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Second man charged in murder case

Death may be related to Aryan Circle, sheriff says

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A second arrest has been made as a result of an investigation into the murder of 20-year-old Roland David Dickinson, who was found dead last month near the community of Coahoma.

Kirk Douglas Flanary, 35, was taken into custody in San Angelo this week and charged with first-degree murder for his alleged role in Dickinson's death.

Flanary's arrest came approximately two weeks after John Michael Hays, 50,

was arrested at his home on Midway Road and charged with murder. According to investigators, Hays confessed to the murder, saying Dickinson had been hateful and disrespectful to his family.

"Following the arrest of Hays, new information and corroborating evidence indicated at least two other subjects were involved in Dickinson's death," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. "Probable cause was

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Flu expected to run course through area Vaccinations encouraged

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Brace yourselves. That's the message from state and local health officials as the Lone Star State heads into its peak flu season, and with several cases already being reported in school age children, it's simply a matter of time.

"I've seen several cases of the flu virus in school age children, so it's just a matter of time before it spreads," said Dr. Cynthia Rutledge, a physician with Family Medical Center. "The most prominent symptoms we're seeing are high fevers — 101 to 102 degrees — and body aches. We're also seeing some coughing, but it's not nearly as prevalent as the other two symptoms."

And although West Texas is already halfway through the flu season — traditionally October through March, with

"A lot of people think it's just too far into the season at this point, but a flu shot right now can have a major impact."



Rutledge

the peak coming in January and February — Rutledge said it's not too late to get a flu shot.

"It's not too late. A lot of people think it's just too far into the season at this point, but a flu shot right now can have a major impact," said Rutledge. "It doesn't guarantee you won't get the flu, but if you do it can help cut down on the duration and severity of the symptoms."

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SO BIG SPRING, ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

"Big Spring" Roughneck Ahmad Childress, left, a defensive end who has played for the Detroit Lions and New York Giants in the NFL, squares off with San Angelo Stampede Express quarterback Jeff Tongate to promote their indoor football in Big Spring. The teams will play an exhibition game March 31 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

IT'S INTENSE!

'Big Spring' Roughnecks to host Stampede in IFL exhibition game at the coliseum

MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

Professional football is coming to Big Spring.

The Odessa Roughnecks of the Intense Football League have negotiated a pre-season football game to be played against the San Angelo Stampede Express on March 31, at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Amid speculation that the Odessa franchise was trying to make this game a reality, the two teams held a press conference on Thursday to formally announce "The Brawl in Big Spring."

Included in the festivities will be tailgate parties, a live band, moon walks and many special give-a-ways, officials said.

"This beautiful arena is great

for Howard-Hawks basketball games and it will look amazing with turf for this IFL contest," Tommy Benizio, the Roughnecks' team president, said.

The Intense Football League kicked off in 2004 and both area teams were inaugural members. There are nine teams that make up the IFL, an

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Possible murder-suicide investigated

Glasscock County couple found dead at home; autopsies ordered

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — A Garden City man and his wife are dead as the result of an apparent murder-suicide that occurred here Thursday.

Brian Christopher Cook, 37, and his wife, Dana Erin Cook, 36, died Thursday in their residence just northwest of Garden City, said a spokesman with the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office received a call to respond to the residence at around noon Thursday after the bodies were apparently discovered by Brian Cook's mother.

Details were not immediately available, but sources confirmed that the incident is being investigated as a possible murder-suicide.

The couple was declared dead at the scene at 12:15 p.m. Thursday by Justice of the Peace Marilee Jost, who ordered the bodies transported to Lubbock for

autopsy.

Brian Cook was an employee for Western Gas, while Dana Cook was a schoolteacher. The couple had two children — a 15-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter — who are currently staying with relatives, reports state.

Funeral services are pending at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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Obituaries

Joe A. Lopez Jr.



Joe A. Lopez Jr., 53, of Garland, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at Baylor Medical Center at Garland. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 20, 1953, in Big Spring to Librada and Joe Lopez Sr. Joe married Mary Rodriguez July 6, 1980, in Odessa. He lived most of his life in Big Spring moving to Odessa in 1985 and then to Garland in 1995. Joe served as a Howard County Deputy Sheriff for a number of years for Sheriff Standard. He later worked for Atlantic Richfield as a foreman for 20 years, retiring in 1992. Joe was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Richardson and was an extreme Dallas CowboyS fan.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lopez of Garland; two daughters, Sandra Islas and her husband Denny of Garland and Nancy and Steven Robles of Big Spring; parents, Librada and Joe Lopez Sr. of Big Spring; one brother, Andy Lopez and his wife, Aminta of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Jon Islas, Brandon Islas, and Timothy Islas, all of Garland, and Paul Diaz, Carlos Diaz, Amaris Diaz, and Danica Diaz, all of Big Spring; one great-grandson, Isaiah Diaz of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, John Lopez Sr.; and one sister, Martha Cervantes.

Pallbearers will be Billy Pineda, George Martinez, Danny Mendoza, Joe Robles, Willie Rangel and Robert Puente.

The family will be at 600 Johnson. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Jose Moreno



Jose Moreno, 75, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Eliseo Gamboa, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 5, 1931, in Big Spring to Maria and Gregorio Moreno. He married Elvira Saiz Nov. 17, 1952, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death May 3, 2003. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Korea. He had worked for Strain Brothers Construction and the Fina Refinery. He was a Jehovah's Witness.

He is survived by one son, Joe Lopez and his wife, Rosalinda of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Adrienne Moreno, Timothy Moreno, and Linda Moreno, all of Big Spring; six sisters, Juanita Marquez, Anita Bustamante, Margarita Ortega, Rosa Marquez and Estella Haro, all of Big Spring and Lucy Garcia of Gurnee, Ill.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by one sister, Lencha Valdez.

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

Wilford "Pa" Ramsey

Wilford "Pa" Ramsey, 95, of Stanton, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

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

He was born June 19, 1911, in Kaufman County and married Christine Day Aug. 29, 1936, in Colorado City. He came to Martin County in 1928 and farmed in the Merrick Community for many years. He moved to Stanton in December of 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Ramsey of Stanton; one son, Earl "Beaver" Ramsey of Stanton; one daughter, Faye Fleckenstein of Stanton; four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to: Feed The Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City 73101-0036.

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

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-15-17. Bonus Ball: 26. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$250,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-10-14-26. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$15,626. Winning tickets sold in: San Antonio, Cleveland. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-2

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Tressie Lee Goolsby

Tressie Lee Goolsby, 93, of Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at Brownwood Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Sunday afternoon at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born June 18, 1913, in Aubrey the daughter of the late William and Florence Davis McDaniel. She worked in retail sales and as a seamstress most of her life and was a homemaker. She married Aron Wesley Goolsby in Lovington, N.M. Oct. 2, 1932. He preceded her in death April 26, 1980. She had resided at Brownwood since 1986, moving there from Big Spring. She was a former member of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Betty Burcham of Big Spring; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by one son, Glen Goolsby; two brothers, Willie McDaniel and Roy McDaniel; four sisters, Maude McDaniel, Ora Thixton, Oma Coots and Pearl Hamilton.

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

Dana Erin Cook

Dana Erin Cook, 36, of Garden City, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Brian Christopher Cook

Brian Christopher Cook, 37, of Garden City, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Charles S. Baker

Charles S. Baker, 78, of Coahoma, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- CHARLES MITCHELL, 58, of 1002 Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- ANGELICA MONTOYA, 36, of 203 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Eighth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 37 inmates at the time of this report.
- ERNEST AGUINAGA, 21, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- GORDON WESLEY TAYLOR, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- TONY MONROE GAMBLE, 39, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.
- ANGELICA MARIA MONTOYA, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- MCKINLEY HASKIN, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a warrant for sexual assault of a child.
- ERIC AGUIRRE, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Valley Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 176 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, 10th and Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold not hold its adult eyeglass clinic this week but will hold it Saturday, Feb. 10. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.
- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at The Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. West winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.
Saturday...Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 50s. Light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph in the afternoon.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.
Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.
Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.
Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.
Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.
Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.
Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Highs around 40.
Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Clarification

Because of a computer error, Natalie Morales, an eighth-grader at Big Spring Junior High School, was left off the junior high "A" honor roll list and therefore not included in the area-wide honor roll list published in the Big Spring Herald's Jan 25 edition.

