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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Senior Center accepting items for its auction

The Spring City Senior Center is accepting donations for its third annual benefit auction. All items will be accepted with the exception of clothes.

Pickup is available. For more information, contact Bobbie Leonard at 267-1628 at the Spring City Senior Center or the Crossroads Auction Company at 263-8200 for more information.

All proceeds go to the Senior Citizens Center.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- VFW Post 2013 meets at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Rd., at 7 p.m. Election of new officers will be held.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Andrews Hwy.
- American Red Cross meets at Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster at 7 p.m.
- Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Str., 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.
- Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.
- Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

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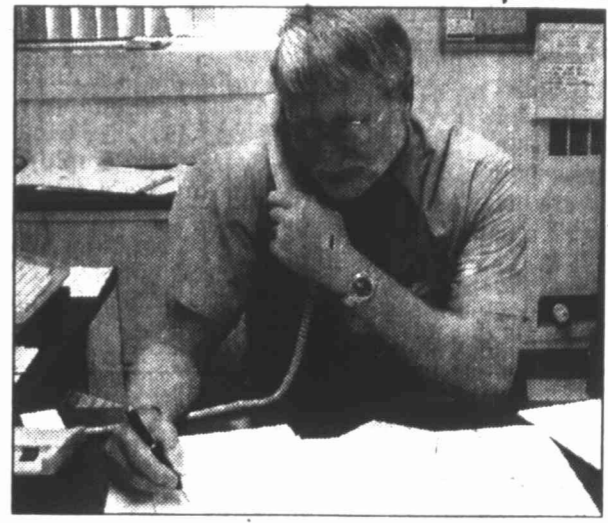
By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The last three weeks of work has been a whirlwind of activity for Patrick Carnahan, the new Disabled American Veterans service officer. Carnahan filed the position on Feb. 23 that had been left vacant for about a year when the former DAV service officer Heidrun Meiser left for medical reasons. For the past year, a DAV service representative from Lubbock has been visiting the Big Spring office,

housed on the fourth floor of the VA Medical Center, about twice a month. Twice monthly visits are not enough time to serve the veterans in the 47 counties the office serves, Carnahan said, so his first few weeks have been rather busy, but he is enjoying his new employment. "I enjoy helping people," Carnahan said. Carnahan attempts to help veterans receive their entitled benefits such as assisting in the filling out of paperwork to

making sure the forms are sent to the right place. "I work for a non-profit organization manned only by disabled veterans," he said. "We have a vested interest to make sure all veterans receive all their possible benefits." Carnahan also coordinates the van service, manned by volunteers, that picks up veterans who do not have transportation for medical treatment throughout the service

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CARNAHAN



Grounds Supervisor Ricky Sneed, groundskeeper Chris Newton and carpenter Wesley Shoup, above, work to erect a pavilion tent in the Howard College administration courtyard Tuesday. The tent was to be used for an employee luncheon today in conjunction with Community College Month. The event followed a special tree-dedication ceremony this morning honoring former athletic trainer Everett Blackburn, who served the college for more than 20 years until his death last year. At left, Howard College maintenance and grounds worker Pete Rodriguez works in a flower bed in the school's administration courtyard.

HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Trash off

Adopt-a-Highway groups join Saturday's annual state cleanup campaign

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Thousands of Texans will take to the streets, parks and vacant lots of their communities to pick up trash this weekend as part of the 17th Annual "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off."

A group of those volunteers are groups which have pledged to adopt a section of highway and keep it free from litter.

Statewide, the Texas Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program boasts more than 28,000 volunteers in 3,685 groups.

"It was started in Tyler, Texas, in 1985," said TxDOT spokeswoman Mary Beth Kilgore. "In order to be a member you have to be a civic organization, a social organization or a church — even families can join."

So far, six Howard County groups have signed up to join 50 others in TxDOT's Abilene District in the Trash Off. Those groups include the Howard County Teen Court, the Big Spring

Bass Club, the Boy's Club of Big Spring, the American Legion Post No. 506, the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association and employees of McDonald's Restaurant.

The Bass Club and the McDonald's employees are new Adopt-a-Highway groups this year, said local Trash-Off coordinator Pat Simmons.

"The Bass Club has volunteered for that real bad area of FM 700 between Highway 87 and Wasson Road," Simmons said. "McDonald's stretch is on south Highway 87, from their restaurant south two miles."

Two miles is the minimum stretch of highway a group can adopt through the program, Kilgore said.

"But two miles is actually four miles, because you go up one side and down the other," she said, adding that groups sign up for a two-year contract. "The contract states that they will pick up four times during their contract year, so they have to pick up eight times."

Everything the groups need is furnished by TxDOT, she said.

"We put up the signs, we furnish them their trash bags, we furnish them their vests," Kilgore said.

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SIMMONS

Salvation Army hoping to assist residents needing relief from heat

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Although chilly weather is hanging around a bit longer than usual this year, West Texans know that it's just a matter of time before the mercury tops the 100-degree mark.

For those without air conditioning, hot summer days carry with them the constant danger of heat-related injuries. The local branch of the Salvation Army will offer a helping hand this year by

providing fans for needy local residents.

"Senior citizens are so susceptible to heat stroke," said Captain Russ Keeney of the Big Spring Salvation Army. "We can't provide air conditioners for everybody, but we can provide some fans so that hopefully they can at least get a little air circulating and stay a little cooler."

Keeney said priority for the fans would be given to senior citizens and mothers of infant children.

The Salvation Army is counting on donations from local residents to make the fans available.

"They can either bring in a monetary donation and

then we'll go out and buy the fans, or they can go buy a fan themselves and bring it in," Keeney said. "I'll probably buy the box fans instead of the oscillating ones because I can get those a little less expensively and I can get more bang for my buck."

Keeney added that donors wishing to purchase fans can donate any type of electric fan. New as well as working, good-quality used fans will be accepted.

The Salvation Army will begin taking applications for the fans May 1 at its office, 811 West Fifth Street.

For more information, call the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.



KEENEY

Area academic students fare well at district contests

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma High School current events team and Forsan High School speech, spelling and literary criticism teams dominated the district University Interscholastic League literary contest held at Plains High School.

For FHS, the spelling team of Kacy Liles, Abby Janca and Josh Gibson and the literary criticism team of Rachel Kaelin, Megan Knight and Melody Riley placed first overall in collec-

tive points from the team members' individual results.

Liles placed first in spelling and vocabulary, while Janca placed third. In the literary criticism event, Kaelin placed first, Knight placed third and Melody Riley placed fifth.

Both teams qualified to advance to the regional UIL literary contest set for April 19 and 20 in Abilene.

Individual results for Forsan students competing in speech events earned the high school over-all speech

champions.

Students competing in speech events and their placings are: poetry interpretation, Kasha Christian, second; Ashley Pierce, fifth; prose interpretation, Janca, second; Rachel Clinton, fifth; informative speaking, Lori Ellis, first; Christian, third; Micaela Purcell, fifth; and persuasive speaking, Haley Burks, fourth, and Elizabeth Sutton, fifth.

Students placing first through third and teams placing first advance to regional contest.

Other students advancing and their placings are: Ellis, feature writing, second; editorial writing, third; Liles, feature writing, second; Kaelin, ready writing, first; feature writing, fourth; Krista Shepard, ready writing, second; and Neal Doring, accounting, third.

Brandon Burleson, number sense, fourth; and Jennifer Lopez, computer applications, fourth, will serve as alternates.

Non-advancing placers are: Heather Hise, headline writing, sixth; Adrianna

Marlow, news writing, sixth; David Lee, number sense, sixth; Kristy Paul, computer applications, sixth; Clinton, current issues and events, sixth; Elizabeth Sutton, accounting, fifth.

Non-advancing teams are: the number sense team, Burleson, Lee and Ben Breyman, second; the mathematics team, Lee, Knight and Ashley Richardson, third; and the accounting team, Doring, Sutton and

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Howard college to perform play in Midland Park Mall

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College theatre students will perform Jean Paul Sartre's play "No Exit" Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Maverick Players Theater in Midland Park Mall. Tickets are \$5 at the door.



GRIZZLE

"We really wanted another opportunity to perform this work for the public, and the Maverick Players Theater seemed the ideal location," said Clay Grizzle, Howard

College associate professor.

The play features the talents of Amber Choate, Tiffany Hancock, Kim Leopard, and Ben Solis, with back stage assistance from Autumn Phernetton and Levi Vance.

"These students give the most wonderful performances, and I truly enjoyed seeing the play in Big Spring last month," said Marsha Sturdivant, college communications director.

The play is about the human condition, as portrayed by three individuals trapped in each other's company. A simple set and 1940s-era costumes com-

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WASHINGTON: The State Department is warning of a "deteriorating" situation in Jerusalem, and Americans who travel to the city on Tuesday and dependents of diplomats to the United States.

