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For more information, call Kenda Dulaney at (915) 522-2077.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 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.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will have their regular meeting on April 18 at 6 p.m. at 3203 West Hwy 80.

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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Former Dallas Mayor wins Democratic bid for U.S. Senate

DALLAS (AP) — Now that Democrats in Texas have chosen their nominees for November elections, the party is hoping to make history. Its goal: to elect the state's first black senator and first Hispanic governor.

Four weeks after Hispanic candidate Tony Sanchez won the Democratic nomination for governor, former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk defeated teacher Victor Morales in a runoff Tuesday and became the first black candidate to be nominated

to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Kirk had 370,063 votes, or 60 percent, and Morales had 250,034 votes, or 40 percent. "I feel great, absolutely relieved and exhausted," Kirk said after he won the Democratic nomination Tuesday night. "This just shows what happens when you spend the time and energy to meet with the people and go back again and understand their issues.

And I think Tony Sanchez' endorsement really made a difference."

Sanchez, who originally refused to back either candidate, threw his support behind Kirk on the eve of the runoff. Some analysts believe that helped Kirk cut into Morales' support among Hispanics.

"Sanchez just kind of kicked the door open and the flood came in," said Cal Jillson, political science

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HOW HOWARD COUNTY VOTED

Democratic Runoff United States Senator Ron Kirk: 161 Victor Morales: 95	Tom Price: 77 Tim Taft: 58
Republican Runoff Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 Dale Wainwright: 88 Elizabeth Ray: 52	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 David Richards: 67 Paul Womack: 65
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Sextuplets

Big Spring relatives are excited over new arrivals

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Features Editor

Local relatives of the Kansas woman who gave birth to sextuplets are excited about the new arrivals and keep updated on the progress of the babies daily.

"We are all real excited and everybody is doing great as far as we know," said Becky Rau, Eldon Headrick's great-aunt.

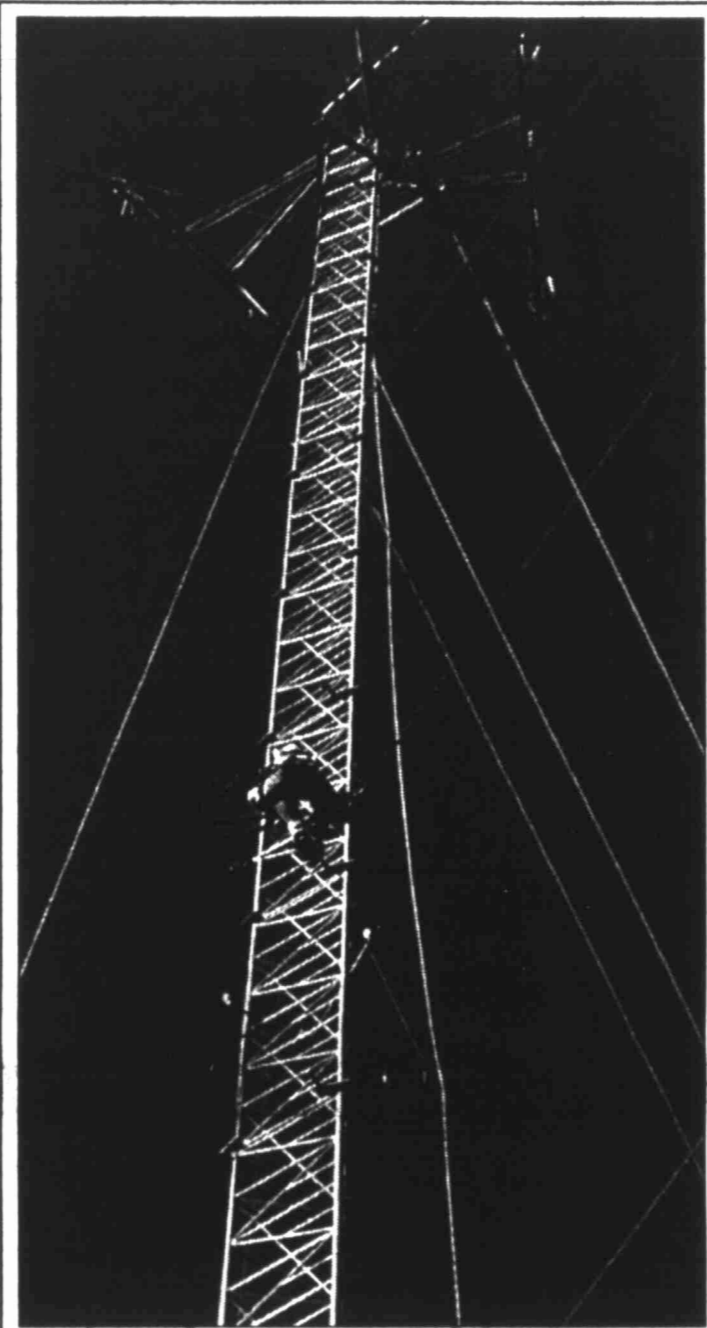
Eldon's wife, Sondra, 33, gave birth to the three boys and three girls by Caesarean section Saturday afternoon at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Joseph in Wichita.

