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House fire takes life

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 A structure fire during the early morning hours today in the 600 block of N.W. Fifth Street claimed the life of an unidentified person. Law enforcement officials are working to establish the cause of death and identity of the victim.
 According to Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray, the victim — believed to be an adult male — was discovered inside the home, located at 603 N.W. Fifth St., just minutes after firefighters arrived on the scene.

"The house was fully involved," Condray said. "There were high winds coming out of the south and the order was given to evacuate the home located across the street as a precaution. Approximately 10 minutes after arriving on the scene, firefighters discovered the victim in a second room that was fully involved."
 "The victim was pronounced dead at the scene of the fire by Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman. The home where the fire occurred is a single occupant home, but we haven't been able to establish
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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 This home in the 600 block of N.W. Fifth Street was the scene of a fire that broke out shortly after midnight today. One person was killed in the blaze.

Region bound

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Howard County school districts will be well-represented at University Interscholastic League regional academic meets this weekend.
 Big Spring High School, which won the District 5-3A academic meet held earlier this month, will send several students to the Region I-3A meet at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.
 BSHS individual qualifiers for the meet are:
 • Editorial writing — Katelyn Ignezi, Kenan Lewis and Ricky Shubert.
 • Feature writing — Shubert.
 • Computer applications — Charles Anderson.
 • Headline writing — Shubert.
 • Informative speaking — Shiloh Creswell.
 • Lincoln-Douglas Debate — Shermila Kher.
 • Literary criticism — Lacy McMurtrey.
 • News writing — Shubert and Ignezi.
 • Persuasive speaking — Kher and Seth Trevino.
 • Poetry interpretation — Belle Guillory.
 • Prose interpretation — McMurtrey and Trevino.
 • Ready writing — Connor Furqueron.
 • Chemistry — Furqueron.
 • Science — Furqueron.
 In addition, BSHS's one-act play ensemble has qualified for the regional meet.
 Forsan High School will send its District 3-2A champion academic team to the Region I-2A meet in Abilene. FHS individual qualifiers are:
 • Accounting — Ali Knight and Alex Park.
 • Calculator applications

Relay on the way

Annual fundraiser set Friday at Blankenship Field

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer
 Put on your purple and head to Blankenship Field this weekend. Howard and Glasscock County Relay For Life 2012 will take place from

7:30 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday.
 Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Registered individuals will receive T-shirts and a \$5 dinner coupon to be used at any of the team

food vendors. The coupons are sponsored by the Hodnett Family in honor of Butch Hodnett.
 Opening ceremonies will take place at 7:30 p.m. and the official first lap — the Survi-

vors Lap — will take place at 8 p.m. A survivor's reception will follow under the event tent.
 "I encourage all cancer
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Chamber focuses on membership

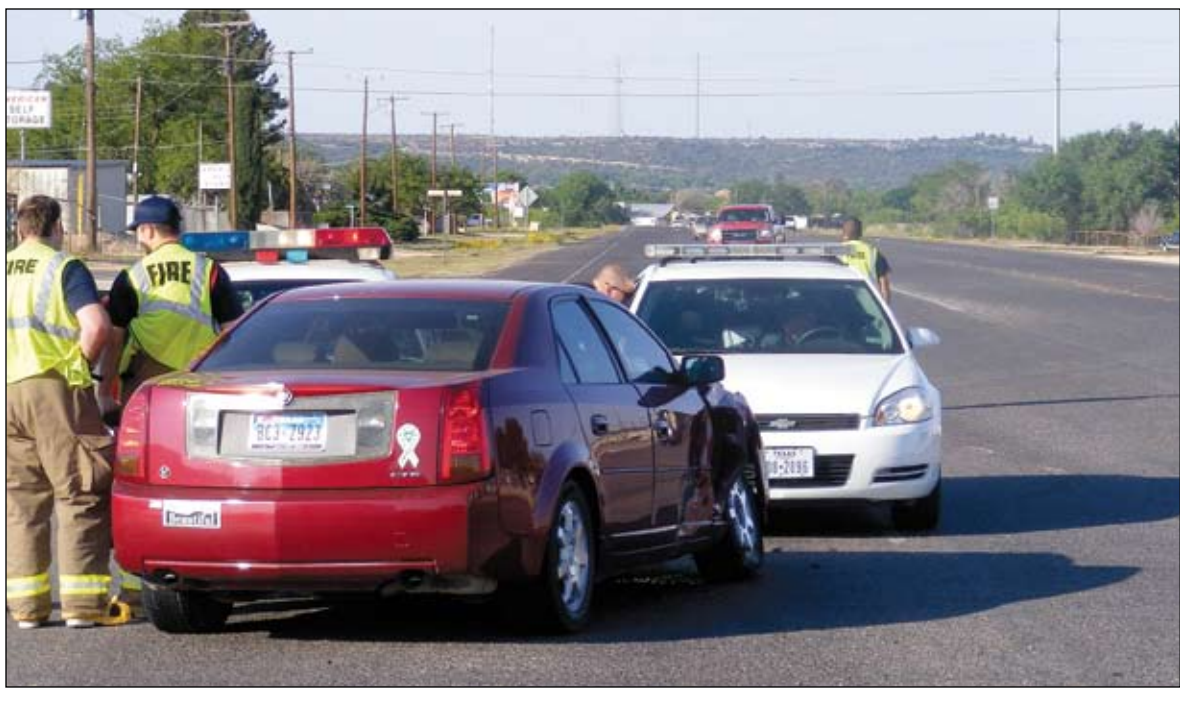
By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer
 Membership and upcoming events topped the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce meeting for April.
 "Membership is an important part. Our members are the backbone of the

chamber," Chamber President Jan Foresyth said.
 No new members were up for approval at this month's meeting, but packets have been distributed for the recruitment of new members. One of the new resources for Chamber members and the community is a newly designed

website, expected to be up and running by June. The website will be designed to provide chamber member information, a directory of chamber members, a list of upcoming events and more.
 As part of the president's report,
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Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 11th Place and FM 700 shortly before 9 a.m. today. No injury information was available at press time.



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Obituaries

Edward 'Eddie' Rodriguez



Edward "Eddie" Rodriguez, 56, of Big Spring died Monday, April 16, 2012, at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. Vigil services will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully officiating.

Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 21, 1956, in Dallas, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a catholic. He had been a welder for 40 years and was employed by SAGA Petroleum.

He is survived by his wife, Netha Rodriguez of Big Spring; four sons, Jason Rodriguez and wife Jennifer and Joseph Rodriguez and wife Christy, all of California, and Daniel Rodriguez and wife Crissy and Matthew Rodriguez and wife Maggie, all of Big Spring; father, Concepcion Rodriguez of Big Spring; four sisters, Manuela Hernandez and husband Arnulfo of Coahoma, Anita Gaitan and husband Agustin and Martha Rubio and husband Gilbert, all of Big Spring, and Carla Martinez and husband Robert of San Antonio; four brothers, Pete Rodriguez and wife Debra of San Antonio, John Rodriguez and wife Yolanda of Lawton, Okla., Joe Rodriguez of Big Spring, and George Rodriguez of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren, Carmen Alyssa Rodriguez and Ian Jay Rodriguez; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carlota Rodriguez; and one nephew, Justin Hernandez.

Pallbearers will be Jason Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez, Daniel Rodriguez, Matthew Rodriguez, Phillip Rubio and Richard Thurman.

"My precious husband left this world much too soon. He leaves behind many sorrowful people with wounds that we will carry forever. We rejoice in the fact that he is no longer in pain and that he will live forever with our father in heaven and in our hearts."

"I think God needed some high quality welding work done on the pearly gates and dad was the best man for the job."

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

Paid obituary

Dan Whitaker



Dan Whitaker, 71, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in a local hospital. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, April 20, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 25, 1940, in Littlefield, Texas. He farmed and ranched in the Vincent Community until 1980, when he moved to Nashville, Tenn. He returned to

Big Spring in 2007.

Survivors include two daughters, Stacey Childers and husband Jeff and Lori Massingill and husband Jim, all of Big Spring; one son, Joe Dan Whitaker II and wife Cheryl of Big Spring; one brother, Jim Whitaker of Austin; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Franklin Whitaker and Dorothy Estene Slaton Whitaker.

The family suggests memorials be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4110 17th St, Apt. 503, Lubbock, Texas, 79416.