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OBITUARIES

Adrian "Ruby" Porter

Mrs. Adrian "Ruby" Porter, 82, of Big Spring, died on Monday, April 1, 2002, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with chaplain Dean Thomas with the VA Medical Center and the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



She was born on Oct. 21, 1919, in Parker and married Adrian Porter on March 10, 1940, in Post. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1991.

Mrs. Porter attended school in Post and moved to Big Spring after she married. She worked at J.C. Penney, Sears, and Furr's Supermarket. She enjoyed crafts and camping and was a number one Mom.

She was a charter member of Baptist Temple Church and a member of the Gleaners Sunday School class and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Errol and Kay Sayers Porter of Big Spring and Tommy and Karen Porter of Washington; one sister, Lula Mae Young of Idaho; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandson; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two sisters, and one granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice of Big Spring, 600 Gregg St., Big Spring 79720, or the Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79721.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

William R. Smelser

Funeral service for William R. Smelser, 90, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Smelser died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at local nursing home.

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area. "It is our intention to help the vets by assuring they receive the necessary medical treatment they deserve," he said.

Carnahan, who served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam, is a disabled veteran himself. A resident since 1981, he came to Big Spring for employment in the oil industry and has worked in various governmental positions. Carnahan is also a member of the DAV and the Vietnam Memorial Committee.

TRASH

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The department even hauls away the bagged trash.

"Some groups do away with their own, but for the most part, we tell them that if they'll just stack their bags around one of their signs and call us, we'll come pick them up," she said.

For more information on volunteering for the Trash Off, call Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

For more information on having your group adopt a stretch of Texas highway, call the local TxDoT maintenance office at 267-8691.

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plete the idea of a central theme — that of regret and inevitability.

"I have seen all of these students in other good Howard College productions, and with this play their performance skills matured."

I truly believed in their characters and their dilemmas," Sturdivant said.

CONTESTS

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Lopez, second. Forsan High School is sending 12 students to regional contest.

Also competing at Plains, Coahoma High School had a strong showing, qualifying five students to advance to regional competition plus its current events team of Austin Barton, Ricky Crawford and Trent Dehoyos, which placed first.

Barton placed first in science and was the top scorer in biology and chemistry competition. Barton also placed first in current issues and events, second in mathematics, fourth in poetry interpretation, fifth in number sense, and sixth in calculator applications.

Other students advancing are: Dehoyos, social studies, first, current issues and events, fourth; K.K. Keller, persuasive speaking; second; Eric Barton, prose interpretation, third; and Crawford, current issues and events, third.

Haley Butts, news writing, fourth, will serve as an alternate.

Non-advancing placers are: Ashley Woolverton, headline writing, fifth; and Michael Batterton, mathematics, sixth.

Non-advancing teams are:

the science team, Austin Barton, Nolan Paige and Chance Clanton, second; calculator applications, Austin Barton, Garret Cline and Chelsea Griffin, third; the mathematics team, Austin Barton, Batterton and Chance Clanton, second; and the number sense team, Austin Barton, Veronica Rodriguez and Victoria Walker, fourth.

BRIEFS

FORSAN EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IS attempting to get 911 addresses on former Forsan students.

Please call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES of Big Spring is in desperate need of volunteers.

CASA volunteers are trained to represent abused and neglected children in court and help ensure that they find safe, permanent homes.

To become a volunteer or for more information contact the Big Spring office at 263-4162 or the Midland office at 915-683-1114. Visit the website at www.casawtx.org or send an e-mail to voices@casawtx.org.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

RECORDS
Tuesday's high 70
Tuesday's low 41
Record high 96 in 1950
Record low 22 in 1920
Average high 77
Average low 45
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Year to date 2.15
Sunrise Thursday 6:30 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 7:08 p.m.

MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	15.2 -1
Archer-Daniels	14 -07
Atmos Energy	23.85 -1
BP PLC ADR	53.85 -02
Chevron/Texaco	89.58 -1.28
Citigroup	49 -45
Compaq	10.1 -1
Cornell	10.75 -25
Dell	26.25 -32
Du Pont	47.54 +19
Exxon Mobil	44.17 -21
Halliburton	16.76 -26
IFCO Systems	.41 nc
IBM	100.12 -.97
Intel Corp	29.74 -29
NUV	9.24 +.01
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Pepsico Inc	50.54 -08
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AMCAP	15.91 -.17
Europacific	27.33 -.02
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	301.75 -305
Silver	4.68 -4.75

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity

9:07 a.m. — 1700 block of Owens, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:07 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:32 p.m. — 2200 block of Carl, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:24 p.m. — 1500 block of Sycamore, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

• **MARGARET CLANTON**, 27, of 800 1/2 Nolan was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **CALVIN PARNELL**, 42, of 1418 Stadium was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **YANCY CODY**, 19, of 1001 Birdwell was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• **MISTY PADILLA**, 20, of 307 Washington was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

• **RICHARD RENTERIA**, 28, of 604 Abrams was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **VINCENT MARTINEZ**, 30, of 817 West Eighth Street was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ERIC CEVALLOS**, 19, of 301 Wood was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• **MICHAEL MARTINEZ**, 18, of 413 South Adams was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence and for local warrants.

• **RICKY WALLACE**, 36, of 1002 N. Main was arrested on a charge of evading arrest and for two local warrants and Midland County warrants.

• **DANNY JOWERS**, 32, of Odessa was arrested on two local warrants.

• **REYES CASTANEDA**, 43 of 311 W. Fifth St. was arrested on a charge of theft less than \$50 and for a parole violation.

• **JANET LUJAN**, 44, of 1700 Lancaster was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.

• **CHRISTOPHER AGUILAR**, 29, address

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unknown, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and for a McCulloch County warrant.

• **HERVEY SALAZAR**, 20, of 1607 Oriole was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana two ounces or less and driving under the influence by a minor.

• **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 47, of 1023 Stadium was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 400 block of South Aylesford Street

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station, and in the 700 block of West Interstate 20, the 1200 block of North Highway 87

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the first block of Courtney Place

• **DISTURBANCE or FIGHT** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80, the 1000 block of North Main Street

• **THEFT** was reported: - In the 600 block of East 12th Street. Someone reportedly pried or jimmied open the front door of the home causing \$40 damage before stealing items worth \$40.

- In the 3200 block of Fordham Avenue. Items worth \$87 were reported stolen.

- In the 600 block of West Interstate 20. Heavy construction or industrial equipment worth \$2,500 and another item worth \$250 were reported stolen.

- In the 400 block of South Gregg Street. Items worth \$8.99 were reported stolen and recovered.

- In the 600 block of Bucknell Avenue. Yard decorations worth \$75 were reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Mount Vernon Avenue. Someone reportedly entered through an unlocked front window, causing \$10 damage to a window screen, before stealing \$200 cash and other negotiable instruments.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700. Someone reportedly caused \$56 damage to the building and stole \$580 worth of tools.

• **BURGLARY OF A**

VEHICLE was reported:

- In the 800 block of South Owens. Someone reportedly broke the side window of the vehicle causing \$300 damage and stole \$30 cash.

- In the 700 block of East 11th Place. A purse or wallet worth \$300 was reported stolen from a white 1996 Chrysler, which also reportedly sustained \$200 damage in the incident.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION OR SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 2900 block of West Eighth Street. The rear door was reportedly forced open.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- In the 1000 block of North Main Street. A black 1984 Pontiac reportedly sustained \$30 damage.

- In the 1600 block of South Johnson Street. A gate worth \$100 was reported stolen from the property.

The Big Spring Police Department reports the following activity over the weekend:

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON:** 3

• **ASSAULT:** 8

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE:** 3

• **ASSAULT/ELDERLY OR DISABLED:** 1

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:** 3

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:** 5

• **BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:** 1

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** 6

• **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:** 2

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION:** 1

• **FORGERY:** 1

• **RUNAWAY (RETURNED):** 2

• **THEFT:** 21

- Convenience Store
Thefts: 16

- Beer: 2
- Gasoline: 14

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:** 1

• **INCIDENTS:** 24

• **ARRESTS:** 17

• **ACCIDENTS:** 9

- Major: 3
- Minor: 6

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U.S. warns Americans not to go to Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department, citing a "deteriorating security situation," urged Americans who live in Jerusalem to leave the city on Tuesday and encouraged dependents of American diplomats to return to the United States.

In a new and more pointed travel warning, the department again told Americans to defer travel to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. This time, it also said U.S. citizens residing in Jerusalem as well as the territories should consider moving to safer locations.

Those who live in the city, the target of an escalating string of Palestinian bomb-

ings, were told to be particularly careful and to avoid crowds and demonstrations. "The potential for further terrorist acts remains high," the department statement said. "The situation in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza remains extremely volatile with continuing terrorist attacks, confrontations and clashes."

Warnings to Americans to stay away from Israel were issued in December and January. The statement Tuesday was coupled with an announcement that dependents of U.S. diplomats and other American workers at the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem were authorized to go home at

government expense. The departure of dependents, which is not mandatory, was based on the general situation and not on any specific threats against Americans, said a U.S. official.

