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G-City boys rally past Ira in bi-district playoff action.

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Garden City cheerleader Laura Halfmann dabs some white paint onto the face of Lady Kats' fan Michael Lopez prior to the Lady Bearkats' regional quarterfinal playoff game against Westbrook Wednesday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Garden City won that game and plays in the regional tournament this weekend in Fort Worth. For more playoff coverage, see page 1B.

HERALD photo/Tommy Wells

How to pay for college?

HC workshop aims to help students find financial aid

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer
Howard College will host College Goal Sunday this Saturday.

Don't worry, it's not as confusing as it sounds.

The program may have its days mixed up, but not its goal — helping students secure financial aid to help them finance a college education.

Adrian Calvio, outreach director for the college, said about 30 counselors will be on hand from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Steps Lab of the Practical Arts Building to assist students in securing financial aid.

The major help provided Saturday will be in helping students fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid

(FAFSA), which Calvio said is a must for students seeking grants, loans or work-study assistance.

"It opens students up to almost any scholarship or grant in the country," Calvio said. "We're hoping we'll have plenty of students take advantage of this opportunity."

"If you're planning on going to any big four-year school, you can't even apply unless you have a FAFSA form filled out," he added. "Howard College doesn't require it, unless you want to qualify for work-study programs."

There is no need for an appointment Saturday. Calvio said the application process takes about

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Bill to make Angelo St. part of Texas Tech system

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A state representative is drafting a bill that would realign Angelo State University with Texas Tech University.

Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, said a delegation of Angelo State boosters met with Gov. Rick Perry this week to express their desire that the school be taken out of the Texas State University System.

"We have worked hard to ensure ASU meets today's higher-education needs," Darby said. "This is just another step to realizing this goal."

Darby declined to say when he would submit the bill. The deadline is March 7.

Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said he would not lobby for the school.

"I don't think that's the chancellor's position," Hance said. "It's a great school and we'll just see what happens. This is really a decision that the Legislature and the governor need to make."

Meanwhile, state Sen. Robert Duncan said he has been approached by people from San Angelo about

Angelo State affiliating with Texas Tech.

"I think that sounds like an excellent idea. We need to see if it's feasible," said Duncan, R-Lubbock.

"I think Angelo State would be an asset for Texas Tech, and Texas Tech would be an asset for Angelo State," he said.

Tech already has satellite campuses in Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso and Junction.

Angelo State has 6,200 students and 1,350 workers. University officials hope to have 10,000 students by 2028.

Heart Association annual gala set for Saturday

Herald Staff Report

An auction, dancing and dining are among the activities in which you can participate Saturday while helping the fight against stroke and heart disease.

The Big Spring chapter of the American Heart Association is holding its annual gala at the local country club.

Funds raised from the evening event go to help with research and education.

The gala is an opportunity to "win and dine" with friends, dance to Los Gringos and bid on an array of auction items. It wall begins at 8 p.m.

Among the items up for bid are passes to the Byron Nelson Golf Tournament and a two-night, three-day trip to Ruidoso, N.M.

The event is sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center with key help from State National Bank, Alon USA, LP, Parkplace Retirement/Parkview Nursing, H-E-B, Partee Drilling Inc., Fraternal Order of the Eagles, St. Jude, Wells Fargo, Dr. Manish Shroff, Home Realtors and Rudy Haddad.

Admission is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Brenda Thomas at 213-0918 or Vicki Cole at 213-1112.

Little 'rascals' highlight Razzmatazz

By Valerie Avery

Nearly 30 children will compete Saturday in Relay Rascal Razzmatazz — a low-key children's pageant benefiting Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team.

The pageant begins at 10 a.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, 400 East Third St. Admission is \$2, and children younger than 6 years old are admit-

ted free.

"It's just a fun, relaxing morning," Razzmatazz chairman Linda Billington said. "It's very low-key event, and they go up there and shine."

The children will model "Sunday Best" attire and answer a few questions from emcee Lisa Brooks. "Lisa makes it fun for all the kids," Billington said.

Older age groups will have an opportunity to

speak about themselves, if desired, Billington said.

"This is just a wonderful way to build self-esteem, and it helps them get used to going up on stage. They do it in front of their family and friends and around people with whom they are comfortable."

Children will participate in different age categories: 0 to 12 months; 13 months to 23 months; 2 to 3 years; 4 to 5 years; and 6 to 8 years of

age.

Any last-minute entries must be phoned in to Billington at 268-7399.

Trophies will be presented to male and female winners in each age group. Each participant will receive a Certificate of Participation and a coupon for a free ice cream.

Judges will be cancer survivors or those individuals who are currently living with cancer.

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LOVE BEHIND BARS

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — With help from a judge, a man being sentenced to five years in prison also got a life partner.

After sentencing 23-year-old David Kite on Wednesday to prison for stealing a lawnmower from a home, St. Clair County Circuit Judge John Baricevic obliged Kite's request to marry girlfriend Victoria Smith in the same courtroom.

The groom sported an orange jumpsuit, shackles and handcuffs during the five-minute civil ceremony; the bride had on a T-shirt and sweat pants.

A day later, Baricevic described the short ceremony as polite, with no visible grudge toward him by the lovestruck man.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will be performing at Baptist Temple in Big Spring.

The public is invited to the concert, set for 7 p.m. Friday, March 2. There is no admission fee. A love offering will be taken.

Since its inception in 1984, the purpose of the African Children's Choir has been to bring hope and joy and the love of God to people and communities throughout the world, shining the spotlight on the millions of children of Africa living in conditions of extreme poverty, war or AIDS.

For more information, contact Baptist Temple at 267-8287.

ONE HOT RECORD

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Paul Bosland recalls taking a bite of a chili pepper and feeling like he was breathing fire.

He gulped down a soda, thinking, "That chili has got to be some kind of record."

The Guinness Book of World Records agreed, confirming recently that Bosland had discovered the world's hottest chili pepper, Bhut Jolokia, a naturally occurring hybrid native to India.

The name translates as ghost chili, Bosland said.

"We're not sure why they call it that, but I think it's because the chili is so hot, you give up the ghost when you eat it," he said.

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Obituaries

Janelle 'Jane' Beene Ziober



Janelle 'Jane' Beene Ziober, a resident of Monroe, La., passed away Feb. 21, 2007, at Grace Home in Shreveport. Born May 27, 1933, in Big Spring, she is survived by her sisters, Joyce Beene Alexander of Junction and Joan Beene Hurt of West Covina, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane Anne Ziober Schneider and Jimmie Schneider of Monroe, La.; and a son and daughter-in-law, John David Ziober and Emily Phillips Ziober of Baton Rouge. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Brandon, Ryan, and Davis Schneider of Monroe, La., and Leslie and Rachel Ziober of Baton Rouge.

She was predeceased by her husband, John J. Ziober; her parents, Nellie Mae Sullivan Beene and Horace C. Beene; and a sister, Judy Beene South of Big Spring.

Mrs. Ziober graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Austin College in Sherman. She met her husband, John Ziober, while he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring. He worked for Texaco during his career as a petroleum engineer, and the couple lived in Louisiana, Trinidad and in Woodland Hills, Calif.

Mrs. Ziober was active in the Presbyterian Church and P.E.O., holding numerous offices. She also enjoyed gardening, investment club, going to the theatre, reading and walking. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, never missing her grandchildren's graduations, school grandparents' days, confirmations and first communions.

Special thanks to Dr. Grosbach and the staffs at Grace Home and Christus Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport.

Visitation will be held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Monroe, La., on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at 1 p.m. until the funeral, commencing at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Brandon Schneider, Ryan Schneider, Davis Schneider, Tom Alexander, Jimmie Schneider and John David Ziober.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund, Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1901 Milton St., Monroe, La. 71201.

Online Registry/Condolences: www.mulhearnfuneralhome.com

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Virginia Taylor



Virginia Taylor, 79, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born July 1, 1927, in Helena, Mont. and married Lewis Emery Taylor on Sept. 27, 1950, in Vancouver, Wa. He preceded her in death in July 1993.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Michael Anthony of Big Spring; a son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Nancy Taylor of Katy; two grandchildren, Sarah Anthony of Fort Worth and Austin Taylor of Katy; and a brother and sister-in-law, Floyd and Frances Finnegan of Helena, Mont.

The family suggests memorials to Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center Angel Fund, 3200 Parkway, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Take Note

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY YOUTH HORSEMAN CLUB** will sponsor Dr. Bo Brock at the club facility on Highway 33 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. He will perform Coggins testing, vaccinating and deworming of horses. You do not have to be a member to receive the service. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Traci Halbert, president, at 398-5262.

• **NORTH BIRDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Angelfood Ministry pickup date is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2702 N. Birdwell. Doors close at 1 p.m. and all orders not picked up will be donated.

• **BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN** at the first United Methodist Church upstairs choral rehearsal room. The rehearsals are for the April 21 concert and will feature spiritual music and Mozart.

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

Regionald 'Reggie' Overman



Regionald 'Reggie' Overman, 59, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Craig Felty, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born July 22, 1947, in Sparkman, Ark. and married Jeanne E. Litke on Dec. 9, 2000, in Big Spring. Reggie worked as a master plumber for 25 years and enjoyed shooting pool, fishing, motorcycles and NASCAR. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Overman of Big Spring; one daughter, Lafan Johnson; a step-daughter, Mary Emerson and husband, Mickey of Forsan; his father, L.M. Overman of Denham Springs, La.; one sister, Cynthia Overman of Denham Springs, La.; 10 step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Overman and his aunt, Leila.

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

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Morgan Marion



Morgan Marion, 82, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Ennis. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born May 31, 1924, in Caldwell to Jessie and Noble Marion.