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

Eunice Choate

Eunice Choate of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ruben Earl Steadmon

Ruben Earl Steadmon, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Amos Johnson

Amos Johnson, 82, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- DAVID ALEGRIA, 27, of Corpus Christi, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- FRANK FIERRO JR., 64, of 603 N.W. Fifth St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTINA FUENTES, 32, of 2518 Albrook Circle, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ, 19, of 410 S. Aylesford, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- MARTIN DOMINGUEZ, 24, of 406 E. 10th St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- THEODORE RIOS, 42, of 713 Lorilla, was arrested Wednesday on charges of disorderly conduct – language, public intoxication and driving while license invalid.
- JOSHUA LYNN THOMPSON, 24, of 800 Pine St., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for assault by contact and criminal mischief.
- NOEL FIGURA NOYOLA, 51, of 7351 FM 1205 in Coahoma, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- CHRISTOPHER DAVID GONZALES, 37, of 2811 W. Loop 250 Apt. 704 in Midland, was arrested Wednesday on five warrants from other agencies.
- LYDIA MARIE HERNADEZ, 18, of 1519 Wood St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for juvenile curfew violation (three counts) and assault by contact.
- PETE MANUEL YANEZ, 27, of 116 E. Robinson Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/20	Sat 4/21	Sun 4/22	Mon 4/23	Tue 4/24
76/49 Partly cloudy and windy. High 76F. Winds NNE at 25 to 35 mph.	82/49 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	88/57 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	91/60 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	94/62 Windy with sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- CHRISTINA L. FUENTES, 32, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a revocation of probation/sentence for theft.
- MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ, 19, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of minor consuming alcohol.
- CHRISTOPHER GONZALES, 37, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, driving while license invalid (two counts), violation of a promise to appear and no safety belt.
- MARTIN DOMINGUEZ, 24, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- NOEL FIGUEROA NOYOLA, 51, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- SHEREDA SHANTE MINTZ, 17, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- JOSHUA LYNN THOMPSON, 24, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for assault – physical contact and criminal mischief.
- THEODORE E. RIOS, 42, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct – language, public intoxication and no driver's license.
- LYDIA MARIE HERNADEZ, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on municipal capias warrants for curfew violations (three counts) and assault – physical contact.
- PETE MANUEL YANEZ, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Fifth Street.

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Take Note

• Coahoma Choir Kids Spring Concert will be held Thursday in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. It will be repeated for the elementary school the following morning at 9. Admission is free.

• Christian Women's Job Corps is hosting a tea party and open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Members of the community are invited and encouraged to bring their favorite tea cup if they have one. The tea party will be at Spring of Siloam CWJC, located at 1208 Frazier St.

• American Legion Post 506 is hosting a fish fry Saturday.

Plates are \$10 each and delivery is available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Fish will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Carryout is also available. The post is located at 3203 W. Hwy. 80. Call in your order at 263-2084.

• The Lone Star District will be holding its Spring School Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 26 in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.

• An account has been opened at the Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union for Orlando and Jessica Olague who lost their home last Tuesday in the tornado

that hit Arlington, Texas. They have two small children, Bella and Eli. They were born and raised in Big Spring where their parents and family still reside. The account is under the name of Jessica Sanchez Olague and any help is appreciated. God bless.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14.

She is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

DEATH

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the identity of the occupant at this time."

Condray said the fire is currently under investigation, but all evidence at this time points to an accidental ignition.

"It appears the fire started accidentally, most likely from smoking material," Condray said. "No other homes in the area were damaged as a result of the fire and no firefighters were injured while fighting the fire. The

guys really did a tremendous job. The home was fully involved when they got here, and, even after all of that, it's still standing. They did a good job."

According to Wiseman, the victim's body is being transported to South Plains Forensic Pathology in Lubbock for autopsy.

"They will try to establish identity, along with cause of death," Wiseman said.

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

RELAY

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survivors to come out and take that first lap with me," Debbye ValVerde, Hero of Hope 2012, said. "A cancer survivor is anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer, whether it was yesterday, today or five years ago. I challenge all of them to come out and take that first lap with me."

Throughout the evening, there will be various events taking place

under the event tent and on the field. Several Olympics-type games to go along with the theme "Just Relay," will be sponsored by the different teams. Traditional events will also take place.

"The overwhelming feeling that is felt when survivors take that first lap with the community standing on the sidelines cheering them on is indescribable," ValVerde said. "It gives you a feeling that makes you want to fight even harder against cancer."

Another traditional part of relay will continue this year with the luminaria ceremony. For those who haven't purchased luminarias yet, purchases can be made in honor or in memory of someone until the ceremony begins at 10 p.m. Each luminaria can be paid for with a donation.

"We are out there to show support for those affected by cancer and bring hope to those who have lost someone or are fighting cancer themselves," Manny Negrón,

Relay chairman, said. "We want to encourage any and all survivors to come out and experience the feeling of Relay. They will find support and inner healing throughout the night."

"My purpose at Relay this year is to hear as many stories from our survivors as I possibly can. I want to hear their stories because I know there are a lot of them out there and they need to be told," Negrón said.

Survivors who missed registration online may register on site. All sur-

vivors are encouraged to fill out the information cards so they can receive information for next year's Relay.

Plenty of food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

There will be security at Blankenship Field during the all-night event and a sweep will take place, clearing out all those who do not have a wristband. The bands will be distributed before the luminaria service.

"We want to encourage everyone to stay

all night, take part in the activities and get involved, but we want to know who is there, which is the purpose for the wristband," Negrón said. "Come ready to have a good time and celebrate, fight and remember."

For more information, call Negrón at 816-9464.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

CHAMBER

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Foresyth informed the board of the State of the Community series event date change. The second part of the series will be held June 26 and will focus on education.

"This is important and worth all the time and effort everyone is putting into it," Foresyth said. "After hearing all the feedback from the community in regards to the first part of the series this year, it is proving to be a real benefit."

The community can

also take advantage of an upcoming job fair — Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. The fair is a partnership between various entities — SWCID, Big Spring Area Chamber, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, CAAG, Workforce Solutions Permian Basin and Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

"At this point there are 16 employers participating, but we are still asking more to take part," said Sylvia Miramontes,

office manager at Workforce Solutions Permian Basin. "There is no cost to the employer or the job-seeker and it provides an opportunity for businesses to tell what they do and job-seekers to see what the community has to offer."

Other upcoming events include an April 25 ribbon cutting for Big Spring Health Food Store at 2:30 p.m.

April 26, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an open house at 2 p.m.

May 3, Business After Hours will be held at

McMahon-Wrinkle Industrial Airpark from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

May 10, Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host a ribbon cutting and open house. Those attending will be able to view the remodeled women's center and new mammogram equipment.

June 26, the second part of the State of the Community Series — focusing on education — will take place at Howard College.

To find out more about upcoming chamber events or how to become a member, contact the

chamber office at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Edward "Eddie" Rodriguez, 56, died Monday. Vigil Services will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.
Amos Johnson, 82, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

REGION

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— Sydney Holdampf.

• Current issues — Braden Miles.

• Editorial writing — Chandler Freeman and Sarah Baker.

• Feature writing — Sassy Farmer.

• Headline writing — Trevin Cherry and Jansen McDonald.

• Lincoln-Douglas debate — Courtney Blair.

• Literary criticism — Kiowa Spears.

• Mathematics — Brady Gartman.

• Number sense — Holdampf and Gartman.

• Poetry interpretation — Hope Cimino.

• Prose interpretation — Autumn Alton.

• Science — Gartman.

• Physics — Gartman.

• Spelling and vocabulary — Tommy Dawson.

Coahoma High School also will send a student to the Region I-2A meet — senior Kristina Skiles in informative speaking.

The top three finishers in each individual category advance to the UIL state academic meet later this year in Austin.

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By Eddy Pitchford

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When we consider daily life, we appreciate the imagery of Galatians 6:7, "Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." We cannot plant impure thoughts, ignore impure attitudes, rationalize impure behavior and expect to reap purity.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Looking for: Job seekers

Calling all potential employees! Workforce Solutions Permian Basin and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf are teaming up for the second time in order to bring job seekers and employers together under one roof.

Other major sponsors include Communication Access Ability Group (CAAG), Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

The second annual job fair will take place Tuesday in the activity center from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The space is set to hold 40 employers who will be on hand to answer any questions about their company, job opportunities and possibly perform interviews on the spot.

Last year 28 businesses participated in the job fair and 150 job seekers came out to see the employment opportunities offered in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan.

One of the requirements for the job fair is all participating businesses are local and therefore providing jobs for the community residents.

An added bonus for employers will be the lunch and learn scheduled from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. During the luncheon, employers will hear from three speakers; representatives from Leading EDG, CAAG and Workforce Development Board will be speaking about tools and services provided for employers.

Local employers are still being sought to take part in the job fair. Reservations for a table can be made by calling, 263-8373, Monday through Friday.

Job seekers are encouraged to bring their friends or family members who are looking for employment in the community.

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:

- In person at 710 Scurry St.
- By telephone at 263-7331
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- By e-mail Managing Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com.
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we get to know You, Lord, and wear
Your love out on our sleeve for all to see.

Amen

No matter the violation a strip search is considered legal now

The radical conservative majority of the Supreme Court delivered yet another bizarre opinion the other week.

It ruled that police and jail officials can strip search anyone arrested for anything, no matter how minor the violation or how outstanding the suspect.

In doing so it agreed with the rulings of lower courts that have found strip searches legal after arrests for violating leash laws, driving without a license, falling behind in child support payments, failing to use a turn signal, or (my favorite) riding a bicycle without an audible bell.

Are these guys nuts?

Crime Watch, an OtherWords cartoon by Khalil Bendib.

The case that triggered the ruling involved a man who was a passenger in a car stopped for speeding. A background check revealed an unpaid fine on his record, so the cops took him to jail and forced him to take off his clothes, bend over, and the rest of it.

