



Flying isn't just for the birds, as 18-year-old Daniel Pike, a student at Big Spring High School, takes to the sky at the Big Spring YMCA Skate Park. Pike is just one of many local skate enthusiasts who use the park to sharpen their skills. HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Student lunches go online

Pay in advance, find out what your child is eating

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Parents of Big Spring Independent School District students can now go online to pay for their children's lunches.

Under a new program called "Lunch Money Now," parents can not only pay for their children's meals, but view the history of what each child bought at the school lunch counter.

Joann Knox, director of food services for BSISD, said the computer program, which debuted Wednesday, decreases

"This is optional. Parents don't have to do this, but it is an advantage for them."



Knox

paperwork for the district, as well as offering advantages for both parents and students.

"Most of the advantages have to do with parents'

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Dallas grandmom, 87, turns down U.S. Army recruitment offer

DALLAS (AP) — Lillye England was surprised when she received a personalized invitation to join the U.S. Army — not only because she'd expressed no interest in enlisting, but also because she's an 87-year-old grandmother.

"They want me to join the Army, how about that?" England said. "You suppose that could be a mistake?"

Despite the Army's recent increase in the enlistment age, from 34 to 40, the invitation certainly was a mistake, military officials said.

"There's such a large direct mail campaign for all of the services," said Douglas Smith, spokesman for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, which sent the invitation. "Names of people who aren't eligible to enlist are sometimes included."

England said she wished she could be eligible, eager to cash in on the \$20,000 maximum signing bonus and military medical care.

"Those are pretty awesome benefits, especially for someone who is 87," said her daughter, Jonnie.

But the Oak Cliff grandmother still hopes to get a small bonus; she said she planned to return the information card to receive a free knit cap with an Army logo.

And the cap would suit her better than an Army career anyway, because military routines simply wouldn't fit her lifestyle, England said.

"I just cannot get up early in the morning," she said.

Big Spring set for King Jr. march

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

He led a struggle for racial equality that doomed segregation and changed the face of the United States forever, and local residents will take to the streets Monday to honor him.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize, and will be the focus of attention Monday as Americans come together in observance of Martin Luther King Day, an observation often marked in Big Spring

TO PARTICIPATE

What: Martin Luther King Jr. Day March.

Where: Begins at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street.

When: 6 p.m. Monday.

by a march.

The event will begin at 6 p.m.

"The march is going to start at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street," said Stephanie Horton, orga-

nizer. "The people at Nalley-Pickle have been gracious enough to let us use their facility as the starting point for several years now, and we are so grateful for that."

The group will march west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700.

"When we get there we'll have a prayer led by Rev. William Vaughn of Mount Bethel Baptist Church," said Horton. "We want to acknowledge the Lord and how far he's brought us, and that's a mighty long way."

For motorists in the area, the city of Big Spring Street Department will be blocking

off Martin Luther King Boulevard from Lancaster to FM 700 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Horton said people who would like to participate in the march but are unable to make the walk are invited to bring their vehicles.

"I really look forward to this every year. We usually go down the march singing with flashlights, candles, whatever kind of light you want to shine," said Horton. "We just like to have a really good time with it. The people who can't walk usually drive

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Tax aide classes are about to begin

Volunteers are needed to help with popular program at Senior Center

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With training classes set to begin, AARP is preparing to kick off its annual Tax-Aide program and is in need of volunteers to help prepare tax forms.

Local AARP spokesperson Gloria Hopkins said the organization is seeking volunteers to help with the annual program, which helps area residents make sense of the tax laws and forms that seem to get more complicated each year.

"Training classes for the tax laws will be Jan. 17-23 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Spring City Senior Center," said Hopkins. "Training on the computer aspect of the program will be held Jan. 24-27, also from 8 a.m. until noon at the Senior Center."

"The people that we have coming back this year have been a part of the program for a number of years, so they really know their way around the system. However, we're definitely in need of more. The more volunteers we have for the program, the faster we can get peo-

ple in and out with their taxes."

Hopkins, coordinator for the annual effort, said the volunteer-based program — which is set to begin filling out tax forms Jan. 30 — is designed to help people that might not otherwise be able to file a tax return.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and peo-

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NEUGEBAUER COFFEE

Congressman Randy Neugebauer is inviting 19th District constituents to attend a "Coffee with the Congressman" event he will host Monday.

The "Coffee" will take place from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, which is located at 510 Scurry St.

During the event, Neugebauer will give an update on legislative issues currently being debated in Congress and talk with constituents about issues important to them. This event will be the latest in a series of coffees Neugebauer has held across the 19th District so that he can meet face-to-face with constituents throughout all of the district's 27 counties.

BANQUET TICKETS

Tickets for the Big Spring area Chamber of Commerce banquet are on sale now.

The banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tickets are \$22 per person before Jan. 23 and \$27 per person from Jan. 23-28. No tickets or reservations will be accepted after Jan. 28. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Guest speaker will be Pat McGaughey of McGaughey Enterprises Inc. on "Maximizing Your Chamber Membership." RSVP or pick up tickets at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third, or call 263-7641.

LEADERSHIP BIG SPRING

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Big Spring program will get under way next month with the first class set to be held Thursday, Feb. 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the chamber board room.

Leadership Big Spring is a nine-month program, held every second Thursday of the month, February through December except for June and July. The program takes participants on tours which integrate them with all aspects of Howard County life: industry, government, medical, agriculture, education and more.

Cost is \$300. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 25. Call 263-7641 for more information.

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Maxine Anderson



Maxine Anderson, 84, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. J.B. Shewmake, pastor of the Travis Baptist Church in Midland, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 21, 1921, in Ardmore, Okla., to Bonnie and John McGee. She came to Big Spring in 1928 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1940. Maxine married J.V. Anderson Jan. 18, 1941.

The Andersons owned several businesses in Big Spring through the years, including The Chicken Shack, The Crystal Café and Anderson Floral. The Andersons lived in Alamogordo, N.M., from 1955 until 1962.

During that time, she was the C.F.O. at the Base Exchange of Holliman Air Force Base. After retiring from Anderson Floral in 1978, they moved to Lake Thomas, until returning to Big Spring in 1991. During that time, Maxine worked for the Borden County Independent School District. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Maxine is survived by her husband, J.V. Anderson of Big Spring; one son, Jimmy Anderson of Big Spring; and one daughter, Judy Marrow and her husband, Milton of Levelland; one brother, Johnny McGee of Camarillo, Calif.; three grandchildren, Penni Kothmann of Big Spring, Suzette Huerta of Lubbock and Cory Anderson of La Porte; and nine great-grandchildren. And a very special friend, Cecilia Mier of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, Maxine was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Cecyle Marrow Newsom, one brother and five sisters.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Wallace, Charles Peugh, Fern Cox, Steve Stephens, Lonnie Anderson and Bill Bodine.

Honorary pallbearers will be great-grandsons Logan Newsom, Conner Newsom, Cooper Newsom, Anthony Huerta, Kadden Kothmann, Jack Anderson and Chase Anderson.

The family suggests memorials to their favorite charity.

The family will be at 811 S. Lancaster. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Cynthia Katharine Sutton



Cynthia Katharine Sutton, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Jim Liggett, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Marfa Cemetery in Marfa.

She was born Jan. 6, 1927, in Batesville, Ark., and married Claudé R. Sutton Aug. 21, 1975, in San Antonio. He preceded her in death May 18, 2003.

Mrs. Sutton had lived in Big Spring for more than 20 years. She was a graduate of Uvalde High School, attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Texas Pharmacy School.

She was a pharmacist in Uvalde, San Antonio and at Leonard's Pharmacy in Big Spring. Katharine had her commercial pilot's license, had taught flight training in San Antonio for several years and had flown in the "Powder Puff Derby" competition for several years. She loved dogs. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin Richard McGary of Red Rock and George Sutton of Uvalde; one daughter, Kathleen Elisabeth McGary of Cedar Creek; two daughters-in-law, Linda Susan McGary of Cedar Park and Rebecca Lee McGary of Bastrop; a foster daughter, Linda Tennant of Arkansas; her grandchildren, Shane McGary, Robin McGary May, Tony Barnett, Robert Trevor McGary, Kevin Padrick McGary, Christopher Kevin Bantz, Kelly Kathleen Swicegood, George R. Sutton, Dicey Efantis and John Phillip Efantis; and her great-grandchildren, Richard Kern Kluber, Kinsey Lynn May, Valerie Katharine May, Alison Lin Kluber, Jesse Orion McGary Pedersen, Robin Saira McGary Pedersen, Ian Tray McGary and Alden Swicegood.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823.

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

Paid obituary

Virginia M. Limon



Virginia M. Limon, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, in McKinney. Vigil services are 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 2, 1931, in Big Spring to Maria and Santiago Moreno and married Manuel E. Limon July 10, 1961, in Big Spring. She was a beautician and had worked at Quita's Hair Design for a number of years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Manuel E. Limon of Big Spring; one daughter, Sandra Ann Ybarra of McKinney; two sons, Oscar Moreno Limon of Coppell and Chris Moreno Limon of Big Spring; one sister, Eva Santiago of El Paso; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters, Victor Moreno, Elodia Garcia, Rooney Moreno, Eloisa Garcia and Lydia Lopez.

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

Bill Burnett



Bill Burnett, 62, of Lake Thomas died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pete Hanks officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born March 29, 1943, in Stamford and married Nelda Gilmore July 9, 1985, in Big Spring. Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting and cooking. He had served in the National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Nelda Burnett of Sand Springs; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Tisha Burnett of Garden City; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Henry Franco of Big Spring; a stepson, Jay Colvin of Forsan; a stepdaughter, Shawna Smith of Forsan; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Melvin and Sue Burnett of Snyder and Doyle Burnett of Odessa; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Johnny Christian of Big Spring; and 11 grandchildren, Stephanie O'Brien of Big Spring, Chase O'Brien of Garden City, Henry Franco Jr. of Big Spring, Ally Burnett and Zachary Burnett, both of Garden City, Heather Smith of Big Spring, Brody Smith and Jarrad Smith, both of Forsan, T.J. Colvin of New Mexico and Kenna Colvin and Katlin Colvin, both of Forsan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one step-sister and one stepbrother.

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Paid obituary

Clinton H. "Red" Harrison



Clinton H. "Red" Harrison, 85, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born June 1, 1920, in Terrall, Okla., and married Ruth Elizabeth Carr Nov. 21, 1942, and she preceded him in death Dec. 16, 1990. He then married Joy Decker Aug. 20, 1992, in Big Spring.

Mr. Harrison had lived in Big Spring since 1934 and had worked for Fina Oil & Chemical for 42 years before retiring in March of 1982. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joy Harrison of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Michelle Harrison of Bella Vista, Ark.; three step children, Eddie Decker and wife Melissa, Tim Decker and Carol Kearney; six grandchildren; five step grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Alvie Harrison of Big Spring and Wayne Harrison of Orange; and three sisters, Faye Warren of Coahoma, Elsie Blanks of Gretna, Virginia, and Garnett Johnson of Comanche.

He was also preceded in death by one son, Richard Harrison; three brothers, including his twin, Clifton Harrison, J.W. Harrison and Lavorn Harrison; and two sisters, Pauline Stout and Jean Fidler.

The family suggests memorials to the First Assembly of God Building Fund, P.O. Box 911, Big Spring 79721-0911.

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

Pete Johnson

Pete Johnson, 99, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Baptist Memorial Center in San Angelo. Funeral services are 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 20, 1906, in Oakwood to Mattie and Dave Johnson. He had lived in Big Spring for more than 50 years, moving to San Angelo in 2001. He had worked on farms in his younger years and later did yard and lawn service. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his friend and guardian, Elizabeth Perkins of San Angelo; one niece; and one nephew.

The family will be at 800 E. 13th Street.

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

Frank Rubio

Frank Rubio, 68, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Juanita T. Jordan



Juanita T. Jordan, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at Derring Nursing Home of Odessa. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be Tuesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 15, 1925, at Alpine. She had worked at Big Spring State Hospital and Big Spring Independent School District. She lived most of her life in Big Spring and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, Valdomero "Junior" Jordan of Odessa; three daughters, Bertie Chavez, Sylvia Corona and Lisa Jordan, all of Fort Worth; two brothers, Santos Trevino of Lubbock and Blaz Bailon of Odessa; four sisters, Dominga Barraza and Christina Tijerina, both of Lamesa, Simona Arispe of Glendale, Ariz.; and Felipa Trevino Garcia of Weslaco; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Valdomero Jordan Sr., and two sons, Raymond and George Jordan.

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

Police blotter

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

- ORLANDO SANCHEZ, 21, 308 E. 19th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERTO MARTINEZ, 37, Coahoma, was arrested on two local warrants.
- MATTHEW MENDOZA, 26, 1903 S. Monticello, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- JOSHUA HUGHES, 22, 1200 Michael, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under four ounces.
- LAUREN LEFLER, 21, Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of making alcohol available to a minor.
- RICARDO PEREZ, 26, 611 Tulane, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- FREDDY RODRIGUEZ, 18, 601 E. 17th, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- JULIE RIVAS, 20, 1408 Bluebird, was arrested on two capias warrants.
- BRANDON WHITE, 22, 1422 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CARL WILLIAM WELLS, 22, 1503 Wood, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLARENCE YANEZ III, 29, 1503 Wood, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- STONY CASSELMAN, 43, 1601 Benton, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and criminal mischief.
- AARON HENDERSON, 44, 2107 Carl, was arrested on charges of fraud, two counts of forgery and possession of a controlled substance.
- DALE GURNITZ, 44, Clopsint, Ky., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported on the 1200 block of 16th.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported on the 1600 block of Second.
- THEFT was reported on the 200 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

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

- BURGLARY was reported near the West Texas Gas Plant.

Weather

Today...Increasing clouds. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Not as cool. Lows in the mid 40s. South Winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest Winds 15 to 20 mph.

Martin Luther King jr day...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers. Colder. Lows in the upper 20s. The chance of snow is 20 percent.

