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Health Fair booths are available now

Thursday is the early deadline for reserving a booth at the Big Spring Area Health Fair, scheduled for April 21 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Those who register early will pay \$75. Booth registration after March 15 will be \$100.

Booth registration forms can be obtained at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Call the Chamber at 263-7641 for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- ↳ Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building.
- ↳ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
- ↳ Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.
- ↳ 6:30 p.m. dinner.
- ↳ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

TUESDAY

- ↳ Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- ↳ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- ↳ Big Spring Home's Cooler Group, 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Family Life Center. For anyone who home-schools or is interested in it.

WEDNESDAY

- ↳ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.
- ↳ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- ↳ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
- ↳ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- ↳ Big Spring Duplicate Bridge Club, meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

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Calling all student artists: Congress wants your best work

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The 20th Annual Congressional Art Competition is under way and interested area high school students have until March 27 to submit their work.

"We receive some especially good art from the kids in Big Spring," said Tom Adams, regional coordinator. "We have some tremendous artists in this area."

The winning entry, from the 17th Congressional

District represented by U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-Abilene), will hang in the Cannon Tunnel for a year. The tunnel connects the congressional offices to the House of Representatives Gallery.

A regional contest for Howard, Dawson, Martin and Borden counties will be held in Big Spring on March 28. The contest is open to high school students in grades nine through 12 in those counties.

Other regional shows are planned in Abilene, Brownwood, Colorado City,

Graham, Mineral Wells, San Angelo and Stephenville.

Artwork must be no larger than 32 by 32 inches framed, although framing is not required, and they must be two dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings, collages, computer art or photography.

The art must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and the 17th District in any category, which may include, but not be limited to, landscapes.

All entries must be

brought to the Big Spring Alternative School, 1801 Goliad by 4:30 on Tuesday, March 27.

According to Adams, Big Spring High School art teacher Judy Tereletsky has been very active in getting students involved with the contest and with art. He would like to encourage other schools to become more active in the program.

"We would love to have kids from other counties participate," he said.

The top five entries from each of the regional contests will be picked up by

Annette Wilson, representative of Stenholm's Stamford office, and taken to Abilene where they will be judged on April 7.

The top 10 pieces of art will hang at an Abilene bank until April 21, where Stenholm will announce the winners and take the first place to Washington.

The second, third and fourth place winners will remain in Texas, displayed at Stenholm's district offices in Stamford, San Angelo and Abilene.

For more information, contact Adams at 264-4115.

Whole family coping with woman's cancer

Woman warns others to be more aware of their health

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Terminally ill cancer patient Olivia Moreno received a special gift in the mail — a box of Dallas Cowboy's memorabilia sent from the organization.

"She is a big Cowboys fan," said her sister and primary caretaker, Carmen Brooks. "She never missed a game. She always likes to wear the hat."

"We spar back and forth about the Cowboys," said Christy Scoggins, Community Care Hospice nurse. "I tell her (Troy) Aikman (former Dallas Cowboys quarterback) is a big pansy and she comes unglued on me."

According to Scoggins, the Dallas Cowboys organization strongly promotes breast cancer prevention, and a representative from hospice contacted the Cowboys, who sent Moreno



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Terminally ill cancer patient Olivia Moreno displays some Dallas Cowboy's memorabilia sent from the organization with her sisters, Carmen Brooks, middle, and Gloria Mielez.

the memorabilia. Included in the package were pictures of the team and the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders, a Dallas Cowboys hat, magnets and programs.

Moreno was diagnosed in 1997 with breast cancer. The disease has moved into her bones and brain.

Once a caregiver herself, she needs constant care and the smallest movement, even having help to put on her blouse, can cause a

bone fracture. Described by her family as a private person, Moreno never had a pap smear or mammogram and did not even go to a physician once she noticed changes in her breast.

Personal women's health issues were never discussed in the Hispanic community when Moreno and her sisters were growing up, Brooks said.

Also present was the that idea if a person did not

have any symptoms of sickness, he was not sick, she added, mentioning the family relied more on home remedies than physician visits to cure ills.

After a couple of trips to the doctor because of back pain, Moreno was eventually diagnosed with breast cancer. The disease had already caused two of her ribs to crumble, Moreno

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Swift is Grady's first National Merit Finalist

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

LENORAH Eighteen-year-old Scott Swift is finding out his perfect score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) may open some doors.

"He is the first ever National Merit finalist at Grady High School," said Grady High School principal Richard Gibson.

Swift took the SAT last June, scoring a 1600 and

qualifying as a National Merit semifinalist. Swift then submitted an essay and last month heard he had become a finalist.

When he took the test, Swift did not expect to make a perfect score, in fact he was not worried about the results at all. Since he was just taking the SAT a first time to get a feel for the test, Swift did not put too much time studying for the exam, his mother, June said.

June said she thinks Scott's results are from a lifetime of cumulative learning. He has a broad range of interests.

"He has always had a love of learning for the sake of learning," she said.

And his test scores may open the door for acceptance into many colleges with scholarship offers. Currently Swift has been accepted into Austin College in Sherman and has been

awarded a Presidential Scholarship. Both the University of Texas and Texas A&M have accepted Swift and he is waiting to hear about Rice University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and California Tech.

"I am looking into several careers, including artificial intelligence," said Swift, who also likes to compose music, study languages and build things.

Christmas in April in need of volunteers

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Dozens of volunteers are needed to come to the aid of their neighbors next month for Christmas in April.

"Our list of approved houses keeps growing," said

Bob Noyes, a director of the organization, which repairs and refurbishes houses for the elderly, low-income and handicapped. "We can always use more funding, but we really need volunteers. The program doesn't exist without volunteers."

Christmas in April, which has set a workday this year of April 28, brings together

groups of volunteer workers to paint, roof and repair houses. CIA provides the materials, and often arranges a lunch.

Groups range from companies to churches, with senior citizens often working alongside teenagers. Skilled workers, such as plumbers and electricians, are often needed, but most of the work performed for Christmas in April can be done by anyone with a desire to help, Noyes said.

"A lot of the houses we work in don't have air conditioning, but some of them do need electrical work, or repairs to a gas line," he said. "But for the most part, not a lot of skills are necessary. It's just about helping your neighbors."

The goal of the program, Noyes said, is to keep senior citizens in their homes as long as possible. The service is free to the homeown-



Courtesy photo
A crew from First United Methodist Church installs a new roof on a home during the 2000 Christmas in April workday. This year's workday is April 28, when hundreds of volunteers are expected to join the effort to repair homes for the elderly, low-income and handicapped.

ers. At least 15 to 20 houses have been approved for the program this year, and now all that's needed are volun-

teers, Noyes said. "For the last two years, we've had at least 200 people working, and we'd like to have that again," Noyes

said. Those who want to form a group to help with Christmas in April should call Noyes at 267-5811.