He spent the better part of the following week in jails, where he was strip-searched again, before police discovered that their information was wrong, that he'd long since paid the fine.

That was fine with the Four Horsemen (John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas) and their faithful companion Anthony Kennedy. Apparently, you can't

be too careful. That seems to be the paranoid Right's mantra.

Oh, by the way, did I mention that Albert Florence, the guy arrested — a finance manager for a New Jersey car dealership — was black?

The Court didn't seem to mention it either. It acted as though it hadn't mattered. I've got news for them.

Being black in this society always matters. Always.

I've been driving for some 60 years and I've never been pulled over by police in a random check. It happens to black men all the time, particularly to those who commit the crime of driving a nice car. To be black in our society excites the presumption of guilt.

Some people are still arguing over whether the shooting of black teenager Trayvon Martin had something to do with his race.

We'll never know what actually happened that February night in Sanford, Florida. We have the version of the shooter, George Zimmerman, who was finally jailed more than six weeks after the bullets went off. But Martin is, well...dead.

I must say, Zimmerman's story seems far-fetched. He asks us to believe that his sense of duty as a self-appointed Neighborhood Watch guard prompted him to follow Martin and confront him, despite a warning from a 911 dispatcher not to.

Then, he says, Martin jumped him as he was walking away, causing him to fear for his life. So he shot the kid. In self-defense.

That sounds like a dog-ate-my-homework alibi if I ever heard

one. Martin was a tall, skinny 17-year-old. Zimmerman's a 28-year-old man on the stocky side.

I don't know how it was in your neighborhood growing up, but in mine, tall skinny kids didn't go around committing unprovoked assaults on older, heavier guys. It just didn't happen.

Following the Feb. 26 shooting, the Sanford police released Zimmerman on the grounds that he was protected by Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law, which allows people who feel threatened to shoot their assailants. That's where racism really begins to rear its unlovely head.

Had the young black man been armed and, feeling threatened, turned and shot this hulking white stranger following him, do you imagine that the police would have let him go? In Florida?

If you think that, give my regards to the Tooth Fairy the next time you see her.

With or without Zimmerman's potentially racist motive, this kill-at-will statute is a monumentally stupid law. It raises every altercation — every bar fight, every fender bender — to the level of a potentially lethal encounter.

Whatever happened to the good old days when you could have a fist fight with someone without one of you ending up dead?

Remind me not to go to Florida the next time it gets cold up north.

And while you're at it, remind me to get the bell on my bicycle fixed.

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Belief in ourself is all that matters

Just the other night I had dinner with an old friend and I was reminded, even if only for a moment, of the abilities I have.

In our weakest moments we tend to forget just how important, valuable and talented we are.

Oftentimes it takes someone else to remind us of our true worth, even though we should never forget it.

He reminded me just how important the words I once compiled into stories and columns really were.

The words I wrote two years ago made an impact beyond what I ever could have imagined. Those words, which at the time I crafted very carefully and thoughtfully, in order to have them resonate with the readers. When I was starting out, each word I put down had a meaning behind it. There was a reason I wrote what I wrote the way I wrote it.

It was through that writing I was able to make an impact which brought me friends I never would have expected. Through that writing I found

connections and experiences I otherwise never would have had and I found a trust and respect from those who may never have known me otherwise.

When I first started writing there was no fear behind what I wrote. My columns consisted of personal experiences and lessons learned from the heartache, the joys and the tribulations. Each week I shared a moment of my life with people who I probably will never meet in my lifetime. Some people asked how I could be so personal and share such experiences and my answer was always the same, "I am not the only one going through this and I will not be the only one to ever go through this."

Our experiences shape the person we become. They prepare us for upcoming situations and put us in a place to offer assistance whether it be to someone we know and love or to a complete and utter stranger.

Upon moving to Big Spring my writing style slowly changed. My belief in myself started to fade and the ability to share my personal experiences was soon tainted and sadly, extinguished.

The flame I had found in the beginning slowly dwindled and before I knew it had burned out.

Writing is my release, always has been, but once that release

had been attacked it has been hard to get it back.

I find myself starting to write about my experiences. I want to put down the pain I have felt, the joys I felt along the way, but each time I stop myself and wonder will it even matter.

During dinner my friend told me he missed my writing. He missed reading those words that were so carefully placed. The words that put him in awe of someone he didn't even know.

I have had many people tell me they felt like they knew me simply by reading my writing. That was the goal; to make a connection with someone no matter the distance.

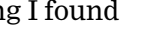
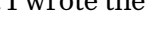
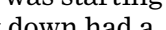
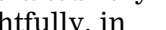
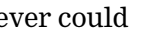
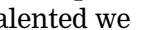
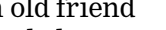
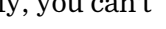
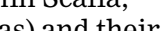
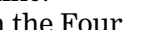
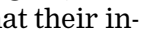
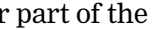
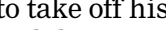
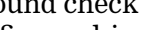
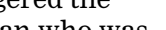
My words were at one time important because I believed in them and I know they could be important again if that belief could be found.

I am at the point of searching once again to find that importance I once held, the careful compilation of each story I put my name on. I know it can be found because I want to find it. The question is ... how long will it take before I let the discovery be made.

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DONALD KAUL



News in brief

Nurse accused in baby abduction to be in court

CONROE (AP) — A nurse who had suffered a miscarriage was desperate to find a child, so she went exactly where she knew she could find one: the suburban Houston clinic where she had taken her three children for checkups, authorities say.

But when Verna McClain went to the clinic this week, her choice of which child — and mother — to target appeared to have been made at random.

“There is nothing to indicate this was anything beyond planning further than” going to the clinic, Capt. Bruce Zenor of the Montgomery County sheriff’s office said.

McClain saw her chance when 28-year-old Kala Golden and her 3-day-old son, Keegan Schuchardt, left the clinic Tuesday afternoon after his first ever checkup. McClain is accused of shooting Golden multiple times in the clinic’s parking lot and speeding away with the dying mother’s tiny son.

Keegan was found unharmed hours later with McClain’s sister who told authorities that McClain was planning to adopt the boy. Keegan is back with family members. Golden died at a hospital.

McClain was jailed without bail and faces a capital murder charge that carries a potential death sentence. The 30-year-old mother of three, who listed a Houston address, was set to make a court appearance Thursday before a judge in Conroe.

Texas Board of Education mulls new math curriculum

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The head of a key business group complained Wednesday to the State Board of Education that Texas’ proposed new K-12 math curriculum standards aren’t strenuous enough — but members also heard from some education leaders who defended the would-be requirements.

The board gave preliminary approval to the 10-year standards in January, and they are up for final passage by its 15 members Friday.

Texas is one of just five states that have not adopted national core curriculum standards. The new requirements are based on the math tested in previous Texas standardized tests, as well as curriculums in Massachusetts and Minnesota, and international locales including Singapore.

But Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business, testified that the new curriculum is so broad that it’s incoherent in some areas and will not adequately prepare students — especially in algebra.

“We need an educated workforce if we’re going to keep jobs here in Texas, and we have not been do-

ing a good enough job at that,” Hammond told the board.

Hammond’s association is one of the most influential business groups in the state. Sensitive to his concerns, and those raised in recent weeks by other critics, board members and the body’s staff have modified the proposed curriculum and could still make more changes.

In an interview before addressing the board, Hammond said that it may be necessary to delay the final vote to ensure that curriculum standards are rigorous enough to meet the state’s future needs.

“It’s extremely important because half the kids who graduate from Texas high schools today have to take remedial courses when they get to community colleges, and math is the real issue,” he told The Associated Press. “The jobs of the future, the jobs that are being created now, are going to require a higher level of thinking and an ability to do math.”

Sheriff: 3 shot to death at South Texas cockfight

LA BLANCA, Texas (AP) — A sheriff says masked gunmen opened fire at an illegal cockfight in rural South Texas, leaving three people dead and eight wounded.

Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino says the gunmen are being sought after the shooting at a ranch near La Blanca early Thursday.

Trevino told KRGV-TV that spectators ran into the brush when shots rang out. He says the site had concession stands and bleachers.

Sheriff’s dispatcher Gloria Felix says a concerned citizen called for help around 12:15 a.m. and that investigators are trying to determine what prompted the shootings.

Felix had no details on conditions of the wounded nor how many people were at the cockfight.

La Blanca lies about 15 miles northeast of McAllen, close to the border with Mexico.

Fort Worth considers hiring ban on smokers

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fort Worth city officials are considering imposing a hiring ban on smokers.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports the city’s human resources department is reviewing public and private tobacco-use policies and will report back to the City Council May 8.

Mayor Betsy Price tells the Star-Telegram the idea has appeal because of health benefits and lower health insurance costs.

But council members Frank Moss and Sal Espinoza express concern that the ban could limit the city’s field of job applicants.

Dallas meatpacking plant loses occupancy permit

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas slaughterhouse that drew scrutiny after pig blood turned up in a creek no longer has an occupancy permit.

A panel of the Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment on Wednesday revoked the permit, so Columbia Packing Co. must remain closed.

