filed: Nov. 21, 1997.
Grantor: Ricky P. Watkins and Susan Ann Watkins
Grantee: Edward D. and Vickie Cole
Property: All of Lot 7, and S. 25 feet of Lot 8, Block 17, Bernaland Addition.
Date Filed: Jan. 26, 2005.
Grantor: Antonio Cervantes
Grantee: Araceli C. Saucedo
Property: All of Lot 8, block 8, Amended Central park addition.
Date Filed: Jan. 4, 2005
Grantor: Janet Heading
Grantee: Denise Freeman
Property: Lot 9, Block 2, Edwards Heights addition
Date Filed: Oct. 23, 2003.
Grantor: Maria and Cecil Garcia
Grantee: Teddie P. Martinez
Property: N. half of E. 130 feet of lot 4, block 18, Cedar Crest addition.
Date Filed: Jan. 14, 2005
Grantor: Estate of Nannie Leone Bain
Grantee: Albert Leldon Fulcher
Property: Lots 18 and 19, block 3, Wright's First Addition.
Date Filed: Jan. 31, 2005.
Grantor: Estate of Richard McKinley Bain
Grantee: Albert Leldon Fulcher

Property: Lots 18 and 19, block 3, Wright's First Addition.
Date Filed: Jan. 25, 2005.
Grantor: Jay Robinson
Grantee: James Iox
Property: Lot 6, Block 5, Banks addition.
Date Filed: Jan. 24, 2005.
Grantor: Cary W. Kams
Grantee: Cindy Kams
Property: Lot 12, block 3, Hall Addition.
Date Filed: Feb. 1, 2005.
Grantor: Cindy Kams
Grantee: Mike and Brenda Parker
Property: Lot 12, block 3, Hall's Addition.
Date Filed: Feb. 2, 2005.
Grantor: Velma Reid
Grantee: Antonio and Ventura Cervantez
Property: Various tracts of land from section 44, block 30, T1N, T&P RR Co. survey.
Date Filed: Jan. 28, 2004.
Grantor: Estate of Raynell G. Lantor
Grantee: James C. Sinclair
Property: N. half of the S.W. quarter of section 21, block 33, T1N, T&P RR Co. survey.
Date Filed: Jan. 26, 2005.
Warranty deeds with vendors lein:
Grantor: Rick W. and Deborah Hamby
Grantee: Hamby & Hamby, P.C.
Property: Four tracts in Original Township of Big Spring
Date Filed: Jan. 26, 2005.
Grantor: Edward E. and Dorothy R. Jones
Living Trust
Grantee: Enrique and Vanessa Calderon
Property: Lot 17, block 7, North Belvue Addition.
Date Filed: Jan. 31, 2005.
Grantor: Hayes Stripling Jr.
Grantee: James C. Sinclair
Property: 2.03 acre tract in N.W. part of section 24, block 33, T1S, T&P RR Co. Survey.
Date Filed: Jan. 25, 2005.
Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
Grantee: Cameron James and Ramona Blackshear
Property: Lots 3 and 4, block A, Forrest Addition.
Date Filed: Jan. 31, 2005.
Grantor: Jason C. Cannon
Grantee: W. Drew Darby
Property: Lots 7 and 8, block 60, original town-ship.
Date Filed: Dec. 29, 2004.
Grantor: Edward E. and Dorothy R. Jones
Living Trust
Grantee: Craig Olson
Property: Lot 20, Block A, Merrick Green addition
Date Filed: Feb. 2, 2005.
Grantor: Nettie Francis Reagan Wheat St. Clair et al.
Grantee: James T. Wright and rodgy Caffey
Property: Various tracts from Section 6, Block 31, T1S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date Filed: Feb. 4, 2005.

SCALPING

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Scalping creates a good bit of debris so it will be necessary to haul off all the old, dead plant material. However, do not bag this material and send it to the landfill. Instead, use the debris in your own compost pile or send it to a city or commercially owned compost site.

It's Time to Sharpen Mower Blades
Spring green-up will be here before you know it, so it's time to drag the old lawnmower out of the garage and get it ready for your lawn. One practice that is sometimes ignored but extremely important is sharpening your mower blades.
Dull blades will not only cause your lawn to look unattractive but can also place undue stress on your lawn. Leaf tips become splintered and ragged which leaves a straw colored appearance. These jagged-edged

leaf tips are entry points for small insects and disease pathogens which can cause damage to your turf. So, pull the blades off the mower each month or so and give them a good sharpening. If they are in terrible shape, replace them. If this is something that you do not feel comfortable doing yourself, then take your mower blades to a repair shop and have a professional do it for you.