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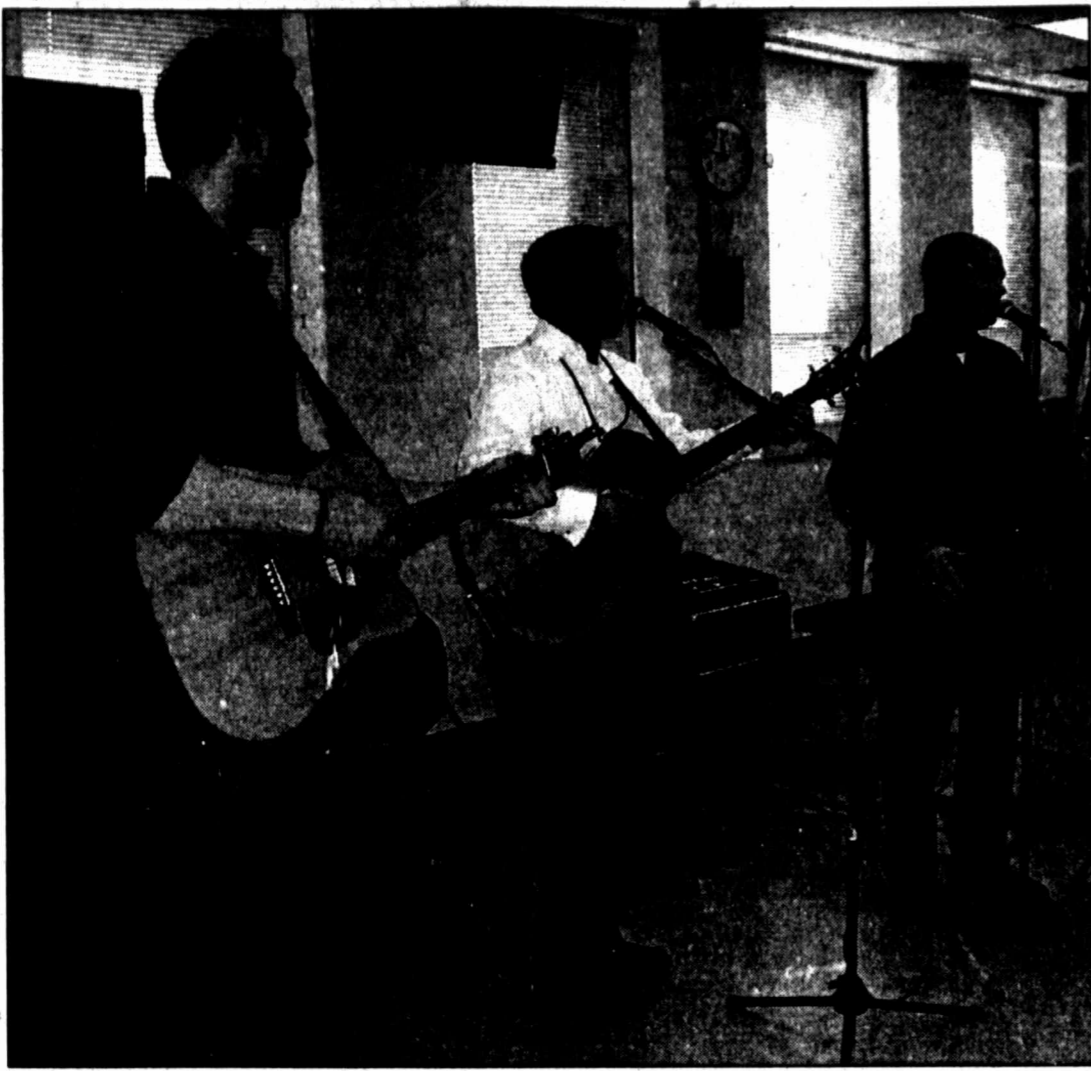
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A singing group from Big Spring's Life Church performs during a ceremony honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the West Texas VA Health Care System Medical Center Friday morning. Monday, Big Spring will hold its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day March at 6 p.m. The walk begins at the intersection of MLK Boulevard and Gregg Street.

MARCH

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their cars behind the marchers, and when all of the walkers and cars get down to the end, we'll hold the prayer.

"We would really like to see more participants come out this year. Dr. King was for all people. Not just black people, but for all people — and we would like to see 'all peo-

ple' attend." Horton said the theme for this year's march is to "take a day on, not a day off."

"I want to challenge everybody in Big Spring to do something for somebody other than themselves that day," said Horton. "Go to the schools, go to the nursing homes and play a game of chess. Do something that benefits somebody else instead of just taking a

day off." On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tenn., where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, King was assassinated.

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

TAXES

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ple with low-to-moderate income," said Hopkins. As the volunteers prepare for the tax season, Hopkins said area residents can also begin preparing by gathering some rather important documents.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the perti-

ment information with them, including a tax booklet if one was

received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms," she said. "They also need to bring any forms that show their 2005 earnings and their 2004 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

Hopkins said Tax-Aide will continue throughout the tax season. "We'll begin doing taxes

Saltcedar control topic for meeting of Crossroads area property owners

Special to the Herald

Do you know much about saltcedar? Do you want to know?

Well, if you have saltcedar on your land, you might be interested to know that money is being made available for landowners to treat the plant.

The Howard Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the USDA Service Center in Big Spring to discuss this program.

Representatives from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) will provide the presentation. It deals with the with saltcedar control and the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) program, which can provide landowners with 75 percent cost-share assistance for the program. These representatives and others will be on hand to answer questions during and after the meeting.

The USDA-NRCS has targeted the Colorado River Watershed as a priority area for saltcedar treatment. Saltcedar control is listed as a state priority for the 2006 EQIP

and NRCS has made money available for private landowners.

Saltcedar is an invasive plant that uses massive amounts of water, effectively out-competes native flora, provides little wildlife forage and is often so dense that many animals cannot reach the associated water sources.

Saltcedar is especially detrimental to water quality because of its ability to transport salts from ground water to its leaves.

Salt from the leaves is then deposited on the soil surface.

The removal of saltcedar results in increased water quality and quantity, as well as biological diversity due to the re-establishment of native plant and animal species.

The focus of the program has been to create a partnership of federal, state, local and private entities to control saltcedar on a watershed basis. Although resources are available to control saltcedar, the opportunity to apply treatment lies in the hands of private landowners along the river corridor. With such vast areas of West Texas affected by the invasive plant, collaborative efforts and shared resources are critical to maximizing long term success.

EQIP was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farm-

ers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns.

In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority resource concerns.

For more information, contact the Howard SWCD or NRCS at 432-267-1871, ext. 3.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
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To volunteer, call Gloria Hopkins at 267-6733

at the Senior Center from 8 a.m. until noon on Monday, Jan. 30, and continuing each Monday at those same times through April 10," said Hopkins. "For those that are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready."

Hopkins at 267-6733.

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

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benefits rather than ours. We don't make any money off of this," Knox said. "And it's to the students' advantage as well, because they can go through the line faster, rather than having to stop and pay for their meals."

Through the program, parents can view their children's cafeteria activity and meal history as well as making deposits into their cafeteria accounts, she said.

Another advantage is that the transactions are updated hourly, which means student accounts will be credit almost instantaneously.

To access the program, log onto the district's Web address (www.bsisd.esc18.net) and click on "Lunch Money Now." Parents can first view a demonstration on how the program works. To access the program, parents will need their children's student identification number, Social Security number and date of birth.

Knox said the site

charges a "convenience fee" of \$1.75 per transaction, so it is to the advantage of parents with more than one child in the district to update all the accounts before logging out.

She added that parents who use the program must deposit a minimum of \$10 into their child's account; there is no maximum limit.

"This is optional," Knox said. "Parents don't have to do this, but it is an advantage for them."

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OUR VIEWS

Take time to reflect on King's legacy

Area citizens have an opportunity Monday to recognize the work of Martin Luther King Jr. and remember the message he preached.

On that day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the annual march will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Walkers will gather at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and will proceed west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700. Those who participate are asked to bring some sort of light.

Candles are traditionally used to light the way of the march; however caution is urged this year because of the very dry conditions along each side of the boulevard.

If you would like to participate but are unable to walk the distance, organizers encourage you to bring your vehicle. Other modes of transportation are also acceptable.

Born Jan. 15, 1929, and assassinated April 4, 1968, Dr. King's legacy lives on. Many men and women have been civil rights leaders — leaders for all people — through the years, fighting for the simple right to live as equals among others. Perhaps no one, however, captured the nation's heart as well and eloquently as did Martin Luther King Jr.

We encourage you to participate in the annual march here, and to take time to reflect on how the efforts of Dr. King and others have made our nation a better place.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

My dogs are not vicious dogs. Shar Peis are not Pit Bulls. My dogs are Shar Peis.

The event that Zona Lee mentioned (Your Views, Jan. 9) of three years ago is not correct. What was said was "Get R done." (per Larry The Cable Guy). The man was not even speaking to

her.

I am a responsible dog owner and this has been very frustrating. Thursday the dog catcher came to my house asking about tags and I was able to assure him that the dogs met all city requirements.

Happy New Year,

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No snake smooches for this one!

Random thoughts while tacking into the wind:

From the "Better Him Than Me" Department comes the following news snippet:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A kiss is just a kiss, but it may prove to be the kiss of death for a Malaysian snake charmer who will attempt to set a world record by planting 50 smooches on a venomous snake in 10 minutes.

Shahimi Abdul Hamid, 33, plans to perform the feat March 11 in a bid to break the current record held by an American man who kissed a poisonous snake 30 times in an unspecified time, the national news agency Bernama said Thursday.

Shahimi has urged Malaysians to support him in his endeavor, saying he "wants to prove that Asians can also be champions in taming poisonous snakes."

Bernama said Shahimi displayed his prowess Wednesday night by kissing a 10-foot long King Cobra 21 times. His bid in March will be filmed by the television show "Ripley's Believe It Or Not," the news agency said.

Hoo boy.

This is one of those news items you read which cause you to shake your head, look skyward and ask, "Why, Lord?"

I understand that everyone has a

dream, but what impulse drives dreams such as Mr. Hamid's? After all, you must admit there's quite a difference between saying, "I want to build the world's tallest building," and "I want to kiss a snake 50 times."

I mean — it's a snake! It's not like you're planting a smooch on your pet kitty — I've done that more than a few times. But there's a great big difference between the two. For starters, Sylvester isn't poisonous; and secondly, he's NOT A SNAKE!

On my list of things to do, kissing a snake ranks somewhere between eating raw plutonium and crawling naked over a bed of razors (OK, I can see how that mental image might be too earth-shattering for normal people, so just think of some disgusting activity on your own, alrighty?)

Some other observations about Mr. Hamid's dream:

- Normally, I root for world records held by Americans to remain in American hands, but I'd just as soon see this one go to someone else.
- He wants Asians to be able to proudly proclaim that they "can also be champions in taming poisonous snakes" — which is a worthwhile (nay, laudable) goal, but it doesn't exactly rank right up there with industrial capacity or gross national product.

- Not that I'm especially anxious for an answer, but exactly how does one train for rapid-fire kissing of poisonous snakes?

What's that you say? I've given way too much thought to this topic? Yeah, you're probably right.

Moving on ...

Here's more from the "Them

Funny Foreigners" File:

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Some residents in the small mountain town of Trysil are elated over the newest local attraction: The village's first escalator.

"This is like the first time Trysilians ever tasted a potato, or when the first-ever clergyman came to town," said Sven Pettersen of the local history club.

The southeastern town of about 6,800 has long had mechanical devices for transporting people up steep surfaces. But the ski lifts that help make the town one of Norway's most popular ski resorts are all outside.

The new, 50-foot long escalator is indoor at the small shopping center.

Pettersen said people will no longer have to drive about 45 miles to the town of Elverum to ride up and down an escalator.

According to the newspaper, the escalator ranks with the town's first traffic circle, built "a few years back," as evidence of local modernization.

Some more observations:

- People actually traveled 45 miles to ride up and down an escalator? And you thought Big Spring was boring ...
- Escalators are handy little inventions, but do they really rank with arrival of Christianity? Pat Robertson should have a talk with these people. In fact, maybe he can stay there for a few, oh, decades.

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Sex discrimination hasn't left us

Wednesday in Manhattan, six women senior bankers at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Services, the American branch of the Dresdner Bank of Germany, filed a lawsuit in federal district court for sex discrimination. The women, who between them have worked for the firm for 50 years, are requesting to be certified as representatives of a class of 500 women who work for Dresdner Kleinwort. They are seeking \$1.4 billion in damages.

Wall Street is well known as a bastion of bad behavior toward women. Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and Smith Barney have all been forced to pay major settlements after being sued for sex discrimination. And foreign firms are well known for being behind American companies in terms of integrating women into senior management. In Dresdner Kleinwort, it seems that the worst of both worlds may have come together.

Of course, the company denies the claims. A spokesman told the press that the bank "intends to vigorously defend this matter. ... (The bank) fully complies with all applicable employment-related laws and is confident that any claims to the contrary are without merit."

There is a sense these days that the problems of discrimination are over, ancient history — that the only issue now is choice. More young women than men actually go to college. Relatively few of them think of themselves as femi-

nists. They assume they will be treated equally and have the same chances — subject, of course, to the challenges of balancing family, motherhood and the like. So we debate whether women are ambitious enough, whether they are compromising too easily, giving up their careers too soon, forgetting how many will end up without mates to support them.

In doing so, we run the risk of forgetting about the basics.

If any part of the complaint is true, then it should serve as a powerful reminder that old-fashioned discrimination is very much alive and well.

The allegations are, quite simply, outrageous: prostitutes routinely brought to the office at lunch hour, one woman referred to as the "Pamela Anderson of trading," entertainment of clients at strip clubs, scaled-back opportunities after maternity leave, demonstrably less qualified men routinely promoted over women who were more qualified.

Or consider these numbers: According to the data in the complaint, less than 2 percent of the managing directors of Dresdner Kleinwort are women. Among directors, 87 percent are men. Women, by contrast, are concentrated in the lowly positions of associate, the second-from-the-bottom rank. Considering that business schools have been one-quar-

ter to one-third women for 25 years, at least, there is simply no excuse for such numbers.

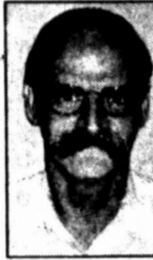
Nor are women hired on the same basis as men. Men are hired based on their qualifications. Women are hired based on their looks, especially for the junior positions, which are the only ones open to women. The idea, according to the complaint, is that the men in the office want "eye candy" to look at during the day.

But who can be surprised? Go to the website of the Dresdner Bank of Germany and you'll find a Herbert, an Andreas, a Stefan, a Stephan, a Jan and a Wulf — but no Susans or Sallys. Ten men, but no women. Business as usual.

There is nothing path-breaking about the complaint. It doesn't seek to break new legal ground, test new legal theories, chart untested waters. Quite the contrary. The stuff alleged here has been illegal since I've been teaching law, since some of the people doing it were born. So why do they keep doing it — and getting away with it?

It takes great courage to stand up and challenge the culture of the world in which you live. All six of the women who brought this suit are still working at the bank. Imagine what it must have been like for them to go to work today. Do you want to talk about a tough banker?

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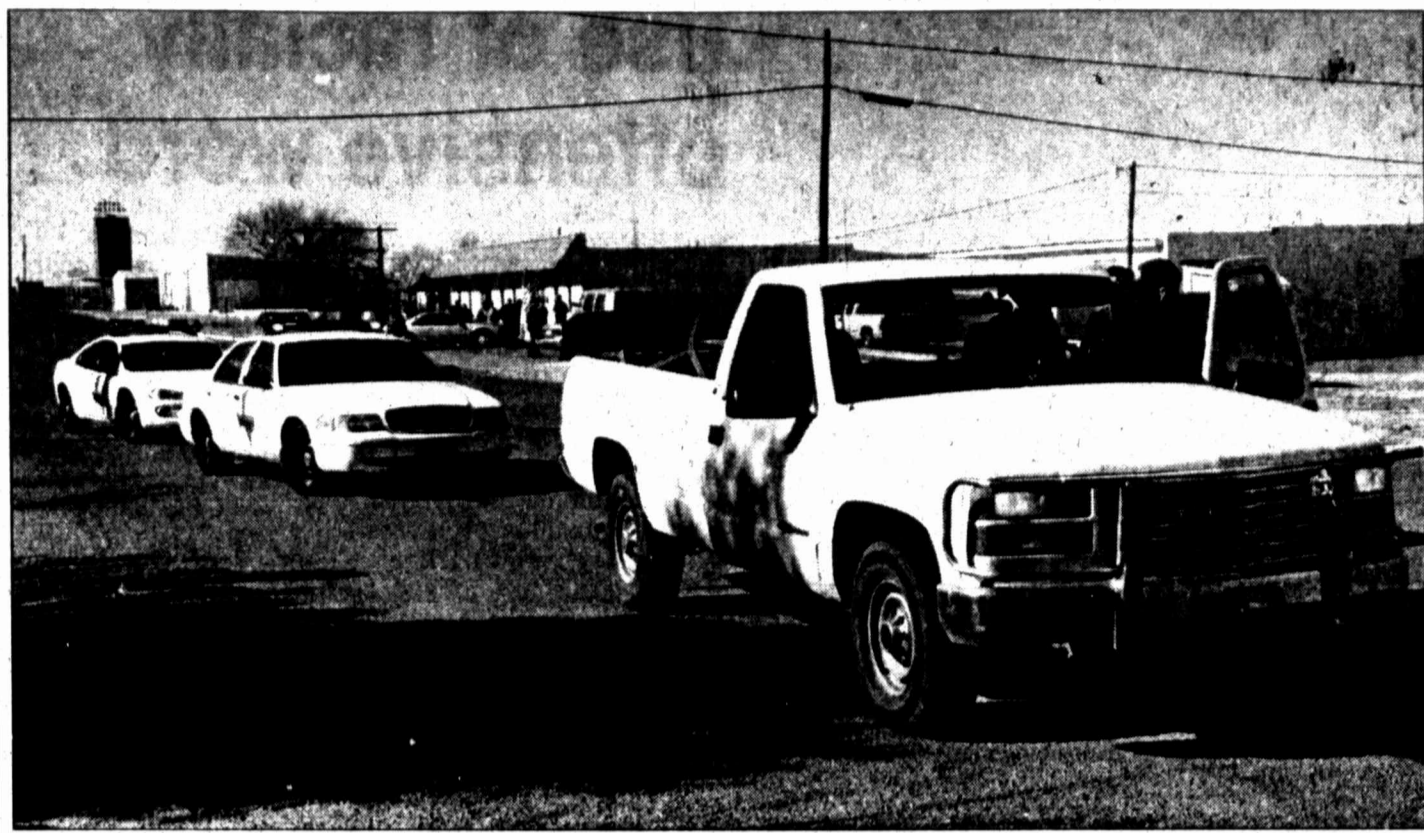
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MINOR INJURIES TO OCCUPANTS



Emergency medical personnel with the Big Spring Fire Department check the condition of the driver of this GMC pickup following a two-car accident at the intersection of Fourth Street and State. According to witnesses at the scene, the truck was traveling east on Fourth Street when the driver of a Honda sedan entered the intersection. No serious injuries were reported and no one was transported by EMS.