He married Virginia Mitchell on Dec. 26, 1949, in Big Spring. He worked for Texas Electric Company for more than 24 years. He was a member of Mount Bethel Baptist Church and Knights of Pythias.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Marion of Ennis; one daughter, Gloria Ann Marion of Dallas; one son, Calvin Marion of Big Spring; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Jones of Amarillo and Noble May Jenkins of Denver.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Jessie Mae Roberts.

The family will be at 311 NE 10th Street. 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 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- **SCOTT SHADE**, 22, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **JEREMY RUSSELL VICK**, 31, of Kingsland, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession of a controlled substance, forgery of a government financial instrument and possession of body armor by a felon.
- **JASON L. JOWERS**, 29, of Marble Falls, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession of a controlled substance, forgery of a government financial instrument, possession of body armor by a felon and Burnet and Travis county warrants.
- **GUILLERMO BRAVO JR.**, 24, of 1905 Wasson Drive, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of Wasson.
 - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 1400 block of Wood.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 16th Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2100 block of Grace. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 600 block of Father Delaney.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center 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

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
 • Fifth Annual Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, 10 a.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.
 • American Heart Association annual gala, 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. Dining, dancing and an auction. Admission at the door is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

MONDAY

• 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.
 • Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MACK ALLEN WILLIAMS**, 47, was arrested Thursday on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **JOHN DEE ROMAN**, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- **CEDDRICK JOSHUA REED**, 22, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of failure to appear - motion for enforcement of child support.
- **SCOTT COLBY SHADE**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **STANLEY EUGENE PARTEE**, 50, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 2-10-13-24. Bonus Ball: 7.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
 Prize: \$200,000
 Winning ticket sold in: Port Arthur.
 Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 15-24-28-29-36.
 Number matching five of five: 2.
 Prize per winner: \$16,555.
 Winning tickets sold in: Houston, College Station.
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-0

Weather

Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms, some strong during the evening, will give way to mainly clear skies after midnight. Low 42F. Winds SW at 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.
 Tomorrow: Sunny with gusty winds. High 63F. Winds W at 25 to 35 mph.
 Tomorrow night: Clear. Low 31F. NW winds at 20 to 30 mph, diminishing to 5 to 10 mph.
 Sunday: Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
 Monday: Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.
 Tuesday: Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.

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LIVE AND LEARN LUNCHEON



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Organizers of the American Heart Association Learn and Live Luncheon held this week said the event was a "huge success" with Kim Shafer, FNP, RN, presenting an entertaining lecture on heart health. More than 60 women attended, including AHA representatives from Austin. The local chapter's Gala, "Heros for Heart," will be held Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. From left to right are, Brenda Thomas of Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation, Shafer, Willa Ledford of the American Heart Association and Vicki Cole of Parkplace Retirement Living.

Judge gives former county clerk \$1 million bond

MISSION (AP) — Bond was set at \$1 million Thursday for former Hidalgo County District Clerk Omar Guerrero, five days after he was arrested across the border following two months on the run from sexual assault and retaliation charges.

Guerrero was expected to remain in the Hidalgo County Jail through the weekend because the court won't be able to deal with a mix-up regarding the bond request until Monday, his lawyer said.

The judge granted bond on only one of two charges against Guerrero stemming from an alleged sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl. Defense lawyer Al Alvarez said Guerrero's lawyers accidentally left one of the charges off paperwork they submitted to the court requesting bond.

Guerrero was granted bond on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a minor. The bond does not apply to a charge of retaliation.

"We all knew what we were talking about at the hearing," Alvarez said in a story in Friday's McAllen Monitor. "We just forgot to put it

down on paper."

Sheriff Lupe Trevino said Guerrero would not be released until the matter is resolved.

"I am not going to let him out until they get me the paperwork," Trevino said.

Thursday's bond hearing was the second for Guerrero. The judge granted bond for the 30-year-old on conditions that he be at home at his grandmother's house between 6:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. and work at her grocery store during the day.

Used car dealer pleads guilty to bank fraud

LUBBOCK (AP) — An Amarillo used car dealer pleaded guilty Thursday to bank fraud and faces a possible maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

A federal judge in Lubbock ordered a presentence investigation for Christopher Ray Campbell, 33, who operated Silver Star Motor Co. Campbell could also receive a fine of \$1 million and be ordered to make restitution.

Campbell admitted defrauding

financial institutions during 2005 and 2006 in a check kiting scheme.

Prosecutors said Campbell, when he couldn't get vehicle financing on his own, persuaded other dealers to help him obtain financing. He paid them a fee to use their credit.

Man convicted in murder-for-hire plot

HOUSTON (AP) — A man sentenced to death in a 1994 murder-for-hire plot, but who was granted a new trial, was convicted again on a capital murder charge Thursday in Houston.

Howard Paul Guidry was convicted in 1997 for the slaying of Farah Fratta. Investigators said Fratta's husband, former Missouri City police officer Robert Fratta, masterminded her death as the couple went through a divorce.

Investigators said Robert Fratta hired Joseph Prystash to carry out the killing, and Prystash hired Guidry as the triggerman. Prystash and Fratta were convicted of capital murder and sent to death row.

Nation's largest milk company says no to milk from cloned cows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Milk from cloned cows is no longer welcome at the nation's biggest milk company.

Although the government has approved meat and milk from cloned animals while it conducts further studies, Dean Foods Co. of Dallas said Thursday that its customers and consumers don't want milk from cloned animals. The \$10 billion company owns Land O'Lakes and Horizon Organic, among dozens of other brands.

"Numerous surveys have shown that Americans are not interested in buying dairy products that contain milk from cloned cows and Dean Foods is responding to the needs of our consumers," the company said in a statement.

Federal scientists say there is virtually no difference between clones and conventional cows, pigs or goats. The Food and Drug Administration gave preliminary approval to meat and milk from cloned animals and could grant final approval by year's end.

Smaller companies such as Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and Organic Valley previously have said they oppose milk from clones.

Milk companies worry that concern over cloning could turn people away from dairy products. So far, public opinion appears mixed.

A September poll by the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology found that 64 percent of respondents were uncomfortable with animal cloning. A December poll by the University of Maryland found that the same percentage would buy, or

consider buying, such food if the government said it was safe.

Dean Foods spokeswoman Marguerite Copel said the company respects the FDA, "but we've got a customer and consumer base."

Dean Foods' cloning policy was first reported by the blog <http://www.chewwise.com>.

The company did not say whether it would use milk from the offspring of cloned animals. Cloning companies say the purpose of cloning is not to put many cloned livestock into the food supply. Instead, the goal is to make a genetic copy of a superior animal and then put its offspring into the food supply.

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30 minutes and waiting time should be minimal. Students and parents are asked to bring their 2006 tax information, including a completed W-2 form, and other tax records.

Parents are also asked to accompany the student, Calvio said.

For information on the free workshops, call 264-5034.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331.

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Morgan Marion, 82, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dennis E. Black, 63, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday.

Ruthie Nell Smith, 48, died Tuesday. Funeral Services were at 10:30 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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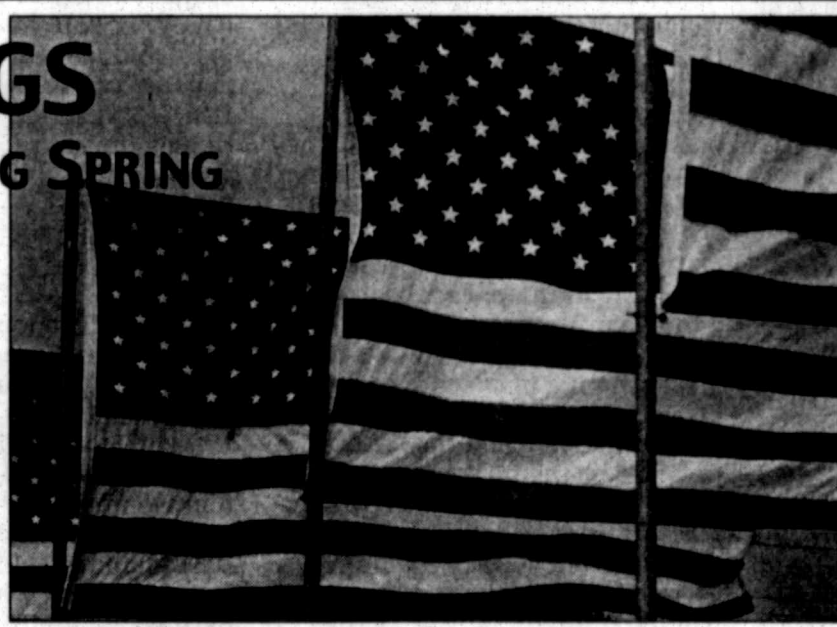
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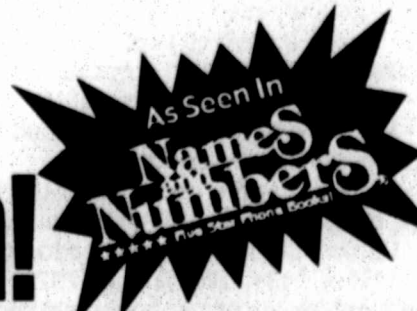
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OUR VIEWS

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:

- Basketball teams from Forsan, Coahoma and Garden City high schools, representing their schools and communities in the playoffs. Way to go guys (and gals)! We are proud of you.

- The Howard College Dental Hygiene Department for holding their annual health fair last weekend.

- We won't mention names here, but thanks to those who have shown an interest in seeking representation on their city council or school boards. We firmly believe that the more citizens who get involved in their communities and schools, the better those entities become. Don't forget, if you are interested, you still have until March 12 to file.

- Kentwood Elementary students on the decision to participate in the St. Judge Math-A-Thon. It's so important that our youth learn not only science, math and language, but the importance of helping others. We salute the students, their teachers and administrators.