The plant suspended operations since a mid-January raid over environmental issues related to a 1965 zoning change that banned slaughterhouse operations. City officials have raised concerns about why odor and pollution complaints from neighbors had not led to any citations against the company in decades.

The company has said that a clogged sewage line led to pig blood being spilled into Cedar Creek.

Houston: 2 indicted over 2010 immigrant death

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Californians have been indicted over the 2010 death of a suspected illegal immigrant whose body was found in a ditch in the Texas Panhandle.

Prosecutors in Houston say a detention hearing has been set for Tuesday for Demi Mishel Muniz and Luis Aceituno, both of Hawthorne, Calif. Muniz and Aceituno were arrested March 21 in Los Angeles.

Both were indicted Wednesday on a charge of conspiring to transport and harbor illegal immigrants.

Investigators say some suspected illegal immigrants were being hauled from Houston to Los Angeles in August 2010 when a diabetic man got sick. His body was later found in a ditch near Vega, about 35 miles west of Amarillo.

American plans to cut another 1,200 jobs

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines wants to eliminate 1,200 nonunion jobs as it cuts costs while under bankruptcy protection.

That pushes the company’s overall job-cut target to 14,200. It announced plans in February to cut 13,000 union pilots, flight attendants and ground workers.

American, the nation’s third-biggest airline, has about 73,000 workers.

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For proms, the tie must match the dress

By **BETH J. HARPAZ**
Associated Press

It's a prom must-have, right up there with the dress and shoes: The guy's tie must match the girl's gown. And many teens today use cell phones to aid the color coordination.

Kourtney Ziercher took a picture of her dress in the store to send to her date, Michael George, for her prom last year at Barat Academy in Chester-

field, Mo.

"I told him it was burnt orange, and he got the tie to match," she said.

"She knew that it was not a typical color, but the tie I got even had a little design on it that matched the design on the dress," Michael said, referring to a light tiger stripe print on the fabric. "She was really excited about it. The girl's dress is a big deal. If the outfit doesn't go perfectly, if the guy

isn't matching, it's a problem. I made sure it worked."

In Fort Collins, Colo., Amy Weintraub sent a picture of her chocolate brown dress to her date, Luke Siddens, and he used the image to get a matching tie and vest for their prom last week at Poudre High School.

"I didn't realize he wanted to match me," Amy said. "He just kind of decided that on his own. It was a little lighter than the dress, but it matched pretty well."

For homemade dresses, ties can always be made from leftover fabric. For a 2010 prom at the Stanley Humphries Secondary School in Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada, Arielle Roberts made her own dress with the help of a grandmother and aunt. Her date's mom sewed a matching tie "when the green bow-tie and cummerbund she'd ordered for him weren't quite the right shade," Arielle said.

But with so many dresses store-bought these days, and with cell phone photos sometimes producing unreliable hues, stores often provide physical swatches to assist in color coordination. David's Bridal, which expects to sell 110,000 prom dresses this year in 300 stores, sells fabric swatches for \$1 with dress purchases.

Sarah LaRue, a senior at Sheldon High School in Eugene, Ore., picked out a dress at the local David's Bridal and was happy to have the fabric scrap to give her date. "It's a turquoise blue, and with that dress, you need the exact color to match it," she said. "If it was even a little bit off, it wouldn't look right."

David's Bridal also has a partnership with Men's Wearhouse that makes it easy for young men to get accessories in coordinated hues for their dates' dresses. Guys can order ties, vests and cummerbunds

from Men's Wearhouse using the same terms David's Bridal uses to identify the dress colors — names like "watermelon pink" or "Malibu blue" — and be guaranteed an ensemble that works.

Amanda Nohrenberg, store manager for David's Bridal in Eugene, says "90 percent, if not 99 percent" of her prom customers want their dates to match. "If they aren't coordinating, it's because the guy is wearing a neutral color."

Many couples also plan matching corsages and boutonnieres. "The girls are saying, 'This is what I'm wearing and I want it to match the flowers,'" said Penryn Kaine, owner of Blossom & Bee Floral and Event Design in Newfoundland, N.J.

Sometimes the boys come in "either with their phone picture or a physical swatch, but now what's happening more often is, the girls are coming in and pick-

ing it out in advance," said Kaine. "They're actually saying, 'This is what I want. I'm going to send my boyfriend in and he's going to pay for it.'"

Kaine, who's 32, added, "It's not like when I was in high school and people didn't care so much. You just got the white mini-spray of roses."

But sometimes, despite all the planning and purchasing, last-minute improvisations are required.

Sarah Perreault's date "had been obsessed with making everything perfect" to coordinate with her red dress for the 2010 prom at Brunswick High School in Brunswick, Maine. "We were going to dinner and he had forgotten his pocket square," she said. "He was so upset. His outfit wasn't complete. So a girl made him a pocket square out of a napkin, and he wore it the entire night."

Luckily, the napkin was red.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
An Open Book

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 6 5 4 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 10 2

EAST
♠ —
♥ J 10 9 7 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ 9 7 5 4 3

WEST
♠ K 10
♥ K 8 5 4
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A K J 8

EAST
♠ —
♥ J 10 9 7 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ 9 7 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ A K J 5
♣ Q 6

The bidding:
West North East South
1 NT Pass 2♥ 2♠
3♥ 3♠ Pass 4♠

Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Assume you reach four spades doubled on the bidding shown. West leads the K-A of clubs, then shifts to a low heart. How would you play the hand?

At first blush, it seems you should go up with the ace of hearts. Finessing the queen appears to be a foolish risk, because you have no useful discard to make on the ace of hearts even if the queen wins the trick. Nevertheless, the fact remains that if you take the finesse, you are practically

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certain to make the contract.

Let's see what happens if you do finesse. After winning the heart with the queen and discarding a diamond on the ace, you ruff dummy's last heart. Next you play the ace and another trump, forcing West into the lead with no safe way out. He must either concede a ruff-and-discard or lead a diamond into your A-K-J, handing you the contract.

Now let's see what happens if you don't finesse the queen of hearts at trick three. In that case, you eventually go down one against proper defense, losing a spade, a diamond and two clubs. The difference is that at the point where West is given the lead with the spade king, he can exit safely with a heart, marooning you with a diamond loser.

It is not difficult to justify the heart finesse once it is granted that West opened the bidding with one notrump (15 to 17 points). Only 17 points are missing, and it is not possible for West to be in the 15- to 17-point range without the king of hearts.

Finessing the queen of hearts therefore gives you the best chance to make the contract. It's not because you need a discard, but because it affords you an opportunity to strip the dummy of hearts and establish a position that renders West helpless.

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Positive outlook may be good for heart

WASHINGTON (AP) — Be happy — it seems to be good for your heart.

Scientists have long known that Type A personalities and people who are chronically angry, anxious or depressed have a higher risk of heart attacks.

Now a Harvard review of the flip side of that psychology concludes

that being upbeat and optimistic just may help protect against heart disease.

Rather than focusing only on how to lessen heart risks, "it might also be useful to focus on how we might bolster the positive side of things," said lead researcher Julia Boehm of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Boehm reviewed dozens of studies examining a positive outlook — as determined by various psychological measurements — on heart health. Optimism in particular seems key, as a number of studies found the most optimistic people had half the risk of a first heart attack when compared to the least optimistic.

Why? Previous work shows the stress associated with negative psychological traits can lead to damage of arteries and the heart itself.

Boehm found that people with a better sense of well-being tend to have healthier blood pressure, cholesterol and weight, and are more likely to exercise, eat healthier, get enough sleep and avoid smoking. But she cautioned that it will take more research to tease apart if a positive outlook makes people feel more like taking heart-healthy steps.

The review, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, was published Tuesday by the Psychological Bulletin.

More research is needed but that link between psychological and physical well-being makes sense, said Dr. Elizabeth Jackson.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Is Israel indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier?

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What are the facts?

Turmoil in the Middle East. There is upheaval in the Middle East. Governments shift, and the future of this vital area is up in the air. In those dire circumstances, it is a tremendous comfort to our country that Israel, a beacon of Western values, is its stalwart and unshakable ally.

Unreliable "allies." Egypt, a long-term "ally" of our country, is the beneficiary of billions of dollars of American aid. Its dictator, Hosni Mubarak has been dethroned. As of now, it is unclear who and what will be Egypt's new government. It is widely assumed, however, that it may be the Muslim Brotherhood. Far from being a religious organization, as its name would imply, it is dominated by fanatical radicals, ardent antagonists of the West, obsessed anti-Semites, and sworn enemies of the State of Israel. If the Muslim Brotherhood would indeed come to power, a bloody war, more violent than anything that has come before, is likely to ensue.

Saudi Arabia, a tyrannical kingdom, is another important "ally" of the U.S. It is the most important source of petroleum, the lifeblood of the industrial world. It is, however, totally unreliable and hostile to all the values for which the United States stands. The precedent of Iran cannot fail to be on the minds of our government. The Shah of Iran was a staunch ally of the U.S. We lavished billions of dollars and huge quantities of our most advanced weapons on him. But, virtually from one day to the next, the mullahs and the ayatollahs — fanatical enemies of our country, of Israel, and of anything Western — came to power. Instead of friends and allies, Iran's theocratic government became the most virulent enemy of the United States. Could something like that happen in Saudi Arabia? It is not at all unlikely!