Big Spring State Hospital Chalet needs your extra disposable shopping bags

Special to the Herald

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All types of shopping bags are encouraged for drop-off during The Chalet's hours, said Billie Christie-Morgan, Big Spring State Hospital's director of community relations. The bags are used to package purchased items for cus-

tomers.

The Chalet, 117 E. Second St., is open Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday's, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Chalet also accepts donations of clothing and household items. For more information, call 268-7536 or 263-0528.

Volunteers, including youths older than 14-years old also are needed to work in the shop and sort clothing and items for sale. The shop is open to the public and all proceeds benefit the nearly 200 patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

The Volunteer Services Council works closely with the hospital that serve people in 58 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Debates could be big factor for independent candidates

AUSTIN (AP) — Carole Keeton Strayhorn wants to debate Gov. Rick Perry any time, anywhere. Kinky Friedman also wants in on the action.

But Perry won't commit to debating anyone until he knows exactly who is going to be on the November election ballot. That won't be clear for a while, given the strange circumstances in this year's Texas governor's race.

Whatever arrangements are made, it's already evident that Strayhorn and Friedman — the two independent candidates running for governor — expect televised debates to help them in their respective bids to defeat Perry, the entrenched Republican incumbent.

"We want to debate early and often," said Mark Sanders, spokesman for Strayhorn, the state's comptroller. "The comptroller is an amazing speaker with a clear vision of where she wants to take the state."

In Friedman's case, getting on stage and on the air with the major candidates in the race should boost his candidacy and expose the humorist's plain-talking message to a wide audience, say his advisers and an outside political expert.

To get a spot on the November ballot, Friedman and Strayhorn each must collect 45,540 signatures from registered voters who didn't

vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary or a runoff. The deadline is May 11.

Democrats Chris Bell and Bob Gammage are vying for their party's nomination for governor in the March 7 primary.

Perry, speaking with reporters on the campaign trail this past week, said it's too early to say how a debate might shape up, or whether there should be multiple candidates appearing together. Historically, he noted, debates are held between the two major party candidates.

"This is all kind of test pilot stuff. This is all new," Perry said, referring to the two independent candidates trying to unseat him.

There hasn't been an independent on the Texas governor's ballot, much less two, in modern Texas history. The last independent elected governor was Sam Houston in 1859.

Dallas public television station KERA and other media partners in the past have produced the televised "Texas Debates" among gubernatorial candidates that are aired around the state. Executive producer Rick Thompson said the partnership plans to organize a gubernatorial debate before this year's November election.

The debates are offered free to other Texas television and radio stations to broadcast, and there may

be increased use on media Web sites this year.

Though debate organizers try to be as inclusive as possible and intend the debates as a public service, not all candidates are necessarily allowed in because having a minor candidate with no chance of winning answer each question takes up valuable air time, Thompson said.

In deciding whether to include candidates, the partnership in the past has looked to criteria such as whether a candidate is legally on the ballot; whether a candidate is actively campaigning, including operating a campaign headquarters; and whether a candidate has received at least 6 percent in an independent poll or average of polls.

Participation in the gubernatorial debates in Minnesota in 1998 was key for former pro wrestler Jesse Ventura in his surprise victory, and inclusion in debates could be crucial for Friedman's candidacy as well, said Larry Jacobs, a political scientist with the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota.

"If they can get into a debate with the major party candidates, then they've got an opportunity," Jacobs said.

Before Ventura's debates, his poll numbers were in the single digits or barely in double digits, Jacobs said. Once debates

began a few weeks before the election, Ventura's poll numbers grew by about 10 points per week, he said.

"He started asking questions and being who he is," Jacobs said.

Friedman and his advisers, including Dean Barkley, who was instrumental in Ventura's victory, expect debates to help him showcase his "anti-politician" persona.

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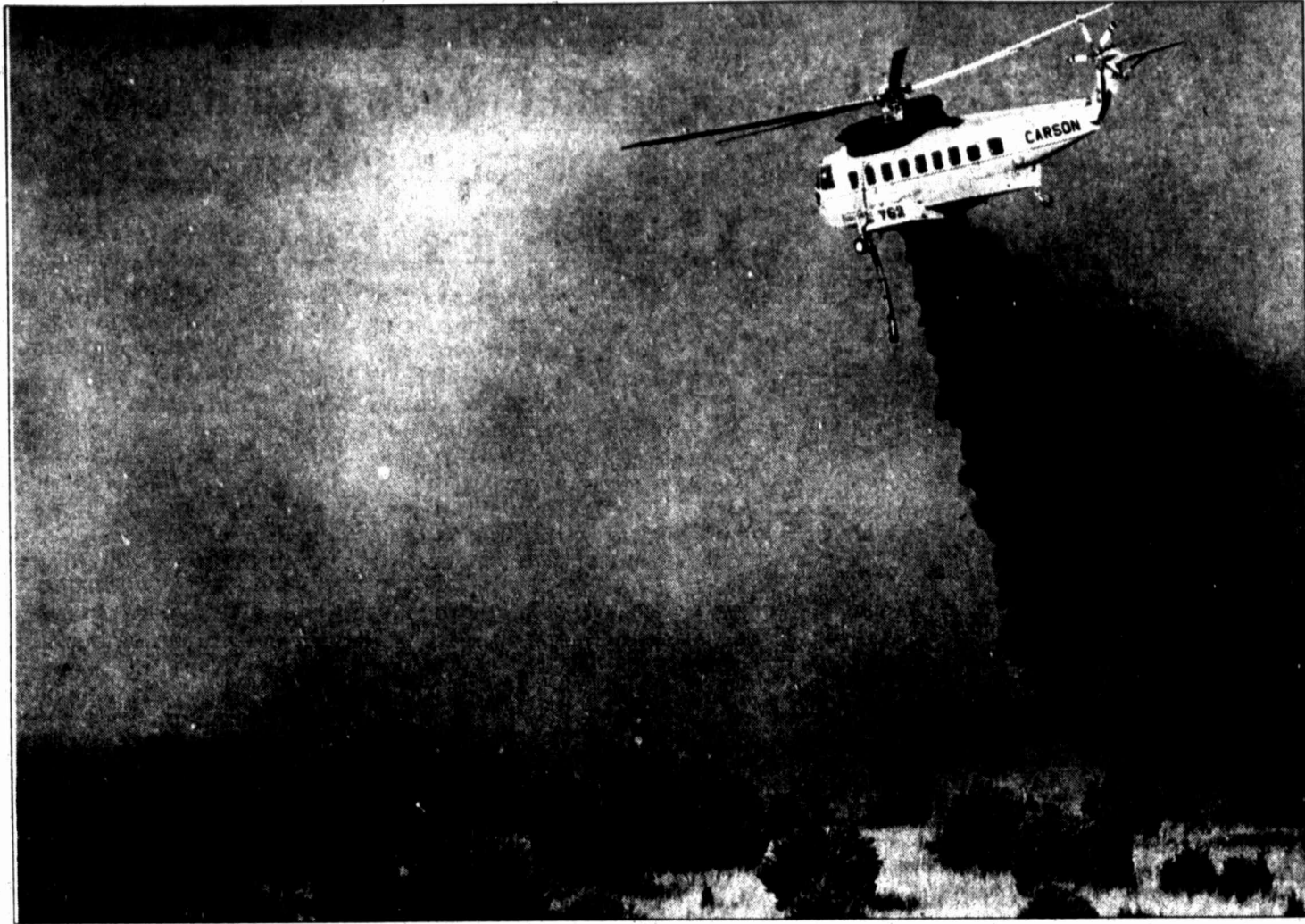
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A helicopter tries to extinguish a brush fire that charred hundreds of acres in Graford Friday.

Grass fires strike Texas counties; more than 4,000 acres consumed

JACKSBORO (AP) — Firefighters battled grass fires in several North Texas counties on a windy Friday, including a blaze that blackened about 4,000 acres in Jack County and another in Fort Worth that briefly shut down a stretch of highway.

The brush fire along Interstate 35-W north of downtown Fort Worth consumed about 75 acres in the median and shoulders of the road, police and fire officials said. Part of the interstate and service roads were shut down in both directions Friday afternoon for about an hour until the fire was contained, police said. No structures were near the flames, said Lt.

In western Jack County, firefighters had contained a blaze by stopping it before it reached a main, more-populated farm road. Crews burned about 250 acres of vegetation between a fire and a county road to cut off fuels that could feed the blaze

Kent Worley of the Fort Worth Fire Department. Firefighters also battled a fire in Palo Pinto County, which threatened five homes, and one in Parker County that burned about 650 acres and destroyed at least one home and barn, said Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Traci Weaver. Before the

Parker County blaze was under control Friday evening, it threatened 50 structures near Poolville, she said. Meanwhile, in western Jack County, firefighters had contained a blaze by stopping it before it reached a main, more-populated farm road. Crews burned about 250 acres of vegetation

between a fire and a county road to cut off fuels that could feed the blaze, Weaver said. "If you don't catch it there, there's not another natural fire break," Weaver said. The fire, northwest of Fort Worth, began burning Thursday afternoon and about 20 homes were evacuated, but only a few outbuildings were lost. Some people returned home Thursday night, she said.

It took firefighters about 30 to 40 minutes Friday afternoon to extinguish a grass fire in a Wise County field in Boyd. No structures were damaged in the fire, which burned up to 20 acres, city administrator L.D. Lopez said.

Teacher protests use of racially offensive word

By THOMAS PEIPERT
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Curtis Ferguson wants to rid the language of the n-word, which he says is a destructive force in the black community. So the 40-year-old high school art teacher pitched a borrowed tent earlier this week outside a community center in a predominantly black neighborhood to begin his fast, which will end on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

His goal: to raise awareness about the damage caused by the derogatory word, particularly among young blacks.

"I wanted to show sacrifice. I wanted to show that people have given up so much to be where they are," said Ferguson, who vowed to go without food or a change of clothes until noon Monday. "You have our youth calling themselves these words, and all of these words have a perception to them."

Ferguson placed partial blame on hip-hop music for popularizing the word, which he said stereotypes blacks as "lazy and ignorant."

He added that some in the black community have heard the word for so long that they have come to fit the stereotype.

"I'm telling you it makes a difference in that child's life what he thinks of himself," said Ferguson, father of four boys.

Since Tuesday, the "N-

word Free Campaign" has attracted supporters spanning three generations to the community center on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in South Dallas.

Sitting on a cot in a green canvas Army tent that he borrowed from the National Guard, Ferguson on Friday met with religious leaders, community members and former students as speeches by King played in the background.

Keyeonia Clark, a former student of Ferguson's, remembered her senior year in high school when the teacher overheard her say the word.

"He heard the word and he just pulled us aside and said, 'That's not the type of language you should use. You don't know the definition of that word. A nigger is an ignorant person. You're not that, you're an African-American,'" recalled Clark, 29. "To me, Mr. Ferguson, he's taken the first step in sending the message out."

Minutes later, Willie Ferguson Jr., a 69-year-old grandfather not related to the teacher, visited the tent after seeing a news broadcast about the campaign.

"It brings back memories from when I was a young kid being raised up here as a black person," he said. "That's been a hateful word for as long as I can remember. ... I think he's got a good thing going on."

FBI: No terror link in group trying to buy cellular phones

MIDLAND (AP) — Authorities have found no link between any terrorists and a group of people who tried to buy a large number of prepaid cell phones from a store last month, according to the FBI.

Some employees at a Wal-Mart off Interstate 20 in Midland called police about 12:30 a.m. Dec. 18, saying six people of Middle Eastern descent were trying to buy "an unusually large quantity" of prepaid, disposable cell

phones, according to a police report.

Officers found four of the people in the store and talked to them, but then called the FBI when they were evasive.

Officers also searched their van and found 60 cell phones and marijuana.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents later charged one man with an immigration violation, and two others were released after producing appropriate docu-

ments, said Bill Vanderland, agent in charge of Midland's FBI office.

Agents at the time said members of the group were linked to suspected terrorist cells in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but Vanderland said Thursday that was not the case.

"There is no known link or demonstrated link or any other kind of link at this point between the people here and any terrorist cell," he said.

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Authorities shoot student toting look-alike handgun

LONGWOOD, Fla. (AP) — It was in an instant, with a SWAT team surrounding him, that Christopher David Penley slipped into an alcove in a school bathroom and raised what officers believed was a black 9 mm Beretta handgun, authorities said.

Moments later, a deputy shot him.

The 15-year-old had been holding what turned out to be a pellet gun, authorities said. He was on advanced life support Friday night, and the hospital refused to release any information Saturday morning.

At a news conference following the shooting Friday at suburban Orlando's Milwee Middle School, authorities put the weapon side-by-side with a Beretta. It appeared to have black paint covering the red or pink markings on the muzzle that may have indicated to officers that it was a nonlethal weapon.

"As you can see, it doesn't

take a professional to see how close this looks to the real thing. I would not be able to tell the difference," said Joyce Dawley, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement special agent in charge of the investigation.

Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger said the incident began about 9:38 a.m., when another student saw Penley with the weapon and struggled with him for it.

Pointing the gun at the other student's back, Penley directed him to a closet, dimmed the lights and left the classroom, Eslinger said.

The school went into lockdown.

From there, the sheriff said, he "traveled with this firearm throughout the campus" before ending up in a bathroom. By then, more than 40 officers, including SWAT and negotiators, were on scene. He refused to drop the firearm, Eslinger said.



George Skene/Orlando Sentinel/KRT
Natasha Difamecio hugs daughter Luna Rodriguez, an eighth grader who heard the gunfire as police shot 15-year-old Christopher Penley. Police said Penley aimed what appeared to be a handgun at them in Longwood, Fla., Friday.

Thousands may have trouble getting medicine with new Medicare program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of elderly poor people may have had trouble getting their medicine during the first two weeks of the government's prescription drug benefit, and about 20 states have been forced to step in to help them, the top Medicare official acknowledges.

The problems will be fixed, pledged Mark McClellan, administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in an interview with The Associated Press.

In some cases, people are not showing up in databases as being enrolled in a plan. When they do show up, many people are being told they need to pay hundreds of dollars before they can get their medicine. Instead, they should owe only nominal amounts.

"I'm working with the states, with the plans, with all of our partners to make sure people get the prescriptions they need," McClellan said Friday.

Under the program, about 42 million disabled and older people are eligible to enroll in private plans that will subsidize their prescription drug costs. Millions of prescriptions have been filled without trouble, McClellan said, but there is growing concern that some of the poorest beneficiaries cannot get their medicine.