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Take note

HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE WILL MEET at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Posse Clubhouse, 7 miles west on the Andrews Highway (Hwy. 176). Everyone is invited. The group participates in the Pony Express, has a search and rescue team and takes part in other activities throughout the year. For more information, contact Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or 932-0016 or Jay freeze at 267-7077 or 517-0177.

IMMACULATE HEART AND SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP SPONSORS are hosting a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, 1009 Hearn. Cost is \$5 per person, adults only; no one under 18 will be allowed in. Joel Perez will be the DJ. Door prizes, donated by local businesses, will be given away. Funds raised will go to help the church's youth groups. For more information, contact Merlinda Moron at 816-1231 or Bonnie Loya at 213-1356.

THE 5TH ANNUAL RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 24, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Entry forms are available at KBST and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Entry deadline is Feb. 20.

SAY IT WITH CAKE FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE orders are being taken until Feb. 9. Personalized heart-shaped cakes in either 8-inch size for \$5 or 5-inch size for \$3.50. Your choice of chocolate or vanilla. Delivery is available. Contact Angel Sosa at 264-4108 or Georgia Torres at 267-1312.

THE CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the TravelCenters of American truck stop.

THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

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indoor division generally regarded as a premier league at the "AA" level. Players regularly earn promotions to the Canadian Football League (CFL), the Arena Football League (AFL) and occasionally the National Football League (NFL). Most teams have players who have had experience in the NFL and they have aspirations to return to the league.

"We are thrilled to be involved and to help sponsor this game in Big Spring," Mike Abusaab, the president of several West Texas Sonics explained. "For years, Sonic has sponsored teams in Odessa and surrounding cities in our area — it's about time for others to come visit Big Spring and spend some entertainment dollars here. This will have a good economic impact on our city and it's great family entertainment. It will bring new business to the hotels, restaurants and other small businesses — this is a good thing for all of us and we're proud to be a sponsor of the event."

The Big Spring Roughnecks, a temporary name enthusiastically announced at the luncheon, will be holding their first week of training camp here in Howard County. According to

head coach Chris Williams, the Roughnecks are planning on having more than 35 players at the camp as they use this time to trim their roster and prepare to defend their Intense Cup they won last season. "This is a unique opportunity for us as a football team," Williams added. "We're going to get out of Odessa and be able to really focus on what's at stake. This is where the foundation for the upcoming season will be laid and it will not only get us away from outside distractions, it will be a tremendous bonding opportunity for the entire team."

Ticket prices for the exhibition game range from \$7 to \$15 dollars and there will be corporate boxes and sponsorship opportunities as well.

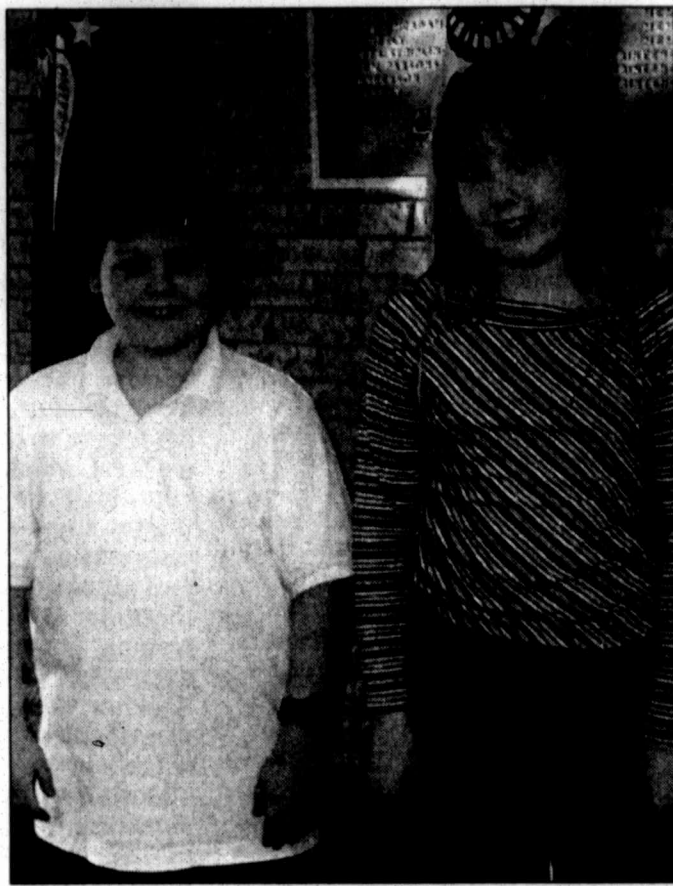
Beginning Tuesday, tickets will be available for purchase at the *Big Spring Herald*, or they may be purchased immediately by calling (432) 332-PASS (7277).

The first 1,000 fans to walk through the doors will receive a complimentary T-shirt displaying the "Brawl in Big Spring." Additionally, Odessa will be sending its crazy mascot, Jumping Jack, to entertain fans along with team mascot, Digger the prairie dog and the Roughnecks dance team. Other promotional announcements are forthcoming.

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Fifth grader Michael Akin, left, correctly spelled superlative and stomach to win the Gollad Intermediate School Spelling Bee. Runnerup was Brianna Kight, also a fifth grader.

Courtesy photo

FLU

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ral medications that can help. Antibiotics, which treat bacterial infections, are no good, but these antivirals are helping to cut the duration and severity of the symptoms. However, it must be administered within 48 hours, so if you think you have the flu, talk to your doctor.

According to information released by the Texas Department of State Health Services, flu is a viral respiratory illness. The illness is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, releasing the contagious virus into the air.

People with flu generally can transmit the virus to others from one day before getting sick to up to seven days after showing symptoms of the flu.

"Getting a shot is the one best way to prevent flu, which can cause serious, sometimes deadly complications," said Dr. David Lakey, DSHS Commissioner. "The flu shot together with simple precautions such as washing your hands frequently, covering your mouth when you cough and sneeze and staying home when sick are good ways for people to protect themselves and their families from infection."

According to Sandy Samuels, immunizations nurse for the local DSHS office, most susceptible to the influenza bug are the elderly and small children, making it paramount they receive their vaccinations as soon as possible.

"The flu can turn into so many other things when it comes to small children or the elderly," said Samuels. "One of the most common results is pneumonia. Children six months old to eight years old and seniors 65 years old and up need to have their flu shots. If they

haven't already gotten it, make sure they get it as soon as possible."

Symptoms include a sudden, often high, fever; headache; extreme tiredness; dry cough; sore throat; runny or stuffy nose; and muscle aches. Flu complications can include bacterial pneumonia, ear and sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of chronic conditions such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes.

The Big Spring TDSHS office — located at 501 N. Birdwell in the College Park Shopping Center — is offering flu shots from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

Flu shots are \$10 unless the patient has Medicare or Medicaid. For more information on TDSHS flu vaccination clinics, call 263-9775.

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

ARREST

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developed for the issuance of two arrest warrants.

"Howard County investigators, with assistance from the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office and the San Angelo Police Department, located and arrested Flanary at 509 E. 29th Street in San Angelo. He was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Tom Green County Jail, charged with first-degree murder."

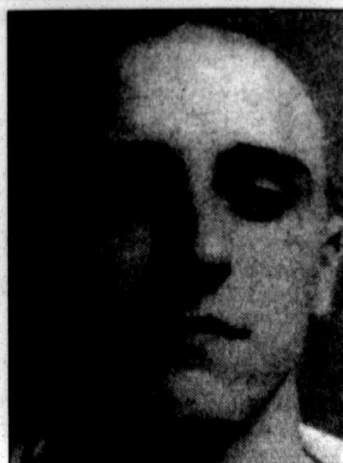
Dickinson's body was recovered Jan. 11 from a ravine six miles north of Coahoma on Highway 820. He had lived in the Big Spring area for less than six months, according to Walker, having moved to the area to work in the oilfield, where he was most recently employed by S&S Well Service.

Dickinson's body was unidentified for more than a week before family members positively identified his remains. Walker estimates the body had been at the location near Coahoma for approximately three to four days.

Walker said a warrant has also been issued for Christopher David Lovett, 33, but no arrest has been made.

"Lovett has not yet been apprehended," said Walker. "The HCSO would appreciate any information concerning Lovett's whereabouts. He is believed to be living in the west Odessa area."

Preliminary autopsy results showed the cause of Dickinson's death to be blunt trauma to the head. The body, which was found wearing only a pair of underwear and a white T-shirt, showed signs of a brutal assault, according to Walker.