Other U.S. allies in the region — Jordan, the "new" Iraq, and the Gulf emirates — are even weaker and less reliable reeds to lean on. Libya, which once, under King Idris, hosted the Wheeler Air Base, became an enemy of the U.S.

Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier. If it were not for Israel, thousands of American troops would have to be stationed in the Middle East, at a cost of billions of dollars a year. In contrast to the unreliable friendship of Muslim countries, the friendship and support of Israel are unshakable because they are based on shared values, love of peace and democracy. What a comfort for our country to have stalwart and completely reliable Israel in its corner, especially at a time when in this strategic area turmoil, upheaval and revolution are the order of the day. Yes, Israel is indeed America's most steadfast friend, a most important strategic asset and most reliable ally.

under the late, loathsome Khaddafi — and probably still is. Turkey, once a strong ally, has cast its lot with Iran.

A stalwart partner. Israel, in contrast, presents a totally different picture. Israel's reliability, capability, credibility and stability, are enormous and irreplaceable assets for our country. Many prominent military people and elected representatives have recognized this. Gen. John Keegan, a former chief of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, determined that Israel's contribution to U.S. intelligence was "equal to five CIA's." Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said that "The intelligence received from Israel exceeds the intelligence received from all NATO countries combined. The huge quantities of Soviet military hardware that were transferred by Israel to the USA tilted the global balance of power in favor of our country."

In 1981, Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor. While at first condemned by virtually the whole world — sad to say, including the United States — it saved our country a nuclear confrontation with Iraq. At the present time, US soldiers in Iraq and in Afghanistan benefit from Israel's experience in combating Improvised Explosive Devices, car bombs and suicide bombers. Israel is the most advanced battle-tested laboratory for U.S. military systems. The F-16 jet fighter, for instance, includes over 600 Israeli-designed modifications, which saved billions of dollars and years of research and development.

But there is more: Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbors, its outstanding military installations, the air- and sea-lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment are readily at hand in Israel.

Israel does receive substantial benefits from the United States — a yearly contribution of \$3 billion — all of it in military assistance, no economic assistance at all. The majority of this contribution must be spent in the US, generating thousands of jobs in our defense industries.

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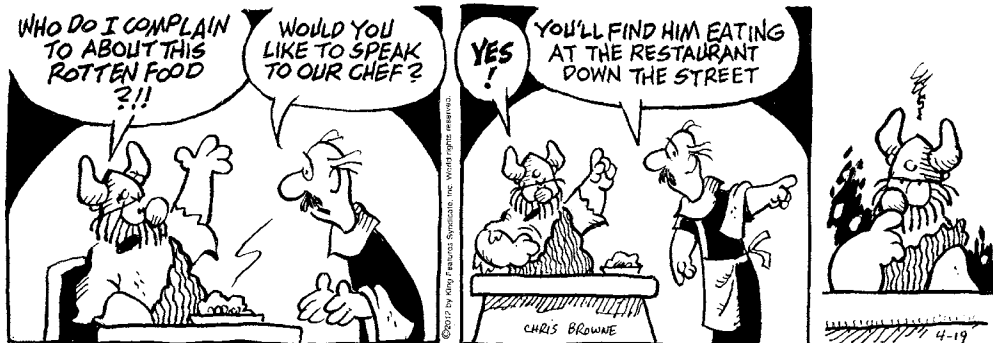
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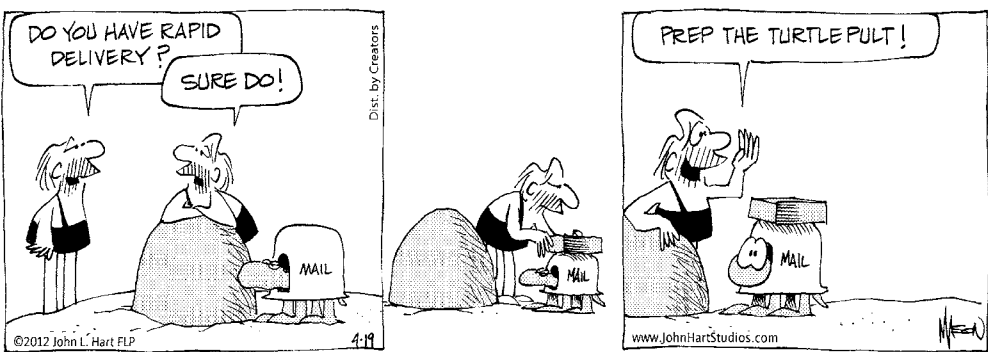
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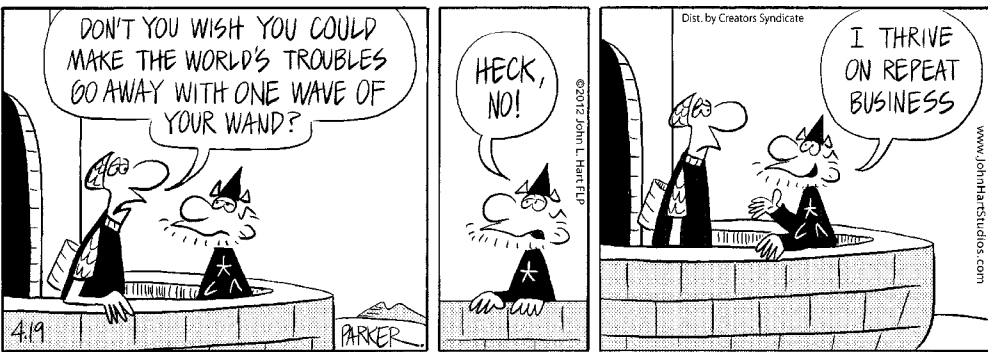
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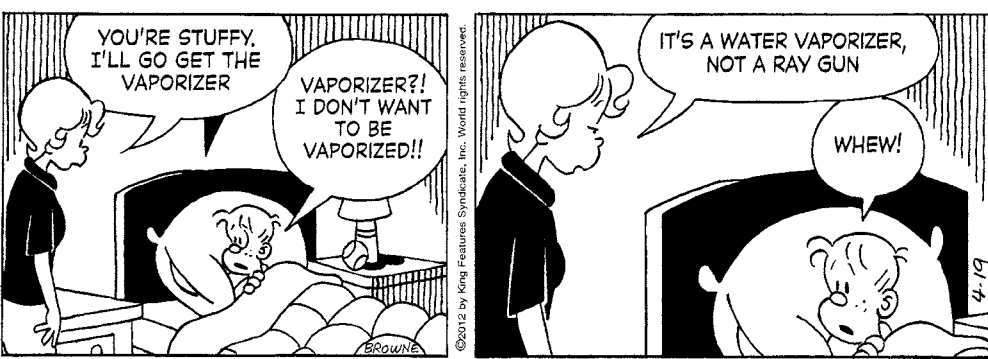
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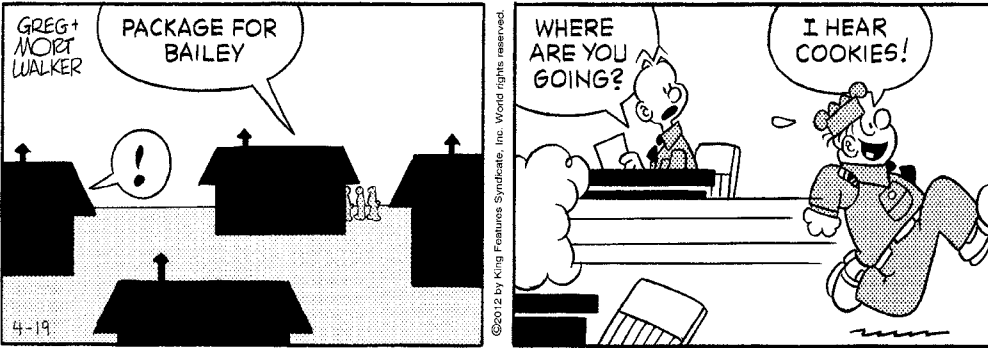
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 19, the 110th day of 2012. There are 256 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 19, 1912, a special subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee opened hearings in New York into the Titanic disaster. (The hearings, which were subsequently moved to Washington, D.C., concluded on May 28.)

On this date: In 1012, Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain by Danish invaders in Greenwich, England, after refusing to allow himself to be ransomed. (Revered as a martyr, Alphege was canonized by Pope Gregory VII in 1078.)

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1861, a week after the Civil War began, President Abraham Lincoln authorized a blockade of Southern ports.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but ultimately futile battle against Nazi forces.

In 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Harry S. Truman, bid farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

In 1966, Bobbi Gibb became the first woman to run in the Boston Marathon, which at that time did not allow women to participate. (Gibb jumped into the middle of the pack after the sound of the starting pistol and finished in 3:21:40.)