Some advocacy groups say they believe McClellan underestimated the problems.

"We could see the problems coming. We expressed concern, and it was just pooh-poohed. Now, our worst fears have been realized," said Jeanne Finberg, a lawyer with the National Senior Citizens Law Center, which is based in Oakland, Calif.

The problems go beyond technical difficulties, such as when computer databases fail to note that a beneficiary is enrolled in a plan. In some cases, private plans are just not following guidelines established for their participation.

The plans are not issu-

ing emergency supplies as required and they have set up prohibited restrictions on the types of medicine that beneficiaries can get during the first weeks of the program, according to the American Psychiatric Association.

"Relapse, re-hospitalization and disruption of essential treatment are some of the consequences of the bureaucratic nightmare," said the association's president, Steven S. Sharfstein. "I commend those states and other jurisdictions that have taken steps to assure that patients receive their medications in a timely manner."

McClellan said he has directed plans providing drug coverage to make it easier for pharmacists to resolve questions about a beneficiary.

"I've been in touch with the health plans today and they are setting up expedited processes for pharmacists to contact a plan without waiting in a long queue. The plans are setting up those systems right now," he said.

McClellan said plans were required to provide a 30-day supply of drugs, even if their plan does not cover a particular drug. In cases when a drug is not on the list, plans require pharmacists to get pre-authorization before dispensing the drug. Many plans are waiving the pre-authorization requirements, he said.

The agency also updated information on Friday so pharmacists can more quickly reach plans, McClellan said.

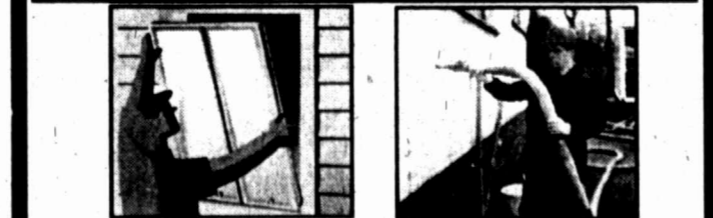
McClellan also said he contacted several governors and the staff of the National Governor's Association this past week on how best to help beneficiaries. Some lawmakers have demanded that the federal government reimburse states for those efforts, but McClellan said the insurers and other businesses offering coverage would do that.

"The plans are getting paid additional amounts to provide the extra coverage for the dual eligible beneficiaries," he said.

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Bird flu fight portends changes in Turkey's rural life

By BENJAMIN HARVEY
Associated Press Writer

ARALIK, Turkey — No more tractors idling as ducks waddle across a dirt road. No more turkeys gobbling in open fields. No more fetching fresh eggs from the backyard coop. No more roosters crowing at dawn. In Turkey, the outbreak of bird flu is changing the rural scenery and threatening a way of life. Yet up to now, there has been no significant discussion of what Turkey's countryside might look like when the bird flu crisis passes, or how its impoverished people will get by without the domestic birds on which many of them rely. In the midst of the worst bird

flu epidemic outside of southeast Asia, top government officials have warned Turkey is at permanent risk of outbreaks because it is on the path of several species of migratory birds. At least 18 people in Turkey have been confirmed to be infected with the deadly H5N1 strain, including three siblings who died last week. Because of the risk, Health Minister Recep Akdag has insisted raising birds in backyards must "history," and the sooner Turks learn that, the better. Yet the state has not come up with a long-term plan to compensate people for what could be a painful upheaval, other than to pay a basic market rate

of \$3.70 for delivering a chicken or a duck to authorities, \$11 for a goose and \$15 for a turkey. No rules have been drawn up for the post-crisis period, and it was unclear if people would be banned from raising poultry altogether or be allowed to keep birds in enclosed spaces like coops to keep poultry from mingling with wild fowl — a costly prospect for poor families. In parts of the east, where raising birds in backyards is a way of life for nearly every family and a means of surviving for some, many scared residents have vowed off poultry, but don't seem to have grasped the implications. "We won't eat them, and we won't raise them," said Ahmet

Inanc, 35, in the Seslitas village outside of Dogubayazit, where bird flu has claimed the lives of the three siblings. "If we don't raise chickens and don't die, it will be better for us." Many believed Turkey would look after them. "The state will take care of us," said Kahraman Duman, 56, who on Friday gave up seven geese, eight chickens and a turkey to men in white protective suits who would bag, bury and disinfect them. But one official rounding up poultry in Seslitas on Friday seemed to doubt the government would come through. "They fed their kids with their eggs. They don't have other money. They'll be

ruined," the official from the Dogubayazit Agriculture Ministry said. Domestic birds have been eliminated from the landscape in towns and villages where the virus has been found. They soon will disappear from other towns across the country. Officials said Friday the virus has been confirmed in 13 of Turkey's 81 provinces and is suspected in 18 more. Butcher Ishak Isik, 58, stood in his "Meat and Chicken Gallery" in Aralik and stated proudly: "There are no chickens here." Although the outbreak started in Aralik, Isik said precautions were taken quickly and the town had no human illnesses.

LEADERS MEET



KRT photo/Chuck Kennedy
President Bush holds a joint press conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Friday in the East Room of the White House in Washington, DC. Merkel is seeking to improve her country's relations with President Bush, buoyed by an emerging accord designed to halt Iran's nuclear program.

Pakistan condemns deadly attack

DAMADOLA, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan on Saturday condemned a purported CIA airstrike on a border village that officials said unsuccessfully targeted al-Qaida's second-in-command, and said it was protesting to the U.S. Embassy over the attack that killed at least 17 people. Thousands of local tribesmen, chanting "God is Great," demonstrated against the attack, claiming the victims were local villagers without terrorist links and had never hosted Ayman al-Zawahri. Two senior Pakistani officials told The

Associated Press that the CIA acted on incorrect information in launching the attack early Friday in the northwestern village of Damadola. Citing unidentified American intelligence officials, U.S. news networks reported that CIA-operated Predator drone aircraft carried out the missile strike because al-Zawahri, Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant, was thought to be at a compound in the village or about to arrive. "Their information was wrong, and our investigations conclude that they acted on a false informa-

tion," said a senior Pakistani intelligence official with direct knowledge of Pakistan's investigations into the attack. His account was confirmed by a senior government official who said al-Zawahri "was not there." Washington had no comment on the reports that the attack was aimed at al-Zawahri, who has a \$25 million U.S. government bounty on his head. Like bin Laden, he is believed to have been hiding along the rugged Pakistan-Afghan frontier since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Ex Taliban leader killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Gunmen killed a former Taliban leader who renounced the hard-line Islamic regime after it was ousted in late 2001 and had since supported Afghanistan's U.S.-backed government, witnesses said Saturday. A suicide car bomb, meanwhile, wounded an American soldier when it blew up near a U.S.-Afghan military convoy traveling along a main southern Afghan road, a local police chief said. In the southern city of Kandahar, two men on a motorbike fatally shot Mohammed Khaksar, the former Taliban deputy interior minister, as he walked with two of his children, said

Mohammed Jan Khan, a student who witnessed the shooting. He said the men shot Khaksar in the head and the heart and the victim collapsed on a road in the city, which was once a Taliban stronghold. Khaksar's brother, Abdullah Jan, and the city police chief, Gen. Abdul Wahid, confirmed the killing. Khaksar secretly contacted the United States in 1999 to seek American help in stopping the Taliban. He renounced the movement after it collapsed from a U.S.-led military offensive launched when the Taliban refused to hand over Osama bin Laden and close al-Qaida training camps after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public hearing to receive public input in regards to the following proposed changes to the current trustee election system.

- 1) **Proposed Change to the Voting System:** Big Spring ISD is proposing a change to the DREs (Direct Recording Electronic) voting system similar to the Howard County's voting system for in-person voters on Election Day and during Early Voting. Hand counted "Paper Ballots" will still be used for Early Voting by Mail and Provisional Ballots. Under the current system, Big Spring ISD uses a hand counted "Paper Ballots" voting system.
- 2) **Proposed Change in the Election Day Joint Polling Place:** For Election Day voting, the following entities are proposing to move the Joint Polling Place for the City of Big Spring, the Big Spring Independent School District, and the Howard College Elections to the Foyer of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at the corner of Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Texas. Under the current system, the Joint Polling Place for the above three entities is located at the Cafeteria of the Big Spring High School, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas.
- 3) **To Contract for Election Services:** with the Howard County's Elections Administrator for all future elections for Big Spring ISD.

A public hearing is scheduled for the above changes on Monday, January 16, 2006, at the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas, beginning at 5:15 P.M. The Board will receive public comments regarding the proposed changes in the trustee election system.

EL AVISO PUBLICO

La Junta Directiva del Distrito Independiente de la Escuela de Big Spring llevara a cabo una audiencia publica para recibir la entrada publica en respeto a los siguientes cambios propuestos por el directivo para el sistema corriente de votacion.

- 1) **El Cambio Propuesto para el Sistema Electoral:** Big Spring ISD propone un cambio para el sistema de votacion DREs (Directo Registrando Electronico) parecido al sistema electoral de Howard County para electores que votan en persona en el Dia de Eleccion y durante el Voto Temprano. Todavia se usaran "Balotas de Papel" contadas por mano para la persona que votan Temprano y por Correo y Balotas Provisionales. Bajo el sistema corriente, Big Spring ISD usa el sistema de votar "Balotas de Papel" contadas por mano.
- 2) **Cambio Propuesto en el Dia de Eleccion Junta Encuestando Lugar:** Para votar en el Dia de Eleccion, las siguientes entidades estan haciendo una proposicion a mover el Lugar de Junta Encuestada para la Ciudad de Big Spring, el Distrito Independiente de la escuela de Big Spring, y Howard College Elecciones al Foyer del Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, localizadas en la esquina de Birdwell Lane y Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Tejas. Bajo el sistema actual, la Junta Encuestando Lugar para los tres entidades arriba esta ubicado en la Cafeteria de la Escuela Big Spring High, 707 Place, 11th, Big Spring, Texas.
- 3) **Para Contratar los Servicios para la Eleccion:** con el Administrador de Elecciones de Howard County para todas las elecciones futuras de Big Spring ISD.

Una audiencia publica esta programada para los cambios arriba en lunes, 16 de enero, 2006, en el Cuarto de la Junta de la Escuela de Big Spring High, 707 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas, empezando a las 5:15 P.M. La Junta Directiva recibira comentarios publicos.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steer Booster meeting announced

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Monday in the Athletic Training Center (ATC) at 6 p.m. All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, cheerleading and trainers are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Carol Policky at 267-3800.

BSHS announces mini cheer clinic

The Big Spring cheerleaders will be hosting a mini cheer clinic for girls in grades first through sixth Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Steer Gym. The cost for the clinic is \$30 and that includes a T-shirt, shorts, socks and a bag. Registration will be Saturday at the Steer Gym from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more info, contact Mrs. Stuteville at 264-3641 ext. 166.

Magic's Francis suspended by team

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Orlando Magic indefinitely suspended Steve Francis because he refused to play late in the fourth quarter of a blowout, two newspapers reported.

The Orlando Sentinel and Florida Today, both citing anonymous sources, said the star guard wouldn't re-enter Wednesday night's game against Seattle to replace Hedo Turkoglu with the Magic trailing 103-87.

Allen, Dooling suspended by NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — Orlando guard Keyon Dooling was suspended for five games without pay and Seattle guard Ray Allen three for fighting during Wednesday's game.

Dooling and Allen were ejected during the second quarter of the SuperSonics' 113-104 win after Dooling went running at Allen and pushed him to the ground. Allen got up and tackled Dooling into the first row of seats along the sideline and onto some fans.

Angels owner pays for name change

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Angels owner Arte Moreno violated a 10-year-old contract with Anaheim and the city lost \$100 million in tourism revenue and publicity when he changed the team's name last year, a city attorney said.

A packed courtroom watched as the much-anticipated trial pitting the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim against the city of Anaheim began. Curious fans were on hand, some wearing red T-shirts that read "We Are Not L.A."

The city sued the Angels after Moreno changed the club's name from the Anaheim Angels last January.

No. 16 Garden City edges Mustangs, now 3-0



Sands' Kenneth Peacock, center, draws contact against Garden City's Taylor Niehues, left, during District 7-A action in Garden City Friday. The Bearkats won the game, 56-52. Niehues led the way for G.C. with 13 points.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — Sixteenth-ranked Garden City got all it could handle from district rival Sands Friday, but the Bearkats held off a late rally from the Mustangs and improved to 3-0 in District 7-A action with a 56-52 win.

"We have got to make better decisions as far as time goes down the stretch," said Garden City head coach Koby Abney. "We just made some mistakes which could have cost us."

The Bearkats were in control for much of the game, but Sands would not go away quietly. Garden City led 13-7 after the first quarter and improved its margin to seven at halftime.

The Mustangs cut the lead to two early in the second quarter after a putback by Garrett Nichols and two free throws from Kenneth Peacock.

Momentum shifted back to Garden City shortly after that as senior Cory Multer got fouled and made the basket inside. The foul was called on Nichols, who was forced to leave the game after picking up his third. Multer hit the free throw and the Bearkats pushed the lead to five.

The lead stayed right around seven points the rest of the period. Garden City junior Taylor Niehues recorded his third foul later in the quarter and left the game and Sands lost another player for the half as senior Dee Fryar picked up his fourth with 54 seconds to play until half-time.

Down for much of the first half, the Mustangs wouldn't quit. Senior Cevan Smithson did not score in the first half, but converted the first four points of the second half and cut the Bearkat lead to three. A basket by Peacock inside moments



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later tied the game at 28-28.

"(Sands) is different than most teams we have played this year," said

Abney.

"They try to spread you out and get by you and we need to adjust to that style of play better."

Junior Evan Jansa hit two 3-pointers in the third quarter and the first broke the tie and put Garden City up 31-28. Junior Alex Halfmann hit a jumper and a free throw to push the Bearkat lead back to six. Nichols also picked up his fourth foul during that stretch and was forced back to the bench. The teams traded baskets the rest of the quarter and Garden City led by seven after three quarters.

The lead quickly grew to 15 points as Garden City scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter as Halfmann hit a jumper and Multer, Niehues and Jansa each scored on layups.

"The run was huge, but we can't get a 15-point lead and only win by four," said Abney. "It needs to swing the other way."

Again, Sands would not die. Clemente Gomez hit a 3-pointer to get to with

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Lady Kats cruise to victory over Sands

• Balanced scoring leads Garden City girls to district win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — A balanced offensive attack and high intensity on defense throughout was plenty for the Garden City girl's basketball squad as the Lady Kats improved to 3-0 in District 7-A action Friday, taking down rival Sands, 44-20.

Garden City (18-6) held Sands to single digits in the first three quarters and never trailed in the game as the Lady Kats recorded another easy victory in district play.

"We are a pretty good defensive club," said Garden City head coach Brent Kirkland. "We can't take anyone for granted and must come out ready to play every night and get after it."

The game was tight early in the first quarter as Sands trailed by just two points before Garden City rolled off 10 straight points to end the quarter.

Just like that, the Lady Kats led 16-4 and the rout was on.

Garden City, which had a huge size advantage down low in the game, outscored Sands (12-10, 2-1) 9-4 in the second quarter. Sophomore K'Lann Niehues scored six of those points, while Sands' Dannon Ramey scored all four of the Lady Mustangs' points.

"It was key for us to get the ball inside against their smaller post players," said Kirkland. "We needed to attack them either with our posts or by just penetrating to the lane."

Not much offense occurred in the third quarter as the Lady Kats outscored Sands, 5-2. The offense picked up in the final frame, however, as Sands reached double digits with a 10-point effort. Marissa Schwartz scored four of Garden City's 14 points in the quarter as the Lady Kats went on to win by 24.

Garden City's balanced attack was led by

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Garden City's Julie Hirt, left, takes the ball strong to the basket against a defender from Sands Friday during the Lady Kats' win. Garden City is now 3-0 in district play.