Roland Dickinson

Walker said the investigation into Dickinson's death is still moving at a rapid pace.

"This exhaustive investigation has revealed that the parties involved in this murder are all members of the Texas prison affiliated gang known as the Aryan Circle," said Walker. "Investigators are continuing to follow up on this rapidly developing case."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Bealls, which announced it would be expanding its store in the Big Spring Mall by 8,000 square feet. Renovation will begin later this month and take about two months, officials said.
- Big Spring police officers Brian Gordon, promoted to sergeant, and Lance Telchik, promoted to lieutenant. Congratulations!
- Big Spring Fire Department and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, both of which have responded to a number of fires in the city and county in the past month.

• Dale Pittman and sponsoring entities of the Who I Am Makes a Difference campaign, which provides blue ribbons for people who have made a difference in other's lives. You can pick up ribbons at the Howard County Sheriff's Office, KBST, the Central Fire Station and the Big Spring Herald. Tell someone they've made a difference in your life today!

• The Odessa, er, Big Spring Roughnecks, owner Tommy Benizio and coach Chris Williams, for bringing Intense Football League to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, if only for one game. Thanks, too, to Howard College — these folks are always looking out for their community's best interest — and to the many sponsors. See you at the game March. 31.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we project Your love, Lord, onto all our situations.
Amen

A tribute from Molly Ivins' editor

By ANTHONY ZURCHER
Creators Syndicate Editor

Goodbye, Molly I.

Molly Ivins is gone, and her words will never grace these pages again — for this, we will mourn. But Molly wasn't the type of woman who would want us to grieve. More likely, she'd say something like, "Hang in there, keep fightin' for freedom, raise more hell, and don't forget to laugh, too."

If there was one thing Molly wanted us to understand, it's that the world of politics is absurd. Since we can't cry, we might as well laugh. And in case we ever forgot, Molly would remind us, several times a week, in her own unique style.

Shortly after becoming editor of Molly Ivins' syndicated column, I learned one of my most important jobs was to tell her newspaper clients that, yes, Molly meant to write it that way. We called her linguistic peculiarities "Mollyisms." Administration officials were "Bushies," government was in fact spelled "govement," business was "bidness." And if someone was "madder than a peach orchard boar," well, he was quite mad indeed.

Of course, having grown up in Texas, all of this made sense to me. But to newspaper editors in Seattle, Chicago, Detroit and beyond — Yankee land, as Molly would say — her folksy language could be a mystery. "That's just Molly being Molly," I would explain and leave it at that.

But there was more to Molly Ivins than insightful political commentary packaged in an aw-shucks Southern charm. In the coming days, much will be made of Molly's contributions to the liberal cause, how important she was as an authentic female voice on



opinion pages across the country, her passionate and eloquent defense of the poorest and the weakest among us against the corruption of the most powerful, and the joy she took in celebrating the uniqueness of American culture — and all of this is true. But more than that, Molly Ivins was a woman who loved and cared deeply for the world around her. And her warm and generous spirit was apparent in all her words and deeds.

Molly's work was truly her passion. She would regularly turn down lucrative speaking engagements to give rally-the-troops speeches at liberalism's loneliest outposts. And when she did rub elbows with the highfalutin' well-to-do, the encounter would invariably end up as comedic grist in future columns.

For a woman who made a profession of offering her opinion to others, Molly was remarkably humble. She was known for hosting unforgettable parties at her Austin home, which would feature rollicking political discussions, and impromptu poetry recitals and satirical songs. At one such event, I noticed her dining table was littered with various awards and distinguished speaker plaques, put to use as trivets for steaming plates of tamales, chili and fajita meat. When I called this to her attention, Molly matter-of-factly replied, "Well, what else am I going to do with 'em?"

Perhaps the most astounding aspect of Molly's life is the love

she engendered from her legions of fans. If Molly missed a column for any reason, her newspapers would hear about it the next day. As word of Molly's illness spread, the letters, cards, e-mails and gifts poured in.

Even as Molly fought her last battle with cancer, she continued to make public appearances. When she was too weak to write, she dictated her final two columns.

Although her body was failing, she still had so much to say. Last fall, before an audience at the University of Texas, her voice began as barely a whisper. But as she went on, she drew strength from the standing-room-only crowd until, at the end of the hour, she was forcefully imploring the students to get involved and make a difference. As Molly once wrote, "Politics is not a picture on a wall or a television sitcom that you can decide you don't much care for."

For me, Molly's greatest words of wisdom came with three children's books she gave my son when he was born. In her inimitable way, she captured the spirit of each in one-sentence inscriptions. In "Alice in Wonderland," she offered, "Here's to six impossible things before breakfast." For "The Wind in the Willows," it was, "May you have Toad's zest for life." And in "The Little Prince," she wrote, "May your heart always see clearly."

Like the Little Prince, Molly Ivins has left us for a journey of her own. But while she was here, her heart never failed to see clear and true — and for that, we can all be grateful.

Molly Ivins began writing her syndicated column for Creators Syndicate in 1992. Anthony Zurcher is a Creators Syndicate editor based in Austin, and he was Molly's editor and friend for many years.

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Worker safety not on agenda

Two labor organizations have sued the Bush administration for failing to protect nearly 20 million workers from job injuries. In 1999 the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) proposed a rule requiring employers to pay for protective clothing, face shields and other equipment used by workers. But before the proposal became a standard Mr. Bush was elected to office. Since then, the Department of Labor has neglected to enact the standard and has consistently failed to ensure the safety of America's working men and women.

The personal protective equipment (PPE) rule would require employers to pay for safety items that protect workers from job hazards. Many workers in the nation's most dangerous industries, including meatpacking, poultry and construction, who have high rates of injury, are forced by their employers to pay for their own safety gear because of the failure of OSHA to implement the PPE rule. According to OSHA's own figures, 400,000 workers have been injured and 50 have died owing to the lack of the PPE rule.

Under the Clinton administration, OSHA maintained that employers are in a better position than workers to select and pay for the equipment best suited to protect them from injury. Poultry workers wear specialized wire mesh gloves to protect their hands and arms from cuts. Construction workers wear hard hats and shoes made of sturdy materials to pro-

tect them from falling objects. Consequently, in 1994, OSHA maintained that the PPE rule was intended to require employers to provide and pay for personal protective equipment that enabled workers to perform their job safely.

In fact, James W. Stanley, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor under President Clinton, asserted in 1994 that "failure of the employers to pay for PPE that is not personal and not used away from the job is a violation and shall be cited." But in April 2001, only four months into the Bush administration, OSHA discontinued listing a target date for formalizing the PPE rule into a standard. And it listed the rule on its regulatory agenda as simply "undetermined." OSHA later announced that the rule would be implemented by March 2005, but that never happened.

That's why the AFL-CIO and United Food and Commercial Workers sued the Department of Labor earlier this month. The lawsuit asks the federal courts to compel the Secretary of Labor to make the PPE rule an OSHA standard. It's a sad turn of events when a government agency created to protect the health and welfare of the nation's workers must be forced to do so. But the Bush administration has done little to help America's working men and women since taking office.

In its first term the Administration withdrew dozens of safety and health rules from OSHA's regulatory agenda. These rules dealt with indoor air quality, safety and health education programs, and dangerous industrial equipment. And in six years OSHA has only issued one major safety standard. In 2006, after

being sued by a group of steelworkers, OSHA issued a standard regarding the potentially deadly chemical hexavalent chromium. But the standard was so weak that even OSHA admitted that it leaves workers at a significant risk of developing cancer.

Since 2001 OSHA's budget has been cut by \$14.5 million. Job safety programs have repeatedly been slashed. President Bush has consistently cut annual funding for safety training and education programs, and his fiscal year 2007 budget completely eliminated this funding. Not surprisingly, workplace fatalities and injuries have been on the rise. In 2004, the last year for which figures are available, there were 5,703 workplace deaths due to injuries. This was the first increase in the national workplace fatality rate in a decade.

Given the previous position by OSHA to require employers to pay for personal protective equipment, there's no justifiable reason that the Bush administration should not have formalized this rule by now. OSHA was created by Congress to protect the health and safety of America's working men and women. It's unfortunate that workers now have to rely on litigation to ensure their basic safety. The federal courts should move quickly to hear this lawsuit and force the government to protect the nation's workforce.

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Construction worker Salvador Reos of Richmond, Calif., cools down with a water soaked cloth as he takes a break from work in the high heat at the North Gate Ridge Development in Walnut Creek, Calif., in July 2006.