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OBITUARIES

Debbie Steen Templeton

Funeral service for Debbie Steen Templeton, 51, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Templeton died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at her residence.

Mary Malone

Funeral service for Mary Malone, 29, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Malone died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at her residence.

FAMILY

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spent the next two years fighting the disease and went into remission for a year and half before the cancer returned with a vengeance.

Now Moreno is preparing to die, but she rarely complains, Brooks said, even through the disease keeps her in almost constant pain.

One side effect of the disease is that touch is painful to her.

"Touch is the first thing a family member wants to do when someone is sick, and they can't," Scoggins said.

The stress from Moreno's battle with the disease also impacts her family members, including Brooks, who has had to take numerous sick days from her job. And it is hard for Moreno, a fiercely independent person, who took care of both her parents before they died and worked as a professional caregiver.

"It is a family disease," Scoggins said. "It is taking her life. It's taking her family's life."

Brooks said what the family wants the public to learn from her sister's story is take preventive health care measures.

"Our family really wants to stress that women of any age should get checked," Brooks said. "They need to start paying attention to their health."

Scoggins said women can take steps at home by doing self-breast exams: first look to see if the breasts hang unevenly and then, going in a circular motion, feel the breast for abnormalities. Also a yearly pap smear and mammogram are recommended. Medicare and many insurance plans are willing to pay part or all of the tests.

"The health care industry is moving from curative disease to preventative disease," Brooks noted.

"Olivia is trying to seek meaning on why God has let her live for so long."

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Mary Malone died Sunday. Services are pending.
Edward O. Graves died Saturday. Services are pending.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home
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www.npwelch.com
Debbie Steen Templeton, 51, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Scoggins said. "If the main thing that comes of this is one person can be prevented from going through this disease, it could give her struggle some meaning."

FIRE

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tion by several different agencies, including his office.

"We are still uncertain whether the service to the building was damaged," Condray said, "or if the gas entered the building through the atmosphere, causing the accumulation of gas and the ensuing flash fire."

Condray said that the fire was out when Big Spring Fire Department units arrived on the scene, which was within one minute of receiving the call. Personnel remained on the scene, he added, to make sure that there were no hidden fires within the structure.

Army decision on black berets draws protest

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 200 protesters gathered Saturday at the Lincoln Memorial to demonstrate against Army plans to issue black berets to all its soldiers — an honor that had been reserved exclusively for the elite Rangers for more than two decades.

"Why would someone harm such a noble heritage?" former Ranger Bob Black asked the crowd.

The memorial to President Lincoln was chosen as the rally site because the former president briefly served as a Ranger himself. The Rangers are a small, elite force chosen for some of the Army's most hazardous and demanding missions.

But as part of an Army effort intended to boost morale and promote unity, the berets will become standard issue for all soldiers starting June 14 — the Army's birthday.

But the protesters rejected those efforts.

"It's just not the way to do it," said former World War II Ranger John Kormann of Chevy Chase, Md. "I've seen young soldiers almost transformed during Ranger training. To some nice person sitting behind a desk, what will it mean to them?"

The only other distinguishing feature of the Rangers' uniform is a patch worn on the right shoulder.

According to the Army's Web site, armor and armored infantry troops were permitted to wear the black beret from 1973 until then-Chief of Staff Bernard W. Rogers banned unofficial headgear in 1979. Rangers were authorized the beret under a 1975 regulation.

The Rangers' efforts to reverse the decision have gained the attention of President Bush. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said last week that Bush had asked the Department of Defense to review its decision.

But Army spokeswoman Elaine Kanellis said Friday that the Army is not aware of any formal or informal requests from the White House for a briefing on the matter.

Protest organizers shuttled between Capitol Hill offices last week, hoping to build support for their cause. Their supporters include Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., whose state is home to the 75th Ranger Regiment headquarters at Fort Benning.

Also, former Ranger David Nielsen, 30, completed his 700-mile walk that started Feb. 10 from Fort Benning to the nation's capital. About a dozen other former Rangers joined him for the last leg of the trip, and they marched Saturday across the Potomac River to the rally.

Nielsen, of Leesburg, Va., said he walked in protest, hoping to draw attention to the issue.

FBI will see internal review in wake of Hanssen case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department's internal watchdog will investigate FBI security procedures in light of charges that former agent Robert P. Hanssen sold U.S. secrets to Russia for 15 years without being detected.

The inspector general's inquiry, ordered by Attorney General John Ashcroft, could lead to a recommendation of discipline "if there was any wrongdoing by anybody aside from Hanssen in this case," department spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said Sunday.

A similar investigation by the CIA's inspector general in 1994 led to the reprimand of 11 senior intelligence officers in the Aldrich Ames spy case.

This IG's investigation will be conducted simultaneously with a separate review ordered by the Justice Department immediately after Hanssen's arrest last month. William Webster, a former CIA and FBI director, is evaluating the FBI's internal security procedures and will recommend changes to prevent future espionage cases.

The IG general would be "following avenues that might not otherwise be determined productive avenues for examination" by Webster, Ashcroft said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

He said Hanssen, a 25-year FBI veteran and counterintelligence expert, was responsible for "a grave loss" in national security.

Hanssen, 56, is accused of giving Moscow 6,000 pages of secret U.S. documents since 1985 in exchange for more than \$1.4 million in cash and diamonds. He was arrested Feb. 18 after authorities said he dropped off a package of documents at a Virginia park for his Russian contacts.

Congressional leaders sought the investigation, Tucker said. In 1994, after Ames' arrest, they also pressed for answers and threatened CIA budget cuts.

Ames, a veteran CIA officer, spied for the former Soviet Union for more than eight years, authorities said. He pleaded guilty in 1994 and was sentenced to life in prison, avoiding a trial and the prospect that the CIA would be pressured to disclose sensitive information.

Ahcroft would not say if there is an effort to reach a plea agreement with Hanssen, but he said officials wanted to "maximize our ability to protect the national interests."

HC offers assistance in student financial aid

HERALD Staff Report

Students seeking assistance with their financial aid applications, or those who just have questions about financial assistance available for college may attend one of several question and answer sessions at Howard College March 19-23.

"The deadline for financial aid is rapidly approaching, and we are available for new or transferring students to assist with the process," said Ann Duncan, director of enrollment management at Howard College.

April 2 is the deadline for all financial aid applications, as well as scholarship applications, she said.