"Sondra hopes to move into the housing unit there at the hospital in the next few days. It's been fun and we're glad it's over for them. Especially for Aubrianna because she hasn't been able to be with her mother," Becky commented.

Although 4-year-old Aubrianna has missed her mom she, too, is excited about her new brothers and sisters and had planned for their arrival in her own way.

"Aubrianna thinks they're wonderful and has been able to see them a couple of times. Her grandmother told me while

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Taylor Communications employee Craig Bowlin climbs a 300-foot tower being constructed on U.S. Highway 87 near Forsan to be used for voice stream service. According to Deren Wilcox, construction coordinator of Clear Shot, the owner of the tower, the company is constructing 65 to 75 towers in the San Angelo, Big Spring and Lamesa area. Construction of a tower is already completed in Ackerly.

Foundation hopes to use interest to improve community

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to make a donation to improve the community, but weren't sure how to go about it?

At the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday evening, Charles Beil presented information about the newly-formed Big Spring Area Community Foundation.

The group, modeled after several others around the state and nation, plans to accept and invest donations from the community and fund grants for the betterment of the community with the investments' interest.

"Basically it's an entity that collects tax-deductible donations from any entity," Beil said. "It can be somebody that wants to create a \$100 memorial to a deceased person. If it's a major gift from an estate or another source, that's acceptable. The money then is invested and the revenue, the proceeds are invested in the betterment or the enhancement of the community."

The foundation will accept both unrestricted funds, proceeds which will

be controlled by the foundation's board of trustees, and funds with restricted uses, Beil said.

"The primary thing that the foundation looks for is called 'unrestricted funds,' because the proceeds from the investment of those funds are used at the discretion of the grants committee to fund a grant from the community," he said. "The primary priority will be something to enhance the quality of life in this community."

By accepting restricted funds, the foundation will serve to direct the interest from the donations as the donor wishes, Beil said.

"It can serve as a receptacle for people who want to establish a scholarship fund for instance, or they want to support a particular agency, such as United Way, eternally. In other words, these are called 'donor-designated funds,' where the donating entity says 'take these, invest them, but we want the proceeds from this fund to support this particular interest of ours.' In that regards it's a community service. It serves as an umbrella for a lot of little splinter activities like that."

The Foundation has already been formed and is currently waiting on confirmation of its non-profit sta-

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Coahoma stick horse rodeo to include lots of bull Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

T.C. Long will be bringing a lot of bull to the Coahoma Elementary Stick Horse Rodeo on Thursday — more than 2,000 pounds worth.

This will be one of many rodeo performances for the 19-year-old and his two Brahman bulls. Long has performed at rodeos in New Mexico, Texas and sometimes Oklahoma.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," Long said.

Long also performs at Baptist church camps using the animals as a way to keep the children interested while talking about the Lord, he said.

"I will give services off the big one," he said. "It keeps them interested and the kids stay with you."

His big Brahman bull Snapper is about 2,100 pounds. Long rides on

the bull's back.

Long will also let children ride on Snapper's back and pet the massive yet cuddly animal. Because of the limited space at the Coahoma gym, Long does not plan to let the kindergartners ride Thursday.