Climate scientists say global warming is 'unequivocal,' and its cause is man-made

PARIS (AP) — International scientists and officials hailed a report Friday saying that global warming is "very likely" caused by man, and that hotter temperatures and rises in sea level "would continue for centuries" no matter how much humans control their pollution.

The head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Rajendra Pachauri, called it a "very impressive document that goes several steps beyond previous research."

A top U.S. government scientist, Susan Solomon, said "there can be no question that the increase in greenhouse gases are dominated by human activities."

The 21-page summary of the panel's findings released Friday represents the most authoritative science on global warming. The panel comprises hundreds of scientists and representatives of 113 governments.

The scientists said the changes are "very likely" caused by human activity, a phrase that translates to a more than 90 percent certainty that global warming is caused by man's burning of fossil fuels. That was the strongest conclusion to date, making it nearly impossible to say natural forces are to blame.

10 killed in bloody violence in Gaza Strip after 3-day cease-fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hamas fighters blew up a pro-Fatah radio station in Gaza, ambulances were caught in the crossfire and gunmen exchanged heavy fire in deserted streets as a new wave of factional fighting raged Friday throughout the chaotic coastal territory.

The resurgent violence, which has killed 10 people since Thursday, destroyed a brief truce between Fatah and Hamas and forced thousands of Gazans to huddle in their homes to escape the crossfire.

In a symbol that the two sides had returned to open warfare, their respective radio stations stopped playing songs of national unity and broadcast songs about armed struggle and fighting the enemy.

More than 100 Palestinians have been killed in internal violence since Hamas won parliamentary elections last year and formed a Cabinet. In the wake of the election, President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah took control of the security forces and Hamas established its own militia. The two forces have fought repeatedly in the streets, despite a series of brief truces.

Egyptian mediators blamed Hamas for violating the latest cease-fire deal by ambushing an official convoy.

Mideast peacemakers to meet for a strategy session amid new violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — World powers have largely abandoned hope that Hamas radicals will drop anti-Israel positions that have riven the Palestinian leadership and led to a cutoff of direct international aid. Now diplomats are looking for a new approach.

A year after Hamas' surprise victory in Palestinian parliamentary elections put renewed peace efforts with Israel in doubt, the United States was to host other would-be peacemakers for a strategy session Friday.

The gathering of diplomats from the U.S., United Nations, European Union and Russia follows months of mounting street violence between Hamas and the rival Fatah Party. The political factions each control part of the Palestinian government, and each command militias or security forces like those that battled in the streets of the Gaza Strip on Thursday, killing six.

A goal of Friday's meeting at the State Department is to demonstrate tangible support for the secular Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas through increased money, training and other aid for his Fatah security forces.

The Bush administration has asked Congress for an additional \$86 million for Abbas' forces, although the money would not go to buy weapons. European diplomats said their governments are considering a separate effort to train and equip Fatah, the party Abbas heads.

U.N. envoy unveils Kosovo proposal, outlining supervised statehood

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — A U.N. envoy on Friday unveiled a plan for the bitterly contested province of Kosovo, its first tentative step toward eventual statehood.

The proposal handed to Serbian President Boris Tadic by U.N. envoy Martti Ahtisaari in a 45-minute meeting details terms for what would amount to internationally supervised statehood, but does not mention the word "independence," according to highlights obtained by The Associated Press.

Parts of the plan shown to the AP call for a multi-ethnic Kosovo "governing itself democratically and with full respect for the rule of law." They also recommend that the province adopt its own constitution and be empowered "to negotiate and conclude international agreements, including the right to seek membership in international organizations."

The plan drafted by Ahtisaari, which later was to be presented to Kosovo's ethnic Albanian leadership, laid out terms for "a future Kosovo that is viable, sustainable and stable."

The blueprint, which still needs approval from the U.N. Security Council, is likely to be flatly rejected by Serbian officials who staunchly oppose the independence of Kosovo, the nation's historic heartland.

Casey says Baghdad could be secured with smaller troop buildup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The outgoing top U.S. general in Iraq diplomatically aired his differences with the commander in chief on Thursday, telling lawmakers that President Bush has ordered thousands more troops into Iraq than needed to tamp down violence in Baghdad.

Gen. George Casey quickly added he understood how his recently confirmed successor, Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, could want the full complement of 21,500 additional troops that Bush has ordered to Iraq. Casey said they could "either reinforce success, maintain momentum or put more forces in a place where the plans are not working."

The latest National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq, delivered to the White House on Thursday, described an increasingly perilous situation in which the U.S. has little control and further deterioration is possible. The Washington Post reported. A two-page summary of the report was scheduled to be released publicly on Friday.

The 90-page classified report comes to no conclusion over the question of whether civil war has engulfed Iraq, unidentified sources familiar with the document told the Post. It says that al-Qaida activities remain a problem but cites Iraqi-on-Iraqi violence as the primary source of conflict and the most immediate threat to U.S. goals, the Post reported in its Friday editions.

While optimistic at times about improvement in Iraq, the report casts uncertainty over whether Iraqi leaders will be effective in fighting sectarian interests and extremists, establish effective national institutions and stop corruption, the Post said.

Minimum wage bill heads into negotiations as Republicans insist on tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are warning Democrats not to tinker with Senate-passed minimum wage legislation, saying the bill's mix of \$8.3 billion in tax breaks and a \$2.10 an hour wage hike offers the right economic and political balance.

The Senate, in a 94-3 vote Thursday, passed an increase in the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over two years. The bill also would extend small business tax cuts, close off some corporate tax loopholes and rein in executive compensation.

Labor leaders and many Democrats, however, would like to strip the tax provisions from the bill and only send the minimum wage increase to President Bush for his signature. A House version, passed last month, contains no tax measures.

"I strongly encourage the House to support this combined minimum wage increase and small business tax relief," Bush said in a statement following the Senate vote.

Democrats and Republicans already were blaming each other for any obstacles to reconciling the House and Senate bills.

Maytag recalls 2.3 million Maytag and Jenn-Air dishwashers because of faulty wiring

NEWTON, Iowa (AP) — Maytag is voluntarily recalling 2.3 million Maytag and Jenn-Air brand dishwashers because of faulty wiring, the company and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said in a statement released Thursday.

The recalled appliances are blamed for causing 135 fires and four injuries.

Affected dishwashers were sold at department and appliances stores between July 1997 and June 2001 and sold at prices between \$370 and \$800. The dishwashers were manufactured in the United States.

The machines should immediately be disconnected from electrical power by shutting off a circuit breaker or disconnecting a fuse, the CPSC said.

Maytag will provide free in-home repair or a \$75 cash back reimbursement on the purchase of a new Maytag, Jenn-Air, Whirlpool or KitchenAid dishwasher.

Texas briefs

Perry outlines reform plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry outlined one of the most sweeping higher education reform proposals in the nation on Thursday, calling for cash incentives for universities to push students to graduation and mandatory exit exams to track how much students are learning.

The plan would increase higher education funding by \$1.7 billion, including a huge expansion of the B-On-Time loan program, which forgives loans for students who graduate college in four years with a B average.

University administrators and national higher education experts heralded the plan as a visionary answer to many of the financial problems colleges face. But critics, including several key Democratic lawmakers, said the proposal relies too heavily on loans instead of grants and could hurt students who have to work their way through school.

Universities would get a cash reward for each student who graduates, with bonuses available for students who major in science- or math-related fields or come from a disadvantaged background. Community and technical colleges would get

rewards for awarding certificates and associate degrees or sending students on to four-year universities.

Perry estimated the average reward would be about \$2,200 per university graduate and about \$1,200 per community college graduate or transfer.

To ensure universities were holding graduates to high standards, students would have to take a professional licensing test in their field, an end-of-course exam related to their major or a general test like the GRE.

Primary bill introduced

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker has filed legislation that would move all Texas primary elections from March to the first Tuesday in February dur-

ing presidential election years.

The proposal, filed Tuesday by Democratic Rep. Roberto R. Alonzo of Dallas, proposes moving the Texas presidential primary to early February in 2008.

Texas and its 34 electoral votes would give the state a louder voice in nominating the presidential candidates of both parties, supporters of the measure say.

"For decades, many smaller states like Iowa, South Carolina, New Hampshire, and others have had earlier primaries and as a result have played a much larger role than Texas in selecting our presidential nominees," Alonzo said. "Once presidential candidates get the momentum from small, early wins, the outcome of the whole

process is usually determined by the time the primaries are held in Texas."