"During our question and answer sessions on the Howard College campus, financial aid advisors will be available to answer questions students or parents may have," she said.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

The sessions are set for 9-10 a.m. March 19, 21 and 23 in the Student Union Building. On Tuesday and Thursday, March 20 and 22, the afternoon sessions are scheduled from 2:30 p.m., she said.

"We want to encourage anyone who has questions to attend one of these five sessions," Duncan said.

MARKETS

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Archer-Daniels 15.10 +01
Atmos Energy 23.38 -42
BP AMOCO 51.75 -25
Chevron Corp 92.30 -48
Compaq 18.60 +1
Cornell 7.7 nc
Dell 22.15 -15/16
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Exxon Mobil 85.05 -94
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NUV 9.29 +.02
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Phillips Petro 56.74 -74
SBC Comms 46 +1
Sears Roebuck 40.29 -31
Texaco Inc 69.40 -54
Texas Instrument 30.78 -1.97
TXU 40.93 -25
Total Fina 70.07 -1.88
Unocal Corp 36.91 -86
Wal-Mart 49.65 -1.13
Wal-Mart/Mexico 24.25 -25
AMCAP 17.27 -32
Europacific 30.24 -17
Prime Rate 8.5 %
Gold 266.85-270.25
Silver 4.42-4.48

BRIEFS

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING Course will be offered Wednesday and Thursday, March 14-15, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Participants must attend both days, but those who complete the course usually qualify for a 10 percent reduction in insurance rates.

Cost of the class is \$10. Call 267-1628 for more information.

BIG SPRING DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, meets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. New members are welcome. \$4 fee. Contact Janell Davis at 267-2656 for more information.

BIG SPRING HOME'S COOLER Group will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in the Family Life Center. Anyone who is currently homeschooling or is interested in this educational alternative is invited to attend. For information, call Suzanne Haney, 263-7147, or Marie Dunnam, 267-7663.

TO ORGANIZE A TEAM for Relay for Life, the community-wide campaign that is a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society, call Linda Billington at 399-4408, or Gloria McDonald at 263-1234. Relay is planned May 11-12 at Blankenship Field and 65 teams are expected to participate.

THE UNITED GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, will hold sign-ups from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 3rd, 10th and 17th at the Big Spring Mall.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 2000 Income Tax Returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and each Monday until April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

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This is for all citizens, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you cannot come at that time or need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY
•TOPS Club (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Gohad.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
•Encourager's support group (all widows and widowers are invited) will meet Monday, March 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through the north door). Bring a covered dish to complement the delicious dinner we have each month. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Debbie Jensen of the Herald will be our speaker. For more information call 398-5522.

TUESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

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•HOME HOSPICE and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

•MARVIN JULIAN, 34, of 206 Circle, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and on a Stafford County warrant.

•JOE SALAZAR JR., of 1409 E. 6th, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.

•KENNETH DALE CROSS, 44, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and local warrants.

•ALBERT DIAZ RESENDEZ, 56, of 1502 Scurry, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

•SANDRA VELASCO, 20, of 5016 N. Wood Drive, was arrested on a local warrant.

•STARLA RENEE SIELER, 38, of 2700 Cindy, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of W. 6th.

•BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of E. 4th and in the 2800 block of Cactus.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 4300 block of Connally.

•THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.

•DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 1300 block of Elm.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through 8 a.m. today:

•JOHN PAUL KAY, 42, of 6300 W. FM 818, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving (HCSO).

•VIRGIL DAVID JAMES, 43, of 3810 Rice Road, was arrested on charges of unlawful carry of a weapon and deadly conduct (HCSO).

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 5000 block of Parkway.

•PHONE HARASSMENT was reported in the 1200 block of Jeffrey Road.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 71
Sunday's low 42
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Record high 96 in 1989
Record low 15 in 1948
Average high 68
Average low 38
Month to date 0.09
Year to date 2.58
Sunrise Tuesday 6:58 a.m.
Sunset Saturday 6:53 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

6:09 a.m. — 1500 block of East Fifth, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:02 a.m. — 1200 block of Main, medical call, service refused.

11:05 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:00 p.m. — Howard College, public service.

4:16 p.m. — 1000 block of Nolan, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:09 p.m. — 1900 block of North Highway 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:57 p.m. — 2400 block of Main, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:04 p.m. — 1200 block of East Third, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:08 p.m. — 2600 block of Dow, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

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Israel

RAMALLAH (AP) — Israeli tear gas and bullets Monday of Palestinian dozer to through an blockade, pa chokehold on. The blockade on Sunday, trenches and ting off al Ramallah, a t 50,000 people Palestinians' commercial c isolated doze villages with sands of reside Prime Mi Sharon, meavened his Cab meeting ami agreement am over the inte

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Israeli troops fire rubber-coated bullets at Palestinians

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israeli soldiers fired tear gas and rubber-coated bullets Monday at hundreds of Palestinians using a bulldozer to try to break through an Israeli army blockade, part of a new chokehold on Ramallah.

The blockade was imposed on Sunday, with tanks, trenches and ramparts cutting off all access to Ramallah, a town of about 50,000 people that is the Palestinians' political and commercial center. It also isolated dozens of nearby villages with tens of thousands of residents.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, meanwhile, convened his Cabinet for a first meeting amid sharp disagreement among ministers over the intensified siege.

Ministers from the center-left Labor Party warned that the new policy would backfire and trigger more violence.

Palestinian activists have designated Wednesday and Friday of this week as "days of rage," to be marked by confrontations with Israeli troops.

Israeli media reports said the closure was part of a new army plan, approved by Sharon, under which troops will cut up the West Bank and Gaza Strip into dozens of smaller areas and tightly control each subdivision.

Sharon's adviser, Raanan Gissin, said the blockade was aimed at preventing attacks on Israelis, both by restricting travel and by exerting pressure on Palestinian leader Yasser

Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

"If the Palestinian Authority is so concerned about the well-being of its people, it would have stopped these terrorist activities, most of which are controlled by the Palestinian Authority itself," Gissin said.

The Palestinians said Sharon is using military means to try to impose a political solution.

"If Sharon thinks that through such procedures, he can bring the Palestinian people to their knees or bow to him, then he is living in illusions," said Ahmed Qureia, the Palestinian parliament speaker.

On Monday, about 1,500 Palestinians led by Information Minister

Yasser Abed Rabbo and legislator Hanan Ashrawi marched toward a barrier north of Ramallah to protest against the blockade.

Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas toward the crowd as a bulldozer decorated with a Palestinian flag approached Israeli positions.

Sharon's office said the intensified closure — part of a clampdown on the West Bank and Gaza Strip imposed when the Palestinian-Israeli fighting broke out nearly six months ago — was intended to thwart specific plans of an attack against Israelis.