Long said he doesn't make too much money performing with the bulls and plans to eventually become an orthodontist. Even in another line of work, Long does

hope to continue performing with the bulls.

"To see the look in those kids eyes makes it all worthwhile," he said.

The Coahoma Stick Horse Rodeo begins 9 a.m. in the big gym on the Coahoma Elementary campus, 400 Ramsey Ave. Admission is free to the public.

Little cowpokes compete in every

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BSHS students will be honored at Governor's ceremony at ASU

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Ten Big Spring High School students traveled to San Angelo today and will be honored at the Governor's Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony at San Angelo State University.

The event is part of the Texas Celebrations of Educational Excellence program, now in its eighth year and honors students in grades 9 through 12 who have excelled academically in the foundation areas of the state curriculum.

One of the 10 BSHS students is Nathaniel Smith, a senior who is being honored for his achievement in the National Merit Scholarship program. Smith was named a finalist in the program, a prestigious honor based Smith's work on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test as a junior.

The other nine are being recognized for attaining top honors on the Texas Assessment of

Academic Skills test. They include Chelsea Helsley, 12th grade; Brittney Barrow, 11th grade; Mary Strain, 11th grade; Samantha Newton, 10th grade; Jessica Ray, 10th grade; Camilla Painter, 10th grade; Brennan Bailey, 9th grade; Regan Creswell, 9th grade; and Paige Gainey, 9th grade.

Hosted by the State Board of Education and Texas colleges and universities, the event honored about 14,000 students statewide in 2001.

Across the state, students were honored for achievement in math, English, science, history and foreign languages as well as accomplishments such as outstanding grade point averages, honor roll inclusion, Academic Decathlon, robotics competitions and University Interscholastic League academic honors as well as National Merit and TAAS achievements.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

These Big Spring High School students will be honored at the Governor's Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony today in San Angelo. Senior Nathaniel Smith will be recognized for his accomplishment as a National Merit Finalist, while the others will be recognized for earning top honors on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test. Shown are Smith, left; Chelsea Helsley, Brittney Barrow, Mary Strain, Samantha Newton, Jessica Ray, Camilla Painter, Brennan Bailey, Regan Creswell and Paige Gainey.

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Texas DPS seeks tougher requirements for driver's licenses

HOUSTON (AP) — What a difference a year makes. Last spring, the Texas Legislature passed a bill that would have made it easier for illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses. Gov. Rick Perry vetoed it. Now, the Texas Department of Public Safety is trying to make it more difficult to get a driver's license. "After Sept. 11, there has been a re-examination," DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange said.

A hearing on the DPS' proposed administrative rule change drew a standing-room-only crowd of about 70 people Tuesday at the state Capitol. Opponents of illegal immigration applauded the effort to tighten regulations, which they see as a way to make it more difficult for people in the country illegally to stay here. But critics — including representatives of the Austin Police Department — said security would be enhanced by offering driver's licenses to immigrants, establish-

ing written records of immigrants' residences in the United States. The proposed regulations would make it impossible for people who have a foreign passport to get Texas driver's licenses unless they also have verifiable identification issued by the U.S. government. Refugees, some foreign students and other immigrants — except those from Canada — would be excluded from getting the state identification. The proposed changes in Austin come as Texas, like the rest of the

nation, grapples with new concerns about proof of identification. In the wake of the terrorist attacks, the federal government and many states are beginning to look for ways to ensure safety while still helping immigrants. California is considering a provision that would allow undocumented workers to get drivers' licenses that would identify them as illegal immigrants. Opponents of illegal immigration applaud the effort to tighten regulations, which they see as a

way to make it more difficult for people in the country illegally to stay here. Giving an illegal immigrant a driver's license "is very close to aiding and abetting a crime," said Bill Toney, an Austin resident. State officials say the proposed changes come in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Some of the terrorists obtained driver's licenses from various states, which they then used as acceptable photo identification to board the planes they crashed.