- Everyone who has signed up for Big Spring Day in Austin so far. We'll take this opportunity to nudge others and remind them that the deadline to sign up for the bus taking people on the March 7, day-long trip is 5 p.m. Tuesday. Contact the chamber at 263-7641 to register or for more information.

- Those who took the time this morning to welcome Michael Bell, the new director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center. Welcome aboard, Mr. Bell!

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we feel pushed to the edge, Lord, may we quietly come to You.

Amen

No pity to war-voting Democrats

From where Lincoln Chafee sits, the spectacle of Democrats writhing under questions about their Iraq war vote is ... interesting. The Rhode Islander was the only Senate Republican to oppose giving President Bush authority to invade. Chafee's refusal to support the war enraged Republican partisans, some of whom launched a stiff primary challenge against him. He survived it, only to be cut down in November by a backlash against anything Republican.

Now teaching at Brown University, Chafee doesn't have a whole lot of sympathy for the Democratic presidential hopefuls now trying to distance themselves from that fateful resolution in 2002. To him, voting "nay" was a slam-dunk, and "what we know now" was pretty obvious back then. That New York Sen. Hillary Clinton won't disown her "yes" vote, and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards has renounced his, Chafee told me the other day, is immaterial. Their vote was the problem.

"What frustrates me — even watching (Massachusetts Sen. John) Kerry in the '04 campaign as he tried to explain the vote — is that there were two votes that day," Chafee said. One was the Levin amendment, which would have slowed the march to war by sanctioning an attack only if

approved by the United Nations.

Kerry, Clinton, Edwards, Delaware's Joe Biden and Connecticut's Chris Dodd refused to support the measure, introduced by Michigan Democrat Carl Levin. These Democrats all harbored presidential ambitions and probably didn't want to be linked with a strategy that Bush allies portrayed as a weak-kneed response to the menace of Saddam.

Then a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Chafee recalls taking great pains to note that the Levin amendment came with an important caveat that protected America's right to self-defense. "It said that if the Security Council drags its feet and we're in imminent danger," he said, "or some kind of new information comes out and we had to act quickly, we could meet in 24 hours and be ready to give the president authorization."

Presidency-minded Democrats could have voted for the Levin amendment, and when it failed to pass, gone on to fully authorize the president. Four other Democrats did just that.

Chafee also never bought into the weapons of mass destruction argument. "I went to the CIA and asked the analysts what they had," he said. Their body language indicated not much — it was, "Don't look at me." He spoke up at Republican caucuses about the lack of a serious threat, but to no avail. "The anger associated with 9-11 was clouding everybody's judgment."

Some Democrats who authorized

the war are now advocating various timetables for pulling out the troops, which Chafee also opposes. While he sees little point in Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq, he's also against a "precipitous" withdrawal. "We took down the government, and the government provides services," he said, "and so that burden falls on us."

As a fellow at Brown's Watson Institute for International Studies, Chafee continues to advance his long-held view that solving the Israeli-Palestinian dispute is key to bringing calm to the Middle East. And he bristles at the Bush administration's neglect of the "Road Map," the international plan to establish a Palestinian state living peacefully with Israel.

The Arab anger stirred by that ongoing conflict makes the job in the region harder, he insists. "Let's at least remove the propaganda that's used against us."

As for America's terrible dilemma in Iraq, "there's no easy answer now," he adds, not letting up on legislators trying to justify their vote for the war.

"When the roll is called, that's what matters," he said, "and we needed people to say 'stop.'"

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Less bloodshed, more pain

Might this be the future of warfare?

If you're worried about terrorism, upset about the war in Iraq, and depressed by global chaos, violence and death, cheer up. The U.S. military just invented a weapon that fires a beam of searing pain.

Three weeks ago, it was tested on volunteers at an Air Force base in Georgia. You can watch the video on a military Web site (<https://www.jnlwp.com/ActiveDenialSystem.asp>). Three colonels got zapped, along with an Associated Press reporter. The beam is invisible, but its effects are vivid. Two dozen airmen scatter. The AP guy shrieks and bolts out of the target zone. He says it felt like heat all over his body, as though his jacket were on fire.

The feeling is an illusion. No one is harmed. The beam's energy waves penetrate just 1/64 of an inch into your body, heating your skin like microwaves. They inflame your nerve endings without burning you. This could be the future of warfare: less bloodshed, more pain.

Military technology has always sought a greater precision from a longer range. In the Persian Gulf War, Kosovo and Afghanistan, we exploited the increasing accuracy of laser-guided bombs. In the post-9/11 terrorist hunt and the occupation of Iraq, we've sent hundreds of remotely piloted aerial drones to spy and kill. But the lives protected by drones are ours. The pain beam is more ambitious: It can spare civilians and even the enemy. Precision isn't just the ability to kill. Sometimes, it's the ability to disperse and deter without killing.

That kind of precision is becoming more important. Twelve years ago, the Defense Department observed that our armed forces were increasingly being used for peacekeeping, humanitarian aid and protection of civil society. More of our enemies were blending in with, or disguising themselves as, civilians. Through the media, more eyeballs, hearts and minds could see the infrastructure we destroyed. DOD proposed the development of weapons "to incapacitate personnel or materiel, while minimizing fatalities, permanent injury to personnel, and undesired damage to property and the environment."

Like lethal weapons, nonlethal

weapons have evolved from short to long range. Batons and pepper spray required hand-to-hand combat. Water cannons, rubber bullets, beanbag rounds and stingball grenades have extended our reach, but not far enough to keep troops clear of rocks or small-arms fire. Some of those nonlethal weapons are insufficiently discriminate. Tear gas torments a whole crowd, not just the miscreants using the crowd for cover.

Projectiles are also unpredictable. At long range, particularly in crosswinds, rubber bullets can hit the wrong people, or the right people in the wrong places. At close range, they can kill. Look at the absurdly named "FN303 less lethal launcher." It's supposed to fire "nonlethal projectiles at established nonlethal ranges." But when launching things, less lethal is the best you can do.

That's where the pain beam comes in. Unlike projectiles, beams are "directed energy." They travel in a straight line over long distances, ignoring gravity and wind. They cause no more damage at 10 feet than at 1,000. Unlike gas, they discriminate. Raytheon, the pain beam's manufacturer, points out that the weapon "allows precise targeting of specific individuals" and that the pain "ceases immediately" when the beam is diverted or the target flees.

The shift from hardware to software, from matter to energy, can do more than control the unpredictability of weapons. It can control the unpredictability of the people who fire them. Early nonlethal devices, such as rubber bullets and Mace, often caused injuries because of abuse by hot-heads. When the pain beam was being developed, somebody accidentally fired it on a high setting, inflicting a second-degree burn. The designers responded by programming limits on the beam's power and duration.

Years of work have gone into making the beam safe. It has been tested thousands of times on 600 volunteers. It has been reviewed and revised by the military's Human Effects Review Board, a Human Effects Advisory Panel made up of nonmilitary experts in the field and military surgeons general. It has been tested for effects on skin cancer, fertility, jewelry and drunks. The results have been published in peer-reviewed journals. Never has an organization that is licensed to kill jumped through so many hoops to make sure nobody gets injured.

The DOD's nonlethal weapons program is a pacifist's dream. Its "vehicle lightweight arresting devices" are built to stop cars with minimal damage, allowing minor injuries only if you're "not wearing a seat belt." Its "acoustic hailing devices" are engineered to deliver sound waves "below Occupational Safety and Health Administration hearing limits for prolonged exposure." Its founding directive pledges to avoid environmental damage. Even the Less Lethal Launcher projectiles are "nontoxic."

But the ability to inflict pain without injury doesn't just make injury less necessary. It makes pain more essential to military operations — and easier to inflict. To achieve the desired "repel effect," I have to make you suffer. Knowing that your agony will be brief and leave no physical damage makes the weapon easier to fire. It's almost as though, like the flames the AP reporter imagined were engulfing his jacket, your pain isn't real.

That's the metaphysical gap that nonlethal energy weapons exploit. The rain of pain falls mainly in the brain. The long-range acoustic device, for instance, "can target narrow sound beams at excruciating decibel levels, but below the threshold of hearing damage," according to a military account of a presentation by its project manager. Four months ago, Congress passed and President Bush signed legislation to prosecute torture, defined as intentional infliction of "serious physical or mental pain or suffering." But that rule applies only in captivity. On the street, pain administration won't be a crime. It'll be a policy.

Two weeks from now, military leaders will convene in London to discuss the pain beam and the next generation of directed-energy weapons, including microwaves and lasers. Law enforcement agencies are interested. Raytheon is already advertising the technology for commercial applications. The military is even developing a "personnel halting and stimulation response" system — yes, a PhASR — to stun targets instead of killing them. But don't worry, nobody will get hurt. Sort of.

William Saletan covers science and technology for Slate, the online magazine.

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FROMA HARROP



WILLIAM SALETAN

Texas news in brief

2 young siblings killed in Lewisville mobile home fire

DALLAS (AP) — A 6-year-old girl and her 4-year-old brother were killed in a mobile home fire early Friday morning in the Dallas-area city of Lewisville, police said.

Firefighters responded to reports of the fire in a mobile home park shortly after midnight, said Officer Richard Douglass of the Lewisville police.

The victims' parents had escaped the home and told firefighters that their children were inside. Firefighters found the children and carried them outside, but paramedics weren't able to revive them, Douglass said.

The parents were transported to a Lewisville hospital with minor burns and smoke inhalation.

The family's name was not released.

Douglass said the cause of the fire remained under investigation Friday morning.

Soldier gets 100 years for rape of Iraqi girl, killing family

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — A U.S. soldier sentenced to 100 years in prison for the gang rape and murder of an Iraqi girl and killing of her family said he was sorry but that he couldn't explain why he did it.