Man given life sentence

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who burned his ex-girlfriend with a blowtorch, poured drain cleaner on her wounds and

locked her in a trunk was sentenced to life in prison Thursday.

Earlier Thursday jurors found Robert "Drew" Stephenson guilty of aggravated kidnapping, aggravated assault and retaliation for keeping the woman captive for 19 days and torturing her last spring.

Then in the trial's sen-

tencing phase, four other women took the stand to describe how Stephenson, 44, had abused them.

In addition to the life sentence for kidnapping, jurors sentenced Stephenson to maximum terms on the other two charges: 20 years in prison for aggravated assault and 10 years for retaliation.

Churches use Super Bowl Sunday to reach new people

By MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Football's faithful will file into house parties, bars and, of course, Dolphin Stadium on Super Bowl Sunday to observe their holiest of holy days. But they'll also turn out in force at churches across the country, which are tapping the popularity of sports in hopes of saving souls.

Organizers of church-sponsored Super Bowl gatherings see the events as a departure from the formality of organized religion — the type of events that could make someone who doesn't typically attend services feel more at home.

"It's a way of reaching out into our community in a very informal, low-key way where we show people we're regular Joes like they are without the pressure of church," said Pastor Luis Acosta of Pines Baptist Church, a Southern

Baptist congregation north of Miami in Pembroke Pines.

Pines Baptist has been holding Super Bowl events for a few years and expects about 300 people, mostly men, at its flag football game and watch party this year. The church drew about 250 people to a block party Jan. 13 which featured NFL-themed games, former Dolphins players signing autographs and giveaways including a plasma television.

Acosta said the church doesn't take a heavy-handed approach to nonbelievers who join in such events. There won't be so much as a prayer at the Super Bowl Sunday event. If a guest enjoys himself, a member might invite him to a church social group meeting, then maybe a Bible study, then perhaps an actual service.

"We just follow God's lead," Acosta said.

Pastor Mike Pierce of the non-denominational Poplar Creek

Church in the Chicago suburb of Bartlett, Ill., takes a similar approach. About 100 people will watch the game on the big screen in the sanctuary. Like other church events — including a carnival, a play and a pig roast — it's meant to simply create a friendly, fun environment, but not an overtly religious one.

"We don't turn everything into a spiritual event," Pierce said. "Good, clean fun is still spiritual."

Many pastors agree, simply trying to make their churches welcoming environments for new guests. Carrollwood Baptist Church in Tampa has been holding a Super Bowl gathering for more than 15 years and attendees have become so comfortable at the event that some bring recliners from home.

"I like it because it's very laid back," said Robert Smith, a 32-year-old Rockford, Ill., resident

who has attended Super Bowl parties at Dominion Christian Center there. "There's no pressure."

Churches also are aware many people are unwilling to do anything other than watch the game on Super Bowl Sunday.

"We can offer a good event surrounding something the culture uses or we can just hold church and no one's going to come," said Jim Waters, an associate pastor and minister to students at First Baptist Church in Milton in the Florida Panhandle.

Like many other churches holding Super Bowl events, the Milton congregation will screen "Power to Win," a video featuring Christian NFL stars, during halftime.

Some churches are using the Super Bowl as an opportunity to reach the poor.

A number of Nashville churches will host the home-

less, feeding them, washing their clothes, letting them watch the game on big-screen TVs and giving them a bed to sleep in on Super Bowl Sunday. And at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libertyville, Ill., members will gather donations to help fund the parish food pantry, another one for the larger community, and a school under construction for African orphans.

William Baker, a retired University of Maine professor who has written two books about sports and religion, says the interplay between the two dates back to ancient times, and that in modern-day America, evangelical Christians make the most of the relationship. Baker said evangelicals had long rejected sports — for the gambling it often fueled, for it often being played on the Sabbath and for the general bacchanalia that it was associated with.

Church News

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist is located at 1200 W. Fourth in Big Spring. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. with worship services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Wednesday Bible study at 5 p.m.

Sunday's sermons will be Let Justice Prevail at 11 a.m. and Pivot Point at 5 p.m.

Spring Tabernacle

Spring Tabernacle invites you to come as we ordain our new pastor, Mona Lue Tonn, at 1209 Wright St. at 10 a.m. Sunday. Lunch will be served afterward.

This is a new beginning for Spring Tabernacle and we invite you to share with us. The food and clothing ministries will continue as well as the Christmas presents for needy children.

When Mona Lue and her husband began the ministry they felt the Lord was telling them to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and set the captive free and with God's help we will continue to do that.

For any questions or more information, call 270-0160.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

The Angel Food Ministry of North Birdwell UMC will be accepting orders with cash payment for February today and Friday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the church, located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane. No orders will be accepted after 6 p.m. on the 9th. Delivery day will be Feb. 24 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Menus may be obtained on line at www.angelfoodministriesofbigspring.com or from any church member. If you need more information on the Angel Food program, please call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

The ministry is growing so fast that we are planning an expansion of our building and have an expansion of the parking area already in progress. A Building Fund has been established to help with these plans. An expansion of the building would also enable us to grow in Sunday school classrooms; kitchen facilities would be enlarged to help with the community suppers held twice a year; and, an area to provide temporary shelter for disaster victims would also be included.

We have started a food pantry to help anyone who needs groceries in order to get through a difficult situation. If you know of someone who could use help, please call 267-4082.

Watch for details on our upcoming Chili Supper and craft sale to be held March 17 from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. The craft sale is being held to help with the building fund.

You are always welcome at any of the activities and services held at North Birdwell UMC. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are held at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Joel Miller leads a Bible study on the first and third Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Jacque Mauch heads the meeting of United Methodist Women on the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 263-3526 or 267-4082.

Friends of Unity

The Tuesday noon study group is currently in the spiritual healing chapter in Joel Goldsmith's Consciousness in Transition.

This study is led by the Rev. Jim Sims, who comes from the Unity Spiritual Center in Odessa. Sunday at 1 p.m. Friends take turns presenting the teaching.

East Side Baptist Church

Sunday services are at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Youth group, for 10 years old to teens, meets Wednesday at 6 p.m. and the church meets at 7 p.m. for Bible study.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. Father Jim Liggett's sermon for Sunday is "Who Are You?"

The ECW has their meeting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in the library. The Planning Group will meet at 6 p.m. Monday. The Pastoral Care Group will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the church office.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Please join us Sunday at

401 N. Main as we finish our study of "Disciplines for Disciples." Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with regular worship services following at 11 a.m.

The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the church fellowship hall. Please pray for this committee as they finalize the church budget. Youth will hold their weekly Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the church, followed by Praise Band Worship at 7 p.m.

The Ministry Team will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Please pray for this team as they minister to our community.

Our pastor is Donita R. Lea. We can be reached at 294-4432.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you are looking for a church home, consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church exists for the sole purpose of glorifying Jesus Christ and being a blessing to you and your family. Services are informal with good gospel singing, plain Bible preaching and a friendly atmosphere. A nursery is provided.

The ladies are having a wedding shower at 1 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall for Bradley Brazelton and Courtney Bridges.

For further information or a ride to church, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Men's Rally at Circle 6

There will be a Men's Rally at Circle 6, six miles north of Stanton on Highway 137 beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Service will be at 7 p.m. with Dr. Brian Harbour, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Richardson. The Singing Men of West Texas will provide music. For more information, contact David Harp at (432) 756-2327.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Thursday, Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet at Just Peachy's for lunch and the annual revealing of secret prayer pals. This is the most fun meeting of the year. After the prayer pals are revealed (with gifts), new secret prayer pals will be drawn for the next year.

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Children's Choir will begin practice Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. on the 11th and practice for Adult Handbells will be held on Feb. 14 at 6 p.m.

"Night Out" for ages 20s and 40s will be held Sunday, the 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults bring pot luck and the kids bring a sack supper. This is a great opportunity for new families to get acquainted and share adult time while the children are having entertainment on their own.

First Methodist is now accepting applications for a children's minister. For more information, contact the church office.

CD copies of each week's services are now available upon request. Information regarding these and other services and activities is available by calling 267-6394. Our church building is located at Fourth and Scurry streets. Sunday worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church meets Sundays for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service and Young People's church at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Nursery service is available for all Sunday services. Wednesday evening service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

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Big Spring Steers return to the cage

In basketball the Big Steers girls and boys teams will return to Steer Gym this evening to play Estacado.