Bulldogettes roll past rival Lady Buffaloes

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Coahoma girl's basketball team rolled through the toughest part of its district unscathed after taking down Stanton on the road, 36-14.

The Lady Buffaloes played the game without the services of leading scorer and senior Bonnie Kendall and the lack of offense was evident on the floor as no Stanton player scored more than four points.

Coahoma jumped out to a 10-5 lead after the first quarter and led by six at halftime after a low-scoring second quarter.

The Bulldogettes took control in the second half, outscoring the Lady Buffaloes 10-2 in the third

quarter and 11-3 in the fourth quarter.

Senior Kali Roberts led Coahoma, which improved to 13-10 overall and 3-0 in District 4-2A, with 13 points, while

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Buffaloes grab win over Iraan

By JEFF LANE

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD
IRAAN — The Forsan Buffaloes survived a big scare to open the third period Friday night against the Iraan Braves and picked up their second consecutive district win, 57-42.

After building a nice 35-21 halftime lead, the Buffs came out flat in the third as the Braves went on a 13-0 run drawing to within one.

Senior Tye Baker led all scorers with 25 points on the night, including three 3-pointers and 14 of 18 free throws.

Thirteen of Baker's points came in the second half as the Buffs fought off the early second half run with a 22-8 run of their own to end the game.

Adding a double-double to the Buffalo effort was sophomore Adam Bailey, who finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Starting over injured junior Seth Johnson, senior Steven Chavez filled in nicely as he picked up seven points and seven boards.

Iraan was led by Preston Villanueva with 13 points, but it was not enough to overtake the Buffs, who played very well down the stretch.

Forsan will look to continue its winning ways Tuesday at home against

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in 12 with just more than five minutes to go in the game. Smithson's layup later cut the lead to 10 and Santos Ybarra connected from long range with 1:25 to play to cut it to nine. The Mustangs then trimmed it to six as Smithson converted a 3-point play with 35 ticks left on the clock.

Sands (12-8, 2-1) had another chance with 27 seconds to go, but turned the ball over. Nichols fouled out before the turnover and Gomez picked up his fifth and final foul after the miscue.

Garden City sealed the game at the line and Peacock hit a meaningless 3-pointer at the buzzer to make the final margin four.

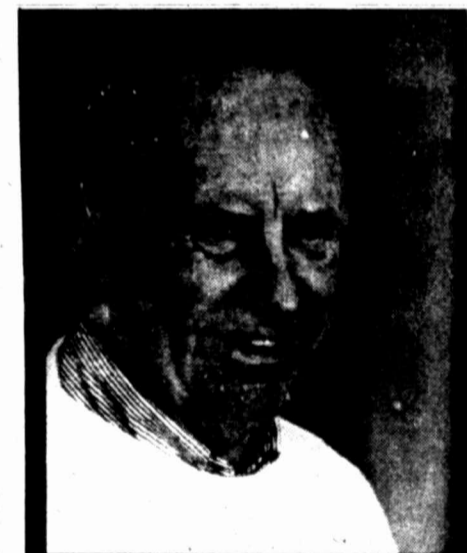
Garden City (13-4) shot just more than 50 percent from the free throw line in the game.

"Honestly, if we shoot more than 50 percent in the game than it was a good night," said Abney. "We want to be a good team until we start to hit them better. If we can get the percentage to 70 percent we could be lethal."

The Bearkats got balanced scoring from their offense. Niehues led the team with 13 points, while Multer and Halfmann scored 12 and 10, respectively. Jansa added eight.

The Mustangs were led by Ybarra's 14 points. Smithson finished with 13 — all in the second half — and Gomez added 12.

Garden City travels to Borden County Tuesday, while Sands travels to arch rival Grady.



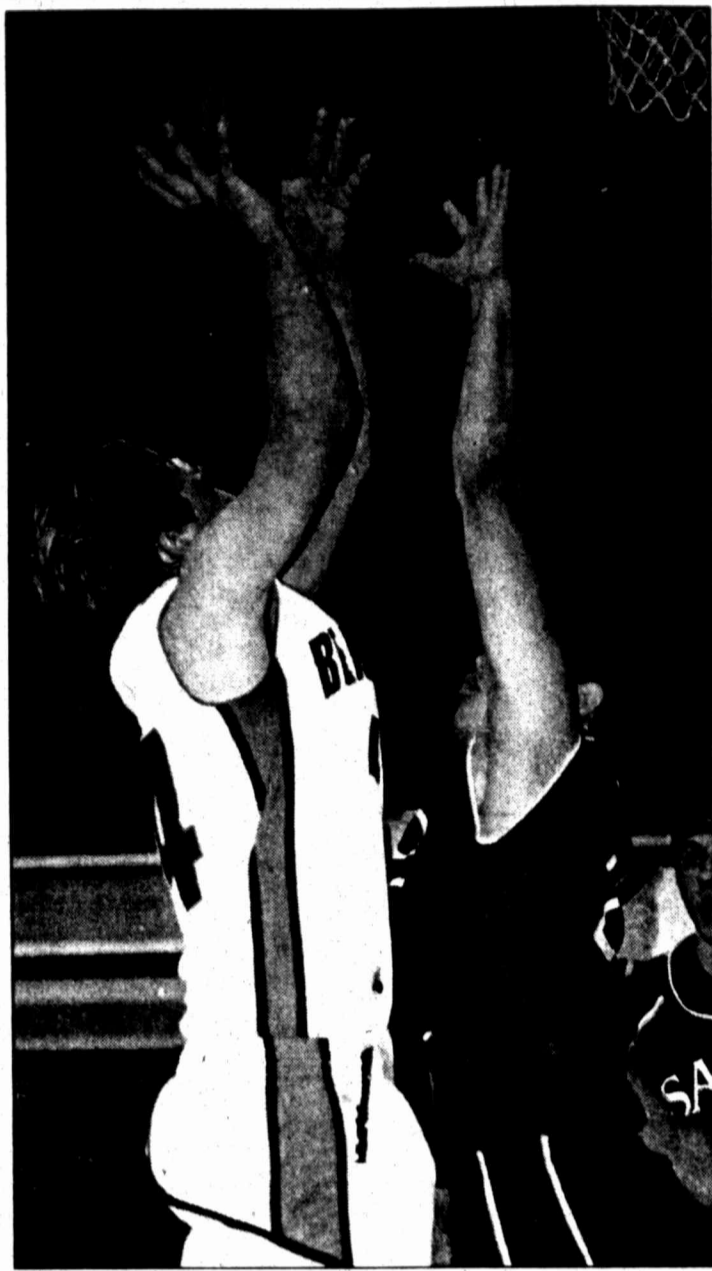
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Garden City junior Alex Halfmann takes the ball up in the lane against Sands' Clemente Gomez, right, during District 7-A action Friday. Halfmann finished with 10 points as the Bearkats escaped at home, 56-52.

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Wink. Wink defeated McCamey Friday in the other District 8-A contest.

Forsan girls 20
Iraan girls 62

The Lady Buffaloes had troubles with Iraan on

the road Friday, losing to the district powerhouse, 62-20.

Forsan trailed 38-3 at halftime and the Lady Braves cruised in the second half and improved to 22-1 on the season.

Alyssa Hodnett led Forsan with seven points. Forsan dropped to 0-2 in district play.

Tubb leads Wildcats to easy win over rival

Lady Cats struggle to score in defeat
By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

KLONDIKE — The Grady basketball squads split in action against

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Stanton's fast start key as Buffs take down Bulldogs

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor STANTON — Coahoma's offensive struggles continued Friday on the road against rival Stanton as the Bulldogs dropped their district opener to the Buffaloes, 45-39.

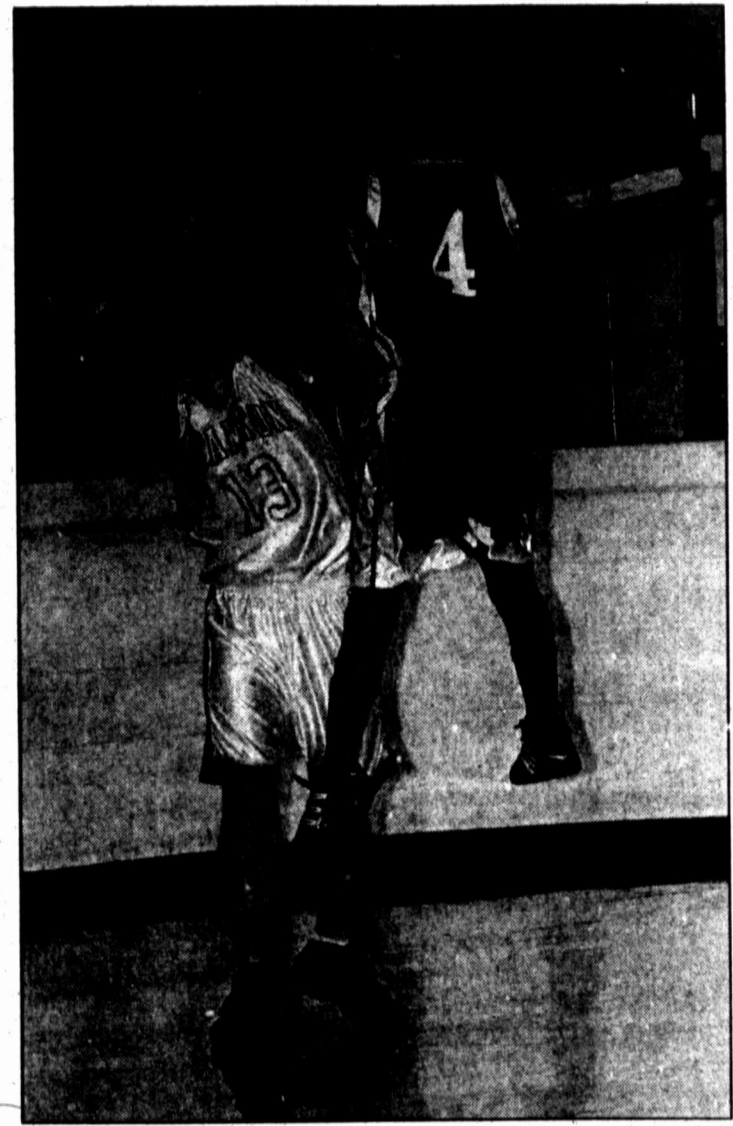
Stanton (8-12, 1-0) jumped out to a 13-6 first-quarter advantage and virtually played even with Coahoma the rest of the way.

The Buffaloes did not score a basket from the field in the final period, but Stanton made 16 out of 20 free throws in the period. It connected on 19 of 28 from the foul line in the game. Coahoma held Stanton to four second half field goals, as well.

Coahoma (8-14, 0-1) lost by six points and missed 10 shots from the foul line.

Junior Mike Carmona led all scorers with 13 points, while sophomore Garrett Fulton added 12 points for the Buffaloes.

Sophomore Colter Morgan led Coahoma with 11 points, while junior Jason Gonzales



Stanton sophomore Chase Pinkerton, left, keeps the ball away from Coahoma senior Michael Ybarra during the Buffaloes' win Friday.

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Niehues' 10 points. Junior Erin Hirt scored nine points and distributed the ball well for the Lady Kats, while junior Lauren Plagens added eight

points. Whitney Kellermeier had her best game of the season as she finished with seven points.

"We did a good job of spreading it around tonight," said Kirkland. "The girls came out ready to play tonight."

Sands was led by Brittany Blagrove's 10 points. Ramey and Kayla Gomez each scored five for the Lady Mustangs.

Garden City travels to Borden County Tuesday, while Sands heads to Lenorah to take on arch rival Grady.

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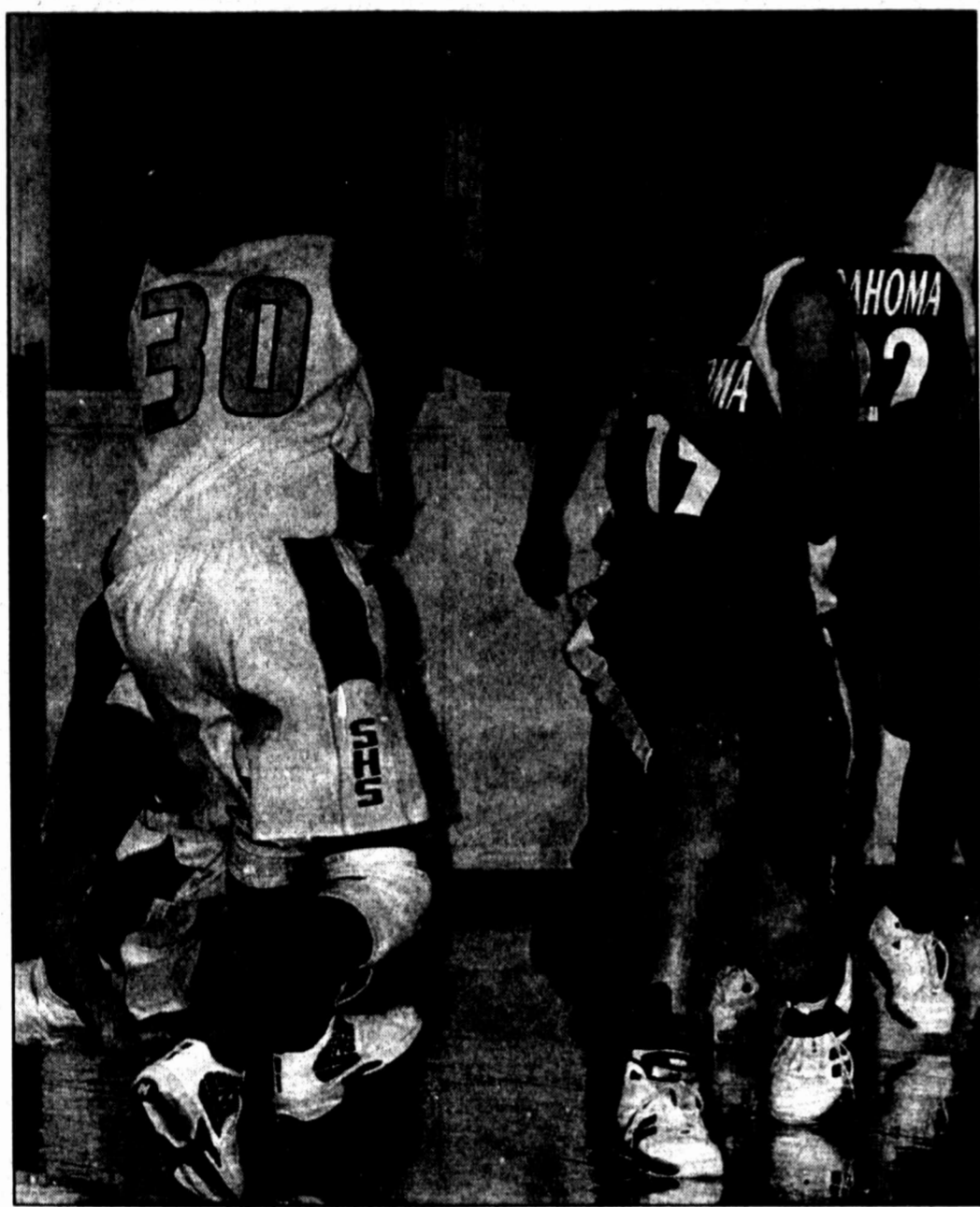
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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Coahoma freshman Laci Sterling, center, battles for a loose ball with Stanton's Maria Najera during action in Stanton Friday night. The Bulldogettes cruised to the road win and improved to 3-0 in District 4-2A play.

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freshman Laci Sterling and sophomore Janice Gonzales added 10 and eight, respectively.

Gonzales also connected on two 3-pointers.

Mallory Cotton led Stanton with four points. Kendall missed the game after recently undergoing nose surgery. She is expected to miss at least two more

games. Stanton dropped to 12-10 overall with the loss and is now 1-2 inside District 4-2A.