Sgt. Paul E. Cortez, 24, wept as he apologized at his sentencing hearing Thursday for raping 14-year-old Abeer Qassim al-Janabi and taking part in killing her and her family.

"I still don't have an answer," Cortez told the judge. "I don't know why. I wish I hadn't. The lives of four innocent people were taken. I want to apologize for all of the pain and suffering I have caused the al-Janabi family."

Cortez, of Barstow, Calif., pleaded guilty this week to four counts of felony murder, rape and conspiracy to rape in a case considered among the worst atrocities by U.S. military personnel in Iraq.

In his plea agreement, he said he conspired with three other soldiers from the Fort Campbell-based 101st Airborne Division to rape the girl.

The military judge hearing the case, Col. Stephen R. Henley, issued a sentence of life in prison without parole, the maximum for the charges. Under military law, the defendant is given the lesser sentence unless he violates terms of the plea agreement, which require

Cortez to testify against others charged in the case.

Psychologist Charles Figley testified that Cortez and the other soldiers likely suffered stress brought on by fatigue and trauma.

"It eats you up," Figley said. "It's a horrible thing. This is not unique. We've seen this in other wars."

Dallas DA joins effort to overturn man's rape conviction

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas County district attorney's office said it will support efforts to exonerate a man who was convicted of a 1982 gang rape that his lawyers say was committed by a man with an almost identical name.

Lawyers for James Curtis Giles asked a state district judge on Thursday to throw out Giles' conviction. They contend police investigating the case in 1982 failed to share evidence with defense attorneys that would have implicated a man named James Earl Giles.

If the case is resolved, it would be the third exoneration since District Attorney Craig Watkins took office Jan. 1 and pledged to free anyone wrongfully convicted.

DNA evidence has exonerated 12 Dallas County men since 2001, which is more than all but two states, according to the Innocence Project of New York.

First Assistant District Attorney Terri Moore said new evidence presented by the Innocence Project and related DNA testing convinced prosecutors that the wrong man was convicted.

"Apparently, it was a real complicated, squirrely case," Moore said. "Two guys shared the same name, and it sounds like it's a total mess. They (prosecutors) think it was a case of mistaken identification."

The victim of the 1982 gang rape in a north Dallas apartment picked James Curtis Giles out of a photo lineup six months after the attack. Police had put him in the lineup after receiving an anonymous tip identifying "James Giles" and two other men as the guilty parties.

Lawyers with the Innocence Project found that James Earl Giles was a known associate of the two other attackers. The Innocence Project, which has been working on the case for more than six years, has confirmed the other two men's guilt using DNA testing of rape evidence.

U.S. news in brief

Senate Demos plan to take back war authorization

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four years ago, Congress passed legislation authorizing President Bush to go to war in Iraq. Now Senate Democrats want to take it back.

Key lawmakers, backed by party leaders, are drafting legislation that would effectively revoke the broad authority granted to the president in the days Saddam Hussein was in power, and leave U.S. troops with a limited mission as they prepare to withdraw.

Officials said Thursday the precise wording of the measure remains unsettled.

One version would restrict American troops in Iraq to fighting al-Qaida, training Iraqi army and police forces, maintaining Iraq's territorial integrity and otherwise proceeding with the withdrawal of combat forces.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., intends to present the proposal to fellow Democrats next week, and he is expected to try to add the measure to anti-terrorism legislation scheduled to be debated later this month. Officials who described the strategy spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Cheney: Test at odds with goal of a peaceful rise as global power

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — China's recent anti-satellite weapons test and its continued military buildup are "not consistent" with its stated aim of a peaceful rise as a global power, Vice President Dick Cheney said Friday.

In a speech in Sydney, Cheney also expressed wariness about North Korea's commitment to a landmark deal on ending its nuclear programs.

As anti-war demonstrators clashed with police outside the hotel where Cheney was speaking, the vice president also expressed gratitude to Australia for sending troops to the Iraq war, which he said must be won or terrorists would be emboldened worldwide.

Cheney praised China for playing an "especially important" role in the negotiations that resulted in the North Korea deal, under which the North is to seal its main nuclear reactor and allow international inspections in exchange for fuel oil.

"Other actions by the Chinese government send a different message," Cheney told the Australian-American

Leadership Dialogue, a private organization that promotes ties between the two countries.

Sunni insurgents want to avenge rapes after 2nd allegation made

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Sunni insurgent groups including al-Qaida in Iraq have called for revenge attacks after second rape allegation against the Shiite-dominated security forces.

The second rape allegation to be made in a television interview — an unusual development in Iraq, where the crime is rarely reported or spoken of — is putting more pressure on the Iraqi government, its army and police in their desperate fight against the country's enduring Sunni insurgency and sectarian violence.

The al-Qaida in Iraq leader, Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, also known as Abu Ayyub al-Masri, purportedly called on his followers Thursday to step up attacks on Iraqi security forces to avenge the alleged rapes in Baghdad and the northern town of Tal Afar near the Syrian border.

He also claimed in an audio tape that 300 followers have volunteered for suicide missions within hours of hearing news of the alleged rape in Baghdad, which the woman said took place in a police garrison.

The authenticity of the tape could not be immediately verified.

Is the fur trim on your jacket fake? Group says it comes from dogs

WASHINGTON (AP) — That fur trim on your jacket that you think is fake? Tell it to Fido. An animal advocacy group says its investigation has turned up coats — some with designer labels, some at higher-end retailers — with fur from man's best friend. Some retailers were set scrambling to pull the coats from shelves, take them off Web sites and even offer refunds to consumers.

The Humane Society of the United States said it purchased coats from reputable outlets, such as upscale Nordstrom, with designer labels — Andrew Marc, Tommy Hilfinger, for example — and found them trimmed with fur from domestic dogs, even though the fur was advertised as fake.

"It's an industrywide deception," said Kristin Leppert, the head of the Human Society's anti-fur campaign.

Paternity test next chapter in Smith saga

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The melodramatic legal fallout from Anna Nicole Smith's death shifted Friday from where to bury the former Playboy Playmate to who gets custody of her baby, who could inherit millions.

Attorneys for Larry Birkhead, the photographer who claims to have fathered 5-month-old Dannielynn, planned to ask a Florida family court judge to enforce a California court's order that the infant's DNA be tested to prove paternity.

Smith's boyfriend, Howard K. Stern, and Frederic von Anhalt, the husband of actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, also claim to

be the father. Stern is listed as Dannielynn's father on the birth certificate.

On Thursday, a sometimes blubbing judge gave Richard Milstein, the court-appointed lawyer for Dannielynn, the power to resolve a dispute between Stern and Virgie Arthur, Smith's estranged mother, over where to bury Smith.

Milstein said she would be buried in the Bahamas next to her son.

In a bizarre, rambling statement from the bench, Circuit Judge Larry Seidlin choked up frequently but made it clear what he felt should be done.

"I want her buried with her son in the Bahamas," he said through tears.

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Church News

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's pot luck supper and Lenten program is Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarysbt.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliah.

College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church has called Bobby Floyd to fill the position of full time youth minister. Floyd, who is from Lubbock, served as interim youth minister at CBC, during the summer months. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

College Baptist Church offers a full schedule of activities for all age groups. The Golden Glory Gang, known as the Three G's, invites all seniors in the church and the community to a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on March 8. Scott and Debbie Vanpelt will be sharing about their trip to China. Call 267-7429 for more information about the many programs at College Baptist.

Friends of Unity

First Sundays are special at the Unity Center located in the Railroad Plaza. Jim Sims, minister at Unity Spiritual Center in Odessa, comes over and a traditional Unity service is celebrated.

Unity friends observe Lent by adding something

positive in their lives as well as eliminate one.

Baker's Chapel AME Church

Baker's Chapel AME Church will be celebrating Black History Month each Sunday of February.

The church invites the community to join them during the 11 a.m. services for a reading or lecture on Black history.

First United Methodist Church

The youth of our church will attend a district rally Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Coahoma. Principal speakers will be Duke Underwood and Donald Ward. Titled "Keeping it Real," the rally will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dr. Shane Brue will begin a new Lenten sermon series "Cross Examinations."

First in the series will be "The Foolish Cross," based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. Worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

The Beth Moore Bible studies continue Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:30.

"Project Light," classes teaching English as a second language are held at the church on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 and on Tuesday mornings at 10.

Each Wednesday at noon Garrett Hall is the scene of a weekly luncheon and Bible study. The meal and study are over before 1 p.m. in order that those in attendance can return to work. This is a great mid-week service; if you've never attended, give it a try this week. It might be another bright spot in your week.

First United Methodist Church buildings are located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring. Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

The Angel Food delivery for February orders will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please make a note that you have to pick up your order before 1 p.m. or it will be donated.

Beginning with the March orders, the name will no longer be Angel Food Ministries; it will change to The Provider's Pantry. There will be no connection with the national Angel Food Ministries program. Our operation will continue as always through Refuge Outreach Center in Lubbock. The menus will be similar and there will be no limit on the specials available with each regular order. More information may be obtained by calling 267-2203 or 267-4082.

March 17 will be the annual chilli supper at North Birdwell. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year, instead of the book sale, we will have a craft and bake sale with the proceeds going toward our building fund. As our food ministries continue to grow, we need to have more space to accommodate the Provider's Pantry, the food pantry, the sack lunch program and the community suppers. Be sure to mark your calendar for March 17 and come see what we will have available. Of course, there is no charge for the meal and there will be door prizes given out.

Wednesday, March 7,

will be the first lesson in the short disciple course on the New Testament, Bible study begins at 6:30 p.m. and is held the first and third Wednesday.