Transportation Minister Ephraim Sneh, of the center-left Labor Party, warned that the new policy would backfire.

"It makes things hard for the general population and makes them feel they have nothing to lose. It brings more people into the cycle of violence and internationally causes Israel great damage," Sneh, who served as deputy defense minister in the previous government, told Israel army radio. "It does not turn the rage towards the perpetrators (of anti-Israel attacks), but towards us."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the former Labor prime minister who helped forge the breakthrough peace accords with the Palestinians and who joined Sharon's broad coalition, said the blockade needed to be reviewed.

Army officers privately have also expressed reserva-

tions about the measures taken against Ramallah.

Since the start of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, Israel has enforced stringent travel restrictions on nearly 3 million Palestinians. Residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip are barred from entering Israel.

Troops have repeatedly cut Gaza in half, preventing north-south movement, and have also enforced a blockade of West Bank towns. In the case of Ramallah, the blockade had been incomplete, with motorists being able to use several bumpy backroads to get in and out of the city.

To date, 424 people have been killed in the fighting, including 348 Palestinians, 57 Israeli Jews and 19 others.

Galveston College regroups after wasting \$1.6 million on software that didn't work

GALVESTON (AP) — Professors and staff at a southeast Texas community college can expect smaller pay raises in the next several years because \$1.6 million has been wasted on high-tech software that didn't work, the school's comptroller said.

Three years ago Galveston College spent \$1 million on software that officials expected would meet the 2,500-student school's computer needs for at least 10 years.

But after siphoning another \$600,000 from the college's \$11 million budget in vain attempts to make the software work, officials have decided to scrap it and start over. Last month officials approved spending \$1.8 million for software from another vendor.

"Last time we bought a Cadillac when we only needed a Buick," Phyllis Moore, chairwoman of the college's board of regents, told the Galveston County Daily News in Sunday's editions. "This time we bought the Buick."

Moore blamed the glitch on Pleasanton, Calif.-based PeopleSoft USA, which supplied the original software. She said the company misled college officials about the software's capabilities and cost.

But Nancy Raca, director of education and government at PeopleSoft, said a lack of executive leadership at the college — not the software — caused the

problem. She said PeopleSoft offered solutions for additional fees, and "the college rejected all of them."

Regardless of where the blame lies, Comptroller Jim Mayfield said the college's budget will feel the pinch.

He said the money spent on the PeopleSoft products and the \$1.8 million earmarked last month for software and support from Wayne, Pa.-based SunGard Inc. eats 20 percent of cash reserves.

That means pay raises for employees will be limited to cost of living increases for several years, he said.

"It will be extremely difficult for us to keep pace with the market," Mayfield said.

The college's board of regents decided to buy the PeopleSoft software in 1998 even though officials had heard the previous year that Houston Community College had problems getting it up and running. The college needed new software to run its financial, human resources and student administration offices.

But by May last year, Mayfield told former Galveston College President C.B. Rathburn that he was concerned that the software wasn't performing as expected. By October, the college started looking for another supplier.

Hispanic banker considers gubernatorial bid

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas multimillionaire with strong border ties is viewed by a number of Democrats as the party's best chance to retake the state's governorship in 2002, despite financial links to George W. Bush's administration.

Laredo businessman A.R. "Tony" Sanchez Jr. has said he would decide this summer whether to run for the state's highest office.

If Sanchez decides to run, his campaign will be historic as he tries to become the first Hispanic governor of Texas, said spokesman Kelly Fero.

"It will become crusade-like, historical," Fero told the Houston Chronicle in a copyright report. "It will be the nation's second-largest state with a legitimate, well-funded Hispanic with a real chance of winning the governor's office."

Sanchez reportedly contributed more than \$350,000, personally or through his businesses, to the National

Republican Party and to Bush's successful runs for governor and president.

But Fero predicted that no Texans will be offended by Sanchez' financial support of Bush's campaigns.

"Tony Sanchez' support of George W. Bush was in step with the majority of Texans," said Fero.

Sanchez, whose enterprises reportedly have a net worth of \$600 million — including a 13,000-acre cattle ranch east of Laredo — prefers that his affairs remain private until he makes his decision.

The 58-year-old University of Texas regent, who has a private oil and gas company, also owns a real estate firm in San Antonio and a venture capital business in Austin.

"He is used to being in charge," Alan Jackson, owner of a Laredo insurance company and a childhood friend of Sanchez, told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's online edition. "He's such a private

person. He's going to have to learn to subject himself to the questions, to go on the record."

Sanchez did not immediately return a call Monday from The Associated Press.

In 1997, Bush as Republican governor picked Sanchez for a six-year term on the UT Board of Regents.

Formerly, Sanchez owned a savings and loan which law officers said was used for laundering nearly \$13 million by Mexican drug dealers. The thrift later failed under the weight of bad loans.

Environmentalists were reportedly angered when Sanchez moved to drill for gas in Falcon State Park with a permit he obtained shortly after he served on the Texas Parks and Wildlife board. Sanchez in 2000 obtained a permit to drill for gas in Burnet Bay near the Baytown Nature Center and the San Jacinto Monument.

Several top officials of former Gov. Ann Richards'

administration told the Chronicle that Sanchez first began supporting Bush after Richards rejected construction of a private toll road near Laredo, where Sanchez's bank held an investment interest.

Bush's administration later approved the project.

Sanchez' father, Tony Sanchez Sr., founded the International Bank of Commerce with six other businessmen. With his son's continued involvement, IBC became one of the largest Hispanic-owned banks in the United States with \$5.8 billion in assets.

Jackson said a commitment by Sanchez to the underdog stems from his work as Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes' South Texas liaison in the 1960s.

"He was exposed to so much of the poverty," Jackson said. "I remember him talking about meeting a family that was living in a shanty, basically a cardboard hut. That moved him tremendously."

Astronauts complete longest spacewalk in shuttle history

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two spacewalking astronauts installed new hardware and relocated equipment early Sunday on the international space station, in the process completing the longest such excursion in space shuttle program history.

Astronauts Jim Voss and Susan Helms had finished their work on space station Alpha but couldn't end their spacewalk until flight controllers determined their help wasn't needed in relocating a docking port in order to make way for a module filled with supplies.

Their spacewalk lasted 8 hours 56 minutes. The prior longest spacewalk in the shuttle program, in May 1992, lasted 8 hours 29 minutes.

Voss and Helms spent the early hours of Sunday disconnecting cables which were helping to hold a docking port in place on Alpha — set to be their new home for the next four months. Voss and Helms were delivered by space shuttle Discovery as part of Alpha's first replacement crew.