Coahoma will host Anson Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., while Stanton will take on rival Colorado City.

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added eight and Junior Kamrun Green scored seven.

The game prove to be physical as two players



FULTON

from each team fouled out. Seniors Patrick Croft and Terrell Bibb fouled out from Coahoma,

while Fulton and Stanton senior Jeovani Vela were also forced out of the game early.

Coahoma will host Anson Tuesday, while Stanton will battle rival Colorado City. Both games will begin at around 8 p.m.

BSHS JV looks to fix mistakes

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring junior varsity boys basketball has played in two JV tournaments this year and finished in the consolation trophy games in both.

Four out of the team's six losses by the JV boys this season have come down to the wire.

In the four losses, the boys have had the lead and either missed free throws or had a turnover, according to JV coach Larry Dearen.

"We need to improve on our cutting down on our mistakes and we need to do a better job at the free

throw line," added Dearen. "The defense has been a big part of the team's success this year.

The JV team is made up of Richard Anderson, Clayton Bates, Zack Dawson, Lance Gross, Michael Green, Ryan Harris, Chris Martinez, Hadden Phillips, Raymond Rodriguez, Patrick Rios and Gus Waddy.

The Steers junior varsity team opened district play Friday against Lubbock Estacado. The Steers fell to the Matadors, 73-58.

Big Spring came out on fire in the game, leading

by seven points early and eventually holding down a two-point advantage at halftime.

The Steers came out flat in third quarter, according to Dearen, and that allowed Estacado to take control.

"We came out flat in the third quarter and didn't block out very well, which allowed them to get too many second shots," added Dearen, whose team was outscored 27-11 in the quarter.

The Steers outscored Estacado in the final frame, but couldn't recover from the large third-quarter deficit.

Coahoma lifters fare well at C-City

Special to the Herald

COLORADO CITY — The Coahoma power lifting teams were in Colorado City Thursday night.

Gus Yanez placed second in the 114-pound class with a total of 675. Blaine Henderson placed third in the 132-pound class with a total of 750. Ryan Walker and Justin Ditto wrapped up fifth and sixth in the same class with totals of 670 and 655, respectively.

Jessie Medina totaled 490 in the 132s to place



eighth. Antonio Gonzales was fourth in the 148s with 855 pounds.

Dustin Wright and Nathan Gomez were sixth and seventh in the same class with totals of 605 and 445, respectively.

Jake McCain totaled 1,010 pounds in the 198s to

place second. Jeremy Winn was third in the 220s with 735 pounds, while Chase Clanton was second in the 242s with a total of 530 pounds.

Justin Rau was first place in the super heavy weight division with a total of 640 pounds.

On the girls side, Chelsea Gonzales was first in the 114s with a total of 450 pounds. Kayla Hankins finished first in the 123s with 420 pounds and Esmeralda Urias was first in the 148s with 325 pounds.

Forsan eighth-grade rolls to win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Forsan eighth-grade basketball team picked up their sixth win of the season last week after taking down Stanton, 46-18.

Monte Anderson and

Evan Burton each scored 16 points to lead Forsan, while Ryan Flores added 12.

Also playing well for Forsan were Josh Hatfield, Zack Dykes, Jake Moore, Aaron Johnson and Wendell

Moore, said Forsan eighth-grade coach RL Coates.

The Buffaloes' next game will take place Monday in Forsan against Colorado City beginning at 5 p.m.

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Second Annual Six-Man Illustrated tournament returns to West Texas

Wells to host event in Colorado City

By TOMMY WELLS

Special to the Herald
COLORADO CITY — The quest for a national six-man football championship is coming back again this summer.

The 2nd Annual Six-Man Illustrated 6-on-6 National Passing Championships will be held July 14-15 in Colorado City. A 16-team

tournament, the event is open to all six-man high schools (public AND private) in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Kansas, Nebraska and

Patriots defeated Follett in the finals last year.

Unlike summer all-star games, the 6-on-6 tournament is open to high school players in grades 9-12. The only limitation (in accordance with UIL guidelines) is Texas public school teams cannot be coached by their high school coaches.

Texas private school programs and non-Texas programs can be coached by their high school staffs.

The tournament, which begins at 9 a.m. Friday, July 14, will have 16 teams competing against each other in a 6-man passing league — similar to the 7-on-

those players and team that want to get a jump on the season to get involved in the 6-on-6 league," said Wells. "I know the larger 11-man schools have shown the experience benefits their programs."

Wells said although Texas coaches would not be allowed to coach their teams, several coaches would be on hand for the two days to offer advice and tips to players and coaches from other teams.

"I think the opportunity will be available for players to improve and brush up on their skills, as well as for coaches to do the same," said Wells. "The tournament, I feel, will only make the sport of six-man football that much stronger as a whole while giving the different states and Canadian players the opportunity to meet each other."

Wells said teams can qualify for the National 6-on-6 National Passing Championship through one of several qualifying tournaments being held in the summer.

Currently tournaments are scheduled in Valley (June 17-18), Bryson (June 3-4) and Garden City (June 24-25). Up to two more qualifying tournament could be added in the next few weeks.

The top 2-3 teams at each qualifier will advance to the national finals. Teams participating in the tournaments are guaranteed four games.

For more information, please contact Tommy Wells at newzboy3@yahoo.com

6-on-6 Qualifying Tournaments

2005 6-on-6 football schedule

June

3-4 — Bryson
10-11 — Open
17-18 — Valley
24-25 — Garden City

July

1-2 — Open
8-9 — Open
15-16 — National Finals in Colorado City

Saskatchewan, Canada.

"We're very excited about the 6-on-6 national championships," said Six-Man Illustrated publisher Tommy Wells. "This is the closest thing we will have to crowning a true six-man national champion on the field, and showcase some of the top underclassmen in the sport."

When teams take to the field this summer, they will be trying to unseat defending national 6-on-6 champion Valley. The

7 game now played by Texas high schools in the summer. No pads will be worn and games will be divided into four (4) 10-minute quarters. Teams will compete in round robin pool play Friday, July 14, to decide tournament seeding. Following the completion of pool play, teams will compete in double-elimination play until a single "champion" is crowned Saturday, July 15.

"I want to encourage

GRADY

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rival Klondike Friday. The boys cruised an 87-28 win, while the Lady Cats fell to 1-2 in District 7-A play with a 45-34 loss.

Grady boys 87 Klondike boys 28

Sophomore Justin Tubb scored 38 points to lead the Wildcats to an easy district win over one its rivals.

Grady (11-9, 2-1) pounced on Klondike early and never allowed them to get back into the game. It led 18-5 after one quarter and outscored the Cougars 23-3 in the second quarter. Klondike scored 12 points in the third quarter, but was outscored 46-20 in the second half.

Brody Pinkerton and Clay Mitchell finished with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Both players hit two 3-pointers.

Grady will host arch rival Sands Tuesday in Lenorah. The game will be for second place in the district. Sands lost to Garden City by four Friday. Each team will enter Tuesday's game with a 2-1 district mark. The game should start at around 8 p.m.

Grady girls 34 Klondike girls 45

The Grady girls got outscored by 11 in the second quarter Friday and that difference proved to be too much to overcome as the Lady Cats fell to Klondike in District 7-A action.

Grady (11-10, 2-1) led by two after one quarter,



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Grady sophomore Justin Tubb scores two points inside against Garden City Tuesday. The Wildcats defeated Klondike Friday. Tubb finished with a season-high 38 points.

but the big second quarter by Klondike turned the momentum and the game over to the Lady Cougars. Klondike (10-8, 2-1) pushed the lead to 13 after three quarters. Grady outscored Klondike 14-12 in the final period, but it was not enough.

Kelsi Howard led the Lady Cats with 10 points, while Taylor Woolfork added nine.

A big difference came at the foul line where

Klondike, which had two players reach double-figures, made 13 more shots from the charity stripe than did Grady. Klondike finished 19-for-26, while Grady shot just 10.

The Lady Cats will try to get back into the district mix with a win against rival Sands Tuesday in Lenorah. The Lady Mustangs are coming off a 44-20 loss to Garden City. The girls will tipoff at 6:30 p.m.

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- 2001 Ford Explorer Spt 4X4 2-DR. - Blue, All Power, w/57,000 Miles. **WAS \$12,995 NOW \$10,995**
- 2001 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - White w/Cloth, All Power. **WAS \$12,995 NOW \$9,995**
- 2000 Chevrolet Suburban LT 4X4 - Black w/Leather, All Power, One owner w/73,000 Miles. **WAS \$16,995 NOW \$15,995**
- 1999 Dodge Durango SLT 4X4 - Black w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/Only 57,000 Miles. **WAS \$12,995 NOW \$11,995**
- 1999 GMC Suburban - Tan w/Leather, All Power. **WAS \$12,995 NOW \$9,995**
- 1997 Ford Expedition XLT 4X4 - Silver w/Leather, All Power, One Owner. **WAS \$9,995 NOW \$8,995**

***** VANS *****

- 2003 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - Blue, V-6, All Power, 54,000 Miles. **WAS \$14,995 NOW \$13,995**
- 2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, Fully Loaded, One Owner w/58,000 Miles. **WAS \$15,995 NOW \$13,995**
- 2003 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - Blue, V6, All Power, 54,000 Miles. **WAS \$14,995 NOW \$13,995**

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It's contemporary, cozy,
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Bean's World Café, located in downtown Big Spring in the Railroad Plaza, offers more than just a variety of sandwiches, soups and desserts.

Under the umbrella of Life Church, Bean's World Café provides a meeting place for small Bible studies and one-to-one conversations with a place to purchase a good cup o' joe.

"We have a heart to revitalize this city and we started looking around and found the oldest building in Big Spring and the second oldest, too. This started as a coffee shop and developed into a café. We've had more business than we really thought we would," said the Rev. Clint Collins, who along with his wife, Kami, pastors Life Church.

A mission of cooperation, a church work day remodeled and renovated the old box car, that Collins said started as a white, shell boxcar. Now the café offers contemporary decor with cozy seating and visual attractions that might keep patrons busy admiring and appreciating the art work and wall paintings.

"All these framed photographs on the walls are from actual missions to Ireland, Africa and Mexico that someone has taken. Ten percent of our proceeds go to fund world missions or community projects," Collins said.

Along with the various types of coffee, cappuccino and latte available from the menu, Bean's World also offers heated outdoor seating amid a landscaped patio area that may double as a concert arena in the spring, he said.

"We're hoping to have dinner and a movie night in the future. We're offering a place for people to hang out, bringing life to the downtown area. We hope to reach the business community, the young adults as well as the youth age," Collins said.

Another unusual aspect of Bean's World Café is that those staffing the facility in the evenings are volunteers. A paid staff works the day hours, from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., but when the café is open Friday and Saturday nights from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m., volunteers prepare the beverages.

"We're expecting to expand into Saturday evenings in February," said Robert Sumner, co-manager of the café with his wife, JoVena.

The addition of a donated building just west of the patio area brought even bigger plans to bear, as Collins said the ultimate landscape will include a larger restaurant in that building once the extensive remodeling is complete, with the boxcar serving beverages.

See CAFE Page 12C



Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant
Clint Collins, top photo, smiling outside Bean's World Cafe; Nancy Allen and Cheryl Cahill enjoy soup and sandwiches in the dining area of the cafe; tasteful decorations offer patrons a glance at the time around the world in the photo with the clocks; Robert and JoVena Sumner are the managers of Bean's World Cafe; Kimberly Long and Priscilla Hernandez order lunch; the menu at Bean's World Cafe; and a mural of the Eiffle Tower adorns the girl's restroom.

See additional photos Page 12C

By Marsha Sturdivant
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Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage patty, grape juice, milk; Lunch, corn chip pie, mixed fruit, ranch-style beans, baby carrots, (high school second choice, tuna salad).

Tuesday: Breakfast, honey bun, apple, milk; Lunch, cheese enchiladas, border beans, Spanish rice, Rosey applesauce, (high school second choice, pizza pockets).

Wednesday: Breakfast, tortilla, sausage links, orange juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, grapes, rolls, (high school second choice, chili-cheese fries).

Thursday: Breakfast, muffins, ham slices, pears, milk; Lunch, beef stew, spinach salad, corn bread, peach cobbler, (high school second choice, chicken strips).

Friday: Breakfast, glazed donuts, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, hamburger salad, French fries, pork and beans, cookies, (high school second choice: meatloaf).

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, French toast, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, corn, oranges, baby carrots, milk, corn dogs.

Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk; Lunch, Shake-and-Bake chicken, macaroni, sweep peas, fruit cup, bread, milk, burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancakes, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch, Frito pie, baked beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, cookies, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast,

Pop-tarts, sausage links, applesauce, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk, Sloppy Joe.

Friday: Breakfast, waffles, sausage, orange juice, syrup, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pears, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pigs-in-a-blanket, baked beans, pineapple orange salad, chips, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, toast, peanut butter/jelly, juice, milk; Lunch, meat and bean chalupas, lettuce and tomatoes, Rosie applesauce, flour tortilla, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, sausage-on-a-stick, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed fruit, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, eggs, biscuits, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken-n-noodles, baked potatoes, apple slices, sherbet cups, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, sub sandwiches, lettuce/tomatoes/pickles, chips, orange smiles, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, Smuckers peanut butter and jelly sandwich, milk or juice; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, fresh broccoli with ranch, fruit cups, crackers, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakes and sausages, milk or juice; Lunch, tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, milk or juice; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, Jello, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, milk or juice; Lunch, spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, salad, garlic bread, fruit, cobbler, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, donuts, milk or juice; Lunch, chicken patty sandwich, southwest beans, tater tots, apples, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: Holiday.

Tuesday: Lunch, steak fingers, corn, pea salad, milk/bread, fruit.

Wednesday: Lunch, lasagna, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, garlic bread, cake.

Thursday: Lunch, barbecue sandwiches, potato salad, beans, milk, fruit salad.

Friday: Lunch, chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/crackers, fruited gelatin.

Westbrook ISD

Monday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, pineapple chunks, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, nachos with meat and cheese, peppers, salsa, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit cups, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, tossed

salad, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cereal, toast and jelly, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, turkey and gravy, creamed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, sliced bread, pumpkin pie, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, sausage, gravy, biscuits, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue rib on bun, onion, pickle spears, French fries, 1/2 orange, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, hamburger, French fries, hamburger salad, peaches, milk, mustard, mayonnaise.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken wrap, beef wrap, western beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pears, milk, salsa, American cheese.

Wednesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, pizza cheese sticks, peas/carrots, garden salad, fruit cocktail, milk, ranch dressing.

Thursday: Breakfast, coffee cake, little smokies, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, cheese nachos, refried beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, cereal, outtered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, baked fish, corn dog, macaroni and cheese, green beans, apples, French bread, milk, ketchup.

Birth



Briley DeAnn Harrell

Briley DeAnn Harrell, a girl, was born Jan. 6, 2006, at 4:10, p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Trey and Sherra Harrell of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Theodore and Vicki Wells of Stanton and Bob and Deborah Adkins of Big Spring. She was welcomed home by sibling, Quint.

Newcomers

• Lois Fear, formerly of Haskell. He is a retired licensed vocational nurse.

• Glenn Graston, wife, Carolyn, daughter, Leigh Steadham. He is a farmer in the Knott area. She is employed by Higinbotham-Bartlett Co.

• James Smith, wife, Florence formerly of College Station. He is retired from maintenance work.

• Debbie Tucker, formerly of Austin. She works in the accounting department at Cornell Corrections.

• Loyd Gobourne, wife, Wanda, formerly of Galt, Calif. He is retired from the auto electronics industry. She works in the pre-paid legal services industry.

• Donna Makowsky, formerly of Lamesa. She is employed by Wesley Beauchamp State Farm Insurance Co.

• Jay Durham, wife, Debbie, son, Tucker, 10, daughters, Jacie, 12, Brooklyn, 4, formerly of O'Donnell. He is the manager of Pat Gray Body Works. She is employed by State National Bank.