Jacque Mauch will continue the study of "Shalom, Salaam, Peace" at the United Methodist Women's meeting March 8. The women meet at 4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday.

Our regular Sunday evening worship service will be canceled this week as members of the laity travel to Lamesa First United Methodist Church to meet with Bishop Max Whitfield. The morning worship service will be 9:30 a.m. and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joel Miller and the members of North Birdwell UMC invite you to attend any of the services and activities offered. You will be welcomed with open hearts, open minds and open doors.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you are looking for a Church home, visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. A nursery is provided. 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.

For further information or a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Calling all youth! United

Methodist Church will be hosting the Big Spring District Youth Rally at 6 p.m. Saturday at the church. The rally will be led by Duke Underwood and a musical team will be on hand to rock the house. Hamburgers will be provided. The rally is open to all youth.

Please join us for worship Sunday as the Rev. Donita Lea leads us in our first Lenten season worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

There will be a meeting with the Bishop in Lamesa for all laity. Contact the church for more information regarding travel and meeting specifics.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, the youth will meet at 6 p.m. at the church for study and fellowship. There will be no Praise Band worship this week.

The Community Choir has begun rehearsal of the Easter Cantata. Rehearsals are at First Baptist Church of Coahoma. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the choir.

The church is located at 401 N. Main in Coahoma.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Sundays include a fellowship time at 9 a.m. and Sunday school for adults, youth and children follows at 9:30 a.m. Worship is held at 10:30 a.m., led by worship pastor Stan Hanes.

Bro. Dennis Teeters will preach a sermon series on "Dangerous Intersections." This week's sermon is on "The Intersection of 'Go or Stay,'" based on Zechariah 1:1-6. Sunday evening

begins at 5, with a men's Bible study, followed by worship at 6. Bro. Teeters is teaching a study on the gifts of the spirit, to lead us to know what our gifts are, to serve the Lord more effectively.

Wednesday evening begins at 5:30 with a potluck meal, followed by an adult Bible study at 6. The youth have worship time and the children have choirs.

To find the church, go down I-20 to the Salem exit. Turn left and go under the highway and turn left on the service road. Proceed about 300 feet down the road and the church is on the right. For more information, contact 714-4584 or visit springcreekfellowship.org

First Christian Church

Sunday school will be a BLAST for youth starting this Sunday. BLAST is an acronym for Bible Learning Adventure Stations. The first unit will last approximately eight weeks will focus on the Bible story of Adam and Eve. Three adult classes are offered, too. Sunday school begins with donuts and rinks at 9:30 a.m., with class work starting at 9:45 a.m.

Worship will begin at 10:50 a.m. This week Dr. Ken McIntosh will preach a sermon titled "The Gift of Lent."

The youth group has changed its meeting day and time. Called "The Great Adventure," young people ages 10 to 18 are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

We are searching for a part-time youth minister. Interested adults can call the church at 267-7851.

The African Children's Choir coming to Big Spring March 2

Public welcome to attend concert at Baptist Temple

Special to the Herald

The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will be performing at Baptist Temple in Big Spring.

The public is invited to the concert, set for 7 p.m. Friday, March 2. There is no admission fee. A love offering will be taken.

Since its inception in 1984, the purpose of the African Children's Choir has been to bring hope and joy and the love of God to people and communities throughout the world, shining the spotlight on the millions of children of Africa living in conditions of extreme poverty, war or AIDS.

The Choir has performed at international events such as Live 8 and World Aids Day, and can be heard on the soundtrack for Warner Bros. new movie "Blood Diamond."

Through their voice and

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"The children in the Choir represent millions of children in Africa. These children are bright, articulate and motivated to realize their potential," said Ray Barnett, an African Children's Choir founder.

"We believe they can make a difference and we believe that when audiences see Africa through their eyes they will want to partner with us to give these children every opportunity to succeed and impact their countries."

The African Children's Choir, through its parent organization Music for Life Institute, is currently

providing an education for more than 7,000 children in Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa.

In addition to education, the Choir finances numerous relief and development projects throughout Africa, including the new Music for Life Centers in AIDS-devastated South Africa and food relief containers to war-torn Sudan.

Concerts are free and open to all. The audience is treated to traditional African dances, lively spirituals and well-loved gospel and children's songs.

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I was discussing the topic of smiling with my teenage son the other day and some interesting things came up. We discovered that there may be more to the song "Smile" than just a catchy tune and some neat lyrics. Smiling is actually good for you and for those around you. So, there's a reason to smile.



DARRELL RYAN

Smiling and laughter are the symptoms of happiness and joy. Research has shown that there is also a link between smiling and good health. People who smile are healthier. Their biological makeup is different. They have a more robust immune system and are actually able to fight off illness better than those who do not smile.

This is not some social science generalization. It appears that people who smile and are generally optimistic are more likely to take care of themselves, which may be another reason why they tend to be healthier.

We notice that natural smiling and laughter occurs when we are genuinely happy and relaxed and we now know that this process has therapeutic health benefits, including the release of endorphins from the brain that can reduce pain and which provide a sense of well-being.

Smiling and laughing help to release hormones beneficial in the prevention of disease and illness, the reduction of stress and prevention of depression. Each time you smile or laugh you literally improve your health, and the more you smile or laugh the more you feel like it and the easier it becomes for you.

Consider the people you know who smile or laugh a lot and notice that they are usually happier and healthier. Also notice whether their smile or laughter makes you feel like smiling or laughing.

Happiness is contagious and the mere sight of someone else laughing or smiling, particularly someone you have a bond with, can signal the start of your smiling or laughing, too. Research shows that happy people act differently and are more likely to do the things that public health experts say are associated with good health. In fact, elderly people who smile a lot, have a good attitude toward life, and expect good things to happen rather than bad things are 71 percent more likely to live longer lives. It has also been discovered that smiling increases happiness in yourself and those around you.

A healthy smile can improve your confidence, help you make friends and help you to succeed in your career.

Smiling is also contagious.

It's good to know that the more you smile, the more others will, too. Seeing a smile creates

what is termed as a "halo" effect, helping us to remember other happy events more vividly, feel more optimistic, more positive and more motivated. Few are more beautiful than those with a warm and natural smile.

Smiling warms the hearts of others and ours, too. Learning to create a warm and friendly smile that makes us feel better and cheers up those who see us enables us to increase the happiness in the world.

A smile begins with the

eyes. Notice how your eyes move naturally as a smile forms on your face. You don't even need to smile with your mouth. Notice a twinkle, a feeling of amusement in your eyes. When you smile with your eyes, it will spread and your mouth will move naturally and easily into a genuine smile. Beam with your eyes, and the rest of your face will break into a warm, friendly smile! Practice in the mirror. See for yourself how this technique always works and makes you much

Parent's Corner

more acceptable to others.

Become a magnet of happiness; smile with your eyes and let it extend to the rest of your face.

Smiling benefits everyone. So, I told my son,

come on! Let's give the world a smile! We all deserve it!

Darrell Ryan, is the director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, North having opened the bidding with one club. North leads the king of spades, which you duck, the queen of spades, which you also duck, and then the jack, which you win with the ace. South played the 3-5-7 of spades, in that order, as the suit was led. How would you continue?

West
 ♠ A 9 4
 ♥ K Q 7 2
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ A Q J 10

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you proceed?

West
 ♠ 7 3
 ♥ K Q J 5
 ♦ A K 8 2
 ♣ Q 5 2

1. This is one of those gratifying situations where you are certain to make the contract no matter how the adverse cards are divided — provided you play correctly.

The proper play is to lead the queen of diamonds at trick four. If the queen loses to the king, you have nine tricks consisting of one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and one club. If the queen holds the trick, you then switch to the A-Q of clubs, forcing

ing out the king, after which you have nine tricks consisting of one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.

If you started instead by cashing the ace of diamonds before leading the queen, you could lose five tricks if the opponents allowed the queen to win and you later lost a club to the king. You could likewise go down if you started by playing the A-Q of clubs. Only the queen-of-diamonds lead at trick four renders the contract foolproof.

2. Whether you make six depends partly on how the opposing cards are divided and partly on how you elect to play the hand. All kinds of insuperable difficulties may arise if you choose to cash the A-K of diamonds and ruff a diamond. This might appear to be the best way to start the play, but actually it is not.

The line of play most likely to succeed is really quite simple. Win the diamond lead, play a spade and follow low from dummy!

Win the diamond return (no other return makes any difference), ruff a diamond with the ten of hearts and draw trumps. This sequence of plays will make the contract if the spades and trumps are divided normally (either 3-3 or 4-2), yielding 12 tricks consisting of four spades, four hearts, two diamonds, a club and a diamond ruff in dummy.

Tomorrow: The guess that went to school.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma Bulldog playoff schedule

Coahoma (23-9) will start their playoff journey against Brady (18-13) at Jim Ned High School tonight at 8 p.m.

Lady Bearkats playoff schedule

Garden City's Lady Kats will face Guthrie tonight in Fort Worth.

Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. at Fort Worth Independent School District.

Forsan Buffaloe playoff schedule

The Forsan boy's basketball team will challenge Sundown tonight at 7 p.m. in Andres.

Sundown received a bye in the first round and Forsan defeated Iraan, 63-44 on Wednesday.

Hawk women lose to New Mexico CC

The Howard women's basketball team was defeated 54-53 last night at Dorothy Garret Coliseum.

Big Spring girl's softball registration

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding sign-ups to register for the upcoming 2007 season.

Females from ages 4 to 14 (as of Jan. 1st) are eligible to participate in the league.

Sign-ups will be held each Saturday, beginning Feb. 24, through March 17, at the Big Spring Mall.

The registration fee is \$40 and there is a discount for the second child. This fee will cover full uniforms.

A division for boys between 4 and 6 years old will be available this season.