Investigation finds Interior Department employees abused government credit cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department is changing its policies and retraining employees on use of government-issued credit cards after an audit found employees used them to pay their rent, withdraw money at casinos and buy jewelry and furniture. Almost three-quarters of the department's 79,000 workers have government credit cards, and the agency's inspector general found myriad problems with use and oversight. "The department and its bureaus do not have sufficient controls in place to minimize abuse of the charge card," the report said. Some reviews of purchases "were done inadequately or in a perfunctory

matter, some were not done on a regular basis, and some were not done at all." Interior spokesman John Wright said Tuesday the department is working to solve problems identified in the audit, which was completed in late December. The agency is in the process of training its credit card purchase screeners and this month will begin training all cardholders on appropriate use of the cards. Interior Department employees with government-issued cards made more than 2 million purchases for \$675 million in fiscal years 1999 and 2000. The department now prohibits employees from receiving cash advances through wire transfers on

their credit cards. It is reviewing whether fewer employees should have cards and whether their credit lines, now generally \$2,500 for purchase, should be lowered. That analysis is to be completed in August. And officials noted that 40 employees have been fired since 1998 for credit card abuse. "We take these credit card issues very seriously and are working aggressively to improve our guidelines to address this matter," Wright said. The audit was completed a year after the Clinton administration gave the Interior Department a "Hammer Award" for good management of its credit card system.

Bush administration sides with House on farm subsidies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional negotiators say they want to finish work quickly on an overhaul of agriculture and nutrition programs, but first they must resolve a dispute over how to subsidize grain and cotton farmers. A House-Senate conference committee resumed negotiations Tuesday for the first time in nearly a month, but the talks immediately bogged down. Senate Democrats believe the bulk of farm payments should be tied to swings in crop prices and production.

House negotiators and the Bush administration say more money should go toward fixed annual payments. "At the end of the day, we've got to settle this out," said lead Senate negotiator, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. The lawmakers also disagree over a Senate-passed plan to create a \$2 billion subsidy program for dairy farmers. Much of the money would go to farmers in the Northeast as compensation for the end of a regional price-setting system. Despite the differences,

the lawmakers scheduled further negotiating sessions on today and Thursday. The administration has been critical of both a bill passed by the Republican-controlled House last fall and a rival version that Democrats pushed through the Senate in February. Chuck Conner, the White House's farm policy specialist, told negotiators Tuesday the Senate Democrats' subsidy plan would stimulate excess crop production and could leave farmers with too little money if widespread crop failures should occur.

Officer found dead after allegedly killing five

DOVER TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A police officer wanted in a shooting rampage that killed five people was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Wednesday about 15 miles away, authorities said. Edward Lutes, a Seaside Heights police officer for 15 years, was found dead in his car in Barnegat Township, Dover Township Deputy Chief Vincent Pedalino said. Lutes was wanted for a shooting late Tuesday night in Dover Township, a New Jersey shore community that is still reeling from a

February rampage in which a retired police officer allegedly killed four people, including his granddaughter. Police said Lutes shot five of his neighbors, including two people who lived next door to Lutes and three who were in a house across the street. Lutes later went to nearby Barnegat Township and shot Seaside Heights Police Chief James Costello, police said. Costello was in satisfactory condition Wednesday at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune.

Another person was injured and taken to Community Medical Center in Toms River. It was not immediately known where the victim was at the time of the shooting or how they were injured. Authorities did not say what they thought was the motive for the shootings. The first shootings happened about a mile from the street where John E. Mable allegedly killed his granddaughter and three neighbors on Feb. 21 as he went from house to house shooting a .38-caliber revolver.

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OUR VIEWS

Make plans
for a great
little rodeo

One of the most enjoyable and unique events involving children is held right here in the Crossroads area each year, and if you've never seen it, we encourage you to make sure you do.

Old "hands" and new fans who walk into the Coahoma Elementary School gym about 9 a.m. Thursday will find themselves in a rodeo arena — little people style. It's the 24th annual Coahoma Elementary Kindergarten Stick Horse Rodeo, and it's as colorful and exciting as any rodeo you'll ever find.