• Gilbert Lujan, wife,

Margaret, formerly of Houston. He is a field service representative for U.S. Flow Chem.

• Ron McDona', wife, Kathy, formerly of Cross Plains. He is the business manager of Cornell Corrections.

• Albert Ontiveros, wife, Maria, daughters, Amanda, 12, Julieanne, 6 weeks, formerly of San Antonio. He is a truck driver for Credit World.

• Jerry Cannon, wife, Stephanie, formerly of Phoenix, Ariz. They are both retired.

• Terry Rath, wife, Helen, formerly of Woodville. He is a mechanic for Price Construction.

• Dennis Michalke, wife, Cynthia, formerly of Cross, S.C. He is a welder for The Industrial Co.

• Raul Rivera, wife, Rosa, formerly of Odessa. She is a student at Howard College.

• Harvey Cooper, wife, Glenda, formerly of Forth Worth. He is retired from construction work.

• William Gassaway, formerly of Arlington. He is in the engineering department at

Compressor Systems.

Whos' Who

Elisha Carroll

Elisha Carroll of Coahoma was recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Student Award winner. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

She is the daughter of Mitchell and Donna Carroll of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Don and Gwen Dukes of Odessa and Muriel and Betty Carroll of Odessa.

Kaidee Bree' Saverance

Kaidee Bree' Saverance of Big Spring, a sixth grader at Forsan Junior High School, participated in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Pageant Nov. 25-27 in Austin. This is a pageant based on academics, community service and personality projection.

She participated in the sports wear competition, talent competition and runway modeling categories. She placed second in runway modeling.

She is the daughter of Bryan and Tonya Watson and Shanan and Lana Saverance, all of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mike and Sherida Tredaway of Big Spring, Wilton and Colleen Watson of Burnet, Dewayne and Luann Saverance of Coleman and Larry and Caryl Henderson and Sharon and Glynn Harrell, all of Big Spring.



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Engagement



Melissa D'Ann Sheedy and Joseph Lewis Ettle

Sheedy, Ettle to wed

Melissa D'Ann Sheedy and Joseph Lewis Ettle, both of Waco, will be united in marriage at 4 p.m. Feb. 18, 2006, at Coahoma Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark and Anna Sheedy of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Charlotte Sheedy and Reynaldo and Nettie

Abelar, all of Big Spring. The future groom is the son of Mike and Rosamunda Ettle of Joshua.

He is the grandson of Beatrice and the late Richard Ettle and Trudy and the late David Francis.

Melissa earned her bachelor of arts degree from Austin College in

Sherman. She is employed by Coldwell Banker Jim Stewart, Realtors.

Joseph earned his bachelor of arts at the University of Texas, Austin, and master of arts at Baylor University.

He is employed at Mayborn Museum Complex Baylor University.

Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. David Allen

Jones, Allen wed

The wedding ceremony of David Allen and Amanda Jones was performed by Howard Hornsby, an Elder from Christ Community Church at Christ Community Church at 2 p.m. Dec. 31, 2005.

Maid of honor was Lachelle Mobley and bridesmaids were Cyndi Lambert and Ginni Metcalf. Brian Allen served as bestman and groomsmen were Andy Allen and Chris Jones. Serving as ushers were

Shane Allen and Travis Lambert. Pamula Jones and Chris Jones sang "The Rose" a cappella. Kenny and Jarry Fulgham backed up the singers. A reception followed the ceremony.

One Nation Under God

Should there be any question, let us not forget the words of these great men and what God has done for this country.

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable support. In vain would that man claim tribute to patriotism and should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness — these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens...reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail exclusion of religious principles." — George Washington.

"God who gave us life, gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that the liberties are a gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever." — Thomas Jefferson

"It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principle for which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of the free constitution is pure virtue and if this cannot be inspired into our people in a greater measure than they have it now, they may change their rulers and forms of government but they will not attain lasting liberty." — John Adams.

"The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground with His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise

without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings that except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." — Benjamin Franklin

"And whereas it is the duty of nations as well of men to own their dependence upon their overruling power of God, to confess their sins, and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the holy scriptures and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord." — Abraham Lincoln

"Let us look forward to the time when we can take the flag of our country and nail it below the cross and there let it wave as it waved in the olden times and let us gather around it and inscribe for our motto "Liberty and Union one, and inseparable now and forever" and exclaim "Christ first, our country

next!" — Andrew Johnson

"We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation without reckoning the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the events of the republic. Where we have been the truest, the most consistent of the obeying of its precepts, we have obtained the greatest measure of contentment and prosperity." — President Roosevelt.

"Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience. Without God we are mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the sense perceive. Without God there is a coarsening of a society. And without God democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." — President Ronald Regan

Burr Lea Settles jr. is former fire marshal for Howard County.



BURR LEA SETTLES JR.

Big Spring Symphony rehearsals scheduled

Rehearsals for "A Celebration of American Music: George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess" with the Big Spring Symphony Chorus begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church's choral rehearsal room. Rehearsal will continue until 8:45 p.m. The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. April 8 in the Municipal Auditorium. For more information, contact Dr. Keith Graumann at 267-1626 or e-mail kgraumann@cox.net.

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- Help with details of wedding planning, such as address envelopes, making favors, and going on shopping excursions.
- Pay for her/his own wedding attire.
- Host a shower for the bride, whether alone or with bridesmaids.
- Organize or appoint someone to organize the bachelorette party, if you are having one.
- Help organize the bridesmaids with their fittings.
- Keep all bridesmaids informed of all parties, functions and rehearsals.
- Attend the rehearsal dinner.
- Oversee the bridesmaids in the wedding day by coordinating gowns, make-up, jewelry and flowers.
- Assist the bride in dressing before the ceremony and at the reception before the bride leaves.
- Keep the groom's ring until the appropriate time in the ceremony, when she/he will exchange it for the bride's bouquet.
- Sign the wedding certificate as a legal witness.
- Assist the bride with the train and veil at the altar.
- Be a member of the receiving line and be seated in a place of honor at the reception.
- Make a toast to honor of the bride and groom, if she/he so chooses.
- Make sure that the bride takes care of herself, especially at the reception; getting her something to eat and drink occasionally.
- Hold the bride's hand throughout the long months of planning and be her shoulder to lean on during times of crisis.

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HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin
Jimmy Moore, local owner of West Office Supplies located at 1601 Scurry, offers a wide range of office supplies and is a one-stop shop for area business owners.

West Office Supply here to stay

By ANDREA MEDLIN
Staff Writer

Local business owner Jimmy Moore intends to fill a gap for Big Spring businesses.

"We're here to stay," assures Moore, whose West Office Supply and West Office Interiors opened two months ago.

Although business supply stores have come and gone, West Office Supplies intends to stay and offer any supplies a business might need at matching prices.

"We will match any price of the big chains to try to keep business local," said Moore.

The new business, located at 1601 Scurry, will offer a wide range of office supplies to individuals as well as local businesses. A wide range of office supplies are available including pens and pencils, stationary, business cards, rubber

stamps, ink cartridges, printers and copiers. Services are available to Big Spring and the surrounding communities.

"We welcome walk-ins, or they can call or fax in their order."

A Web site will also be available in the near future.

Services includes everything from measuring for a custom-cut chair mat to doing customer specifications in a three-dimensional layout.

"There is no consultation fee and a 30-day, no-interest business

West Office Supply

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1601 Scurry

account," he added.

Potential customers will be able to peruse the showroom and art gallery to pick and choose what they need or want to add to their place of business. "Our office supplies come from two wholesalers, Sparko and Universal," said Moore. "We are also an authorized Steelcase dealer."

Showroom and gallery items include furniture, plants, framed art, rugs, plants and candles.

As a bonus, anything not in stock can be delivered within 24 hours if the order is placed before 5 p.m.

Basically a one-stop shop, West Office Supplies will set up a business from basic supply needs to a complete office setup.

Contact Andrea Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

Two new management positions awarded at Big Spring State Hospital

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon recently named longtime employees Cindy Sturdivant and Lorie Dunnam to new management positions within the state-managed psychiatric hospital.

Sturdivant, RN, BSN, formerly the director of nursing education, will serve as director of quality management. She replaces Marilyn Clark, who recently retired.

In her new role, Sturdivant will oversee the hospital's regulatory requirements and oversee the Joint Commission on Accreditation



Dunnam



Sturdivant

Healthcare visits.

Dunnam, MEd, replaces Gail Zilai, LMSW, who also recently retired as director of activities therapy.

She previously served as patient educator coordinator under Zilai.

"We were fortunate to find two quality candidates in

Cindy and Lorie, who have contributed to Big Spring State Hospital for many years," Moughon said.

Motivational speaker to hold seminar here

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has invited business trainer and professional speaker Patrick H. McGaughey to address its annual banquet, set for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

To assist with the sponsorship of the annual banquet, McGaughey will be providing his highly acclaimed national seminar "Activating Professional Performance in the Workplace" from 7:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Feb. 3 in the Cactus Room at the Howard College Student Union Building.

Among the topics he will be discussing are:

- How to set yourself up for success.
- How to improve personal performance.
- How to make the customer feel like No. 1.
- How to improve communication skills.
- How to have success with difficult people.
- How to build an ownership attitude in the workplace.

Local business owners, managers and supervisors can register by calling the chamber office.

Admission for the seminar will be \$39 per person or \$289 for a reserved table for eight.

To register, call 263-7641.

Buddy Sipes named PBPA's 2005 Top Hand

Special to the Herald

Big Spring native L.D. "Buddy" Sipes Jr. has been chosen to be the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's 26th Top Hand.

The Top Hand Banquet will be Thursday at the Petroleum Club of Midland with a reception set for 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m.



Sipes

Sipes has been active for many years in professional and civic affairs. He has served as a distinguished lecturer and on several committees of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. As a young engineer he was a director of the Permian Basin chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and was named Outstanding Engineer of the Year in 1966. He served two years as president of the PBPA from 1995 to 1996. He is a dea-

con and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church in Midland.

During his professional career, he has authored three technical papers for publication and a myriad of private clients. Two of the technical papers provided unique insight into conditions that control performance of specific Permian Basin petroleum reservoirs.

Born in Big Spring, Sipes graduated from Andrews High School and attended Texas

A&M University and Texas Tech, where he received his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering.

He served in the Army and worked for Core Laboratories Inc. in Dallas, Midland and Paris France. In 1981, he founded Chisos Operating Inc., an independent oil and gas producing company engaged in drilling and production in the Permian Basin.

Sipes makes his home in Midland with his wife Deloris

and their two children and their spouses, Kenda Frederick and her husband David, and Kevin Sipes and his wife Nancy. The Sipes have four granddaughters.

Banquet speakers will be Bob Williamson of JW Drilling of Midland, Dr. David Daniel, president of Midland College and Midland County Judge Bill Morrow.

For more information, contact Morris Burns, PBPA executive vice president, at (432) 684-6345.

Rural Development announces \$19.4 million in grants

Special to the Herald

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development state director, has announced that USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program.

Funding in the amount of \$19.4 million is available to develop value-added agriculture business ventures which support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy to support long-term solutions to

high energy costs in rural Texas.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities:

- (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or
- (2) to acquire working capital to operate a business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

"This grant will help agricultural pro-

ducers become more profitable through value-added agricultural business opportunities," said Daniel. "In addition, priority consideration will be given to those grant applications that have at least 51 percent of project costs dedicated to activities for a bio-energy project."

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Eligible applicants applying under the renewable energy

category must include biodiesel, ethanol or wind energy production, or the use of biomass to generate energy.

The maximum award for the planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum award for the working capital grant is \$300,000. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than March 31, 2006. For more information on the program and the upcoming regional training seminars, contact Billy Curb, business and cooperative specialist at (254) 742-9775.

West Texas Wind Energy Consortium to host luncheon Wednesday

Special to the Herald

The West Texas Wind Energy Consortium (WTWEC) will host its first informational luncheon of 2006 from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday on the campus of Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

The topic will be "School finance implications of wind wealth," presented by J.D. Davis, superintendent of Blackwell CISD. By year-end 2006, Blackwell will have more operational wind power than any other school district in the

Western Hemisphere.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the luncheon topic will be "Wind energy perspective: Where we've come from, Where we are, Where we're going" — presented by Robert King of Good Company Associates of Austin. King has been involved in Texas renewable energy development since the mid 1970s and has been actively involved in West Texas wind energy development from the first projects in the Texas mountains.

In March, the West Texas wind energy luncheon will focus on "Transmission status,

planning, and development." A speaker from Austin will discuss the transmission constraints affecting most regions of Texas, the transmission expansion process underway now and the role that West Texans can play in assuring adequate transmission is developed as quickly as possible.

The luncheons will all be held at noon at the Seminar Room in The Center on the Sweetwater campus of Texas State Technical College — West Texas.



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Reminder: USDA-NRCS accepting EQIP applications

Special to the Herald

Farmers and ranchers still have time to apply for Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

USDA cost-share funds have been released earlier this year to give farmers and ranchers more time to make sound decisions regarding conservation practices before planting season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern identified by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

The Howard County USDA Service Center will be accepting EQIP applications for 2006. The deadline for applications on 2006 EQIP funding is Feb. 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before that date will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Howard County. Last year EQIP funding in Howard County totaled \$280,145.00.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major

resource issues. In Howard County, these include water quantity on rangeland and soil erosion on cropland. Eligible conservation practices include mechanical brush control on mesquite and cedar, spraying prickly pear, spraying salt cedar, range seeding, prescribed grazing, terraces and waterways.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is the federal government's principal

agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring or call (432) 267-1871, ext. 3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

- Samantha Ann Berrera, 60' Lamar, Sweetwater
- Stephanie Renee Beaty, 2718 E. SH 176, Andrews
- Tony Ray Bingham, 1503-A Scurry, Big Spring
- Paul D. Calhoun, P.O. Box 842, Plains
- Rebeca Carillo, 309 E. St. Anna, Stanton
- Noelia Carillo, 1806 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
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- Kay Conley, 625 Elgin, Colorado City
- Aubrey Dale Conway, 1101 N. Kelly, Odessa
- Stephanie R. Daniels, 506 N. Avt. T. Snyder
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- John R. Franklin, PO Box 1521, Stanton
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- Laura Lea Leon, 319 Rocky Lane Dr., Midland
- Christopher Ernest Luellen, 599 Truehart, Paint Rock
- Stephanie Marie Macias, 909 S. Sixth Street, Lamesa
- Connie Suzanne McMahan, 604 N. Washington, Denver City
- Manda Lisman Meeks, 2908 Sherman Road, Big Spring
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- Melissa Pena, 208 N. Nolan, Big Spring
- Renee Perez, 2133 Glenwood Drive, Abilene
- Margarita Olivarez Ramirez, 538 Westover, Apt. 223, Big Spring
- Sierra Ramos, 200 M. Estes Ave., Midland
- Salome Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring
- Jessie Robles, 1417 Millspaush, San Angelo
- Robert Rogers, 3815 S.C. Rd. 1192, Midland
- Emily K. Sartain, 1806 37th, Snyder
- Abelina Tercero, 127 Arthur, Longview
- Kristi Oden Womack, 710 Bell, Sweetwater

County Court Decisions:

- Judgment and Sentence:** Rod Lee Puga, driving while intoxicated, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail.
- Probated Judgment:** Angelica Covarrubias, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 18 months probation).
- Probated Judgment:** Guadalupe Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$435 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
- Probated Judgment:** Steven Allen Savell, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
- Judgment and Sentence:** Rod Lee Puga, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$310.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.
- Judgment and Sentence:** Stacy Lynn Pendleton, assault/family violence, \$320 court costs, 180 days in jail.
- Probated Judgment:** Jessie Castillo Jr., driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
- Probated Judgment:** Yvonne L. Acuff, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

District Court Filings:

- Tanya G. Nobles vs. Jeremy Lee Nobles, divorce.
- Misti Donell Muller vs. Benjamin David Muller, divorce.
- Tyrone Deion Smith vs. Krystle Marie Martinez, divorce.
- William F. Bradley vs. Eleanor Bradley, divorce.
- Dadrienne Marie Leuschner vs. Michael Paul Leuschner, divorce.
- Beneficial Finance Corp. vs. Samuel L. Munoz, accounts, notes and contracts.
- Stephanie Gilliam vs. Arthur Calloway, family protective order.