The junior varsity game begins at 4:30 p.m., the girls varsity at 6 p.m. and the boys varsity tips-off at 7:30 p.m.

NFL Hall of Fame nominee Matthews

Former Houston Oiler and Tennessee Titan Bruce Matthews had played in more NFL games than any positional player in league history when he retired after 19 seasons. So he should be a cinch for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first opportunity, right? Not so fast.

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NBA action: Spurs and Suns

The Suns' All-Star trio helped Phoenix start a new winning streak with a rare victory over the Spurs.

Amare Stoudemire had 24 points and a career-high 23 rebounds, Steve Nash had 11 assists and Shawn Marion has 12 points and 12 boards as Suns rallied to beat San Antonio 103-87.

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NBA action: Spurs and Suns

The Dallas Stars discovered there's nothing like a nice long trip to the Bay Area to get anybody recharged for work.

Joel Lundqvist and Stu Barnes scored early goals, and the Stars played sterling defense in a 4-2 victory over San Jose on Thursday night.

"It was a good week for us," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "We got some team-building in, but we had to come in here with the intention of playing well. If we're going to get ourselves to the level in the standings that San Jose is, then these were very important games, and we gained three points on them."

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Woods struggles in Dubai Classic

Tiger Woods shot a 5-under 67 in the second round of the Dubai Desert Classic on Friday but was eclipsed by a little-known Englishman who once fetched golf balls for him at a driving range.

Woods, who had a 68 on Thursday, struggled with his putting for the second straight day and stood at 9 under after two rounds — five shots off the clubhouse lead.

Howard women just miss upsetting Lady Texans

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

The Howard women's basketball team dropped its fifth conference game of the season to the South Plains Lady Texans last night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 46-50.

The Lady Texans have an impressive record, now standing at 22-0 atop the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, but they had all they could handle from the Hawks.

Once again Howard was led by Candace Lambert — the guard scored 12 points for the Hawks, despite shooting 0-for-5 from the field in the first half.

In the first 20 minutes of action Howard fought back from an early deficit to have a chance at the lead before the horn sounded. In the final 10 seconds Howard had the ball and waited to take the final shot of the half with the score tied at 22-22. The Hawks failed to capitalize on the opportunity.

Monica Jones was 3-for-4 and led the Hawks with 7 points at the break and Veronica Wilson hit 50 percent from the field and had 4 points.

In the second half the Hawks refused to go quietly into the night, despite trailing by as many as 9 points late in the game.

Led by Lambert's 10 second half points and timely 3-point shooting by Sara Rondeau, the Hawks made a late run and had possession of the ball with the score 46-44 and only 1:28 to play.



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Candace Lambert drives to the basket in Thursday night action at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Howard women's team failed to pull off the upset against the South Plains Lady Texans, losing 50-46.

"I thought we really did a good job. We changed defenses; we got them to turn the ball over and we converted their turnovers into baskets," Howard women's

coach Earl Diddle said after the loss. "It went from 44-37 to maybe 44-41 or something like that, but we changed defenses and we tried two different kinds

of traps and we got the ball." When asked about the bench contribution from Rondeau, he

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Hawks lose at the buzzer again, this time to South Plains Texans

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Once again the Howard Hawks were unable to close a game out in the final minutes.

This time the Hawks (17-5, 4-4 in conference) were defeated at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum by the South Plains Texans, 72-69, as a desperation 3-point shot at the buzzer banked hard off the backboard and into the net for the win.

"I don't know what to say when you've got five losses and you lose them all in the last minute of the game. I've never had a team do this, but we just have to be very structured down the stretch," explained Howard head coach Mark Adams.

The opening minutes of the game looked like many of Howard's games, as the Hawks jumped out to an early lead and maintained their advantage throughout the first 20 minutes.

Only once, with under nine minutes on the clock, did South Plains get to within a bucket of the Hawks.

Minutes later the Hawks raced back out to a six-point advantage.

In the first half the Hawks were led on offense by Brandon Sampay and Terrence Hill. Sampay was 5-for-9 from the field and the duo combined for 19 points in the half.

Benson Akpan controlled the glass and had 9 rebounds to lead the Hawks. Five of those came on the offensive end and he added 8 points to help the Hawks enjoy a 39-32 halftime lead.

In the second half Howard wasted little time in building on its lead. The Hawks led by as many as 12 points in the first three minutes of exiting the locker room, but the lead slowly dwindled away.

"I just wanted to win. Three times last year we got beat by Howard," Steven Harvey, the leading scorer of the game stressed. "Every time we play Howard I'm expecting it to come down to the wire like this. We just really wanted to get this win

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HERALD photo/Mike Grimes
Sean Watson, the Hawks point guard, was quarterbacking the offense in the 72-69 loss to the South Plains Texans Thursday night. Watson led the team in steals and made 2-of-2 from the free throw line.

Big Spring swimmers head to Lubbock for regional championship

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

In the District 4-4A Championship meet held last month the Big Spring boys and girls placed third and fourth, respectively, and have several swimmers heading to the regional meet in Lubbock this today and tomorrow.

Head swim coach Randall Shaw watched the district meet as freshman Kelly Sage took first place in the girls 200 yard freestyle race (in a time of 2:15.55) and first in the 100 yard backstroke (1:11.71).

Junior swimmer Lauren Sage finished first in the 100 yard butterfly (1:11.31) and 200 yard IM (2:31.26) and senior Ryan Hughey won first place in the boys 100 yard breaststroke (1:05.49). According to Big Spring officials, all three athletes have a very good chance to make the state meet in Austin.

In the girls 200 yard medley relay, the Big Spring girls team consisting of Natalie Beech, Jennifer Walker, Hannah Weber and Audrey Hagland — finished in sixth place with a time of 2:37.19 and qualified to compete

in regionals.

As for the boys team consisting of AJ Richey, Deshae Green, Hutton Evans and Joe Garcia, they finished in the fourth spot with a qualifying time of 2:07.24

Out of the 14 Steers to make regionals, only Ryan Hughey is a senior.

The Steers team has a total of four freshman, six sophomores and only two juniors that qualified for the regionals.

All are talented swimmers and if they all return next season the Big Spring swimming team should be powerful.

Just don't rule them out of this competition.

The team might just be young enough to not understand that they should not be there at such a young age.

The regional championships for swimming and diving are being held today and Saturday at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center, in Lubbock, located at 2004 14 Street.

Ticket prices for the meet are five dollars for adults and three dollars for children.

The meet is scheduled to be held at 3:30 p.m. each day.

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Former Houston Oiler lineman up for Hall of Fame

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Former Houston Oiler and Tennessee Titan Bruce Matthews had played in more NFL games than any positional player in league history when he retired after 19 seasons. So he should be a cinch for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first opportunity, right?

Not so fast. Hall of Fame member Mike Munchak has been teasing his friend and former teammate over the past few months. But he knows personally the anxiety of waiting out the final hours because no one knows who the 40 voters will select.

"Anything could happen. There's a lot of great players that unfortunately aren't in the Hall of Fame that are waiting for their opportunity. Obviously, we're hoping, I'm hoping, he doesn't have to wait much more," Munchak said.

It doesn't help that so many people have assumed Matthews will be elected Saturday when the voters gather in Miami to pare down 17 finalists to a minimum of three and a maximum of six for the 2007 Hall of Fame class.

"When you see certain quarterbacks that people think are shoe-ins, you don't want to be told that," said Munchak, who had Matthews introduce him at his 2001 induction.

"That makes you even more nervous because so many people say, 'Oh yeah, no-brainer.' The reality is it's not the case for Bruce. Bruce doesn't look at it like that at all.

He's always humbled by the whole experience and what he's done through his career."

Matthews always gave credit to God and good genes from father Clay Sr., a defensive lineman for San Francisco in the 1950s, and brother Clay Jr., who played 278 games in 19 seasons himself.

But the offensive lineman always loath to talk about himself posted staggering numbers.