In 1967, Kathrine (cq) Switzer became the first woman to run the Boston Marathon under an official number by registering without mentioning her gender; by her own estimate, she finished in 4 hours and 20 minutes. (Bobbi Gibb, again running unofficially, finished in 3:27:17.)

In 1982, astronauts Sally K. Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be

tapped for U.S. space missions.

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hugh O'Brian is 87. Actress Elinor Donahue is 75. Rock musician Alan Price (The Animals) is 70. Actor Tim Curry is 66. Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 65. Actor Tony Plana ("Ugly Betty") is 60. Former tennis player Sue Barker is 56. Former race car driver Al Unser Jr. is 50.

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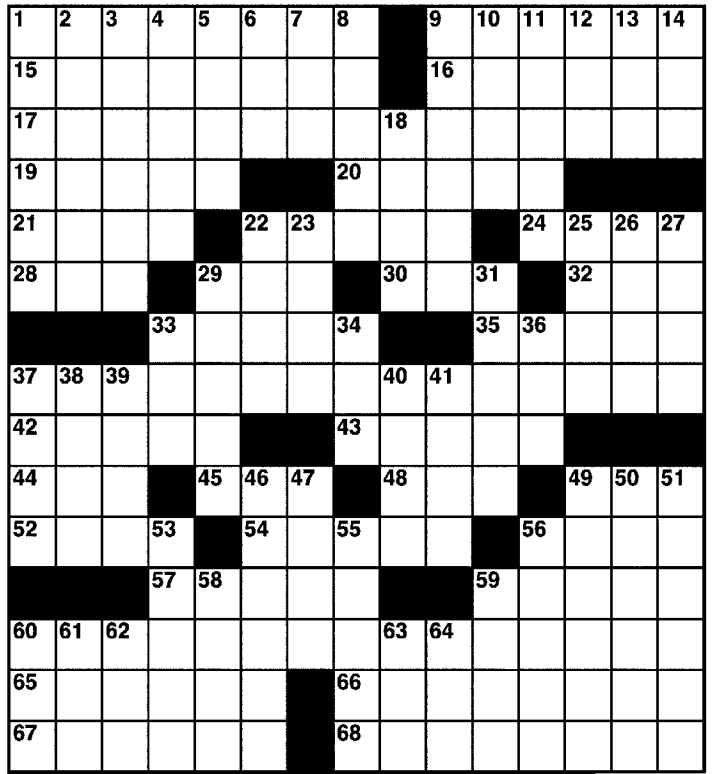
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News in brief

Despite U.S. demands that Assad leave power, current policy reflects belief he won't go fast

BRUSSELS (AP) — Despite oft-repeated U.S. demands that Syrian President Bashar Assad step aside, the Obama administration's policy now reflects a consensus that Assad has a firm hold on power and that nothing short of an outside military strike will dislodge him quickly.

With rebel forces poorly armed and disorganized, efforts to pay them by Arab Gulf states failing, and sectarian divisions looming in Syria, the U.S. and its allies seem prepared to leave Assad where he is. Even if he could be ousted, the near future in Syria would involve civil war among ethnic groups now under Assad's boot, or a slow and bloody war with rebels or proxy fighters armed from the outside.

The U.S. has edged toward supplying the rebels with communications gear and other nonlethal aid but has ruled out either a military assault or a supply of heavy weaponry for rebel forces.

"We are at a crucial turning point," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Wednesday.

Either a United Nations-brokered cease-fire takes hold "or we see Assad squandering his last chance before additional measures have to be considered," Clinton said.

India says it has successfully test launched missile able to reach major Chinese cities

NEW DELHI (AP) — India announced the successful test launch Thursday of a new nuclear-capable missile that would give it the ability to strike the major Chinese cities of Beijing and Shanghai for the first time, a significant step forward in its aspirations to become a regional and world power.

The Agni-V missile, with a range of 5,000 kilometers (3,100 miles), still requires a battery of tests and must clear other bureaucratic hurdles before it can be inducted into India's arsenal in a few years. But officials

hailed the launch as proof the country has taken its place among the world's most powerful and scientifically advanced nations.

"The nation stands tall today," Defense Minister A.K. Antony said, according to the Press Trust of India.

The test came just days after North Korea's failed rocket launch, but sparked none of the same global condemnation aimed at Pyongyang, an internationally isolated regime that has been banned by the U.N. from testing missile technology.

China is far ahead of India in the missile race, with intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of reaching anywhere in India. Currently, the longest-range Indian missile, the Agni-III, has a range of 3,500 kilometers (2,100 miles) and falls short of many major Chinese cities.

Experts: China likely supplied N. Korea missile carrier in possible breach of UN sanctions

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The enormous, 16-wheel truck that North Korea used to carry a missile during a recent parade likely came from China in a possible violation of UN sanctions meant to rein in Pyongyang's missile program, experts say.

The carrier, also believed capable of launching missiles, caught the eye of experts during last Sunday's military show in Pyongyang because it was the biggest carrier yet displayed by North Korea and gives the country—truculently at odds with the U.S., Japan and South Korea — the ability to transport long-range missiles around its territory, making them harder to locate and destroy.

The large size of the vehicle "represents a quantum leap forward" for the North Koreans, said Wendell Minnick, a reporter on Asian military developments for Defense News, a Washington-based publication.

Unlikely to have been made by North Korea because of its technical sophistication, experts said the design of the vehicle shows that China is the probable source. Pinning a sanctions-busting charge on Beijing would be difficult, however, because it would be hard to prove that Beijing provided the technology for military

purposes or even that it sold the vehicle directly to North Korea, the experts said.

The vehicle also can be used in other fields, like oil exploration. At the same time North Korea might have gotten it from another country in a re-export deal.

Secret Service tries to quell furor over scandal, but GOP lawmaker says 'it's not over'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service is moving quickly to quell a prostitution scandal that has given President Barack Obama's critics political ammunition, forcing three agents out of government less than a week after the embarrassing incident came to light. Lawmakers welcomed the move but said more needed to be done.

"It's certainly not over," said Rep. Peter King of New York, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, which oversees the Secret Service.

The Secret Service did not identify the agents being forced out or eight more it said remain on administrative leave. In a statement, it said one supervisor was allowed to retire and another will be fired for cause. A third employee, who was not a supervisor, has resigned.

The agents were implicated in the prostitution scandal in Colombia that also involved about 10 military service members and as many as 20 women. All the Secret Service employees who were involved had their security clearances revoked.

The embarrassing scandal erupted last week after 11 Secret Service agents were sent home from Cartagena, on Colombia's Caribbean coast, after a night of partying that reportedly ended with at least some of them bringing prostitutes back to their hotel.

The special agents and uniformed officers were in Colombia in advance of Obama's arrival for the Summit of the Americas.

Michigan museum showcases thousands of racist artifacts to get visitors to 'think deeply'

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The objects displayed in Michigan's newest museum range from the ordinary, such as simple ashtrays and fishing lures, to the grotesque — a full-size replica of a lynching tree. But all are united by a common theme: They are steeped in racism so intense that it makes visitors cringe.

That's the idea behind the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, which says it has amassed the nation's largest public collection of artifacts spanning the segregation era, from Reconstruction until the civil rights movement, and beyond.

The museum in a gleaming new exhibit hall at Ferris State University "is all about teaching, not a shrine to racism," said David Pilgrim, the founder and curator who started building the collection as a teenager.

Pilgrim, who is black, makes no apologies for the provocative exhibits. The goal of the \$1.3 million gallery, he explained, is "to get people to think deeply."

The displays are startling. The n-

word is prevalent throughout, and many items portray black men as lazy, violent or inarticulate. Black women are shown as kerchief-wearing mamies, sexually charged Jezebels or other stereotypes.

Series of blasts across Baghdad and five northern Iraqi cities kills 30 people, police say

BAGHDAD (AP) — Bombings struck several areas in Baghdad and to the north Thursday, killing at least 30 people in the first major attacks in Iraq in nearly a month. The violence stoked fears that insurgents were trying to undermine confidence in the Shiite-led government amid rising sectarian tensions.

In all, officials said extremists launched 12 attacks in the Iraqi capital and in the cities of Kirkuk, Samarra, Baqouba, Dibis and Taji. Mortars were fired into the northern cities of Beiji and Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, but no injuries were reported there.

Nearly 100 people were wounded in the rapid-fire explosions that unfolded over an hour and 15 minutes. Half of the bombs struck at security forces and government officials — two frequent targets for insurgents still seeking to undermine Iraq's efforts to normalize after years of war and violence.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks, but Baghdad military command spokesman Col. Dhia al-Wakeel said they resembled those carried out by al-Qaida.

"They want to send a message that they can target the stability that has been achieved recently," al-Wakeel said. "This will not discourage our security forces."

2 black men file racial discrimination suit against popular 'Bachelor,' 'Bachelorette' shows

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Two black men are taking "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" to court with a lawsuit that claims the reality shows are blocking contestants of color from starring roles.

Nathaniel Claybrooks and Christopher Johnson filed a federal lawsuit in Nashville Wednesday against the popular TV shows claiming they are engaged in a pattern of racial discrimination that intentionally excludes people of color. The Nashville men said at a casting call in August that they were given scant consideration compared to white men seeking a leading role for "The Bachelor."