Marriage Licenses:

- Terry Dewayne Huitt, 39, and Oleta Ann Henderson, 29, both of Big Spring.
- Anthony Jackson Jr., 26, and Danielle Paige Prater, 31, both of Big Spring.
- Harvey Guerrero, 26, and Wendy Rogers, 24, both of Big Spring.
- Timothy Thomas Efen Garibay, 17, and Maria Inez Gonzales, 19, both of Big Spring.
- Alvin Glenn Johnke, 63, and Joy Miller Bryant, 69, both of Big Spring.
- Shannon Wayne Crenshaw, 32, and Belinda Brito Atkinson, 29, both of Big Spring.

Warranty deeds:

- Grantor: David A. Parrish
Grantee: Jimmiw L. Parrish and Floretta Parrish
Property: A 4.5 acre tract out of Section 17, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Dec. 27, 2005
- Grantor: Betty L. Thixton, A.J. Stanley and D.F. Stanley
Grantee: Betty L. Thixton
Property: A 20 acre tract

out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Dec. 27, 2005

Grantor: Billy Marvin Priebe
Grantee: Billy Marvin Priebe, Bob Ashley Priebe and Patricia Lynn Priebe
Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Worth Peeler Subdivision
Date Filed: Dec. 28, 2005

Grantor: Betty L. Thixton, A.J. Stanley and D.F. Stanley
Grantee: A.J. Stanley
Property: A 2 acre tract out of Section 23, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Dec. 29, 2005

Grantor: Donald Wilcher and Karen Wilcher
Grantee: Maria Perez
Property: A tract out of Section 2, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Dec. 29, 2005

Grantor: Karan Gilbert
Grantee: Maria Perez
Property: A tract out of Section 2, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Dec. 29, 2005

Grantor: Candra Lynn Pickett and Pamela Kay Rolfe
Grantee: Pamela Kay Rolfe
Property: Lot 12, Block 17, Brennand Addition

Date Filed: Dec. 29, 2005

Grantor: Peggy C. Clauss
Grantee: Van Richard Mundell and Dora Mundell
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 17, Fairview Heights
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Carl A. Coleman and Maxine Coleman
Grantee: The Carl and Maxine Coleman Living Trust
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Highland South
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Betty Jane Reagan
Grantee: Trinity Baptist Church
Property: The E/2 of Lot 4 and all of Lot 5, Block 5, Cole and Strayhorn
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Morrison Donaghe and Sharon Donaghe
Grantee: Peyton Sedberry and Mindy Sedberry
Property: A 4.2 acre tract out of Section 17, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Jan. 4, 2006

Grantor: Melton Viera
Grantee: Luis Alberto Viera
Property: Lot 10, Block 18, McDowell Heights
Date Filed: Jan. 4, 2006

Warranty deeds with vendors lien:
Grantor: Dean C. Brooks and Kathryn Hahn
Grantee: Derek Ward
Property: Lots 7 and 8, Block 10, Saunders Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 27, 2005

Grantor: John Bryans and Jenny Bryans
Grantee: Guy Zant
Property: Lot 1, Block 15, North Park Hill Addition
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Grantor: Sherri Lynn Wigington and William Wigington
Grantee: Robert Pringle
Property: Lot 9, Block 7, Parkhill Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Troy Koenig
Grantee: John Henry Schenck and Olivia Gonzales
Property: Lot 1, Block 2, Highland Park Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Lori Kelley Fuqua, Lynnard W. Denton, Carla S.

Chavez and Kim Mark Denton
Grantee: Jimmy Matthies and Misty Matthies
Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Joie Salvato
Grantee: John Smith and Shanna Smith
Property: Lot 14, Block 1, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Joseph O'Hara Dawes
Grantee: Thomas E. Black Jr.
Property: Lot 7, Block 2, Western Hills Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Helen Eggleston Jackson
Grantee: Addry Louise Jackson
Property: The N/50 feet of the SE/4 of Block 26, College Heights Addition
Date Filed: Dec. 30, 2005

Grantor: Roy Taylor
Grantee: Buddy and Doris Cochran
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Bus Driver: Must be 21 years or older, have a CDL and a good driving record and a High School Diploma or GED. This position is 6 hrs per day M-F and includes a full benefit package.

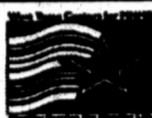
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All applicants must: Be 18 or older. Pass a pre-employment drug screen.

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Agency offers OJT, benefit package for all full and part-time employees. Applicants may apply at Lakeview Head Start 1107 NW 7th St. Big Spring, Tx. Applications available on line www.gopb.org. Applications will be taken **Tues-Fri. 9am-4pm. Job closes Jan. 20th @ 4:00pm.** All interviews will be held at the Administration Office at 206 W. 5th in Odessa, Tx..

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West Texas Centers for MHMR: ECI has opening for full time or part time Speech-Language Pathologist. Requires master's degree in speech language pathology from an accredited or approved institution and considerable knowledge for speech delayed and/or communication disordered children from age 0-3. Travel to the child's environment is required in personal vehicle. Will receive mileage reimbursement. Salary is based upon experience. Applications may be obtained by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769. Or at www.wtcmhmr.org. EOE



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Counselor for Mental Health: Will provide Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to an individual, group or family. Salary \$18.53-\$19.79 hr (\$38,544.00-\$41,160.00 annually) plus benefits. Must be licensed LPC, LCSW, LMFT, Licensed Nurse Practitioner or Licensed Psychologist. Applicants must live within 70-mile radius of duty station. Some travel is required. **Salary dependent on experience.**

Mental Retardation Intake Specialist: Will perform screening and intake interviews for people seeking service. Bachelor degree with major in Human Service or High School diploma plus four years experience. Salary \$11.31-\$12.09 hr (\$23,532.00-\$25,140.00 annually) plus benefits. Some travel is required. Prefer bi-lingual.

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(432)268-1987 fax

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Help Wanted

MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

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MARTIN CO. Hospital Home Health is looking for a full-time RN and a PRN to join their energetic staff. Must be willing to travel to surrounding areas. Bilingual preferred and salary DOE. Interested parties may call Allison @ (432)756-3259 or fax resume to (432)756-4510.

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The ideal candidate is a young professional between 25 and 40 and must not have a family relationship with a Rotarian. You need not speak Portuguese or Spanish, although it would be helpful to have the skills. Contact any Rotarian, or call Jerry Worthy at (432)267-8094.

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| ACROSS | 64 Presidential nickname | 9 Words of consternation | 37 Exalt |
| 1 Flat letters | 65 One who fiddles | 10 Start of some art movements | 38 GI uniforms |
| 9 In the zone | 66 Made better time | 11 Refuse to ignore | 39 Fictional Copperfield |
| 15 Preceding in development | 67 Couch potato's condition | 12 FDR and JFK | 40 King of K's |
| 16 1995 Literature Nobel | | 13 Not absolute | 44 Out |
| 17 Nation since '91 | | 14 Pencil product | 45 <i>Of Mice and Men</i> wife |
| 18 Unlikely to make waves | DOWN | 21 Go to a lower level | 47 Island, NY |
| 19 Jazz pianist | 1 Brutal critic | 24 Off-the-wall product | 48 Skeptical comment |
| 20 "Told ya!" | 2 Like some publications | 25 Big house | 49 Bath units |
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The sun transiting through the latter degrees of Capricorn gives off an industrious vibration.

It's time to buckle down and do what needs to be done in order to see your project through to the end. How do you know when it's enough?

When you have your desired result. Paying the right people the proper respects will get you there faster.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Tread softly now, and enjoy wonderful (if only subtle) results. This is a time for the kind of patience necessary to watch tiny seeds grow. You're not famous for your patience, Aries, but planets insist that you do have some.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Both men and boys have qualities to thrive and create soulfully. But

the thing that separates the men from the boys is the elusive element that's required to make a project successful now. The same goes for women and girls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You give and give today, and by tonight, you'll be glad you did. People are giving back, too — someone charismatic and clever helps you solve a short-term problem, and a steadfast person helps with your big picture.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's nothing more exhilarating than being freshly in love. But do be careful not to go on and on about it to people who simply can't relate. Taurus gets you, though.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You show generous appreciation to others all the time, and now it's your turn to shine. Take it. Modesty isn't going to help you feel any more comfortable. No disclaimers. Just stand there and sing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're multidimen-

sional. Take one favorite aspect of your personality, and try to imagine yourself without it. You're still pretty cool, right? So, don't be so hard on yourself, especially regarding that flaw you're struggling with now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The truth about the past can never be arrived at with certainty, so forget this. It's no time to ask "Why?" Ask "What now?" instead. You come up with a smart plan, and the help of a Sagittarius makes it even more brilliant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). "We are stardust, we are golden." Your signmate, Joni Mitchell, wrote these words long before science actually proved it. Intuition and imagination make a strong guide to knowledge. You're smarter than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Material gains seem increasingly important, as does the ambitious pursuit of certain titles and roles. It's all ego — still, you're trying to

keep a healthy perspective. You'll impress a few people along the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stars favor trying something said to be impossible. You'll be amazed at how quickly it morphs into *totally* possible. Tonight, you're dynamic — just remember to listen as much as you talk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Say yes to a seemingly silly or irritating request. Going along with it lifts your spirits and allows a new perspective. Someone may have done this for you, too, recently, come to think of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A loved one is in the "right" and won't let you forget it anytime soon. How immature. Try not to dwell on this or defend your position. Your day is so beautiful when you resolve to let the small stuff go.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The constellation Capricorn is found in a segment of the sky called the "heavenly

sea." When Capricorn was best known as a half-goat-half-fish, this creature was believed to rule this ocean of the sky, which happened to contain a gate through which souls would have to pass after their earthly bodies died. Was the goatfish a guardian of the gate? Was he a part of some kind of cosmic border control? Did he make sure that those passing through had the proper qualifications to get to the other side? During the last days of this Capricorn sun, our attention is wrapped up in details having to do with protocol, etiquette, red tape and paying the proper respect to the right people in order to get a job done. Tuesday and Wednesday, it may seem that an insurmountable obstacle is placed in your path. If you can't go over it, under it or around it, the best tactic is likely to ingratiate yourself with whoever controls the "gate." Manners trump might. Honeyed words and respectful flattery are your "open sesame."

Thursday, the passage of the sun into Aquarius brings levity and laughter. Much of the hard work is over, so this weekend is a blast!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kirstie Alley spent time in the limelight last year, bravely putting her weight issues on the front line. Career success came at a high cost as she was sometimes the brunt of mean jokes. Capricorn people are pragmatic by nature and usually follow the old adage that "any publicity is good publicity." Ultimately, Alley will get the last laugh when she writes about her 2005 career rollercoaster.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: For many years, your compassionate readers have brightened the lives of America's hospitalized veterans by participating in the Valentines for Vets program during Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week (Feb. 12-18). This program encourages readers to deliver valentines and visit with veterans at their local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center.

Scout troops, community organizations, houses of worship and social organizations have all used this program to encourage young people to become involved in their community and learn about the meaning of service from our veterans.

Last year, more than 760,000 cards and letters were delivered to hospitalized veterans. More than 37,000 community members made nearly 100,000 visits to veteran patients. Hundreds were inspired to become volunteers at a VA hospital or outpatient clinic.

The visitors to our hospitals see our dedicated VA employees and volunteers caring for the veterans who have served this country so valiantly. VA is renowned for the world-class health care it provides our veterans.

This year, VA is celebrating 75 years of providing health care and benefits to veterans. Your readers can become a part of this anniversary celebration by volunteering at a VA hospital. Special skills are not needed, just the willingness to give the gift of time and compassion to our veterans.

I urge your readers to stop by a VA hospital and talk to a veteran. Show the veterans they are not forgotten. I promise your readers it will be an experience they will treasure for life. Our compassionate and caring staff is dedicated to serving these veterans and providing world-class health care. When your readers meet the veterans, they will understand why we are so inspired.

The addresses of our facilities can be obtained by looking in the telephone directory, by calling our toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000 or by checking our website at www.va.gov.

I look forward to another successful year of Valentines for Vets, and I



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

know our veterans do as well. Sincerely — R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Nicholson: Thank you for once again giving us the opportunity to mention this worthwhile project. We can never repay these courageous veterans for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf, but we can take the time to cheer them up and let them know they have not been forgotten.

Readers, please send valentines to our veterans at VA hospitals, or better yet, drop by for a visit. Every year, members of Camp Fire USA participate in this program, and Salvation Army volunteers distribute valentines, gifts and refreshments to various VA facilities around the country. Teachers, you have always been wonderfully supportive in making this a class project, especially with those wonderful handmade valentines. Encourage your students to display their creativity, and let them learn firsthand the satisfaction that comes from doing for others.

The veterans would be thrilled if you could drop off your valentines in person and visit for a few minutes. If you do not live close enough to a VA facility to stop by, you can mail your valentines. To find the location of the nearest VA hospital, you can check your phone book, access the VA website facility locator at www.va.gov/directory, or call the toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000. Please remember our veterans this Valentine's Day. We know of nothing else that costs so little and brings so much happiness. — Marcy and Kathy

Dear Montreal: Some parents believe their children should be concerned about their health and

their activities because they are older. They do not feel obligated to reciprocate, because you are young and healthy. It's not an uncommon problem.

We suspect your in-laws have no idea how self-absorbed they seem. Your wife should simply say, "Mom and Dad, we know you care about us, so we would love it if you would occasionally ask how we are or how our day went." Some people need to be hit over the head.

Dear Annie: You've

printed a lot of letters about wives who aren't interested in sex. They may have reasons other than not being in the mood.

In my case, my husband refuses to cut his hair, brush his teeth or bathe properly. In addition to this, he has lied to me about everything big and small since we were married over 30 years ago. He has no integrity and disappoints our children repeatedly by breaking promises and then insulting their intelligence by

saying he never promised anything in the first place.

Men need to realize there is an emotional element to all relationships. I am not "holding out." I am turned off. And justifiably so. — Tried Everything to No Avail

Dear Tried Everything: It's true that a man who doesn't brush his teeth or bathe will find the home fires a lot less welcoming. And women usually connect sexual intimacy with loving feelings, and rotten behavior during the day

can eliminate those feelings at bedtime. If you haven't tried counseling, please consider it — for yourself, if your husband won't go with you.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the *Ann Landers* column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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BEAN'S WORLD CAFÉ



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Dennis Chavez, above, takes the food and drink orders of Big Spring High School seniors Courtney Rodriguez and Jade Walker; Co-manager JoVena Sumner, below, and Chavez prepare the day's menu; Mary and Wallace Spraberry, bottom enjoy coffee at the restaurant.



Cafe

Continued from 1C

Renting the space for wedding receptions, providing a location for a community center and outreach facility as well as the café and coffee shop are all part of the long-range plans.

"We'll have different hours this summer, once the kids are out of school," said Sumner, who is also a college student.

And while volunteering

for the coffee shop is not restricted to Christians, Collins said it does provide a certain, faith-based atmosphere and individuals seeking to improve themselves and their relationships are always welcome.

"We're upholding a certain lifestyle and we're always looking for those with goals seeking to better themselves," Collins said.

But the main objective to the café is to bring the downtown area to life, with a variety of activities and interests avail-

able to patrons, Collins said.

"God always put on our hearts to come to Big Spring and we knew we had an unconventional outreach that is really many-layered. We choose to provide excellence in everything we do. The food is great, the coffee is great and we're hoping this meets a need," Collins said.

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