The children work hard for this event — the first-ever and longest-running of its kind. They practice on their stick horses, learn dance routines and songs and wear their western "finest." Through it all, they get some good lessons in teamwork and responsibility. Mostly, they have a lot of fun. So do the adults.

Teachers and high school volunteers help. This rodeo is passed on from generation to generation. Many parents in the Coahoma area can recall taking part in the rodeo as kindergartners.

Like other rodeos, the stick horse rodeo is not without some celebrities. There is, of course, co-founder and former professional rodeo clown Quail Dobbs. He meets with the youngsters to answer questions about rodeo in general, gives them some tips and shows the young clowns how to put on their makeup. Wacey Cathey, world champion rodeo cowboy; Cassie Graham, Miss Teenage Rodeo Texas; and Jody Nix, professional musician and West Texas country music icon; are among the other celebrities who will be on hand.

The event is colorful, exciting and great fun. We hope you can find it in your schedule to join the 300 to 400 people who pack the gym. It's a treat you'll remember always.

That's 9 a.m. Thursday at the large gym on the Coahoma Elementary School campus. Ride 'em, cowboy!

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Finding comfort at the beauty shop

I go to a beauty shop, not a salon. There's a difference.

At a salon you get a style; at a real beauty shop you get a style, plus marital advice, political punditry, comfort food and all the latest gossip. "How did you ever find this? It's like something out of a movie," my astute teenage niece Chelsey said when I took her along to the shop in a little house behind a house in the Middle of Nowhere, Mississippi.

Chelsey, normally hard to impress, was thinking, of course, of "Steel Magnolias," the movie that made all us females long for getting our curls with the girls, to find a place to think pretty in pink. This shop isn't exactly Hollywood, but it has characters worthy of Tennessee Williams or Beth Henley. Truth is, I've heard of the

shop for nearly 15 years. Every time somebody in town looked extra good, I'd ask who was responsible.

Inevitably, the well-coiffed subject would answer, "Oh, I go to Debbie Henderson," and then toss her head in nonchalance. "Can you get me in?" I'd ask.

"I don't think she has any vacancies" was the stock reply.

Finally I found a friend whose husband grew up next door to Debbie, the wizard with the scissor.

My friend used her influence.

"Don't be late and don't cancel," she warned. I had heard horror stories about women who messed with Debbie's appointment book. They were never again seen alive, much less with a good do.

Naturally, I was late for my first haircut. "I'm sorry, I'm sorry," I said rushing inside.

"Just don't let it happen again," Debbie deadpanned. "If you're in the hospital, get on up out of the bed."

Debbie is a flamboyant, blond beauty, head piled high with curls, trademark rhinestone glasses perched on a perfect nose, a Sweet

Potato Queen personality. Someone once suggested Debbie computerize her records, go high-tech with her burgeoning business.

"I'd rather be a legend than high-tech," she said. Debbie's mother, Earline, started the shop 35 years ago.

The building, which remains small, was so tiny to begin with that customers waited in their cars outside until young Debbie was sent to fetch them.

Debbie started cutting and fixing hair at age 15. She was a natural. It's not about false flattery or simpering ways or the customer-is-always-right. It's about cutting to the shape of the head. It's about passion for the job — and honesty.

"You're not as young as you were when you wore your hair long," Debbie tells me every visit when I ask for more length. I argue with her — but only under my breath.

Over supper one night a family that frequents Debbie's shop was discussing current affairs when someone mentioned what a mess the economy would likely be in if Alan Greenspan ever retired.

"Forget him!" the teenage daughter said. "What would happen to all of us if Debbie quit?"

The flip side of this beauty-shop coin is operator Vickie McGee — pretty, too, but as serious as Debbie is crazy, always absorbed in some book or political brouhaha. She's earned Sissy Spacek to Debbie's diva.

As soon as you enter, a determined Vickie seems to take your philosophical temperature with tricky questions that have only one right answer.

"How do you feel about Kathy Lee?" she asked me on my first visit, just like that, off the wall.

And later, "Do you like Barry Manilow?"

I have no feelings about Kathy Lee and I don't like Barry Manilow.

I think I flunked Vickie's test.