Claybrooks said white applicants were given far more time and consideration during the interview process.

"I only wanted a fair shot at the part," said the soft-spoken Claybrooks, a 39-year-old college graduate and electric company meter reader who owns several small businesses. "Looking back at how I was treated at the casting call last year, it was clear that that wasn't possible. I never even had a chance."

Their attorneys said it is the first racial discrimination lawsuit filed against a reality show. It does not ask for a specific dollar amount of damages, but it does propose to make major changes in how people are seen on TV.

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Howard College's Olive Noatala hits a walk-off grand slam home run Wednesday to end Game One against Frank Phillips College by a score of 11-3. Noatala leads the nation in home runs in junior college standings.

Hawks soar past Frank Phillips, Noatala belts three home runs

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

Spectators at Foundation Field not only saw a doubleheader Wednesday at which the Howard College Hawk softball squad trounced Frank Phillips College 11-3 the first game and 12-0 the second, but were also treated to a homerun display — eight to be exact — by Hawk batters including a walk-off grand slam by the NJCAA home run leader, Olive Noatala, which ended the first game in dramatic fashion.

After falling behind 2-0 to the Plainsmen early in Game One, the HC hitting engine apparently just needed to warm up a little before cranking out the runs.

A Micherie Koria grounder up the middle got the ball rolling in the bottom of the third inning and Faith Koria bunted to advance M. Koria to third base. Olive Noatala then contributed her first — but certainly not last — clutch hit of the outing by delivering a two-run triple to tie the game at 2-all. Noatala would score on a bad throw giving HC a one-run advantage.

The Plainsmen battled back, and tied the game 3-3 in the top of the fourth. By the bottom of the inning though, the Hawk batters had caught fire.

Andrea Gutierrez belted a two-run home run, M. Koria singled,

and Noatala advanced Koria with a double. Jazzmin Arrant popped a sacrifice fly to score Koria, giving the Hawks a 6-3 advantage at the end of the inning.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth, Kara Isbel hit a solo homer increasing HC's lead to 7-3. A Carolyn Teichmann single, M. Koria being hit by a pitch, and a walk drawn by F. Koria loaded the bases for Noatala.

With one swing of the bat, the game was over. Noatala had struck again, recording her 24th home run of the season and ending the game with a score of 11-3.

Sandra Serna picked up the complete game victory for the Hawks in Game One. In Game Two, Raines decided to allow Noatala to terrorize the Plainsmen from the mound as well as at the plate, giving her the nod as starting pitcher — her second mound appearance of the season.

Noatala struck out the Frank Phillips batters in order in the top of the second, and would record three Ks on the day.

With the Hawks ahead 1-0, Teichmann singled in the bottom of the second inning, and was sent home on Claudette Smith double. F. Koria scored on an error and Noatala struck again, this time smashing a

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Howard Hawk Noatala leading nation in JUCO home runs

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

What wears red and black, leads the nation in home runs and can strike out three opposing batters in a row? If you are a fan of Howard College softball, you would know the answer is Olive Noatala.

Noatala, a sophomore at Howard College is leading the nation (yes, the nation), in National Junior College Athletic Association play with 26 dingers. Three of them were hit Wednesday during a doubleheader at Foundation Field against Frank Phillips College. Noatala also topped nine RBIs on the day bringing her total for the season to 74 — also on the nation's leaderboard.

One would think it would be difficult to stand out as a power hitter on a team that has belted more than 60 home runs this season. But not for Noatala, who plays middle infield and also pitches from time to time.

She also ranks in the nation's top 10 in total bases, runs batted in, total hits, runs scored, slugging percentage and batting average.

When asked how she transformed from the good player she was last year to the offensive cornerstone she has become this season, Noatala said it was a result of simple adjustments.

"I am definitely playing differently than I did last year," Noatala explained. "I came into the game with a new mentality. I just try to stay focused. They know who I am and how I play now."

Knowing who she is has forced opposing defenses to try to avoid being victimized by Noatala at the plate. She is routinely walked, which she says

can affect her rhythm at the plate.

"It's frustrating when I get walked over and over," Noatala said. "I have to be patient. When they pitch to me, I wait for that one miss and I try to take it."

Kelly Raines, head softball coach for HC, believes Noatala is one of the best to ever don the Hawk uniform.

"(Noatala) has had a great two years for Howard," Raines said. "I think she is one of the best to ever play here. She holds all the major batting records I know of — home runs, RBIs, slugging percentage. She's a difference maker. When she is hitting well, we always have a chance to win."

Noatala will be taking her skills elsewhere next season, as she has signed on with Texas Tech University in Lubbock to play on its softball team.

In addition to having a stellar season on her own, the Hawks boast a conference record of 16-2 and are in the hunt for a conference championship. Howard College is currently in first place, but rival Odessa College has a similar record, 14-2, and will be the Hawk's opponents in the final four games of the regular season. That series would have implications regarding whether the Hawks are the top seed or second seed from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference going into regional play.

As long as Noatala's bat stays hot, Raines is confident HC could make a splash in the postseason.

"You don't get lucky and hit 26 home runs in a season. She is the real deal," Raines added.



OLIVE NOATALA

Rangers fall to Red Sox 6-3

BOSTON (AP) — Josh Beckett is rediscovering his rhythm. Kevin Youkilis is slowly getting there, too. The Boston Red Sox as a team, well, that's still a work in progress.

Beckett delivered his second straight solid start and Youkilis snapped out of an early-season funk with his first home run, but it wasn't enough to cool off the blistering Texas Rangers, who finished off a brief two-game sweep of the Red Sox with a 6-3 victory on Wednesday night.

"The last two nights we get the lead out early and the guys are coming out swinging. Tonight we came back strong at the end," Boston manager Bobby Valentine said. "We'll get some little things going our way, we'll get a nice streak going."

Mike Napoli erased an early 2-1 deficit with a two-run homer off Beckett

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Mavericks top Rockets 117-110

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki should have been tired after playing 96 minutes in consecutive overtime losses.

Instead, Nowitzki was at his best late when the Dallas Mavericks needed him most.

"The first half I was a step slow. Then I got going. The guys kept us in it," Nowitzki said. "The second half, guys were looking for me. I got some good looks and got into the game."

Nowitzki scored 31 of his 35 points in the second half, and 21 in the fourth quarter Wednesday night when the Mavericks rallied for a 117-110 victory over the Houston Rockets, whose playoff hopes took another blow with their fifth consecutive loss.

Jason Terry put Dallas ahead to stay with a 3-pointer that made it 93-92 with 7:37 left.

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Summitt steps aside after 38 seasons at Tennessee

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

AP Sports Writer

The time Tennessee Lady Vols and women's basketball fans have dreaded for months finally has arrived.

Pat Summitt is stepping aside as Tennessee's head coach after 38 seasons, the last an emotionally draining farewell tour for the woman who won more games than anyone else in NCAA college basketball history.

"I've loved being the head coach at Tennessee for 38 years, but I recognize that the time has come to move into the future and to step into a new role," the 59-year-old Hall of Famer said in a statement issued Wednesday by the school.

Summitt will discuss the move, including the promotion of longtime assistant Holly Warlick as her replacement, at a Thursday news conference on the court named in her honor the night she won her 1,000th game. Making the decision had been only a matter of time since Summitt revealed Aug. 23 that she had been diagnosed with early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type.

It's why players from opposing

teams joined fans from coast to coast donning T-shirts saying "We back Pat" and greeted Summitt with cheers at every game. Even the Murray State men put shirts with the phrase on when they played at Summitt's alma mater in Martin this winter on another court named in her honor.

But Summitt's every move was studied to see how she felt, down to how many officials she yelled at or her icy glares at a player. After losing to eventual national champ Baylor in a regional final, Warlick's tears during the postgame news conference gave a glimpse of how exhausting the season had been and the possibility it was Summitt's last game.

Mickie DeMoss, who served as Summitt's assistant for 21 years combined before leaving for the WNBA's Indiana Fever earlier this month, said she's happy for Summitt.

"Her health and well-being are most important to me," DeMoss said. "She now can focus on doing things for Pat. She has given 38 years to UT and to women's basketball. Now, she can do what's best for herself, every day. I'm

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By the time Nowitzki completed a three-point play 3 1/2 minutes later, the Mavs led 102-94. That wrapped up a 20-6 go-ahead run their 11-time All-Star forward started with consecutive 3-pointers. Then he made 10 free throws in a row over the final 2 1/2 minutes of the game.

“Dirk put the team on his back,” Delonte West said. “It’s not how you start, it’s how you finish. Dirk was a prime example of that.”

Two nights after playing 53 minutes and scoring 40 points in a triple-over-

time loss at Utah, Nowitzki was only 2-of-7 shooting with four points in the first half against the Rockets. He made eight of 11 shots after that.

Houston matched its longest losing streak of the season, and slipped to ninth place in the Western Conference with Phoenix, a half-game behind Utah for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference with four games left.

“We could use some help,” Chandler Parsons said. “We have to stay together, we can’t get our heads down. As crazy as it sounds, it’s not over yet.”