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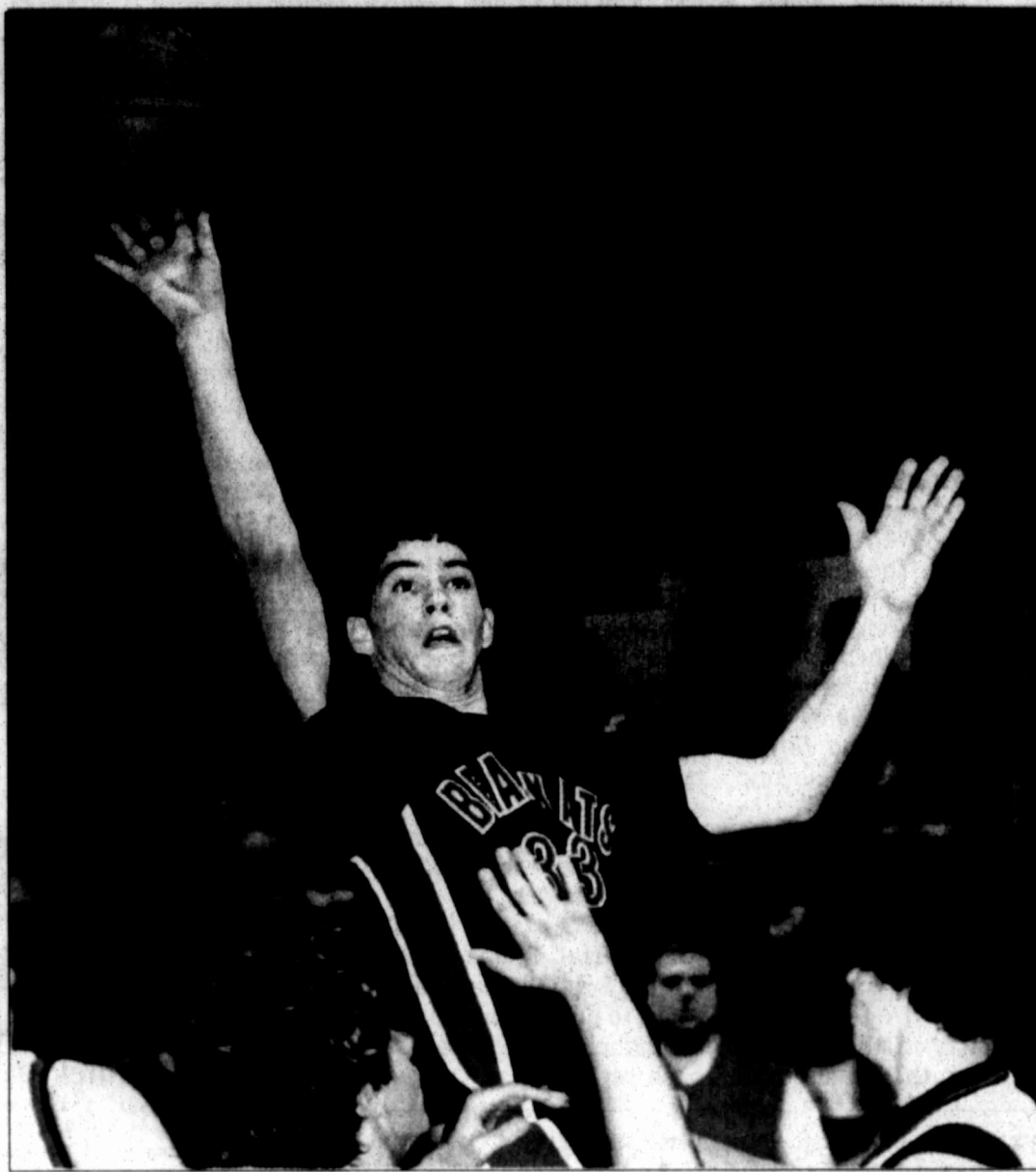


Boston Celtic great dies in Austin

Dennis Johnson, the star NBA guard who was part of three championship teams and combined with Larry Bird in one of the great postseason plays, died after collapsing at the end of practice. He was 52.

Johnson was coaching the Austin Toros of the NBA Development League

Garden City wins bi-district title



Taylor Nieheus skies for two of his team high 20-points in the Garden City playoff win over Ira Thursday night. The Bearkats will play Saturday night in Buena Vista at 6 p.m.

Bearkats rally for 5 point win

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

LAMESA — Taylor Nieheus and Bo Eggemeyer combined for 30-points to lead the Garden City Bearkats to a 49-44 bi-district win over the Ira Bulldogs Thursday night.

For most of the game the Bearkats looked like the best team on the court at the Lamesa Junior High Gym, but a large and vocal crowd supporting Ira and a second-quarter, 6-0 run by the Bulldogs made things interesting.

Trailing by as many as 13 points in the first half, Ira used a 6-0 run in the closing minutes and trimmed the deficit to 29-22 at intermission.

Heading to the locker rooms, Garden City's Nieheus led both teams in scoring with 17 points. He also managed to pulled down 5 rebounds as the Bearkats threatened to run away unless the Bulldogs could slow him down.

The Bulldogs more than slowed him down, they stopped him.

Ira changed its defensive strategy and used some outside shooting by senior Corbin Clements in the third quarter to get back in the game.

Clements converted four 3-pointers on the night and led the Bulldogs with 19 points.

"I was definitely getting some open looks in the first half," Nieheus, the Bearkats' regular season scoring leader (17.5 points per game) said. "I was taking the shots and I was making them, but in the second half they really tightened their defense and guarded me a lot better."

"My teammates stepped up and did their part tonight. It's not about one player — some guys rebound, some guys block shots, some guys play defense and some score. We're a team and we win by playing as a team."

Late in the third quarter, the Bearkats team appeared to be on the ropes and looked nothing like the team that started the game.

With less than a minute to play in the third, Clements connected from beyond the 3-point arc again and Ira enjoyed its

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Hawks blast New Mexico

By ERIC C. RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

The Howard College men's basketball team earned an 88-50 victory over visiting New Mexico Junior College Thursday night at the Dorothy Garret Coliseum, inching closer to qualifying for next month's Region V Tournament.

The Hawks have rattled off five straight wins with the most recent pair predicated on something familiar to Howard fans, a stifling defense similar to what led the Hawks to a 35-and-2 record and the NJCAA National Tournament a year ago.

"We would like to think we are getting back to playing defense like we did a year ago," head coach Mark Adams said. "We have so many new players that it's taken a while to sink in. (We've had) back-to-back games where we played as a team defensively and took a little more pride in our defense and took some charges and got on the floor."

New Mexico JC shot 50 percent from the field, but the Hawks

held the Thunderbirds to just a shot a minute as NMJC connected on 20-of-40 shots from the field. Howard's defense also forced 27 turnovers which converted into 38 points — the final margin of the game. Combine that with Howard shooting lights out, especially from beyond the arc. From long distance, the Hawks shot 61.1 percent, making 11 3-pointers. They were led by freshman guard Corey Allmond's 7-for-8 performance. Sean Watson was 2-for-2 and Catrell Currie and Terrence Hill each hit a trey.

"We really shot the ball well tonight. Winning is a lot easier when you shoot the ball well and it makes you play harder on defense," Adams said. "Corey (Allmond) had a great night. If we can keep him shooting that way and Sean (Watson) hits a couple of 3's, that will take some pressure off our inside guys and give us a much more balanced scoring attack going into the playoffs."

Allmond led the Hawks in scoring with 23 points. Watson added 17 and Brandon Sampay scored 13 for the only other Hawks in



Howard guard Terrence Hill looks to run the offense earlier in the season. The Hawks defeated New Mexico Junior College 88-50 Thursday night.

double figures. Also scoring for Howard were Benson Akpan, 9 points; Hill, 9; Rashard Ward, 4; Dejan Sencanski, 4; and Jacobi Jackson, 2. Michael Johnson

dished out seven assists and Hill had five. Sampay led the Hawks with six rebounds.

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Longhorns start spring drills with gaps to fill

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Coming off a disappointing 10-3 finish, Texas begins spring practice Friday trying to shore up a defense that gave up too many big plays as the Longhorns fell to third in the Big 12.

Texas lost five starters — three defensive backs and two pass rushing ends — from a unit that ranked among the best in the country against the run but among the worst against the pass.

Coach Mack Brown hired a new defensive co-coordinator, Larry Mac Duff, to work with longtime assistant Duane Akina. They will try to break in a talented but inexperienced group of new starters.

Although Mac Duff will be the third co-coordinator on Brown's staff in four years, he and Akina were assistants together at Arizona and scripted the Wildcats' dominating "Desert Swarm" defenses.

The Longhorns lost Thorpe Award winner Aaron Ross and Tarell Brown at cornerback and Michael Griffin at safety. That leaves only Griffin's brother Michael as a returning starter at strong safety. Brown has stockpiled talented recruits at defensive back in recent years but is still waiting to see what they can do on the field.

"We've got one secondary guy who has real experience," Brown said. "The rest of them are all puppies."

On the line, the Longhorns lost senior ends Tim Crowder and Brian Robison, who had combined for 83 career starts. It's a similar situation on the other side of the ball, where Texas lost senior starters Justin Blalock, Lyle Sendlein and Kasey Studdard.

"We've got a lot of questions we've got to answer," Brown said.

Even at quarterback.

Colt McCoy's job isn't in jeopardy, but Texas needs freshmen Sherrrod Harris or

John Chiles to become a legitimate backup.

McCoy set an NCAA freshman record with 29 touchdown passes last season but left Texas perilously thin at QB when he was hurt in the last two games of the regular season, both losses to Kansas State and Texas A&M. He returned to lead Texas to an Alamo Bowl victory over Iowa.