Israel's economy already is reeling under the destruction caused by terror attacks, the expense of a military buildup and a sharp decline in tourists. The new U.S. warning is bound to add to Americans' anxieties about visiting Israel.

The United States, declining to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, maintains its embassy in Tel Aviv. The authorized depart-

ure of dependents, as it is called, does not apply to the embassy.

Partly for religious reasons, Jerusalem has attracted Jews from around the world for centuries. Many are attached to its Biblical sites, and it was not clear how effective the State Department suggestion to U.S. citizens to consider relocating would be.

Palestinian Americans, for religious and family reasons, also are attracted to Jerusalem.

Tel Aviv, too, has suffered bloody attacks, but with less frequency.

An estimated 100 to 150 American dependents are eligible to go home.

Andersen partner removed from monitoring Enron after questioning practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Arthur Andersen LLP partner was removed from monitoring Enron after he raised repeated objections about some of the energy trading company's financial practices that eventually sent it into bankruptcy.

Internal Andersen e-mails detail the strenuous objections of Andersen partner Carl Bass, while handwritten notes by an executive reveal Enron's unhappiness with him.

"Client sees need to replace Carl," said one of the notes, released by the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

According to the documents, Bass questioned the accounting for Enron Corp.'s financial practices in 2000, when Enron wanted to show a \$50 million gain on a transaction with Blockbuster Inc.

"Both you and I had expressed some concern about this deal," Bass recounted in an e-mail to a superior in Chicago last year.

"The client's proposed accounting nonetheless was sustained."

Some of Bass's most serious objections dealt with special-purpose entities known as the Raptors, which kept hundreds of

millions of dollars in debt off Enron's books.

"I will honestly admit that I have a jaded view of these transactions" involving the Raptors, Bass wrote.

"I understood that there was a \$100 million loss on an Internet investment that otherwise should have been reported," wrote Bass.

He also wrote: "There appears to be some sort of assertion that I have a 'problem' with Rick Causey or someone at Enron that results in me having some caustic and inappropriate slant in dealing with their questions." Causey was Enron's chief accounting officer.

Some of the memos falsely state that Bass supported aspects of the Raptors, when in fact he didn't. The team of auditors that wrote the incorrect memos amended them last fall with corrected versions containing his objections.

Recounting his objections about Enron in an e-mail, Bass said he didn't complain to Enron about the Raptors.

"I am perplexed as to how the client even knows I was consulted" about the Raptors "and how they believe I am too caustic and cynical with respect to" them, Bass wrote.

Trial begins for Kennedy cousin charged with murder

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel went on trial for murder today, accused of bludgeoning a neighbor girl to death 27 years ago when they were both 15.

Superior Court Judge John Kavanewsky Jr. introduced prospective jurors to Skakel, who stood and gave a slight smile. Later, as he left the courthouse and was asked how the day went, Skakel replied: "It was good."

Two jurors were chosen, but lawyers said it could take over a month to seat all 12 and the four alternates.

Skakel, 41, is accused of beating Martha Moxley with a golf club in their wealthy

Greenwich neighborhood in 1975. The nephew of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was arrested in January 2000 after a one-judge grand jury investigated the murder following articles and books about the old case.

He was arraigned as a juvenile because of his age when the crime was committed, but the case was later transferred to adult court.

Lists of potential witnesses were released Tuesday. Courtney Kennedy, Skakel's cousin and a daughter of the late senator, was on the defense list, as were Skakel's brothers, Steven and Thomas, and his father.

The prosecution's list

includes Thomas Skakel's attorney and Kenneth Littleton, who at the time of the killing was a live-in tutor in the Skakel house.

Moxley's body was found on Halloween under a tree in her yard. She had been out the night before with other teens, including Michael and Thomas Skakel. She had been beaten with a golf club that matched a set owned by the Skakels.

Authorities suspected Thomas Skakel for years, but switched their attention to Michael in 1991 after his family hired private investigators in an effort to clear both brothers. Statements he gave them about the

night of the murder differed from what he had long told police.

Prosecutors say he confessed to the crime in the late 1970s while attending Elan School, a substance abuse facility in Poland Spring, Maine.

Gregory Coleman testified last year that Skakel told him, "I'm gonna get away with murder. I'm a Kennedy" when the two attended Elan.

But Coleman, 39, later admitted he had injected heroin just before testifying. He has since died, one of many challenges for prosecutors facing fading memories, reluctant witnesses and credibility issues.

Kansas school board reaffirms decision

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A school board publicly reaffirmed Tuesday its decision requiring a science teacher to change the grades of students she had failed for plagiarizing a class project.

The seven board members also agreed to pay fines for violating the state's open meetings law when it initially made the decision behind closed doors. In return, Wyandotte County District Attorney Nick Tomasic will drop his civil action against the board.

The rural district about 20 miles west of Kansas City, Mo., has been in turmoil since late January, when it was revealed that the board, in a closed-door meeting on Dec. 11, reversed Piper High School teacher Christine Pelton's decision to give 28 students zeros on a biology project.

Pelton had suspected plagiarism after discovering

that many papers contained identical material. She resigned rather than change the students' grades.

On Tuesday, in front of more than 100 people including Pelton, the board voted 6-0, with one abstention, not to change the decision.

Board member James Swanson said that when the board voted on the issue in December, he was concerned that the controversy occurred so close to the end of the semester.

"I in no means ever questioned the teacher's grading ... My discussion was more so how to salvage the class," Swanson said.

Leigh Vader said she abstained because she wanted to stand behind the school district's teachers. She stressed that she didn't think the students who were accused of plagiarism were bad children.

To settle the civil action

filed by Tomasic, each board member will pay a \$250 fine, and the entire board will pay \$1,238 in court costs. The board said its meeting was a "technical and unintentional violation of the Kansas Open Meetings Act."

Some parents in the district have filed a petition to recall board president Chris McCord, and members Swanson and Greg Netzer. State law allows parents to seek the recall of only three board members.

The board decided to give the students partial credit on the project after hearing from parents, but McCord has said the complaints had no effect on the decision.

Principal Mike Adams, who supported Pelton's decision to fail the students, has announced plans to leave at the end of the academic year. He has refused to say if the plagiarism scandal led to his decision.

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OUR VIEWS

Craft show brings many to our town

Mark your calendar this weekend for the annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This event literally brings thousands of visitors to our city each time it rolls around.

Those visitors are also likely to shop in our stores while they are here and eat in our restaurants. We hope they'll take the time to visit some of our unique sites such as Comanche Trail Park, the Vietnam Memorial and Heritage Museum. It's those types of things that will bring them back time and time again.

The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday — plenty of opportunity, even for the busiest of schedules.

If you've even been to one of the arts and crafts shows at the coliseum you know what to expect. If you haven't, be prepared to take some time. Vendors will be offering all types of items you can use in your home or office, or which make great gifts. The list includes wall hangings, blankets, dolls, clothing, jewelry, wood furniture, original oil paintings and much, much more. Look, too, for edible items such as dips, salsa and fudge.

Take time this weekend to attend the arts and crafts show if you can. You'll have the opportunity to shop for some great items and meet interesting people from across the Southwest. It's fun and best of all, it introduces our city to many people who might otherwise not seek us out.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I twisted my knee when I was getting up from my easy chair and nearly fell. It was very painful and since my knees were 75 years old, I knew I was in trouble.

I had heard Dr. Hayes was good, so I went to see him. He checked them and the X-rays showed them to be shot. He sent me to Dr. Carrasco over at the clinic for a physical to see if I was up to surgery. He tested me for everything and sent the OK back to Dr. Hayes.

I had a complete knee

replacement on March 18. He did a magnificent job on my knee. The first day I was pretty groggy, but the next 3 1/2 days I was in the hospital. I can't begin to convey the personal attention and superb care I received.

I know of no other hospital that can top Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Big Spring is so fortunate to have a hospital of this high caliber.

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SAM MYERS
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Oxford Stroud: Unlikely and unorthodox

AUBURN, Ala. — He was, his friends agree, the most unlikely of academicians, an unpretentious man with simple tastes and a complex mind.

"What we all want at the conclusion of our real story is ... something real, something genuine, something fulfilling, something you helped conceive and shape."

Oxford Stroud once told a high-school graduation class. Surely his own conclusion was sad, but satisfying. The end came quickly, but neatly. One book on the shelf, another in the hopper. Stroud's son Philip dropped a marble in the hole with his father's ashes. At the end, Stroud's life was a story well-told, with humor, lessons and dramatic flourishes.

For 30 years, Oxford Stroud taught English literature to both the ambivalent and the eager at Alabama's land-grant col-

lege, Auburn University. When he died March 12 from melanoma, he was 77 and retired — but not tired of words.

He still loved words. He still thought about words. His first novel, "Marbles" (1991, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich), written when Stroud was 67, was critically acclaimed and used in English classes at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., and other colleges.