Vince Carter added 23 points and Terry 19 for the defending NBA champion Mavericks, who can clinch a playoff berth with a win over Golden

State in their regular-season home finale Friday night.

“This game was really pivotal in so many ways because it’s a double-count game on the whole magic number thing, and it effectively takes one team out of it, which is big,” Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said.

Goran Dragic had 20 points to lead seven Rockets in double-figure scoring. Dragic also had 10 assists, and Marcus Camby had a double-double with 11 points and 17 rebounds after missing the previous game because of his back.

Luis Scola had 18 points for Houston, Courtney Lee 16, Chase Budinger 14, and Parsons 12.

Jason Kidd has 12 points on four 3s

for Dallas while West had 11 points after finding out earlier Wednesday he had been fined \$25,000 by the NBA for jabbing his finger in the ear of Utah swingman Gordon Hayward in Monday night’s game.

Houston was up 71-62, its largest lead, when Scola made a short bank shot midway through the third quarter to wrap up an 11-0 run.

After the Friday home finale, the Mavericks close the regular season at Chicago and Atlanta.

Houston, trying to get back into the last playoff spot, plays at New Orleans on Thursday. The Rockets have home games left against Golden State and the Hornets with a trip to Miami in between.

RANGERS

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in the fourth and Josh Hamilton had three singles and drove in a run for the Rangers, who won their sixth straight.

It was Napoli’s fourth home run in three games to go along with a two-run double. He hit two of Texas’ six homers in the Rangers’ 18-3 win Tuesday and is 7 for 13 with nine RBIs in his last three games.

“Mike, the guy seems like he hits .700 against us lifetime,” Youkilis said. “I don’t know what his stats are, but he’s a good hitter and I think he loves facing us for some reason.”

On the heels of an eight-inning gem in Boston’s home opener last Friday — when he allowed one run during a win over Tampa Bay — Beckett turned in another superb performance, this time against baseball’s best offensive team.

The right-hander allowed three runs on seven hits, striking out seven and walking one in seven

strong innings. He retired the final 12 batters he faced.

“Josh pitched plenty good to win a game,” Valentine said. “He battled right through seven innings, had his good stuff.”

Beckett (1-2) said one pitch to Napoli changed everything.

“I made one big mistake with the pitch to Napoli and ultimately it was bad for me and bad for the team,” Beckett said. “It kind of put us in a little bit of a hole.”

Napoli later added a two-run double off reliever Franklin Morales as part of a three-run eighth.

The fans booed Valentine as he slowly walked to the mound to remove Morales one batter later.

“I was booing myself,” he said of his decision to leave Morales in the game after he hit Craig Gentry with a pitch to walk in a run. “It didn’t work out.”

Pinch hitter Jarrod Saltalamacchia lined into a game-ending double play against Joe Nathan with runners on first and third as the Red Sox dropped their third straight and eighth in 12 games this sea-

son heading into their first matchup against the rival Yankees, who come to town Friday for Fenway’s 100th anniversary celebration.

Texas starter Derek Holland (2-0) held Boston to two runs on four hits, walking three and fanning seven.

Youkilis, hitting just .176 with only three RBIs coming into the day, homered off the base of the light tower above the Green Monster in the second.

Youkilis struck out in each of his four at-bats Tuesday, two days after Valentine questioned his commitment to the game in a taped TV appearance, then apologized the following morning.

Trailing 2-0 in the third, the Rangers cut the deficit in half on Hamilton’s RBI single. Ian Kinsler walked with one out and advanced to third on Elvis Andrus’ single, but Andrus was cut down at second by left fielder Darnell McDonald. Hamilton then bounced one up the middle that second baseman Dustin Pedroia made a diving play on, but was unable to get a strong throw to first.

SUMMITT

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happy for my friend, and happy that she can begin a new chapter in her life.”

Summitt will report to athletic director Dave Hart in her new role, while assisting the program she guided to eight national titles since taking over in 1974.

“She is an icon who does not view herself in that light, and her legacy is well-defined and everlasting,” Hart said. “Just like there will never be another John Wooden, there will never be another Pat Summitt. I look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role. She is an inspiration to everyone.”

Her responsibilities will include helping with recruiting, watching practice, joining staff meetings, helping coaches analyze practice and games, and advising the Southeastern Conference on women’s basketball issues and mentoring players. Summitt also will be working as a spokeswoman in the fight against Alzheimer’s.

“If anyone asks, you can find me observing practice or in my office,” Summitt said. “Coaching is the great passion of my life, and the job to me has always been an opportunity to work with our student-athletes and help them discover what they want. I will continue to make them my passion. I love our players and my fel-

low coaches, and that’s not going to change.”

UConn coach Geno Auriemma said Summitt’s vision for women’s basketball and her relentless drive pushed the game to a new level, making it possible for the rest to accomplish what they have.

“In her new role, I’m sure she will continue to make significant impacts to the University of Tennessee and to the game of women’s basketball as a whole,” Auriemma said.

“I am thrilled for (Warlick) as this opportunity is well deserved and Pat will be a huge asset to her moving forward,” he said.

Warlick, a three-time All-American who played for Summitt, was her assistant for 27 years.

Hart said he watched Warlick grow this season under what he called “unique circumstances” and that she is deserving of the head job. While Summitt devoted more attention to her health, Warlick took the lead during games and handled postgame interviews, with the entire staff handling recruiting and practices.

“Her mentor will be available for insight and advice, but this is Holly’s team now,” Hart said.

Warlick said she was thankful for all Summitt has done in preparing her for this opportunity as her coach, mentor and friend.

“We will work as hard as we possibly can with the goal of hanging more banners in Thompson-Boling Arena,” Warlick said.

Tamika Catchings, one of Summitt’s former stars and the WNBA’s reigning MVP, saw the news on TV during a meeting.

“Everyone in the back of their minds was thinking this was going to happen anyway. Holly will do a good job,” Catchings said.

Summitt’s diagnosis came during one of the Lady Vols’ most disappointing stretches — by their coach’s lofty standards, anyway. Tennessee hasn’t won a national championship since 2008 and hasn’t even reached the Final Four, tying for its longest such drought in program history.

“As I’ve said many times, Pat Summitt is a pioneer in basketball,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “Her amazing career accomplishments are among an elite group of leaders. Very few people leave a lasting legacy in their chosen professions and Coach Summitt has done just that at the University of Tennessee and in women’s basketball. She raised the level of commitment, pride and notoriety of her sport. I am honored to call her a friend.”

Tennessee’s five seniors were part of the team that lost in the first round of the 2009 NCAA tournament, the only time in school history the Lady Vols had bowed out on the first weekend.

Those seniors promised they would win a ninth national championship this season — not just for Summitt, but as center Vicki Baugh put it, “... for everyone who has Alzheimer’s.”

But they couldn’t make it back to

the Final Four, losing to Baylor and Brittney Griner, a player Summitt couldn’t convince to come to Knoxville.

Summitt’s career ends with a 1,098-208 record, 16 regular-season Southeastern Conference championships and 16 SEC tournament titles.

During her time, Tennessee never failed to reach the NCAA tournament, never received a seed lower than No. 5 and reached 18 Final Fours.

“Words cannot adequately describe the extraordinary career that Pat Summitt has had in the world of basketball,” Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said. “She is a model of class and courage, and I don’t think that enough can be said for just how much Pat has accomplished in building and elevating women’s basketball to its current heights.”

Every Lady Vol player who has completed her eligibility at Tennessee graduated under Summitt, and 74 former players, assistants, graduate assistants, team managers and directors of basketball operations are currently among the coaching ranks at every level of basketball.

“You think about the University of Tennessee and you think of Pat Summitt,” Catchings said. “You don’t think of anyone else. The great players that have come and gone, coaches that have come and gone, but the legacy that she built for herself and for the university. It’s amazing how far women’s basketball has come. Her legacy isn’t over yet.”

HAWKS

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three-run home run to give the HC a commanding 6-0 lead. Arrant then walked, putting a runner on base just in time for Megan Granado to smack a two-run home run, making the score 8-0 to end the long inning for the Plainsmen.

The Hawks — most notably Noatala — weren’t through yet. Teichmann added to the home run

frenzy with a solo shot in the bottom of the third and with two runners on, Noatala hit her third home run — a two-run shot — of the day and recorded RBI numbers eight and nine, giving the HC an insurmountable 11-0 lead.

By the bottom of the fourth inning, Frank Phillips College must have been ready to wave the white flag.

Melanie Vasquez must not have seen it. Vasquez joined the party with a solo homer of her own — the eighth of the day for the Hawks — making it a 12-0 ball game.

The Plainsmen couldn’t respond in the top of the fifth and the game was brought to an early end with a run-

rule victory.

Collectively, the Hawks hit well as a team, but it was Noatala who provided the initial spark.

“We are a slow starting team,” HC Head Coach Kelly Raines said. “But (Noatala) is a beast. Her hitting is contagious.”

As for Noatala, she was just happy to be pitched to throughout the two games.

“I was surprised they were pitching to me,” she said.

Next up for Howard College is a four-game series against conference foe Odessa College slated for April 27-28.

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