Harris signed in 2006 and redshirted last season while running the scout teams. Chiles signed earlier this month but has enrolled in school and is eligible for spring drills.

Texas signed another quarterback, Gilmer's G.J. Kinne Jr., but he is still in high school and won't on campus until this summer.

Brown said he's also looking for a solid No. 2 running back behind Jamaal Charles, who led the team with 831 yards but struggled to stay on the field with nagging injuries.

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Mavericks keep Heat down without Wade

By DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — With Dwyane Wade out of the lineup, the Dallas Mavericks took all the suspense out of their NBA finals rematch with the Miami Heat.

Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and 11 rebounds and the Mavericks took advantage of Wade's absence to beat the Heat 112-100 on Thursday night for their 10th straight victory.

Miami was playing in Dallas for the first time since winning the NBA title last June. Wade, who averaged nearly 35 points in that series and was the finals MVP, is considering season-ending surgery after dislocating his left shoulder

Wednesday night in a loss in Houston.

The Mavericks turned the game into an early rout as they jumped to a 23-point halftime lead and led by as much as 32 in the fourth quarter.

"We've got to forget about it," Miami coach Pat Riley said of playing without Wade. "You get shocked a lot of times. We're big boys. We're professionals. They've been waiting for this game and we didn't respond well to the adversity."

The Mavericks have won 31 of 33 and became just the fourth team in NBA history to have three winning streaks of at least 10 games.

Jason Terry scored 16 points in the second quarter and all 21 of his

points in the first half.

Dallas shot 60 percent through three quarters as it led 93-63. The Heat rallied in the fourth as it got within 10 in the game's final two minutes.

"We were really feeling good about ourselves for three quarters," Terry said. "You can't let down your guard. "You have to come out and finish them off."

Dallas' Jerry Stackhouse had 18 points and Devin Harris added 17.

Shaquille O'Neal, playing his 10th game since returning from a knee injury, had 17 points and eight rebounds for the Heat. James Posey also had 17 points, and Jason Williams added 13.

HAWKS

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With the win, Howard improves to 22-6 overall and 9-5 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

The Hawks are three games behind league-leader South Plains College (23-5, 12-2) and two games back of second place Midland College (21-7, 11-3).

Howard is currently in fourth place, behind Frank Phillips College by a game-and-a-half, but holds that same 1 1/2 game lead over Odessa College (19-8, 7-6) which won at Clarendon College Thursday night, 77-76.

The top four teams will advance to the Regional V tournament which will be held March 9, through March 11, in Belton.

According to Coach Adams, the Hawks have to keep winning as the battle with Odessa for the fourth and final playoff spot will go down to the wire.

"We're pleased with the effort we saw tonight," Adams explained after the Hawks win. "It's still touch and go and we've got to take care of business."

Howard College women's team will tip-off at 5 p.m. against Clarendon College (12-15, 1-12 conference).

The Hawks men's team will host Clarendon College (6-21, 2-11) Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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KATS

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first lead of the game, 36-34. On the ensuing possession the Bearkats turned the ball over and the Bulldog faithful erupted with cheers.

The Bulldogs held the lead at the end of the third and for the first half of the final period, but when Eric Hirt (8 points) floated a 3-pointer from the left side of the arc that hit nothing but net, Garden City had recaptured the lead by two, 39-37.

Down the stretch Hirt was removed from the game, for defensive purposes according to the

coaching staff, and Eggemeyer reentered.

"It was a defensive substitute on my part," Bearkats coach Koby Abney said of the decision to remove the sharpshooting Hirt. "Maybe I should just pretend that I really knew what I was doing when I made that change."

Eggemeyer had 2 points in the first 16 minutes of the game, but over the final four the junior scored 8 to lead the Bearkats to the next round.

"I was on the bench and I got plenty of rest," Eggemeyer said from inside the winning locker room afterward. "The

game was close and I came in during clutch time. It's not really fun if you're winning the whole game anyways — tonight was fun. We're a little closer to the regional tournament and a little closer to state. That was our goal tonight."

Niehues finished with 20-points to lead the Bearkats, but the senior had only 3 in the second half.

"We tend to lean on Taylor and Evan (Jansa) and everyone knows that," Coach Abney explained, "but Bo just has a knack for making big plays. It doesn't matter if it's on the football field or the basketball

court — he's just a player who shines when the lights are brightest. He's the most improved player this year and that's because of his defensive effort. He is not the best shooter, but he is a slasher and he can use his athletic ability to score. Looking back, it's no surprise that with the game on the line he went on the court and scored six straight points for us."

Those six points were the difference in a 5-point Bearkat victory.

Garden City will travel to Imperial Buena Vista High School Saturday night to play its next playoff game. Game time has been set for 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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Charles, a world class sprinter in track, has decided to skip the indoor season and won't run track until after spring football has finished.

Texas concludes spring drills with its team scrimmage March 31.

The other Big 12 schools in Texas will crank up spring drills next month.

The spring should be a good time to expand a run-first offense to finally include the arm of quar-

terback Stephen McGee, who passed for 101 touchdowns in high school but took a beating running the option last season.

— Texas Tech has a returning quarterback for the first time since 2001. But the Red Raiders need to shore up an offensive

line to give Graham Harrell more time to throw, throw and throw some more.

Tech's spring drills run from March 21-April 14.

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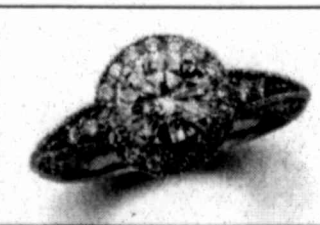
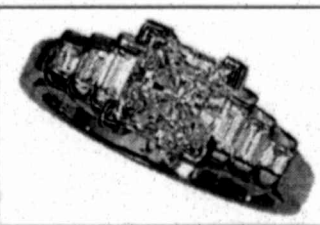
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Must reside in Howard, Martin, or Glasscock County or be willing to relocate. Resumes due Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 118th District CSCD, 315 Main, Suite B, P.O. Box 1951, Big Spring, TX 79721-1951. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Legals

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether cotton growers shall continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. This referendum will be the final referendum on continuation for the Permian Basin Zone. However, Texas Agriculture Code, §74.112 (f), provides that if 30 percent or more of eligible cotton growers in a zone present to the commissioner a petition calling for a referendum of the qualified voters on the proposition of discontinuing the program, the commissioner shall conduct a referendum for that purpose.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glascock County line.

Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by March 20, 2007. All ballots cast by mail must be post-marked no later than April 12, 2007, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in the year 2006 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election.

A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm.

Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election that resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by March 12, 2007, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-7553. #5255 February 23 & March 1 & 8, 2007

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The recent movement of romantically inclined Venus into Aries puts the planet into a deliciously coquettish mood. This is a frisky weekend, filled with opportunities to feel attractive and attracted. It's nearly the same thing, isn't it? The person you find most interesting is the one who is genuinely fascinated with you.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The psychological wounds that your parents have been unable to heal in their lifetime have been passed to you for healing. And you'll do it, too. Today's step is only the beginning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's challenging to end things now. Conversations babble on, details of projects seem to linger and dishes sit dirty in the sink. Perhaps you're resisting what's coming up next — but there's nothing to fear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Nobody is perfect. It's especially apparent when you try to connect with others on a deep emotional level without getting hurt. Still, there will be plenty of takers for the lopsided love you offer up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Why leave well enough alone when "well enough" isn't nearly good enough for you? By employing your stellar intuition, you'll figure out how to move mediocrity into excellence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a tendency to over-think things, and this could cause you to hesitate or procrastinate with what you need to do. Don't get it right, just get it done. You're brilliant once you dive in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Don't shy away from weird scenes. The weirder, the better. You could find your next love, a true friend or an employee among a peculiar mix of people. Aquarius or Aries people are lucky for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's not a single thing to be gained from skepticism now. Go forward in a relationship, giving better than the benefit of the doubt — forget about the doubt entirely and just give the benefit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're as open and receptive as a sponge. So get next to those you'd like to learn something from, even if it costs money. Invest in yourself. Education will mold, stretch and train your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone seems to have an opinion about what you're doing. Oddly, it's delivered as if it were nothing personal. You have feelings just like everyone else! Stand up for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Resist the temptation to share your work in progress with others. Later, you can get the feedback you need to improve. But for now, your newborn "baby" needs your protection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The best thing for your mood is a fresh new friendship. You get a window into how others live. Artistic individuals are especially interesting to you now, and you could be inspired to create an homage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're on the verge of pulling off something incredible. You can do this. You only need to dedicate a block of time to it on a consistent basis. Motor on.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST **ARIES:** You're willing to travel to share your heart. **TAURUS:** Even the oldest story in the book sounds

new when someone you're interested in is telling it. **GEMINI:** Don't let the fear of being wrong keep you from knowing that you're right. **CANCER:** To be dependent on others is a disguised blessing. You let down your guard and are well taken care of. **LEO:** Planets set your social life abuzz — you flicker and flit from person to person, sharing your effervescent affection to person, sharing your effervescent affection.

VIRGO: When you're not looking for love, it finds you. **LIBRA:** You'll experience echoes of past love in a new relationship. **SCORPIO:** You love without worrying about how it'll come back to you. **SAGITTARIUS:** The most romantic thing you can share is play. So remain playful, even while engaged in a mundane or serious process. **CAPRICORN:** Accept gifts only if you really can accept the affection of the giver. **AQUARIUS:** A relationship is transforming, but don't worry, it gets stronger as it grows.

PISCES: Try not to mistake a loved one's comments for criticism. In their noise, overbearing way, they're attempting to love you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the sun in their sign, Pisces people are emboldened to go for their desires. While Pisces is in the process of cooking up a recipe for love, he or she could go knocking on a zodiac neighbor's door to borrow a little sugar. Both Aries and Aquarius are receptive to requests, but Aquarius is the more enthusiastic of the two. The connection that Pisces and Aquarius share is sweet indeed!