"Blue went to a segregated black school painted white, and in town I went to a segregated white school painted brown." It was as poignant a coming-of-age story as anyone shy of Mark Twain has ever written. Writer Madison Jones noted its "wise innocence."

Stroud's second novel literally was ready to roll when he died. "To Yield a Dream" is set for release by the Montgomery-based NewSouth Books.

The book "means new life for the American novel, from an author who himself was perishing." Caine Campbell, a former colleague, says. "As Oxford left this world, he left it a love story to read."

Born in 1924 in Wilcox County, Stroud left

Alabama to serve in the Eighth Air Force in England during World War II. He studied for a time at Oxford University and, after the war, worked for a logging company in Washington state.

Stroud and wife Mary Anne had three sons, two daughters. They settled in Auburn, where Stroud got degrees, reared his family and found a permanent place to indulge his love for literature and share his passion with the largely unsuspecting. Words, he believed, were the answer, the cure, the key.

Stroud might sit and read a book in his red Mercury Comet in a parking lot until time for class. Or he might venture into the countryside, easily conversing with bait-shop regulars who only knew Shakespeare as a rod and reel.

He played the harmonica and even received a bit of unlikely notoriety for a tea brewed from kudzu, a concoction he promoted long before others saw any merit to the ubiquitous vine.

Once, he and a friend came up with a new conjugation of the verb "to pour." I pour, I poured, I have porn. ...

It's that kind of offbeat, percolating mind that is evident in both of his books.

The new book "is weird, but wonderful," a publisher's spokesman says. The author himself described it simply as a "love story."

Characters include Jody, the young protagonist, and Spencer, a talking ant who represents Jody's conscience. "A child's book it is not," Stroud wrote, "and it most certainly is not a book about a 'talking ant'." Caine Campbell says the novel "is zany in the way a Franz Kafka novel is zany. In this fashion, the author demonstrates that our ordinariness, our very sobriety and our very seriousness are intertwined with crazy things."

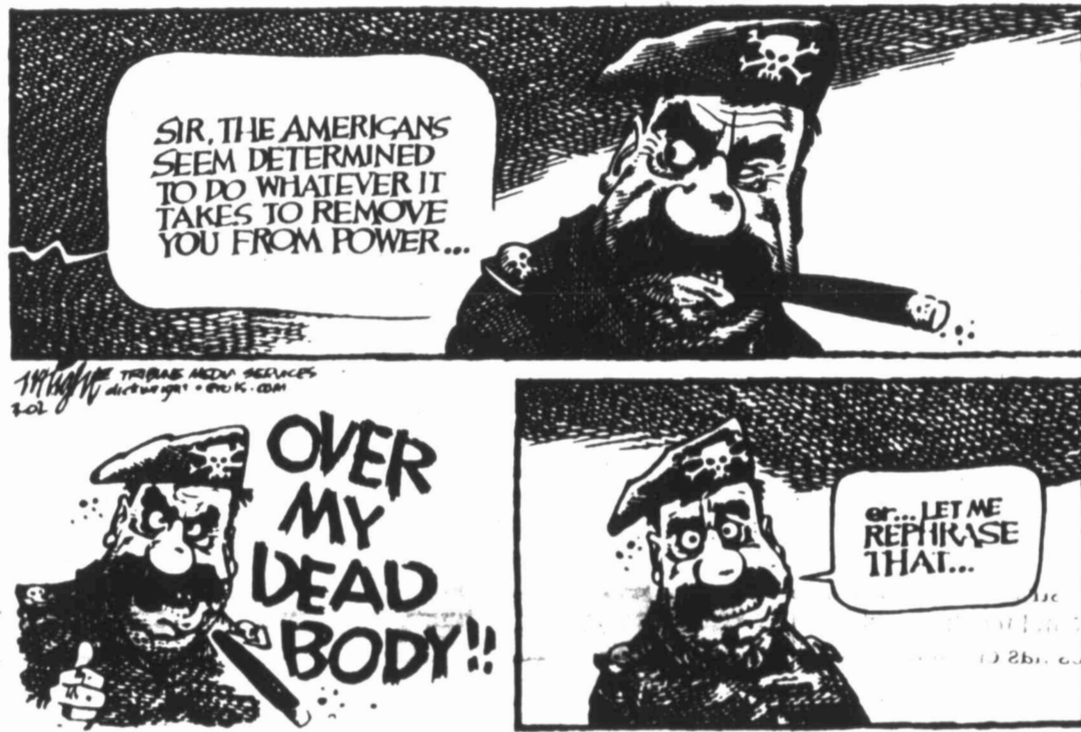
Like the earlier "Marbles," the new novel is beautifully written, replete with a hurricane, an exotic evangelist (Johnny Revelation), a hermit and, of course, that talking ant.

A signing with a "virtual appearance" by the late author is planned in Auburn.

Several writer friends will sit in for their old friend, Oxford, who no doubt would appreciate the unorthodox, loving approach to a book signing.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



They're living a charmed life

Last month I was in San Diego, California with my wife's cousin Bill.

We flew out there in one of Bill's planes. He's a gadget freak and in the plane we listened to satellite radio and made calls on a satellite telephone. We stayed with Bill and Billie Russell, some Navy friends of Cuz Bill. They live in a house that nestles into the side of a hill. You can sit at their kitchen table and look out at the Pacific.

When Bill Russell picked us up at the airport, he gave us a quick tour of the city. He took us to a popular surfing area, then to a park that overlooks the city. Who wouldn't want to show off San Diego? It is one beautiful place. Palm trees and blooming flowers line major thoroughfares and the city is sparkling clean. The climate is near perfect. The temperature seldom gets below 40 or over 80. The city receives only about 10 inches of

rainfall a year, but because of the humidity from the ocean, things grow well there. Early morning fog usually burns off by 10 o'clock.

Bill Russell built four planes in his garage: two sail planes, a Glassair and a Lancair. He is in charge of nearly 300 volunteers at an air museum near the San Diego zoo. He and Billie have been married 35 years. They are both in their mid-70's. Billie is an excellent cook. The first night we were there, she fixed fried squid steaks. The next morning we had gourmet waffles. Tough life.

While Billie was showing me around her house, she told me, "My grandkids just think I make cookies and all. They don't really know what an interesting life I've had. I think I'll write a book about some of my experiences."

She should. If you see Billie, you can immediately sense she is a special person. She is extremely outgoing and has the ability to make strangers feel at ease in her presence. When she was growing up in Illinois, she saw an advertisement for a talent agency that was looking for models.

"When I got there, here was a line of beautiful well-

dressed girls, all sitting very properly and quietly. I had pigtails and a country pinafore and didn't look anything like those other girls. I started talking to them because that's my nature."

Soon the girls were laughing at Billie's wit and humor. The talent agent came out and told those beautiful girls they could all go home. He called Billie into his office and hired her. That was the beginning of a glamorous career. Billie took out her portfolio and showed me magazine covers and ads with her picture. Major publications had write-ups about her. In Europe she had a Jaguar and a love affair with an Italian movie director. When Bill was stationed in the Orient, Billie did a lot of traveling by herself. She had plenty of adventures.

Once when she was single she was on a plane and the president of a soft drink company spotted her and asked her to join him in the lounge for a drink. She ended up sitting with him in first class, then spending some days with him and some of his executives and their wives at a resort.

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Texas has about three thousand known, explored caves.

They range in size from small crawlways to huge caverns.

Usually these are restricted to exploration by trained, experienced cavers and are off limits to the rest of us.

However, in Blair Pittman's new book "Texas Caves", he takes us on a personal tour of the caves open to the public, found in the Karst Area.

Do check this out to see what treasures Texas has underground.

Thinking of starting a business or raising money to expand an existing one? Nolo's 5th Edition "How to Write a Business Plan" will show you how to write the business plan and loan package necessary to finance your business and make it work.

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"Children of the Depression" edited by Kathleen Thompson is a remarkable collection of photographs that brings together compelling images of children taken by the most gifted of the Depression-era Farm Security Administration



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

photographers, including Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Ben Shahn, and Marion Post Walcott.

Reminiscences of people who grew up during the Depression, social workers' observations, and children's letters to Eleanor Roosevelt make up the accompanying text.

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Local artist wins top award in juried show

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

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because I wanted to get it done all at once."

The piece was chosen for first prize out of about 200 entries and is just one more blue ribbon to add to the collection.

A collection that acts as wall paper on a closet door in her gallery.

Holding a full time job as a registered nurse at the VA Medical Center, entering shows, providing demonstrations and workshops and teaching art classes has challenged Kay to find the time to paint.

"I hardly ever paint on the weekends anymore unless it's a commission," she said.

However, her work can be seen at Halfman's Creations and Picante.

A permanent display can be seen at the Big Spring Country Club as well as her gallery.

Brushworks Studio Gallery is located at 2106 Scurry and is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information on call the gallery at 263-2788.