After completing their work, Voss and Helms waited in the shuttle's airlock to see if Thomas needed their help, which in the end was not required. The process of attaching the docking port to its new location took longer than expected.

"Thanks for your great work. We're glad to see (the docking port) in its long term home," Mission Control told the shuttle crew after the port was in place.

The spacewalkers had to deal with a few minor glitches during the walk, which began shortly after midnight.

through. Do not act quickly. You find that you are confused, but try to see confusion as your way of avoiding or accepting certain facts. Possibly, another might inadvertently not be revealing everything. Tonight: Don't isolate yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** All work and no play isn't good for the sparkling Gemini spirit. You might be daydreaming about what could be rather than what is. Be open to new possibilities at work. If you want to broaden your horizons, consider taking a course. Tonight: Pace yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Your imagination knows no limits. Trust information that comes forth. Another's ideas of what might be workable aren't anchored in reality. Review recent decisions. Check for clarity of thought. Tonight: Go for an aerobic workout.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Others might not intend to add to the confusion around you, but facts being facts, they are. Consider yourself an isolated force. Make choices on the basis of fundamentals. Postpone making decisions, if you can. A loved one means well. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Speak your mind if it is important to you. Understand that another might not hear you as clearly as you would like.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 12, 2001:
You might often feel that your intuition is correct, but then your mind will tell you otherwise. You also might have a tendency this year to garble your facts. Honor the incongruities and seek solutions that are workable. Consider new ways to expand your mind, whether it means going back to school or taking a trip to an exotic country. Your dreams might be prophetic or important. Start keeping a dream notebook. If you are single, you should check someone out carefully before you find yourself heavily involved. A special relationship is slated for late 2001 or for 2002. If you are attached, you and your sweetie often think you are saying the same thing, but you aren't. Clarify, and don't make a clear-cut right side and wrong side in situations. SCORPIO can be a wonderfully.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Dig into your imagination, not your financial reserves. There are many ways to get where you want to go. Allow your creativity to speak. A lot happens quickly with a partnership. Tonight: Seek out a respected friend's opinion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Think a decision

Stomp your heels all you like — the situation is what it is. Don't test your limits. Tonight: Get together with a friend for dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Think about what you are saying before you say it. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like. Rethink decisions, with an eye to possibilities. Still, slow down before you commit. Not everything is as it seems. Ask more questions. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Smile and believe that everything is all right. Your sense of direction could take you down a new avenue. Understand how confused others are. You might not be able to help right now, but you can be happy within your immediate circle. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** Communication runs amok, and you might not even realize it. You might want to pull back and think before you make a major decision in the next few days. As a result, your point of view transforms. Could you be overly sensitive? Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Your checkbook could come under siege if you aren't careful. Think through a decision carefully, especially if you think something looks too good to be true. Answers do come from out of left field. Anything is possible as long as you are willing to explore and wait. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You might think you have the answer but, try as you might, you find yourself grasping at straws. Be patient with someone in authority. Take your time with a decision. Stay centered while handling your work, calls and errands. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Review a recent decision that surrounds travel or a special educational opportunity. You might not be sure about what is best. Stay upbeat and direct with a loved one. Others might feel a bit off kilter. Be helpful, don't pressure. Tonight: Follow the music.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's all work together this spring break

School's out across the Crossroads area this week as local students take a spring break. Whether they have children or not, that means most local residents will notice the difference this week.

When school is out, that means we'll see more kids around during the daylight hours and in the evenings. Watch out for them as you drive to and from work.

While school zones may be still operating, perhaps they don't have the same meaning as when school is in session. But they serve as a good reminder anyway to slow down and look around for youngsters as we pass.

School vacation means some parents will struggle to find ways to keep their children busy during the day. Church groups often step in, with trips and programs, and the Big Spring Family YMCA is always a good source of activities.

But the fact is, while school is out, work is not for many parents, and that means some young people will be left to entertain themselves. And since there's no school, many families will relax their schedules a little, extending bedtimes and taking in more movies or TV shows.

We want remind parents that Big Spring does impose a curfew on those 16 and younger. On weeknights, they must be off the streets by 10 p.m., and by midnight on weekends. While exceptions can be made for teens who are with their parents or working, there are few acceptable excuses for breaking curfew.

Parents, know where your kids are at all times and especially during school vacations: It's a step toward keeping them safe and out of trouble.

If we all work together, this can be an enjoyable spring break across the Crossroads area, for folks of any age.

OTHER VIEWS

Installing special cameras at intersections in Texas cities to take pictures of license tags of red-light runners would not end the problem of foolish drivers who risk the safety of themselves and others by busting through red lights.

But it would considerably improve the problem, and that is the point. The notion that a camera could record photographic evidence of red-light indiscretions would inhibit enough drivers from running through red lights to justify allowing Texas cities to install the cameras.

The red-light camera program would save lives in Lubbock and in any other cities that would use it. It wouldn't put a huge burden on taxpayers, because the fines of violators would pay for most or all of the expense involving the cameras.

But the cameras are not going to be installed without the blessing of the

Texas Legislature.

State Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, whose red-light camera bill got shot down in the last legislative session, introduced it again this session and has a better chance of seeing it pass this time. It has cleared a House committee.

We understand how the circumstances of the cameras can make people squeamish. No one likes the thought of being out somewhere and being secretly photographed. But the cameras would not be set to photograph people, only the license tag numbers of violators.

If the red-light cameras are installed in Texas intersections, they will benefit everyone who drives through those intersections. They will decrease the chances that a red-light runner will cause a collision that would cause property damage and possibly even injury or death.

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Breaking black ranks over the Clintons

No group has stuck with Bill Clinton more consistently than blacks.

Throughout the current pardoning disgrace, members of the congressional black caucus have been all over television defending the indefensible.

Back during the Monica Lewinsky scandal, novelist Toni Morrison wrote in The New Yorker that Clinton has been our first black president. Very surprisingly, she cited irresponsibility as one of his black traits. But she was trying to explain Clinton's appeal for blacks.

With Clinton retaining almost unanimous black support, it is all the more impressive that New York Times columnist Bob Herbert has come out with a strongly written, even eloquent column scorching both Clintons for their egregious behavior, calling upon the Democratic Party to ostracize them and cut loose from this albatross.

This came as a refreshing surprise because Herbert, for some years, has occupied the "Black Desk" on the Times' op-ed page.

And though he is a bright

fellow and a good writer, he has been pretty predictable, regularly offering black complaints about one thing or another, going on about black "disenfranchisement" in Florida and so on. Florida was not a foul-up, it was not confusion, not an unexpected turnout. It had to be a plot, intimidation, racism, disenfranchisement.