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am in my early 20s and married to a great guy, and we have a beautiful son. The problem is my parents. They need to control every aspect of my life when it comes to my child. I understand it's their first grandchild, but they over-react.

Every time my son comes down with a cold or a sniffle, they blame me. They question why I take my son to a friend's house to play. I have tried to talk to my parents, but they yell and accuse me of being a bad mother. They have even threatened to call Social Services. I am only human and try to learn from my mistakes, but they won't give me a chance. Any advice? — Tired Daughter

Dear Tired: You and your husband need to present a united front to your parents, making it perfectly clear that you love and respect them, but their extreme level of interference will not be tolerated, and if they cannot be more supportive grandparents, their time with their grandson will be limited. If they are concerned about your ability to parent (or if you think they could be right), it might reassure everyone if you take some parenting classes at your local YMCA (ymca.org).

Dear Annie: About 18 years ago, I married my husband. I was 40, he was 57. From the start, his two adult sons from his previous marriage resented me. It was apparent they would never call me "Mom," but I was at least hoping for "Stepmom." Instead, they call me by my first name. And refer-



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

ring to me as "Dad's wife" left me a little shaken and rejected.

I did hope to someday be "Grandma," but shortly after the first grandchild was born, our daughter-in-law became upset with something I did. She left her husband, went to her mother's, and refused to return unless her husband promised never to see his father again. She won. My husband saw his grandson for the first time at his high school graduation last June.

Now the other daughter-in-law is pregnant. I'm sure I'll be referred to as "Grandpa's wife," aka Mrs. Unimportant. Furthermore, she told my husband the news over the phone, then left it up to my husband to tell me. I thought she should have told us both together. They know we have multiple phones, and I was home.

Calling me "Grandpa's wife" seems a very subtle way of continuing to distance me from the family. Is it unreasonable for me to want to be called Grandma? If I'm being too sensitive, I want to know. — California Stepmom

Dear Stepmom: You are both too sensitive and too demanding. You didn't raise these children, and it is perfectly proper for them to address you by your first name. They won't call you "Grandma," but don't worry, toddlers tend to come up with their own titles. And no one should have to call each member of a couple when announcing a pregnancy. Phoning Dad was sufficient.

Don't look for reasons to be offended. Marrying someone's father does not automatically confer closeness. Accept that these children consider you "Dad's wife," and don't press for more. The new baby will find its own name for you. When you back off, graciously, things may become easier.

Dear Annie: I can relate to the letter from "Warcraft Widow," whose husband is an online game addict. I used to spend two or three hours or more per night playing Final Fantasy on my PS2. My wife used to nag me every night to stop.

When I realized I was hurting our marriage and neglecting my son, I decided to quit playing and devote my time to our family and my health. With the extra time, I joined a gym and lost 35 pounds, and I gotta tell you, our marriage couldn't be better. — S. in L.A.

Dear S.: Those are great words of encouragement, and we hope addicted gamers will recognize themselves and be inspired.
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FRIDAY

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	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	Science Fic.
6:30 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Dueto de Pasiones	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	Vida de Blanco	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Man vs. Wild (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Hotwyred	Han, Montana Zack & Cody	Kickboxing	NBA	Stargate SG-1 (CC)
7:30 PM	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	La Fea Mas Bella	Nanny 911 (CC)	Ghost Whisperer	Marina	1 vs. 100 (CC)	Movie: Jurassic	Update/Israel Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Movie: Cool Hand Luke	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	Movie: Tupac Shakur: Thug Angel (CC)	Movie: The Lizzie McGuire Movie (CC)	Han, Montana Cory in House	Kickboxing	NBA Basketball: Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls (CC)	Special Unit 2 (CC)
8:30 PM	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Mundo de Fieras	Trading Spouses	Close to Home (CC)	Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa	Las Vegas (CC)		Light of the Southwest	Balroom Chall	Man vs. Wild (CC)		Pros vs. Joes (CC)	Movie: Payback (CC)	Comoview (CC)	Movie (CC)	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Wizards at Chicago Bulls (CC)	Special Unit 2 (CC)
9:30 PM	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	NUMB3RS (CC)	Decisiones de Famosos	Law & Order (CC)	10 Movie: Demotion		Water's Journey	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Movie: Charlie Rose (CC)	Pros vs. Joes (CC)	Movie: Payback (CC)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx (CC)	The Lizzie McGuire Movie (CC)	SportsCenter NFL Live	Basketball: Utah Jazz at Stargate SG-1 (CC)	Special Unit 2 (CC)
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noti-Telemundo Boxeo	News Tonight Show	Man (CC) (DVS)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Stunt Junkees Stunt Junkees (CC)	Disorderly Con.	Movie: Get Carter (CC)	In Living Color (CC)	Kim Possible Proud Family Sister, Sister (CC)	SportsCenter NFL Live	Denver Nuggets	Stargate SG-1 (CC)	
11:30 PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Incognito	King of the Hill Malcolm-Md.	Late Show	Telemundo	Late Night	15 Movie: Jurassic Park III (CC)	Global Force In-Crosshairs	Sign Off	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Wild World MXC	Movie: Game Head Inside the UFC	In Living Color (CC)	BET After Dark	Proud Family Sister, Sister (CC)	NASCAR Now Kickboxing	SportsCenter (CC)	John Doe (CC)
12:30 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Mercury Media	Guerrea y Algo	Malcolm-Md. My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Saba Ustet Programa	Conan O'Brien Apex		Update/Israel CCM Ministries		Man vs. Wild (CC)	Movie: Carrie							

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"IT'S NOT EASY BEIN' A KID. I GUESS THAT'S WHY PEOPLE BECOME GROWN-UPS."

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Do caterpillars know they're going to be butterflies, or does God surprise them?"

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2007. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23, 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag. (Actually, there were two flag-raising ceremonies that day — the second was the one captured in the famous Associated Press photograph taken by Joe Rosenthal.)

On this date:

In 1633, English diarist Samuel Pepys was born in London.

In 1822, Boston was granted a charter to incorporate as a city.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio.

In 1847, U.S. troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican General Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista in Mexico.

Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 45. Country singer Dusty Drake is 43. Actress Kristin Davis is 42. Tennis player Helena Sukova is 42. Actor Marc Price is 39. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 36. Country singer Steve Holy is 35. Rock musician Lasse Johansson (The Cardigans) is 34. Actress Dakota Fanning is 13.

Thought for Today: "Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best in him, to teach him to love what is difficult." — Nadia Boulanger, French composer and teacher (1887-1979).

One year ago: The snow-covered roof of a Moscow market collapsed, killing 66 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Fonda is 67. Author John Sandford is 63. Singer-musician Johnny Winter is 63. Country-rock musician Rusty Young is 61. Actress Patricia Richardson is 56. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 55. Singer Howard Jones is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle

MASS	PATH	SCUBA
ECHO	ALOE	PANES
COED	ROAN	AIDES
CREAM	OF THE	CROP
ANT	ALT	OXEN
TIRE	HITS	DAM
OMANI	SOSO	SAGA
PICK	OF THE	LITTER
TREY	LAOS	READY
SAD	BATS	SAW
SAKI	ACT	MAG
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RURAL	NILE	INTO
ALIVE	EDAM	TOES
FLEET	DOSE	ERRS

Newsday Crossword

HARBOR DAY by Raymond Hamel

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS
- 1 Ottoman neighbor
 - 6 Foot part
 - 10 Harry Potter need
 - 14 Norwegian figure skater
 - 15 Sonoma County neighbor
 - 16 Pancake topper
 - 17 Dental fix
 - 20 Golf-club part
 - 21 Letters on some jets
 - 22 Its movement frightened Macbeth
 - 23 King's network
 - 24 Skirmish
 - 25 Old recording device
 - 30 HUD loan source
 - 33 Vase-shaped pitchers
 - 34 Aussie hoppers
 - 35 "There oughta be ___"
 - 36 Expose
 - 37 Stabilizing strip
 - 38 Old Italian money
 - 39 Ring results
 - 40 Source of pressure, perhaps
 - 41 Dogs' burdens
 - 42 Peeve
 - 43 Love unrequitedly
 - 45 "Holy cow!"
 - 46 Outburst
 - 47 Seinfeld or Newhart
 - 50 Bit of legalese
 - 52 Female abbit
 - 55 Theme of the puzzle

- DOWN
- 1 Parisian pet
 - 2 Decorated one
 - 3 Pot starter
 - 4 Roman trio
 - 5 Money back
 - 6 Ancient Peruvian
 - 7 Artless one
 - 8 Tax advisor: Abbr.
 - 9 Short musical break
 - 10 Anxiety
 - 11 Lotion additive
 - 12 Word
 - 13 Elvis Presley tune of '58
 - 18 First word of "Send in the Clowns"
 - 19 Varnish layer
 - 23 Dwarf planet
 - 24 Like bakers' hands
 - 25 Computerless Internet device
 - 26 Up
 - 27 Canon competitor
 - 28 Major road
 - 29 Crop pest
 - 30 Circular
 - 31 Cucumber starter
 - 32 Overflowing
 - 35 Fusion of metals
 - 37 They send a lot of mail
 - 41 Lit quickly
 - 43 Mao colleague
 - 44 Play opener
 - 45 Largish jazz combo
 - 47 Grounded planes
 - 48 Words that follow pass or pour
 - 49 Hulot portrayer
 - 50 Hairdo with a pick
 - 51 Cabbage side
 - 52 First Bond film
 - 53 Andy Griffith Show character
 - 54 Loser's weepers?
 - 56 Bran source
 - 57 Mess up