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Lady Steers power past Estacado, 34-2

Big Spring's Lady Steers stayed tied atop the District 4-4A softball standings Tuesday afternoon with a 34-2 win over Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors.

The Lady Steers scored all the runs they'd need in the top of the first, taking an 11-0 lead before Estacado ever had an opportunity to bat.

Freshman pitcher Alex Watkins allowed an unearned run in the bottom of the first and surrendered the pitcher's circle to Vanessa Ochoa after two innings of work. While the Lady Matadors would score another earned run in the third inning, Ochoa struck out the last nine batters she faced.

The Lady Steers, meanwhile, added seven more runs in the second inning, three more in the third and 13 in the fourth.

The Lady Steers, now 8-1 in district play and 14-8 overall, will travel to Andrews on Friday for a game that could well determine the 4-4A championship. That game is set for a 7 p.m. start.

Lady Steers linksters move into fifth place

Big Spring's Lady Steers golf team fashioned a team score of 364 Tuesday on San Angelo's Riverside Golf Course to move from ninth place to fifth in the standings after two rounds of District 4-4A play.

While the A and B teams from Snyder and Andrews continue to hold the top four spots, the Lady Steers rebounded from their opening 430 with Thursday's third best team score.

Rachel Gee paced Big Spring with an 87, while Angela Payne and Jessica Hicks carded rounds of 88 and 89, respectively. Kelli Warrington added a 100 and Kate Smiley finished at 112.

Big Spring's B team had a 494 team score. Brennan Bailey led that foursome with a 119, while Kendal Adams finished at 123. Neomi Haro chipped in a 125 and Paige Schmidt finished with a 127.

The final round of 4-4A play will be Monday at the Elm Grove Country Club in Lubbock.

Bulldogs take win over Colorado City

Coahoma's Bulldogs improved to 6-8 on the season Tuesday night with a 7-4 win over Colorado City's Wolves in District 3-2A baseball action.

Senior Chase Ward chalked up the pitching win.

The Bulldogs improved to 2-1 in district play, sharing the league lead.

Individual offering help earning fees

Gene Piercefield of Big Spring is offering youngsters who do not have the money to pay for Teenage League baseball registration and player fees and opportunity to earn the money they need.

Piercefield will provide the youngsters with the equipment and gasoline needed to earn the money by mowing lawns.

Those wanting to take him up on the offer can call him at home at 267-4205 or on his mobile phone, 466-1998.

Anyone wanting to have their lawn mowed

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Rookie replacement for Giambi comes through for A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — With a Giambi-like swing of the bat, Carlos Pena solidified his early season status as heir apparent to Oakland's departed star.

Pena hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the ninth inning Tuesday night, giving the Athletics a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"I really don't think much about replacing Jason Giambi, because he is awesome," Pena said. "You can't replace him."

In other AL games, Seattle beat Chicago 7-4, Anaheim defeated Cleveland 7-5 and Tampa Bay topped Detroit 9-5.

Pena, acquired from the Rangers in an off-season trade, sent a 1-1 pitch from Dan Miceli (0-1) over the American flag on the right-center

fence at the 388-foot marker.

Giambi, a lefty who left the A's to take a seven-year, \$120 million deal with the New York Yankees, also used to favor that side of the field.

Afterward, Pena — who has also taken over Giambi's post at first base — was sprayed with shaving cream by A's teammate Eric Chavez.

Pena's other three major league homers came for Texas last year. He was traded to Oakland in January.

"It was a huge hit," A's manager Art Howe said. "He must be on cloud nine — especially since it was his old team."

Miceli had pitched a perfect eighth for the Rangers before facing Pena.

"I tried to hit the outside corner,

but it got in a little bit and he turned on it," Miceli said. "It dipped in the middle a little bit. It was supposed to be a sinker away."

A's closer Billy Koch (1-0) got credit for the win despite giving up Gabe Kapler's tying single with two outs in the top of ninth.

Koch, who came to Oakland in a trade with Toronto in the off-season, blew his first save opportunity with the A's.

With a 2-1 lead, Koch walked Rafael Palmeiro, then gave up a single to Ivan Rodriguez. Herbert Perry bunted into a forceout at third and rookie Hank Blalock struck out before Kapler singled.

Oakland's Tim Hudson allowed one run and four hits over 6 1-3 innings.

Hudson, who went 18-9 with a 3.37 ERA last season, was pulled in the seventh after giving up a run-scoring single to Rodriguez. The 26-year-old right-hander struck out six and walked one.

With no decision, Texas starter Kenny Rogers preserved his streak at the Coliseum. The former Athletics pitcher has not lost in Oakland since Aug. 7, 1994, going 17-0 in 32 games (31 starts).

Rogers allowed two runs on three hits over five innings. He struck out four and walked five.

He nailed A's leadoff batter Jeremy Giambi in the right forearm with a pitch in the first. Frank Menchino walked, and an out later David Justice tripled to give the A's a 2-0 lead.

Steers top Plainview, 5-1

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Persistence meant everything Tuesday, as Big Spring's Steers came up with clutch hitting in the bottom of the sixth inning to score four runs and take a 5-1 win over Plainview's Bulldogs in District 4-4A baseball action.

For much of the afternoon, Big Spring would put runners in scoring position, only to go wanting for a hit when needed.

"It's kind of frustrating for everyone ... for us as coaches and for the kids," Steers head coach Greg Winder admitted after watching his team strand 10 runners in the first five innings — eight of them in scoring position. "We just couldn't get the big hit when we needed it."

"You keep telling yourself, 'This time we'll get it,' but when they (opposition) keep getting out of trouble, it's hard not to get down," Winder added. "But you've got to give our kids credit. We just kept at it and the big hits finally came."

Of course, the Steers had a major edge over the Bulldogs.

That edge was the pitching performance of Andrew Vizcaino, who pitched 4 1/3 innings of no-hit baseball before settling for a distance-going, three-hit victory.

"Andrew always gives you a chance," Winder noted. "He throws strikes and doesn't walk a bunch of people. That was important today."

Indeed, while Vizcaino recorded just four strikeouts on the day, he didn't allow a single base on balls, and the lone Bulldogs' run was unearned — the result of one of four Big Spring errors.

For the most part, however, the Steers played solid defense behind the right-hander.

In fact, both teams got off to a somewhat rocky defensive start, and it was the Steers who were able to capitalize.

Vizcaino saw the first batter he faced reached base on an error and advance to second, he retired the next three batters in succession, two of them on strikeouts.

The Steers took the lead in the bottom of the first when shortstop Jon McKinnon reached base



Big Spring's Ragan Phillips slides toward the plate, but is tagged out by Plainview catcher Chris White in the first inning of Tuesday's District 4-4A baseball game at Steer Park. The Steers broke open a 1-1 tie in the sixth inning to post a 5-1 win over the Bulldogs.

with one out on an error charged to Bulldogs third baseman Juan Salazar. He swiped second and scored on second baseman Ragan Phillips' single to center field.

But Big Spring would be denied a bigger inning when Phillips was thrown out on a play at the plate a few minutes later and Bulldogs righty Todd Jeffress managed to get Mike Smith to ground out with runners at the corners.

That inability to further capitalize set an agonizing trend for Steers fans.

Big Spring would leave runners at second and third in the second inning; another at second in the third; the bases loaded in the fourth and runners at the corners in the fifth.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs would manage their run in the top of the fifth when Jeffress reached base on an infield single and managed to score on a strange two-

out single by teammate Eric Carlisle.

Jeffress reached third on the single, and when Carlisle seemingly went too far past first in rounding the base and was caught in a rundown, broke for the plate and scored on a throwing error charged to Steers first baseman Dustyn Beauchamp.

But in Big Spring shrugged off the miscue in the bottom of the sixth.

Nate Clements got things started with a one-out single to center.

McKinnon followed with a single to right and an infield single by Phillips loaded the bases.

Clements scored what proved to be the game-winning run when Vizcaino hit into a fielder's choice play that left the bases loaded, Bulldogs shortstop Baylor Francis being unable to field the slow roller and force Phillips at second.

Beauchamp added an RBI, driving in McKinnon

on a grounder to third that forced Phillips.

And then Smith, who had been mired in a miserable slump, jumped on a 1-2 fastball from Jeffress for a towering triple to dead center field that drove in the final two Steers runs.

Plainview seemed ready to start a rally of its own in the top of the seventh, but Vizcaino quickly closed the door.

After giving up a lead-off single, Vizcaino got Salazar to chop back to the mound, starting a double play.

He then struck out Bulldogs catcher Chris White to bring an end to the game.

The Steers, now 6-13 on the season, improved to 3-4 in district play. They'll open the second half of 4-4A play at 4:30 p.m. Friday when they play host to Frenship's Tigers at Steer Park.

With the loss, Plainview drops to 8-12 overall and 1-6 in district play.