Spreader and Sprayer Calibration
Do you apply fertilizers, compost, or pesticides to your lawn? If so, having your equipment clean, calibrated and 'ready to go' is drawing near. Applications of these products normally occur during the growing season, so it is important and timely to have your equipment calibrated prior to the first use of the season.
Calibration of spreaders and sprayers is a relatively simple task. It doesn't take a lot of time but is essential in order

WIND

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and we are confident that these coalitions will serve as effective forums for concerted action."
Wortham has been invited to participate in a legislative briefing at the Texas Capitol along with Sen. Duncan (R-Lubbock) and Rep. David Swinford (R-Amarillo) on Feb. 15 on behalf of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium. Sen. Duncan and Rep. Swinford are sponsoring state legislation important to advancing wind energy development throughout West Texas.
Only four foreign countries produce more wind energy than West Texas, and the region is projected to contain more than 25 percent of U.S. wind energy production by year-end 2005. This rapid-

ly expanding industry provides substantial job creation and tax base growth for West Texas, and the outlook is strong into coming decades.
In cooperation with existing institutions and resources throughout West Texas, the objectives of the regional wind energy efforts will include regional economic development, education, job training, and legislative action. The Consortium will also coordinate an annual West Texas Wind Energy Trade Fair.
In addition to the monthly meetings scheduled for the Rolling Plains area, the Consortium is working with regional leaders to establish quarterly meetings in the Texas Panhandle, Permian Basin, and Texas Mountains regions beginning next month.

to apply products in measured amounts and in an environmentally safe manner.

Turfgrass Mathematics
Have you ever felt uncomfortable about applying products such as fertilizer, compost, or

pesticides to your lawn? Are you scared of all the calculations and formulas?

Don't worry. It's not so bad. You just need to take your time, apply the correct formulas, and get help if you run into trouble. Can you make mis-

takes? Absolutely. It is extremely important to double check your work so that you do not apply products to your lawn in an inappropriate manner and unsafe amounts. Many lawns have been damaged due to improper applications of lawn

products. Remember, read the labels, do the math and check your calculations.
For more detailed information on all of these topics, go to the Aggie-Turf web site at <http://aggie-turf.tamu.edu> and click on "Turf Tips."

You deserve a factual look at...
Those "Palestinian Refugees"
Who are they, what is the real story?
The major and perhaps only sticking point in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians is that of the "return of the Palestinian refugees." It sank the Camp David conference that President Clinton had arranged, even though Mr. Barak had made unprecedented concessions for the sake of peace. The new man, Mahmoud Abbas, who routinely refers to Israel as the "Zionist enemy," also insists that the "right of return" is not negotiable, and that there can be no peace unless those "refugees" are allowed to "return" to Israel.
What are the facts?
650,000 "refugees" swell to 5 million. You have heard about those "Palestinian refugees," who claim "right of return" to Israel. Of course, virtually none of them ever lived in Israel -- they are the children and mostly grandchildren of those who fled in 1948. The total number of those who fled in 1948 is estimated to have been about 650,000. Now the number who wish to return has swollen to almost five million!
How did this exodus come about?
In 1948, on the day of the proclamation of the State of Israel, five Arab armies invaded the new country from all sides. In frightful radio broadcasts, they urged the Arabs living there to leave, so that the invading armies could operate without interference. They could return after the expected quick victory in that "holy war," get their property back -- and that of the Jews. Things turned out differently. The invading armies were defeated. Those who had left became refugees -- people without a country. Those who stayed, and their children, are full-fledged citizens of the State of Israel.
These so-called "Palestinian refugees" have not been allowed to settle in the "indivisible Arab nation." They have been supported in camps since 1948. So far, over \$2.0 billion has been spent on their maintenance. No end is in sight. Who pays for that? You guessed it: Through UNWRA Relief, the United States contributes more than 60% of the total cost.
The Arab countries, among them some of the richest in the world, who fritter away their enormous fortunes on frivolous luxuries, are satisfied to leave their Arab brethren in those miserable camps. They have never contributed a penny to their maintenance.
Another side of the "refugee" story. But there is another side to the "refugee" story. Little is heard of the 800,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries, who fled those countries to settle in the newly formed Jewish State of Israel. Every one of these refugees was immediately accepted, resettled, taken care of, and given full citizenship by the fledgling, impoverished, and embattled Jewish State. There never has been, and there certainly is not now, a Jewish "refugee" camp in Israel or anywhere else.
The Arab "refugees" who fled Israel left little wealth and little history, since most of them had not come to "Palestine" until Jewish settlers opened economic opportunities in what had been a desolate country for centuries. But the Jews of Arab lands have a history going back thousands of years. When forced to flee, they left behind land, wealth, and a long history. They arrived in Israel, quite literally only "with their shirts on their backs." They now make up almost 60% of the vibrant and productive population of Israel. What have the Arabs, the richest people in the world, done with their "refugees" in more than 50 years? They have kept them in misery, on the dole of the world, and have taught their hopeless youth the "skills" of suicide missions and of slaughtering defenseless and unarmed men, women, and children.
If the Arab nations truly decided to make peace with Israel and to put an end to the century-long strife, they could easily accomplish it by accepting the "Palestinian refugees" in their countries and, just as Israel did with Jewish refugees from Arab countries, integrating them into their societies and making useful citizens of them. In fact, acceptance in their countries might also be offered to the Israeli Arabs, who, despite enjoying a higher standard of living, education, and health than Arabs in any of the surrounding countries and despite having the same civil rights as Israeli Jews, are not happy to live in a Jewish state.
Population transfers are common, especially in the wake of wars. They have been practiced throughout history. In 1923, Greece and Turkey agreed to the resettlement of 2 million Greeks and 800,000 Turks; in 1945, the resettlement of 3 million Germans from Poland and Czechoslovakia was arranged. Following the collapse of its North African Empire, France accepted close to 1.5 million people. More than 12 million (!) Muslims and Hindus were exchanged between India and Pakistan. Israel has recognized this historical necessity. The "Arab Nation," with its enormous wealth and vast under-populated lands, has stubbornly refused to face facts.
It is clear that the "Palestinian refugee problem" is a red herring, kept alive by the Arab nations for their political purposes, and with cynical disregard for the great number of impoverished people who live in these camps. It is being kept alive and is being used as a "non-negotiable" bargaining chip, for the purpose of destroying the State of Israel -- a feat that the Arabs have attempted several times by military means, but which has always ended in disastrous failure. Apart from the unsolvable social problems it would create, the introduction of, say, even one-half of the 5 million who claim to be "refugees" would, with one stroke, dramatically alter the demographic makeup of the country and would inevitably destroy the Jewish State. That is of course the whole idea behind the demand for the "return of the refugees." If the Arab nations were willing to solve the "refugee problem," the legitimacy of Israel could no longer be questioned. But that is not acceptable to the Arabs. They are firmly committed not to allow Israel or any "non-believers" to be in control of any part of the Middle East. It is that, and that alone, which is the real cause of the "Palestinian refugee problem."
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Legals

HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2004 EXEMPTIONS AND VALUATION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

DISABLED VETERANS AND THEIR SURVIVORS If the veteran's percent of disability has changed, he needs to reapply. Also, the surviving spouse of a veteran who died in 2004, has to re-apply to be eligible for the exemption.

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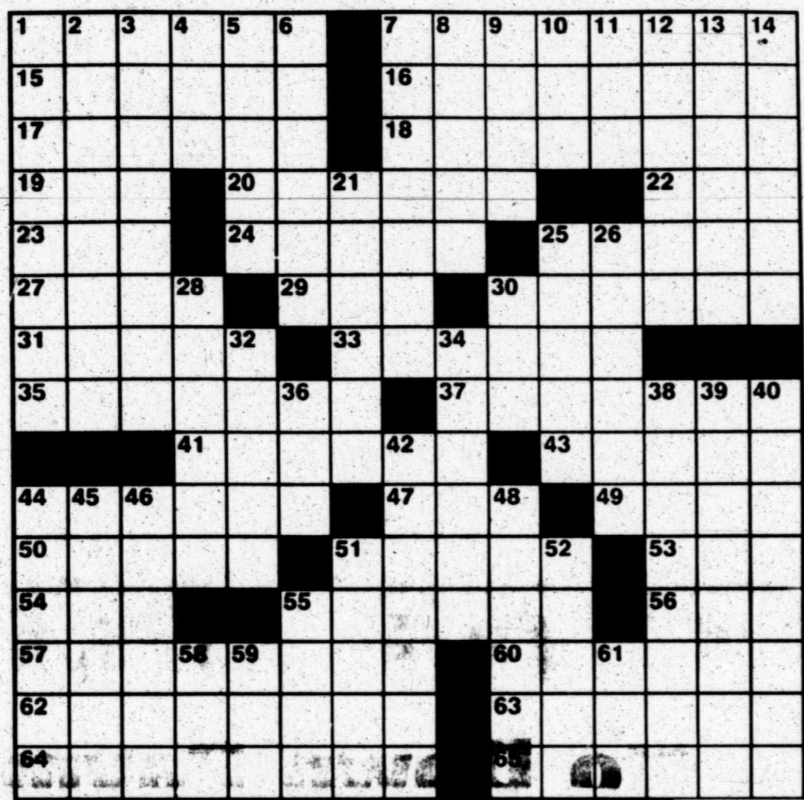
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Hunger dictates the value of things under the Taurus moon. The longer a desire goes unsatisfied, the stronger it gets and the more willing we are to pay for satisfaction. The Taurus lunar influence stimulates the appetite for beauty and luxury, making us aware of our sensual nature. Hone your senses by indulging in food and entertainment.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The law of spiritual detachment applies in obvious ways now. By clinging too readily to the outcome you desire in a relationship, you may be blocking something better from occurring. Loosen your grip!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Events happen to shake you up and switch