But the Marc Rich and other pardons seem to have been too much for Herbert — too much, in view of Clinton's previous behavior. Herbert swung from the floor, and his Feb. 26 column is a splendid performance.

It should win a prize for righteous wrath. It should be anthologized.

Herbert begins by excavating something indicative of things to come: "Some years ago, when Jennifer Flowers informed Bill Clinton that she had lied under oath ... the man already known as Slick Willie replied, 'Good for you.'"

The column takes off from there:

"The president who hung a 'For Rent' sign on the door to the Lincoln Bedroom also conducted a clearance sale on pardons on his last weird sleepless days in the White House."

"The fallout from those pardons is threatening to destroy Mr. Clinton, and perhaps also his wife, the junior senator from New York. He may finally be

getting his due.

"The Clintons can spin this however they want. But the simple truth is that the way in which some of the pardons were granted seems to fit neatly with the standard definition of a bribe, which is the promise of money or gifts — something of value — to influence the action or behavior of an official ..."

"Do we think something of value was exchanged for Mr. Clinton's pardon of Mr. Rich? Or do we think Mr. Clinton went to bat for this billionaire fugitive because, darn it, it was the right thing to do?"

Herbert writes incisively of the pardon granted to four Hasidic Jews, who cheated the government out of millions of dollars in connection with a fictitious school. Did Hillary receive virtually all the votes from the New Square Hasidic village because they liked her most recent hairdo? In December, after winning the election, Hillary and still-President Clinton met with the head of the community, Rabbi David Twersky.

The four convicted felons received a pardon.

The Clinton-appointed federal attorney in New York, Mary Jo White, is trying to find out whether there was a votes-for-clemency arrangement.

Herbert sums up his feelings about the character of the Clintons: "The Clintons may or may not be led

away in handcuffs someday. But whatever happens with the criminal investigations, it's time for the Democratic Party to wise up. Ostracism would be a good first step. Bill Clinton should be cut completely loose. Cold turkey. No more talk about his political genius, his fund-raising prowess, his ability to captivate audiences. He was president for eight years and the bottom line politically is this: For the first time in nearly half a century, the Republican Party controls the presidency and both houses of Congress.

"Bill Clinton has been a disaster for the Democratic Party. Send him packing ..."

"You can't lead a nation if you are ashamed of the leadership of your party. The Clintons are a terminally unethical and vulgar couple, and they've betrayed everyone who has ever believed in them."

"As neither Clinton has the grace to retire from the scene, the Democrats have no choice but to turn their backs on them. It won't be easy, but the Democrats need to try. If they succeed they'll deserve the compliment Bill Clinton offered Gennifer Flower after she lied under oath: 'Good for you.'"

Herbert will not receive compliments from his black cohorts for this column. But he tells it like it is, and maybe he should receive a Pulitzer Prize for this piece of opinion journalism.



MOLLY IVINS



The more things change...(you know the rest)

Sooner or later, Republicans elated over having elected a president who is a gargantuan improvement over his predecessor will come to realize that most of our basic problems remain unsolved.

That's not because of the president. The reason is that politics can only offer a Band-Aid approach to the human condition.

The traditional Christian worldview explains this through the concept of fallen man. To the traditional Christian, utopia will never be realized on this earth because human beings are flawed creatures.

The evidence of history is on the side of the Christian viewpoint. Utopians generally become so disappointed that they fall into nihilism, which eventually destroys them.

I now have the perspective of having lived through the administrations of Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Bill Clinton and now George W. Bush. I've seen the New Deal, the Fair Deal, the New Federalism, the New Frontier, the Great Society, the War on Poverty and whatever other slogans have been bounced around.

And guess what? Things are pretty much the same. Some problems have been solved, and new ones have appeared. Some problems remain unsolved. People continue to grouse about public education. Transportation problems continue. Pollution problems continue. Cyclical economic problems continue. Crime, divorce, illegitimacy, disease, foreign conflicts, poverty — you name it, it's still around.

Utopians are like a rhinoceros trying to stamp out a forest fire. All too often

in their frustration they become dangerous. Instead of recognizing that their schemes are flawed, they begin to see their perfect society being frustrated by people. If we can only get rid of those people, then the scheme would work, they say, and the blood begins to flow.

Government is a particularly clumsy and dangerous tool for problem solving. It is exactly what our first Christian president, George Washington, said it is — force.

It's not that government cannot be useful, but what it can't do is comfort, nurture, love or care for us. I contend that it cannot even educate us.

The fact that our new president will consider his education program a resounding success if he can force this half-trillion-dollar behemoth that is public education to teach children to read is a damning indictment. You can teach your children to read.

But, as a preacher said in the 1880s, if all you mean by education is teaching people to read, then all you

will have accomplished is to create a mass market for trash literature. How's that for a prophetic statement? Literate is not a synonym for educated. In fact, more than half of all the prison population has a high-school diploma or its equivalent.

Most people, I think, long to have meaning in their lives and to be as reasonably happy as mortal beings — subject to pain and doomed to die — can be. In this, government is helpless.

Americans need more religion and less government. And if you can't believe in an eternal being, then try classical Buddhism, which is not deity-based. Or philosophy. Just don't expect politicians and government to make you happy. The idols of politics, entertainment and drugs are all false gods.

It would help if newspapers were not addicted to government news. They are, though, because that's the easiest kind of news to get.

Politicians make sure it is easy.

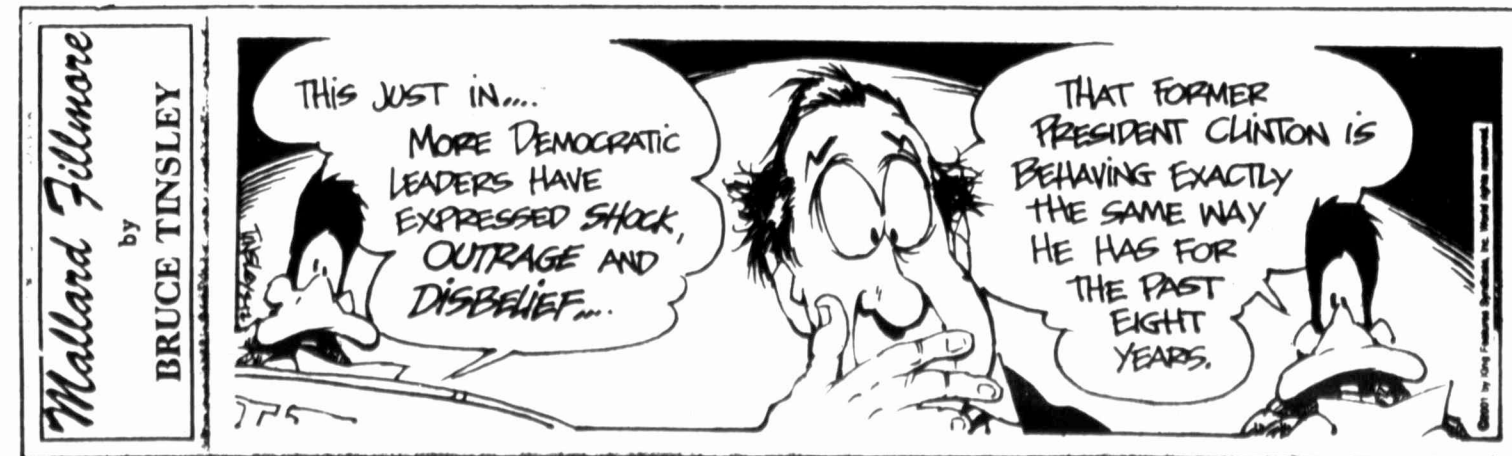
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Lifeguard certification course offered