Nicklaus will miss another Masters

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

Jack Nicklaus, the most dominant player at Augusta National with six green jackets won over 23 years, withdrew Tuesday from the Masters because of lingering back problems.

It will be only the second time since 1959 that Nicklaus has missed the Masters. He also skipped in 1999 when he was recovering from hip replacement surgery.

While the 62-year-old Golden Bear has expressed concerns about competing against players half his age on an Augusta National course that has added nearly 300 yards, it was a back injury that has plagued him for nearly a year that forced him to withdraw.

Nicklaus also withdrew from this week's Legends of Golf on the Senior PGA Tour.

"I have tried over the last couple of months to get my body and my golf game in shape to play at the Legends and possibly the Masters," Nicklaus said. "And while encouraged, I made a decision today that neither is at the point I hoped they'd be at this stage."

"I do not think my golf game is suitable right now for the competition."

Nicklaus has not played an official tournament since July 29, when he tied for third in the Senior British Open.

"We are disappointed that due to his health, Jack will not be competing in this year's Masters," Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson said. "Jack has made numerous contributions to this tournament, and we hope physically he is able to play golf again soon."

Nicklaus said he will continue a fitness program designed to help his back. He hopes to play in The Tradition, the first major on the senior tour to be played the last week in April in Arizona on a course he designed.

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Key to Terps' success: Williams never quit shouting

Long after it mattered or made much sense, he was still shouting instructions.

Maybe because Gary Williams doesn't know any other way.

"If you're going to be a good basketball team you have to play every play. I preach that all the time. And I kind of coach that way," he said, "to back up what I say."

There he stood on the sideline, gasping, flailing, jerked around by his emotions like a puppet on a string. Maryland was 12 points ahead, there weren't five full ticks left on the clock and

Indiana had the ball for one meaningless last possession. But Williams wasn't taking any chances.

His tie was crooked, his eyes were bulging, his arms were extended with the palms turned up in one final plea. Williams couldn't help himself any more than he could in the dozens of close games where he was convinced one gesture, one shout, one moment of eye contact might have made all the difference.

Coach for nearly half your life, move like a gypsy from town to town in search of the perfect job, then wait 23 years to reach the Final Four and another year to make it into the title game, and maybe you wouldn't take any chances, either.

"But he took a chance on me," Terrapins star Juan Dixon said

Monday night. "I love him for that."

Maryland took a chance on Williams and he never forgot that. He played basketball there, and he can still remember the night when he knew his life's calling would be as a coach and not a player. It was against North Carolina and he found himself eye-to-eye with the sneakers being worn by Billy Cunningham.

"I figured then that college was probably going to be it for me as far as playing," Williams recalled on the eve of the championship game. "That's when I really started to look at the game a little differently."

He couldn't have known then how it would turn out, how he would make detours at American University, Boston College and Ohio State learning the trade, win-

ning lots of games along the way, but never the most important ones.

And there was something else Williams couldn't have known: that when his alma mater called him home in 1989, his first season would end under the cloud of probation because of recruiting violations by his predecessor, Bob Wade.

And that was just three years after Len Bias, the greatest player Maryland ever produced, died of a cocaine overdose.

Williams called his first few seasons back his "fence-mending" period. He tried to repair relationships with high school coaches who stopped trusting Maryland, then had to get the Terrapins out of the cellar of the perennially tough Atlantic Coast Conference

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Ice cream social to honor Franks

An ice cream social to honor former Big Spring Steers star and current NFL Pro Bowler Daniel "Bubba" Franks will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at Steer Gym.

The event is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Independent School District, the city of Big Spring and H.E.B.

A presentation by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen is scheduled.

In addition, autograph and photo opportunities with Franks, a tight end with the Green Bay Packers, are scheduled.

Country Club slates 3-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a 3-person scramble Saturday and Sunday with shotgun starts slated for 1 p.m. on both days.

Entry fees are \$50 per player, plus the cost of cart rental. However, private carts are welcome.

Barbecue will be served on the course Saturday.

The field will be flighted for Sunday's round based on scored turned in following Saturday's round.

For more information about the tournament or to enter, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Astros open season with win over Mets

The National Little League Astros opened minor division play Monday with a 13-3 win over the

Mets.

In the first game of the season played at the National League Park this season, Jacob Acosta threw one-hit pitching at the Mets for the game's first three innings.

Meanwhile, the Astros offense scored those 13 runs by pounding out a total of nine hits.

Acosta struck out seven batters, while Dayvion Young led the way at the plate with a 3-for-3 showing.

Acosta went 2-for-2 at the dish and scored three runs.

Wayland Leach added a 2-for-3 showing and scored a pair of runs.

Payton Parker came on in relief in the fourth inning and struck out a pair of Mets batters.

The Mets' lone hit of the game s a drive to right field by Braden Witt.

However, Witt attempted to stretch the hit into a double and was gunned down at second base by Patrick Robles, who backhanded the ball and made a strong throw to barely nab the runner.

Other teams are encouraged to turn in their game results by faxing them to the Herald at 264-7205 or bringing them by the newspaper's office.

Little League umpires needed

Umpires are needed to call Little League baseball games in the Big Spring area this season.

Anyone interested is asked to contact David Romar at 263-1631, or at 263-4688, after 6 p.m.

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"My back is better, and hopefully it will come around to the point where it will allow me to play golf in the not-so-distant future," he said. "I really miss competitive golf. It's in my blood, and I very much look forward to playing again soon."

He first suggested he might skip the Masters in January, when his lower back caused problems swinging the club.

Nicklaus joined Augusta National last year and played in a members' tournament in November. He said he couldn't reach the fairway bunker on No. 1 from the members' tees, and routinely hit his drives only about 210 yards.

Golf World magazine recently checked the scores Nicklaus was posting at his home course, The Bear's Club in Jupiter, Fla., and found his handicap index was 2.

Nicklaus still plans to go to Augusta National next week for the Champions Dinner, and did not rule out playing the Masters again, depending on his health.

His six victories, the last one coming in 1986 when he was 46, tell only part of the story of how Nicklaus dominated Augusta National with power, skill and expe-

rience in 42 appearances in the Masters.

He has set or tied 66 records at the Masters, and has missed the cut only three times since his first appearance as an amateur in 1959.

He won his first Masters in 1963 and became the first back-to-back champion in 1965-66. In the '65 Masters, Nicklaus set the tournament record of 271 with a nine-stroke victory over chief rivals Arnold Palmer and Gary Player.

The record was tied by Raymond Floyd in 1976, and broken by one stroke when Tiger Woods shot a 270 in 1997.

The most dramatic victory was his last one, when Nicklaus shot a 30 on the back nine to beat Tom Kite and Greg Norman in 1986.

Even after turning 50, Nicklaus has pulled a few surprises. He tied for sixth in 1998 after another Sunday charge, and in 2000 he was only six strokes out of the lead going into the weekend. He closed with a 81-78 to tie for 54th.

"Needless to say, I have a special place in my heart for Augusta National and the Masters, and I will miss not playing there this year," he said. "I am certainly hopeful that I may have the chance to play the Masters in future years."

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with recruits who could barely make regal programs like Duke and North Carolina as equipment managers.

He had to find a way to keep the stands packed and the students and alums interested, even though sanctions made the NCAA tournament little more than a pipe dream. So it figured, somehow, that Williams would remember the darkest moments when the spotlight on him shined brightest.

"I hate to even think about those days now because there was so much

mistrust, so much doubt about the place of basketball at the university," he said. "We had to work those things out before we could anything else."

In quick succession, a few of the names from those days rolled off his tongue.

"I'll always remember them," Williams said, "as well as these guys."

This team will be impossible to forget, but not just because it finally secured a championship for one of the most popular members of the coaching fraternity. It will be remembered for overcoming adversity and surviving struggles, both

individually and as a group, and for sticking together longer than talented teams do in this day of the quick-buck NBA draft.

Dixon, one of three seniors, lost both parents to AIDS complications while he was still in high school, and was supposed to be too slight for the rugged Atlantic Coast Conference. Byron Mouton, another of the seniors, lost a brother in a drive-by shooting earlier in the season and found a team full of surrogate brothers ready to wrap their arms around him.

Williams had to know when to push and when to pull, when to let his ambi-

tion drive these kids and when to appeal to their pride to motivate themselves.

"He worked us hard all year," Chris Wilcox said. "He got on us. We did some things he didn't like and he did some things we didn't like."

"But we worked together and we all came through this together," he added. "We just got a national championship and I know he's happy about that."