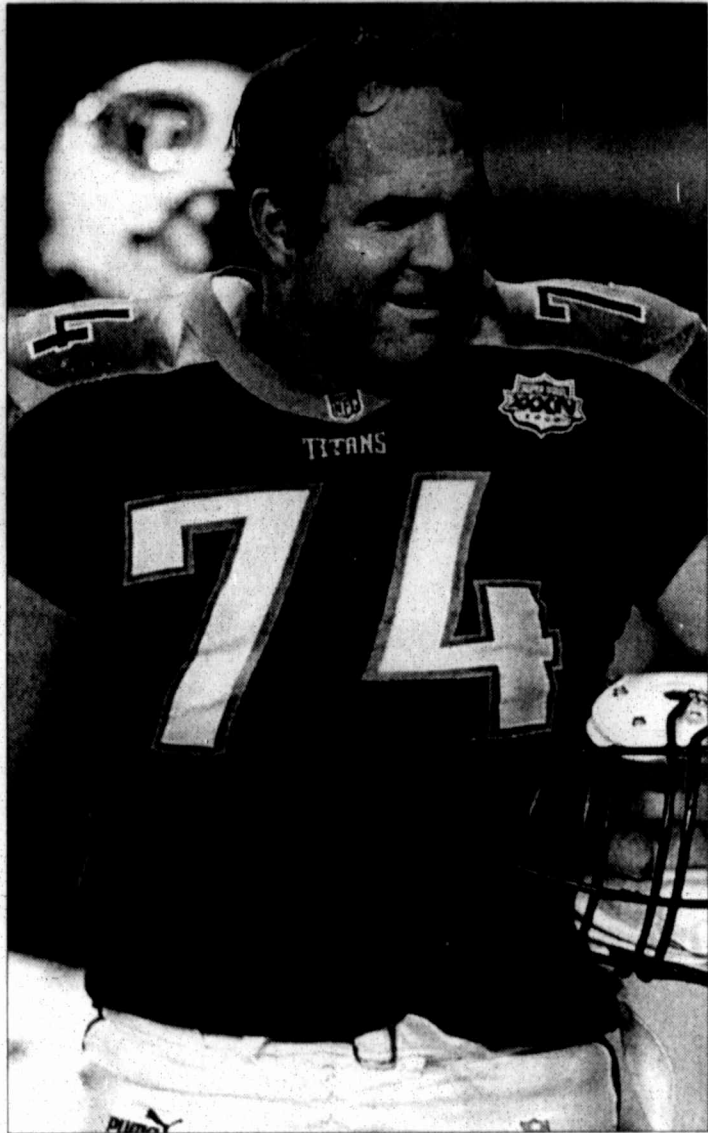
No positional player played more games than Matthews' 296 when he retired after the 2001 season in a career spent with the then-Oilers and now Titans. Receiver Jerry Rice passed him with 303 games played when he retired in 2004.

Matthews was selected to 14 Pro Bowls, nine at guard and five at center, in matching Merlin Olson for most in NFL history. He also was a first-team All-Pro six times and All-Pro nine times.

The ninth overall pick out of Southern California in 1983, he entered the NFL at 6-foot-5, 276 pounds and was athletic, intelligent and versatile enough that he played every position on the line. He adapted to the trend of bigger linemen by bulking up to 305 pounds later in his career.

Only a contract holdout in 1987 that kept him out of eight games marred the record of someone who never missed a game to injury or was benched. He played in every game in the 1990s and was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1990s at guard.

Matthews blocked for four different 1,000-yard rushers starting with Earl



MCT photo/Jason Clark/The State Journal
Former Titans captain Bruce Matthews (74) talks with Back Judge Beal Leavy before the start of Super Bowl XXXIV. Matthews is up for the Hall of Fame this year.

Campbell, Mike Rozier, Gary Brown and Eddie George. He played until he was 40 and played his final seven seasons for Titans coach Jeff Fisher, a two-year teammate at Southern California.

He protected quarterbacks ranging from Warren Moon, inducted himself last summer, to Steve McNair and wound up reviving himself and possibly extending his career by making the move with his team from

Houston to Nashville — a move he originally opposed.

Matthews left his family in Texas in 1997 and spent the season flying back and forth. It didn't help that Munchak, who played 12 seasons with Matthews, took over as his position coach that season. But fans here quickly embraced the hard-working and humble Matthews, and the attraction was mutual.

"It made him a little bit

younger if that's possible," Munchak said.

Then came 1999. Matthews and the newly-renamed Titans went 13-3, used the Music City Miracle to beat Buffalo in a wild-card game, won the AFC championship and went to the only Super Bowl he ever played in. They lost 23-16, but what Munchak remembers well is a celebration after winning the

AFC title.

Matthews got to hold up the championship trophy at the stadium and spoke to the fans.

"I could tell by the emotion you rarely saw in Bruce, I think that what you saw was his finest hour that whole day," Munchak said.

If the votes come in, Saturday just might top that.

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1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North leads the king of spades. How would you play the hand?

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East: ♠A 9 2, ♥6 4 3, ♦8 5 4, ♣K Q 7 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

West: ♠A Q 10 8 6 5 4 3, ♥J 6 4, ♦A, ♣3
East: ♠J 9, ♥K 3, ♦10 7 5 2, ♣A Q J 10 2

1. Win the spade king with the ace, lead a trump and, if South follows low, finesse the jack! This might seem ridiculous, but it's the only way to assure the contract, since you are guaranteed to score at least 10 tricks whether the jack wins or loses!

Assume North wins the jack with the queen, cashes a spade and shifts to a diamond. You win with the ace, draw the one outstanding trump, lead a club to the queen and, let's say, lose to South's ace. When South returns a diamond, you win with the king, lead a trump to dummy's six and discard your seven of diamonds on the king

of clubs to secure the contract. Note that if you fail to take the trump finesse at trick two and South has all three missing trumps, you go down one against proper defense, losing a trick in each suit.

2. Here also you can assure the contract against any lie of the cards. Win the diamond with the ace, lead a club to dummy's ace and play the three of hearts toward your jack! If South has the queen of hearts, he can do no better than take it and return a trump. Even if the trump finesse fails, you lose only three tricks — two hearts and a spade.

If North has the queen of hearts, he will capture your jack but cannot stop you from making 10 tricks. A trump return would automatically give you the contract if the spades are divided 2-1 and is also futile if they are divided 3-0. In the latter case, North could return a trump from the K-7-2 at trick four but could not safely do so again when you next played a heart to pave the way for a heart ruff in dummy.

Now let's suppose that, instead of following the suggested method of play, you led a low heart to the king at trick two. You might then go down if South had the ace of hearts and returned a trump, since you could eventually lose three hearts and a trump trick.

Tomorrow: The temptation to finesse.

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HAWKS

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had this to say.

"She spotted up outside and our team found her. We located her when she was open on the arc and she did a great job of supplying us with some offense. We had other players that were having a tough night and we inserted her and she got in and gave us a real boost offensively and defensively."

The final 3-point attempt to fall for the Hawks is what made it a one possession with under a minute to play.

"I was just able to hit some 3's when we needed it," Rondeau explained. "I realized that some of our players were having a hard time making shots and I knew that I had to at least put some shots in the basket. I made some 3's at the right time and was able to get us some momentum going."

Brittany Blackmon led the Lady Texans with 12 points and Mariame Djouara added 10 more on 5-of-6 shooting.

"We're all pretty down right now," Rondeau added. "It was a good game, but we thought we played a good game and we thought we had it."

After leading the Hawks in scoring in the first half, Jones finished the game with a team high 4 rebounds. She was unable to score after the break and ended the game with 7 points — 2 assists and 2 steals.

"We stayed in the game and we played hard. We have seen all of the teams in conference and we just have to come out and continue to play hard," Hawk leading scorer Griffin stated.

The Howard women will return to action Thursday in Midland. The games is scheduled for a 6 p.m. tip-off.

MEN

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and I was willing to do whatever it takes to get it tonight."

Harvey scored 26 points on the night and shot over 70 percent from the field. During the comeback he scored 19 of his points by hitting jump shots from all over the Harold Davis Court.

"Harley is one of the best players in the country — he signed with Nebraska and he had his moments last year where he just took the game over like he did against us tonight," explained Adams after the loss.

With 9:40 to play Howard had lost the lead, but after a Hawks basket Sean Watson made a steal on the inbounds play and hit for a lay-up to tie the score at 53-53.

Sampay made the front end of a one-and-one from the free throw line and Hill made a steal and then dunked the ball for a Howard lead, but Harley answered with back-to-back baskets — including a 3-pointer.

With under five minutes to play the score was once again tied.

"We're getting better, we played hard and we played very competitive," Adams reiterated. "You just have to South Plains

a lot of credit, they made all the big shots in the last two or three minutes of the game and Harley just carried them there at the end. They got on his back and he got them back into the game."