There will be a lifeguard certification course offered March 30-31 and April 1 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Registration is limited to 12 people. You must be at least 16 years of age and be able to swim 500 yards.

The cost is \$100 per person and the fee includes first aid and CPR certifications.

The course will be instructed by Harlan Smith.

To register come by 801 Owens St. or send registration fee to the YMCA, P.O. Box 1428.

Re-certification class offered at YMCA

There will be a re-certification course April 7 for current lifeguards at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

The cost is \$35 plus additional fee for the book.

The class registration is limited to 12 people. To register come by 801 Owens St. or send registration fee to the YMCA, P.O. Box 1428.

Bulldogettes compete in weekend tourney

Coahoma Bulldogettes suffered a 9-3 loss to Abilene high Friday. The losing pitcher was Kenni Kay Buchanan who gave up seven hits but finished the day with nine strike outs. The Bulldogettes had four hits on the day from Buchanan, Kayla Smith, Amber Bingham and Brandie Hart.

The Bulldogettes then competed in the Graham Tournament Saturday and finished third after a 2-2 performance.

They suffered a couple of losses to Burkburnett high, but recovered well, cruising past Petrolia 12-0 and Winthrop 7-0.

The Bulldogettes travel to San Marcos to face Brazos Port at 2:30 Thursday.

Little league baseball umpires needed

The Little League Umpires Association is looking for anyone interested in umpiring baseball games this season.

For more information, call Don Hogan at 267-7421 or 394-4938 after 6 p.m.

Chicano golfers to hold Sunday tourney

The Chicano golf association will hold its monthly golf tournament at the Comanche Trail golf course.

The tournament will be a full person selective drive and all players must register by 9:45 Sunday. For more information call 264-2366.

Lady Steers softball boosters set meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Club members should have poster ads read to turn in during that meeting.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each. Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

Bobby Knight to visit Texas Tech campus this week

LUBBOCK (AP) — If Bob Knight becomes the next basketball coach at Texas Tech, he's likely to face a new set of rules — but none dealing with his behavior.

Athletic director Gerald Myers said Sunday he was not concerned about any such problems arising at Tech.

"I think the relationship I have with him, I can talk to him about any issues or anything that may come up," Myers said of his friend of 30 years.

The deposed Indiana coach, the only candidate so far, plans to visit the campus on Thursday, Myers said. He planned to talk to Knight before then about possible contract terms.

"We really haven't gotten down to the details of all that yet," Myers said.

The coach's salary comes from ticket sales, TV contracts, conference revenues and booster club funds; Texas law prohibits using state funds to pay coaches.

Knight, whose 29-year run at Indiana included three national championships and 11 Big Ten titles, was fired in September for violating a zero-tolerance behavior policy. Among other problems, the Hall of Fame coach grabbed the arm of a freshman who called him by his last name.

The zero-tolerance rule was imposed after a university investigation turned up a videotape show-

ing Knight putting his hand around a former player's neck.

James Sowell of Dallas, chairman of Texas Tech's Board of Regents, said Sunday it wouldn't be necessary to add a behavior clause to the contract if Knight got the job.

"To me, someone who needs that you shouldn't be hiring them in the first place," he said.

In any case, no offer could be made until at least March 23, because state law mandates the position be open for 10 working days. The job became available on Friday when Tech fired 10-year coach James Dickey, who went 9-19 this year.

Knight's lawyer, Russell Yates of Denver, did not return a call to his

office Sunday seeking comment on Knight's plans.

But Myers is hopeful. "I think he would have to be pretty interested to come out for a visit," he said.

Sowell said he probably would meet with Knight. But he also said he told Myers he wants to have three or four more candidates lined up.

The chairman said he has not spoken to any of the other eight regents who would have to approve a hiring recommendation from Myers. He declined to say how he might vote.

Sowell said while Knight is an outstanding coach, he also brings "questions about his temper, his anger and his language."



This is a picture of one of the girls' teams from the Big Spring Youth Basketball League. The BSYBL works with players ranging from first through sixth grade. Pictured top row from left: Craig Clark, Shelby Clark, Kay C. Stanley, Hall Wells and Ronda Doe. Bottom left: Alexis Armstrong, All Knight, April Cellavas and Megan Doe.

Forsan track teams place at area meet

HERALD Staff Reports

Forsan track teams competed in the Stanton relays Saturday among a field of 11 teams.

The top finishes for the girls was Becky Zubiate who placed second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:58.89.

Lyndsey Allen finished fifth in the 100 meter dash while both sprint relay teams finished sixth.

Allen teamed up with Mandy Murphy, Audra Bailey and Candace Gamble in the 4 x 400 meter relay while Zubiate and Allen combined with Bailey and Gamble for the 800 meter relay.

In the girls' meet Crane finished in first place with 126 points, followed by Ft. Stockton, Colorado City, Coahoma, Midland Christian, Garden City, Brownfield, Presidio, Stanton, Forsan and Trinity Christian.

The Buffaloes managed a number of top finishes.

In the field events, Adam Dunlap finished first at 5-10 in the high jump while Furillo Subia claimed the second place spot in the long jump. In the discuss throw Donny Allen finished third with a distance of 123-9 while teammate Brad Gillihan finished sixth with a throw of 113-4.

Wes Longorio made himself known placing second in the 100 meter dash in a time of 11:27. He then competed in the 200 meter dash and placed fourth in a time of 23:95.

Longorio combined with Josh Bedwell, Cody Lefever and Subia to take third place in the 4 x 100 meter relay in a time of 47:25.