But I got a piece of cake anyway, from an old card table loaded with food that Debbie set up to hold treats brought in by faithful customers who remembered Vickie's birthday.

I don't know how old Vickie is, but it's a good sign that Debbie still allows her to keep her hair long.

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An education in education

This school year I've been teaching some speech and writing courses at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. It is really fun.

In my speech class we spent a couple of days talking about how to overcome the fear of public speaking, which is most people's number one fear. The number two fear is death.

In other words, rather than giving a eulogy at a funeral, most people would rather be in the casket.

On the midterm test this semester, one of the questions was "How do you overcome fear?" One student answered: "A couple shots of whiskey."

During the fall semester one of my students told the class when he started his

speech, "I'm kinda nervous and I've always heard that to get you more relaxed, you need to picture your audience sitting out there naked. I'm having trouble visualizing that, so would you please start taking off your clothes." I gave him an A.

One of my students wrote a critique about a speaker: "Dr. Allen arrived very promptly at 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m."

In my writing class, a girl wrote about anthrax: "Spores were found in his nasal passage, which is leading to an FBI investigation." I wrote on her paper: "Wow! Some passage. And somebody ought to investigate the FBI."

That same girl, on the same paper, wrote: "People come into contact with the disease by eating under prepared meat or people who work with animals."

Oh, well. She's an art major.

In some UIL headline writing competition recently, one student wrote: 38 Year Old Teen Gets Reward.

On the first day of spring I asked my students, "How many of you think spring is the best time of year?"

About half a dozen hands went up. I asked everyone who raised their hands in what season they were born. They were all born in the spring. I then asked the class, "How many of you think fall is the best time of year?"

A few hands went up. I asked them when they were born and they were all born in the fall. One girl then asked me, "What about me? Fall is my favorite season and I was born in November."

I've asked many teachers about collecting student funnies and they all say they have piles of them. In one class of English history, the topic was Henry the Eighth. One female student wrote on her test paper, "Henry the Ape. I don't know who gave him that name, but it's a funny one."

Another wrote:

"Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music."

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The Library has received lots of new fiction, biographies, mysteries, and few science-fiction books.

To get them all in, I am only doing a listing of titles. These books found on the New Shelf.

New fiction book have received are: "Coldheart Canyon Clive Barker; seven romances, Sandra I Thursday's Child, Garwood's "Mercy, "Starting Over" by Pilcher and "Moon Becomes Her" by M McKinley.

Two political thrillers "Separation of Pow Vince Flynn and "Executive Privilege Jay Brandon, Robe Ludlum's new book "Protocol" and a very threatening book b



At right, Rober School PTA president... Nancy has been and was selected t board.

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The First Christian Church will host a review by Jimmie S on "Gloria," by Jan Roberts Wood.

The book review, hosted by the Neigh and Newcomers Cl Spring and the Chr Women's Fellowship Church.

The event will be 2 p.m. April 13 at the Christian Church fe

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Host of new titles hits the shelves at Howard County Library

The Library has received lots of new fiction, biographies, mysteries and few science-fiction books.



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To get them all in, I am only doing a listing of titles. These books can be found on the New Book Shelf.

New fiction books that we have received are — "Coldheart Canyon" by Clive Barker; several romances, Sandra Brown's "Thursday's Child," Julia Garwood's "Mercy," "Starting Over" by Robin Pilcher and "Moonlight Becomes Her" by Meagan McKinney.

Two political thrillers "Separation of Power" by Vince Flynn and "Executive Privilege" by Jay Brandon, Robert Ludlum's new book "Sigma Protocol" and a very dark, threatening book by

Stephen Hunter "Pale Horse Coming."

There are two volumes of short stories — "Don't Mean Nothing: Short Stories of Vietnam" by Susan O'Neill and "Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage," by Alice Munro. New Science Fiction books that the Library has received is Book 2 of the Antrax series, "The Voyage of the Jerle Shannara" and Diana Gabaldon's "The Fiery Cross."

One of my favorite genres is mystery and one of the perks (sorry) is getting to read them before they go on the shelf!

A few weeks back I wrote about the "Biggie" series — little ole grandmother who lives in East Texas who solves mysteries.