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6:30	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboombaloo	Home Videos Home Videos	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Roseanne	Intrusa	Movie: Zenon: The Zeequel (CC) (40) Movie:	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	Movie: Restaurant (CC) Clockstoppers (CC)	Movie: 3 a.m. (CC)	(15) Movie: Icebreaker	Update With John Hagege	The View (CC)	Gorillas: Tender Giants	Pretender (CC)	In the Mind of Conmen
7:30	My Wife-Kids George Lopez	That '80s Grounded-Life	American Family (CC)	Movie: Robin Hood: Men in Tights	60 Minutes II (CC)	My Wife-Kids George Lopez	Ed (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	Zeequel (CC) (40) Movie:	Star Trek: Next Gener. (CC)	Movie: Boys and Girls (CC)	Filmmaker	Sex and-City Sex and-City	Light of the Southwest	American Justice (CC)	Marial Arts: Warrior	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at New Jersey Nets	Disasters at Sea
8:30	Drew Carey Wednesday	Bernie Mac Greg-Bunny	Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World	Whose Line? Whose Line?	48 Hours (CC) (35) Late	48 Hours (CC) (35) Late	Downtown (CC) (35) Late	Law & Order (CC)	Don Francisco Presenta	White Wolves II: Legend of the Wild	Star Trek: Next Gener. (CC)	Chuck & Buck (CC)	Resurrection Blvd.	Murder on a Sunday	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Marial Arts: Warrior	Movie: Last Man Standing (CC)	Disasters at Sea
9:30	PM News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Letter	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) (35) Late	News (35) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Presenta	So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson	Pop Across Liligame	Movie: Kill Me Again	Movie: Kill Me Again	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Marial Arts: Kung Fu	Nero's Golden House	Movie: The Omega Man	Space-Junkyard
10:30	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Nature (CC) (DVS)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. (37) Late	Show (CC) (37) Late	Movie: Dangerous	En las Mejores Familias	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	Nights (CC) (45) Movie:	(1:35) Movie:	(11:55) Cause of Death (CC)	American Justice (CC)	Nero's Golden House	Movie: The Omega Man		
11:30	AM Paid Program	Home Imp. Paid Program	Nature (CC) (DVS)	Guthy-Renker Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Ground (CC)	Maria la del Barrio										

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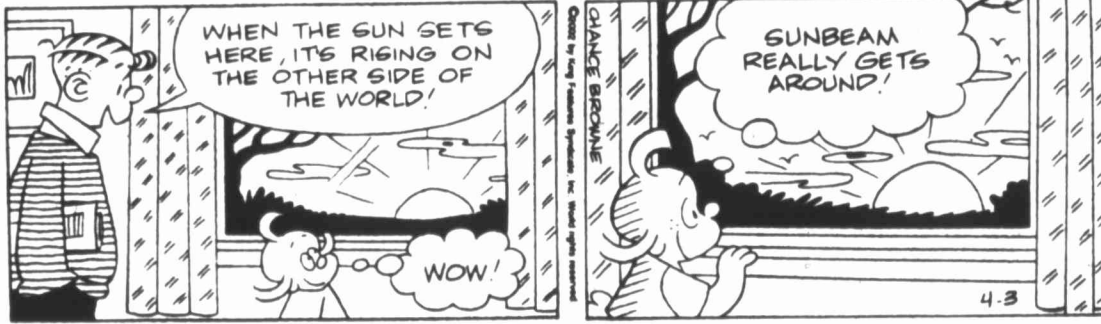
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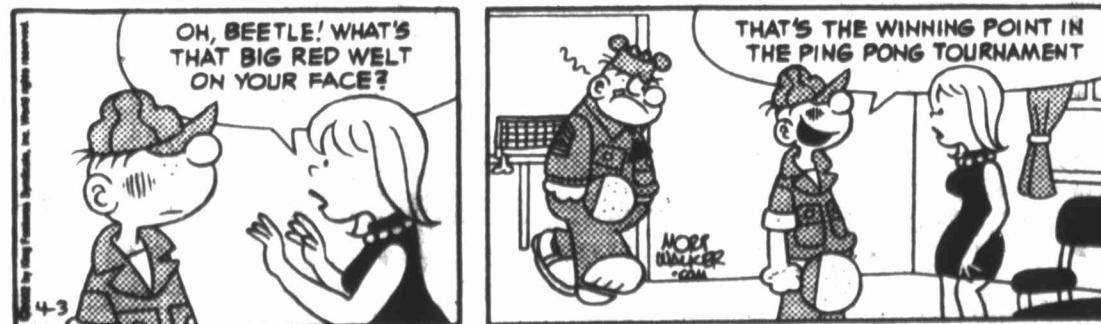
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Today is Wednesday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2002. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif.

On this date:

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.

In 1946, Lt. General Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed outside Manila.

In 1948, President Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 European countries.

In 1968, the day before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

In 1968, North Vietnam agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks.

In 1982, Britain dispatched a naval task force to the south Atlantic to reclaim the disputed Falkland Islands from Argentina.

In 1996, an Air Force jetliner carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 35 people aboard.

In 1996, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was arrested.

Ten years ago: President Bush, speaking in Philadelphia, said members of Congress should shorten their annual sessions and retire after 12 years, calling

for changes in "a failed status quo"; Democratic leaders accused Bush of "scapegoating."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Marlon Brando is 78. Actress Doris Day is 78. Actress Miyoshi Umeki is 73. Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is 72. Country singer Don Gibson is 70. Jazz musician Jimmy McGriff is 66. Actor William Gaunt is 65. Singer Jan Berry (Jan and Dean) is 61. Actress Marsha Mason is 60. Singer Wayne Newton is 60. Singer Billy Joe Royal is 60. Singer Tony Orlando is 58. Singer Richard Thompson is 53. Country musician Curtis Stone (Highway 101) is 52.

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Newsday Crossword

TOP-RATED CELEBS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | 1 Fido's friend | 57 "Forever Your Girl" singer | 8 Grand (wine-bottle words) | 33 Hippy movement? |
| 6 Holiday and Severinsen | 60 Gusted | 61 Diminutive suffix | 9 Hill (Teddy Roosevelt home) | 34 Poker declaration |
| 10 Italian statesman Aldo | 62 The Prince of Tides star | 63 Toppers | 10 "And Still I Rise" poet | 35 Loves too much, with "on" |
| 14 Author Zola | 64 Any minute | 65 Sugary | 11 Fall birthstone | 38 Old photos |
| 15 Pound of poetry | | | 12 Move, in real-estate lingo | 42 Woolen blankets |
| 16 Tiptop | | | 13 Field beasts | 44 Hugs, in letters |
| 17 Former New York congresswoman | | | 18 "... and that ___ hay!" | 45 Donald Duck, to his nephews |
| 19 Bush's school | DOWN | 1 Pack again | 23 Keydets' sch. | 47 "Get Happy" songwriter |
| 20 Get mellow | 1 Alpha's opposite | 2 Alpha's opposite | 25 Laura actor | 48 Tureen partner |
| 21 Feel sorry for | 3. More loathsome | 4 House extension | 26 Huge, poetically | 49 Keenly perceptive |
| 22 King Arthur's paradise | 4 House extension | 5 Farm machines | 28 Hung out to dry | 50 Rent anew |
| 24 Places for puttering | 5 Farm machines | 6 Bar tabs, e.g. | 29 Bakery goodie | 51 Barbecue fare |
| 26 Austen novel | 6 Bar tabs, e.g. | 7 Osbourne of rock | 30 Nobelist | 52 Ibsen's home |
| 27 Uffizi display | 7 Osbourne of rock | | 31 Roadside grazer | 53 Sugar source |
| 28 Put oil on | | | 32 Blueprint detail | 54 Prefix for pilot |
| 32 Kickers' targets | | | | 58 From ___ Z |
| 35 New Look designer | | | | 59 Fiddle stick |
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| 42 Take up, e.g. | | | | |
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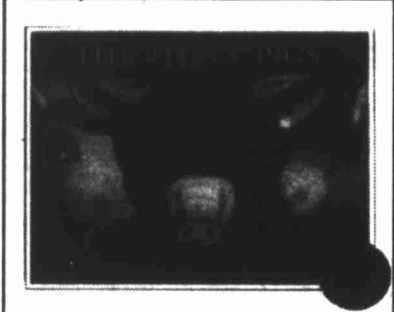
By BETTY DEBNAM

2002 Caldecott Medal Winner

Meet Illustrator David Wiesner

The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year's winner was David Wiesner for "The Three Pigs."

David Wiesner won his second Caldecott Medal this year for "The Three Pigs." He also won it in 1992 for "Tuesday." In addition, he has won two Caldecott Honor Awards, for "Free Fall" and for "Sector 7."



In "The Three Pigs," the pigs escape the big, bad wolf by fleeing the story and roaming through the land of fairy tales.

Early dreams

When David Wiesner's third-grade classmates were asked what they wanted to be when they grew up, his answer was, "An artist."

But, he said, "I was only vaguely aware that I could actually do that." It was a big moment in high school when he realized he really could study art in college and make that his career.



David Wiesner lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Kim, a surgeon, their 10-year-old son, Kevin, and 5-year-old daughter, Jamie.

Background

When he graduated from college, he began illustrating textbooks, chapter books and books others had written. He illustrated a retelling of an old tale, "The Loathsome Dragon," which he co-wrote with his wife, Kim.