With under 40 seconds the game was still tied — this time at 69 all.

With 17 seconds on the shot clock the Hawks took a timeout, but Hill missed a tough shot in the paint with the clock ticking down and the Texans grabbed the rebound for a chance at the win.

With 4 seconds to play South Plains took a timeout and looked to set up the winning shot.

"I saw that Mark went to a zone during that last timeout," Texans coach Steve Green said after the win. "That is the same thing that I would have done, but after seeing that move I put four shooters in the game to have a chance."

As the ball was sent into play it appeared that

Watson, the agile guard who led the Hawks in steals, was going to make his third of the night and race to the other end of the court for a winning basket.

He missed the steal and the Texans launched the winning 3-pointer.

"That was just some immaturity on the team and we have seen it all year," Adams said in regards the final four seconds of the game. "Sean is sure trying to win and trying to make a big play, but that certainly wasn't designed — that's what you get with young players. They try to take chances on their own, but we really made a lot of mistakes down the stretch."

Once again the Hawk fans at the Coliseum were shocked at the buzzer.

Before heading into the film room, Adams added one last comment.

"This is a work in progress team, we're going to continue watch

the films to get better and to get ready for the regional tournament. Hopefully we can make it there. That's our goal now — get to the regional tournament and improve enough to where we can play with anybody in the country."

Next up for the Hawks is a Thursday night battle with rival Midland College, in Midland. The game is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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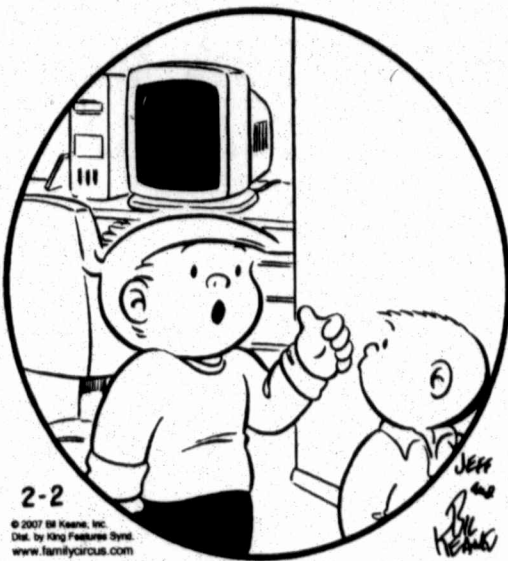
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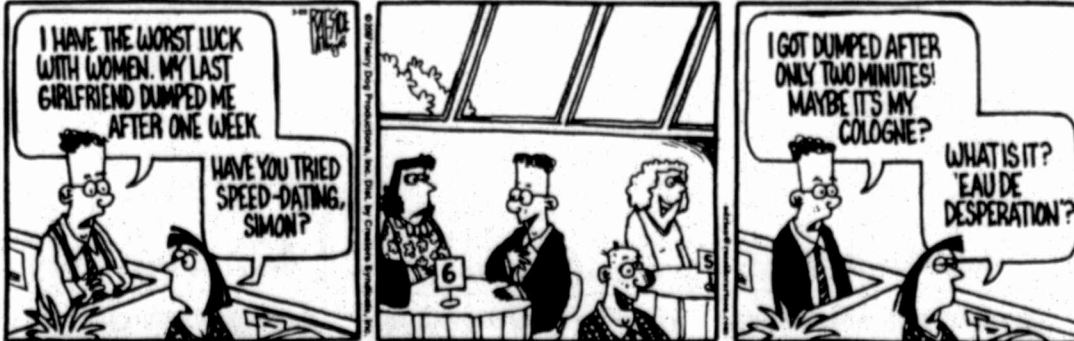
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press Today is Friday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2007. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 2, 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

On this date: In 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam - now New York City - was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed.

In 1876, the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs was formed in New York.

In 1882, Irish poet and

novelist James Joyce was born near Dublin.

In 1897, fire destroyed the Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. (A new statehouse was dedicated on the same site nine years later.)

In 1948, President Truman sent to Congress a 10-point civil rights program calling for measures against lynching, poll taxes and job discrimination.

In 1961, the hijackers of the Portuguese ocean liner the Santa Maria allowed the passengers and crew to disembark in Brazil, 11 days after seizing the ship.

In 1987, the White House announced the resignation of CIA director William Casey, who was hospitalized and had undergone brain surgery.

In 1996, dancer, actor and choreographer Gene Kelly died at his Beverly Hills, Calif., home; he was 83.

Ten years ago: Authorities in Vallejo, Calif., recovered 500 pounds of stolen dynamite and arrested two men in bombings that destroyed three bank teller machines and

blasted a crater into the side of a courthouse wall. (Six men wound up receiving long prison terms for their roles in the case.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elaine Stritch is 82. Actor Robert Mandan is 75. Comedian Tom Smothers is 70. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 65. Actor Bo Hopkins is 65. Television executive Barry Diller is 65. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 61. Actress Farrah Fawcett is 60. Actor Jack McGee is 58. Actor Brent Spiner is 58. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 58. Model Christie Brinkley is 53.

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Consisting of: Miscellaneous items
#5224 February 2 & 9, 2007

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Mercury, the planet of communication, follows Venus into the ethereal realm of Pisces.



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Spiritual connections are so viscerally felt that it's not hard to imagine the threads of energy connecting people to one another, as well as to animals, mountains and air. Speaking of such things doesn't seem as much like flowery hippie-talk, either!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The stars highlight the many ways you feed your mind — through stimulating conversation, enlightened reading and riveting experiences. But the most powerful fuel of all is the thoughts you select.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Highly stylized situations are in your near future. Planning is required, and this is the best day to decide how you're going to show up. Avoid allowing formality to keep you from expressing your true personality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may think that a sense of community should happen naturally, the old-fashioned way, but it actually requires conscious effort. Any action to build community bolsters your good fortune.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're caring for others in a manner that's far above and beyond what's expected of you. The effort is well-rewarded. After all, it's the people in your life who make the good times sweeter and the difficult times easier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Wow, are you productive now! And you're so intuitive with loved ones that important communication can take place with minimal dialogue. This is eerily impressive to outsiders.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have a need for dramatic pyrotechnics. But chances are, someone close to you does. So when the passion play starts, view it with a sense of detached humor. Refuse to get sucked in!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone who's supposed to be on your team seems to be competing with you instead. The best way to deal with this is to try to ignore the behavior. And remember, this kind of attention is really a compliment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The karma cleaners come into your life now, bringing opportunities to undo the smudges on your spirit that have been holding you back. The quickest way to move forward is to ask for forgiveness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Afternoon brings the means to complete plans with minimal stress. In spite of your mile-long list of details to attend to, you'll actually get some time to yourself. Relaxation — what a concept.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're surprisingly calm, considering the hectic energy around you. Finally, people are asking for your opinion, as they should have done all along. Your connections with Leo people are powerful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your adaptability is highlighted. You need a different approach for each person you're trying to win. Be ready to adjust at the slightest indication that what you're doing isn't work-

ing. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It helps to think of love as a living entity, a being all its own. What's alive requires breath and food. Find new ways to feed and oxygenate the love in your life.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Use one of your well-timed entrances and exits to make an impression. TAURUS: Spoil yourself so you'll have more to offer when others need it. GEMINI: Nothing good comes from second-guessing. Trust your loved ones. CANCER: You make agreements you can keep, and also agreements you're not sure you can keep — just to stretch!

LEO: You're allowed to change the romantic rules. After all, it's your game. VIRGO: You'll get the thrill of meeting someone you've heard about. LIBRA: Maintain excellent communication with anyone who might be jealous of you. SCORPIO: If you believe in magic, it happens to your love life. SAGITTARIUS: Nurture your romantic life by getting out in the world — alone. You become increasingly creative and therefore increasingly attractive. CAPRICORN: There's an opportunity for past love to return. However, this

time, you call all the shots. AQUARIUS: Your hunger for connection can be fed in all kinds of ways — a loving look, fun conversation or a hand clenched tightly in your own. PISCES: Venus in your sign wants to bring love to a more spiritual level, but real-life logistical problems must be solved in order to make this happen.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Aquarius are both generous sorts. Leo likes to give on a personal level, and Aquarius gives to humanity at large. As a team, they make a remarkable difference in the lives of others. But what can they do for one another? At times, they forget to tend to their relationship, taking one another for granted. This weekend they can remedy any wounds this has created and renew their passion.

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