off the autopilot in your head. Anything you have been doing in a repetitive and predictable way will be observed on a conscious level. The result is a mind-blowing breakthrough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your sense of entitlement has wavered between the extremes of feeling unworthy and feeling "all that." A sweet extravagance is offered to you, but will you take it? The choice sets a tone for your entire week.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Intuitively, you create a structure for yourself from which it will be difficult to break free. Perhaps you sign up for a course or enlist the help of a tough disciplinarian. The benefits of rigorous teaching are numerous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In some way, you are singing in the rain — voicing a happy tone in spite of inconvenience or discomfort. It's just one of the ways you enforce and nurture your outstanding

character. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A realization: You may notice for the first time that you are involved in an ongoing way in a task that is not worthy of you. List the pros and cons of the situation on paper, and seriously look it over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Tired of introspection, you now are eager to throw the attention off of yourself and onto a project. You'll still be learning about yourself through this study, though — you can't get around it now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The spotlight is on your inner leader, who emerges with a sideways smirk, ready to prove you are not only capable but stylish — snap, snap. A checklist ensures you've got the bases covered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're feisty! Be aware you could be intimidating those who don't know you well. This probably won't stop you from

meeting challenges in your usual way — head on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people around you are experiencing trouble adjusting to change. You can set a tone with your actions (not your instruction). Anyone who criticizes is just jealous, so take measure with a grain of salt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You respect others, they respect you, and it is, as they say, "all good." So steer clear of power-tripping people who have a tendency to stir the pot for the sake of drama. You don't need it

now! PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's the perfect day to research your vision and make it come to life, if only in your own mind. Adding dimension to your goal by painting a vivid mental picture of it awakens your desire. Without desire, motivation is lost.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sheryl Crow developed more of her personal life than her professional life in 2004, but 2005 is about super-productivity on all fronts. She kicks it into high gear, making sure the world knows exactly what's on her mind. This involves not one but two

record releases by the end of 2005. I predict the "art-sier" record will actually sell more over time than Crow's more commercial pop release.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I recently retired from 33 years of law enforcement and am currently working in Iraq assisting the Iraqi police. I can handle blood and guts all day long, but I always have had a problem with crying. When it comes to funerals, weddings or "Old Yeller," forget it.



KATHY MITCHELL
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I've tried everything from biting my lip to not attending these functions. Is there a technique I can learn to help me with this problem? I realize it's OK to be emotional once in a while, but there are times when I need to hide these feelings. Thanks in advance for any help or advice you could give me. — Crying Guy

problem is Dad's smoking. He smokes in the house with the windows and doors shut. When I hit the front door, I nearly gag, and it takes everything I can muster to keep breathing. Dad smokes outside when he visits other people, but he continues to smoke inside his house and his car. I have tried to explain how repulsive this is, but he says, "It's my house, and I'll smoke in it if I want to." Mom has a weak heart, has had two strokes and is in delicate condition. This smoke can't possibly be good for her.

Dear Crying Guy: There's nothing wrong with being sensitive. More men are crying these days, and a large majority of them consider it quite acceptable. The bad news is, there is no "cure." Wear sunglasses when you must attend functions where you anticipate getting teary.

I don't want to stop visiting, but I can't handle these dreaded smoky visits much longer. What can I do? — Smoke Shrouded in California

Dear Smoke Shrouded: Not much. It IS his house and his car, and he doesn't have to listen to you. The only person who can demand that he not smoke in the house is your mother, and apparently, it doesn't bother her enough to speak up. You are right that the situation is unhealthy for

If that isn't enough, keep a mental list of happy or angry thoughts, and when needed, concentrate on one that will take your mind off the sadness and enable you to keep a tighter hold on the waterworks. Good luck.

Dear Annie: Last year, my parents moved to my town in order to be closer to my family. I love them very much, and as they are growing older, I feel grateful that we live nearby.

Every day, I bring my folks their mail and stay for a short visit. The

both of them, but particularly so considering Mom's heart condition. You can give Dad some literature showing how harmful cigarette smoke is for his wife, and you might offer to get them an air purifier, but understand that he most likely is too addicted to give it up. In the meantime, if weather permits, put some lawn chairs outside the house and visit there.

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