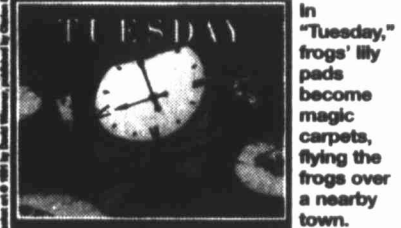
He began working on the first of his own stories, "Free Fall," while he was illustrating other people's work. It took him about four years to finish. When it won a Caldecott Honor Award in 1988, it freed him to illustrate his own ideas full time.

"It was far more satisfying to do my own books when I made up stuff myself," he said.

His work

Many of David Wiesner's books have few or no words. He said he has enjoyed stories told with pictures since he was in school. "This was fed by things like comic books and movies."

After driving his kids to school, David Wiesner works in his home studio until the kids come home. A book can take him from one to three years to finish.

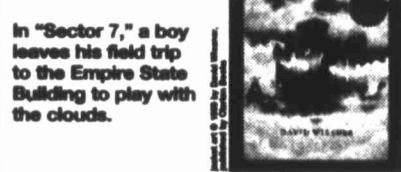


In "Tuesday," frogs fly pads become magic carpets, flying the frogs over a nearby town.

Advice to kids

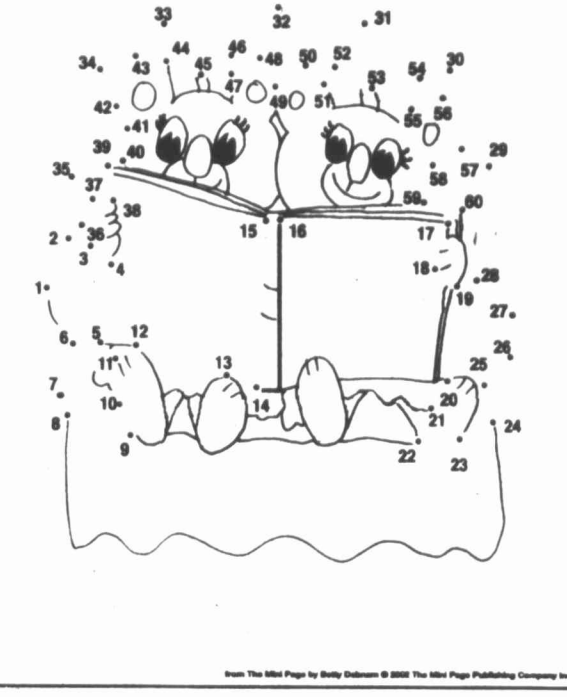
"Draw. Don't draw what you think other people want you to draw. Don't worry about whether it's a beautiful, finished piece of art. It's the continual act of drawing that's important."

"You'll get better and develop your personal vision. Just keep doing it. It's not the sort of thing you can do occasionally."



In "Sector 7," a boy leaves his field trip to the Empire State Building to play with the clouds.

Go dot to dot and color.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Picnic Potato Salad

You'll need: 2 baking potatoes, cut into small pieces; 2 cups water; 2 eggs, hard-boiled and chopped; 1 celery stalk, chopped; 1/2 cup mayonnaise; 1/4 cup sour cream; 1 teaspoon mustard. What to do: 1. Place potato pieces and water in a medium pot. Bring to a boil. Lower heat and cook 15 to 20 minutes or until potato pieces are soft. Add more water if necessary. Drain and cool. 2. Place potatoes, eggs and celery in a medium bowl. Mix well. 3. In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Mix well. 4. Add dressing to potato mixture. Mix well. Refrigerate until serving. Serves 6.

Kids! You're Invited to the White House
A Kid's Guide to the White House is a terrific behind-the-scenes look at a very special house. Written with the cooperation of the White House Historical Association, the book is full of fun information, photos (some in full color) and puzzles that kids of all ages will enjoy.

Gas Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Allen Iverson
Height: 6-0 Birthdate: 6-7-75
Weight: 184 College: Georgetown
Allen Iverson is in his sixth season playing guard for the Philadelphia 76ers. Last season he was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player. He led all players in scoring (31.1 points per game) and steals (2.51 per game). He was also the Most Valuable Player of the All-Star Game.

Meet Hilary Duff
Hilary Duff, 14, is the star of the TV show "Lizzie McGuire." When she was 6, Hilary told her parents she wanted to be an actress. Soon after, she got parts in commercials. Also at age 6, she got a part in the ballet "The Nutcracker." Hilary was born in Los Angeles. She grew up with her older sister, Haylie, in Houston and San Antonio, Texas. Her mother is a homemaker and her father works for a convenience store chain.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?
Terry: What is the difference between a poor man and a feather bed?
Joe: One is hard up and the other is soft down!
Sam: What should you do if you find a 2,000-pound rhinoceros in your bed?
Erin: Sleep someplace else!
Kara: What is it like to sleep outside?
Kelly: In beds of flowers, under sheets of rain, and under blankets of fog!

Meet Author Linda Sue Park

This year National Library Week is celebrated from April 14-20. Its theme is: Your Library.

The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year's winner was Linda Sue Park for "A Single Shard."



Linda Sue Park lives in Rochester, N.Y., with her husband, Ben, and their children, Sean, 16, and Anna, 13. They have a dog, a hamster and eight tadpoles.

Linda Sue Park's books are based in Korea. Although she grew up in America, her parents are Korean immigrants. After the Korean War, her parents came to a Chicago suburb to go to college.

As did many immigrants, they raised their children to be as American as possible. Linda Sue never learned to speak Korean, but did learn about the country. She visited Korea when she was 11.

Linda Sue Park owned no books growing up, because her parents were struggling immigrants and books were a luxury they couldn't afford.

But every two weeks they went to the library. Each time, she said, "I came home with huge stacks of books."

Her favorite thing to do was read. When she was 9, she published her first writing, a type of Japanese poetry called haiku (hi-koo).

Background

Linda Sue Park's first job after college was in public relations for an oil company. She met her husband, a reporter from Ireland, and they moved to Dublin, Ireland.

Later in London, she worked at an advertising agency and wrote restaurant reviews for the newspaper. She began teaching English as a second language, and continued to do so when they returned to America.

Her work

Her husband urged her to take a summer off from teaching to write. In 1997 she wrote her first book, "Sesaw Girl."

At first, she taught three days a week and wrote two days. But now she writes every day.

Sometimes she switches from writing novels to writing poems. Her first picture book, "Fire Keeper's Son," will be published in 2003.



"When My Name Was Keoko" is the true story of her mother, who grew up in Korea in the 1940s. When the Japanese occupied the country, they forced children to take Japanese names. After World War II, her mother took back her own name.

Time and place to read: anytime and anywhere
Sport to watch: baseball, and her husband and kids playing soccer
Hobbies: cooking, playing board and video games, traveling

Advice to kids: "Keep reading. That was my path. Not everybody has the same path. There's just so much in books. Don't be afraid to dream, and to work for that dream."

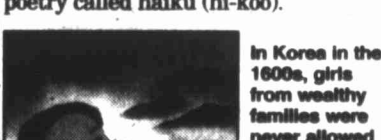
Library Week TRY 'N FIND
Words and names that remind us of libraries are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: LIBRARY, BOOK, MAGAZINE, STUDY, QUIET, NEWSPAPER, DICTIONARY, RESEARCH, LIBRARIAN, MAP, CATALOG, DESK, GLOBE, READ, LEARN, SHELVES, INDEX.
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Mini Spy enjoys giving book reports on her favorites. See if you can find: ice cream cone • bell • book • steak
• sailboat • letter D • safety pin • key • question mark • letter Z • tin can • lima bean • word MINI • arrow • carrot

Her family
Her father was a computer systems analyst. Her mother taught piano and, later, English as a second language. She has a younger brother and sister.

"My parents were incredible people. They worked really, really hard," Linda Sue Park said. "Everything was for us. My folks poured their whole lives into raising us."

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In Korea in the 1900s, girls from wealthy families were never allowed to leave their family's home. In "Sesaw Girl," 12-year-old Jade tries to find a way to see the outside world.

Next week The Mini Page is about amazing electromagnetic waves. Look through your newspaper for stories about people in other countries.

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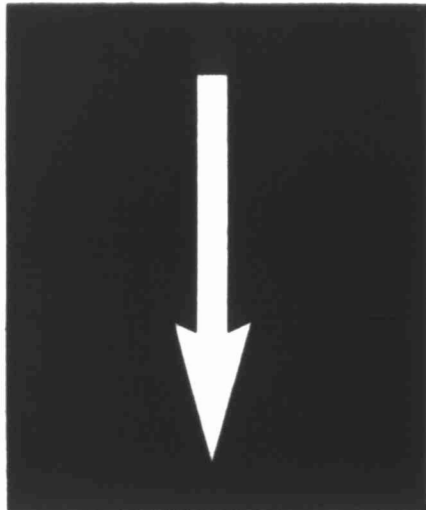
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