The junior varsity boys also managed a few placings. Josh Helmstetter finished second in the high jump, Mitchell Hooper placed sixth in the 3200 meter run and the foursome of Billy Acosta, Matt Ellis, Josh Helmstetter and Travis Rose placed sixth in the 4 x 100 meter relay.

In the boys' meet Stanton took first place with a total of 120 points followed by Colorado City, Garden City, Coahoma, Forsan,

Parnevik holds on for win at Honda Classic

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — There was nothing fashionable about Jesper Parnevik's win at the Honda Classic.

Parnevik, the 36-year-old Swede who easily stands out on the PGA Tour with his designer plaid pants, colorful shirts and flipped-up hat bills, escaped the TPC at Heron Bay with a one-stroke victory over Mark Calcavecchia, Geoff Ogilvy and Craig Perks.

It was anything but dapper. Parnevik shot an even-par 72 on a windy Sunday afternoon, finishing 18 under and holding off the competition for his first tour victory of the season.

He bogeyed the par-4 No. 18 and opened the door for Calcavecchia to send the tournament into a playoff, but Calcavecchia's 15-foot par putt lipped out on the course's signature hole.

"I'll take it any way I can get it," Parnevik said. "It's more a relief than happiness. You never want to win that way. I would have liked to have knocked mine in and get it over with."

Calcavecchia (70), Ogilvy (69) and Perks (66) finished in a three-way tie for second place. Each of the top four finishers bogeyed No. 18.

Calcavecchia and Ogilvy were

noticeably frustrated with the results.

Several minutes after his bogey, Calcavecchia slammed his hat against a radio booth as he walked into the media room, broke the clasp and then tossed it into the trash.

"I'm obviously pretty disappointed right now," Calcavecchia said. "I goofed. I had my chances. I'm not going to say Jesper didn't deserve to win, but I blew it."

After Ogilvy signed his scorecard, he kicked his bag, knocking it to the ground.

"I have nothing to say. I just finished very badly," Ogilvy said.

Ty Tryon, a high school sophomore and the second-youngest player to make the cut in a PGA Tour event, shot a 68 and wound up 10 under in his debut. He finished tied for 39th.

"I can't believe it's over, but at least I had a great round today," said Tryon, who would have made \$12,480 for his showing, but collected nothing because of his amateur status.

Parnevik, meanwhile, made \$576,000 for his fifth PGA Tour win.

Admittedly unfocused on golf between offseason hip surgery last September and the recent birth of his fourth child, Parnevik took a three-

stroke lead into the final round. But his advantage was gone at the turn. He trailed Ogilvy by a shot as he approached the par-3 No. 11.

After Parnevik bogeyed the par-5 ninth, Ogilvy took the outright lead on the 11th by making a 40-foot putt from the front of the green. It was the first time this weekend Parnevik was not atop the leaderboard.

But Parnevik answered with a birdie on the 11th. He held on from there — with some assistance.

Ogilvy gave strokes back on Nos. 15 and 18. Calcavecchia, who had knee surgery just two weeks ago, double-bogeyed No. 6, then missed the putt on the 18th.

Parnevik's biggest shot might have come in Saturday's third round. He chipped in from the fringe for a birdie on No. 18. What looked like a one- or two-shot lead turned into the plus-three advantage.

Parnevik really struggled on the par 5s Sunday. After making birdie eight times in 12 tries on the par 5s through the first three rounds, Parnevik was 1 over on the four longest holes Sunday.

"I just tried to hang in there, give myself a chance in the end," Parnevik said.

Wagner injured in Venezuela, Jeter makes spring debut

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Houston Astros hoped to bring back a few souvenirs from Venezuela. Instead, they came back with an injured closer.

Billy Wagner, who missed most of last season after surgery on his left elbow, walked off the mound after only two pitches Sunday because of a mild strain on the left side of his groin.

Wagner grimaced in pain after throwing a 98-mph fastball in the eighth inning against Cleveland at Valencia, Venezuela. The game finished in a tie at 8.

"I didn't want to continue doing anything with it, so I just came off," Wagner told The Houston Chronicle. "I felt a strain during warmups, but I decided to see what I could do."

Wagner was the league's top closer in 1999, with 39 saves and a 1.57 ERA. Last year, he had only six saves and a 6.18 ERA before undergoing surgery on June 27.

While Wagner left early, Derek Jeter made his spring training debut.

Jeter went 0-for-3 for a New York Yankees' split squad in a 7-6 win over Montreal. The World Series MVP missed eight exhibition games because of an inflamed shoulder joint, and was scratched Saturday with a viral throat infection.

"It looked like everybody was throwing 200 miles an hour," Jeter said.

Gary Sheffield, who withdrew his trade request a day earlier, got his first hit of the spring. He tripled as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat St. Louis 3-2.

Preston Wilson, who broke Sheffield's team record for RBIs last season with Florida, and the Marlins agreed on a \$32 million, five-year contract.

"I'm not a politician or anything like that," said Sheffield, who had been 0-for-10. "I'm just a baseball player and a family man, and I'm going to get back to doing those two

things."

The Marlins, hoping to move into a new ballpark in 2004, made yet another long-term commitment to their future.

Wilson earned \$287,000 last season when he set a team record with 121 RBIs.

The center fielder also became the first 30-30 player in club history, hitting 31 home runs and stealing 36 bases.

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In other games, it was Texas 2, Cincinnati 1; New York Mets 7, Detroit 2; Baltimore 10, Boston 2; Pittsburgh 2, Toronto 1; Minnesota 9, Tampa Bay 4; Toronto 11, New York Yankees 6; Kansas City 4, Philadelphia 2; Tampa Bay 7, Philadelphia 6; Anaheim 5, Seattle 4; Colorado 2, Milwaukee 1; Oakland 12, San Francisco 6; and Chicago White Sox 6, San Diego 1. Arizona swept the Chicago Cubs in a pair of split-squad games, winning 13-3 at Mesa, Ariz., and 4-3 in Tucson, Ariz.

Astros 8,

Indians 8

Adam Everett's two-run homer in the ninth inning gave Houston a tie in the wrap-up of the two-game series. Kenny Lofton and Russell Branyan homered for Cleveland.

Yankees (ss) 7,

Expos 6

At Tampa, Fla., Alfonso Soriano hit a bases-loaded triple. Soriano, who had played shortstop in place of Jeter, started in left field.

Marlins 2,

Braves 1, 11 innings

At Melbourne, Fla., John Smoltz gave up one run in two innings in his second start since elbow surgery last spring. Lyle Mouton hit a game-winning single for Florida.

Orioles 10, Red Sox 2

At Fort Myers, Fla., David Segui hit two home runs in the cleanup spot. Segui is taking Albert Belle's place in Baltimore's lineup.

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