The library has received three additional books, "Biggie and the Mangled Mortician," "Biggie and the Quincy Ghost," and "Biggie and the Meddlesome Mailman."

Other mysteries we have received are "Blindsighted" by Karin Slaughter, "The Millionaire" by Brad

Metzler, Joe Lansdale's (another Texas writer), "Captains Outrageous," Lisa Gardner's "The Next Accident," a new copy of Tom Clancy's "The Hunt for Red October," "Whispers in the Dark" by Eleanor Taylor Bland, "Death of a Celebrity" by M.C. Beaton, and finally Susan Wittig Albert's newest book, "Bloodroot."

In this China Bayles mystery, China is called to her mother's home state Mississippi to solve a family secret.

We have also received a boxful of new biographies. "If You Believe" by Cher, "The Autobiography of Quincy Jones" by Quincy Jones, "Vernon Can Read" by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. which will take you from the days of the Selma marches to his career with the Urban League.

Say what you will, Bobby Knight can keep a conversation going. A few weeks ago, I wrote about Knight's career as told by John Feinstein in "A Season on the Brink."

Now Bobby is on a multi-city tour touting his book

"Knight: My Story." He has also been on Jay Leno's Tonight Show and ESPN's sports shows. Come see how the two books compare.

Don't you just love men in makeup? Read all about Gene Simmons' career with KISS in "Kiss and Make-Up."

Did you know that Simmons real name is Chaim Witz and he was born in Haifa, Israel? Find out more about him in his book.

Morris Udall will long be remembered for his contributions to the environment and his unflagging efforts for his home state Arizona.

His untimely death from complications due to Parkinson's disease was a tragedy.

Read about his life in "Mo: the Life and Times of Morris K. Udall" by Donald W. Carson and James W. Johnson.

Robert Flynn from Chillicothe has gathered an eclectic collection of essays on growing up Baptist in a small West Texas town and how that upbringing prepared him for life. Or did

it? Entitled "Growing Up a Sullen Baptist and Other Lies" each essay will evoke a direct and immediate response.

Whether that response is positive or negative will depend upon your reaction to what he has written.

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At right, Robert Smith, Bauer Magnet Elementary School PTA president, presents Nancy Black, PTA parliamentarian with a Texas Lifetime PTA Membership. Nancy has been a PTA officer at Bauer for six years and was selected to receive this award by the executive board.

Class strives to make reporters sound like they're from nowhere

LUBBOCK (AP) — Whitney Wyatt knows that growing up in Childress, Texas, has bequeathed her with a unique way of speaking. But she doesn't intend to let her twang get in the way of a career in broadcasting.

The 21-year-old Texas Tech University student took a five-week class that helped her and four others learn the finer points of speaking to the camera.

"They told us to stress the 'ing' and the vowels because that's what Texans have trouble with," Wyatt said. "I think you can get away with that in Lubbock, but if you want to go to the bigger markets, you can't get away with it."

Most students don't even realize they have an accent, said Dennis Harp, one of five course instructors and an associate director at the School of Mass Communications.

"I think it affects their credibility if they come off sounding like a hick," Harp said. "They need to sound professional. I think it also affects their ability to sound authoritative."

Since Harp began the

once-a-semester class last fall, he has learned that students don't respond to repeated verbal reminders as much as they do when they hear themselves on tape.

"People work out of this," he said. "It's catching it when they're doing it."

Other tips about making it in the business seem easier to get across, Harp said.

"It's easy enough to get them to dress properly, but when it comes characteristics like language, it's more difficult," he said. "Some of them you think they're never going to get through it."

Another instructor, Tom Barnett, said he borrows from comedian George Carlin to help students understand the goal. Carlin used to do a skit where he was a weatherman on television and would say, "Hi, I'm from nowhere."

Wyatt said college students need to hear about how broadcasting works in the "real world."

"It's exactly what we need," she said. "A lot of credibility falls back on how you speak."

UPCOMING EVENT

The First Christian Church will host a book review by Jimmie Smith on "Gloria," by Jane Roberts Wood.

The book review is co-hosted by the Neighbors and Newcomers Club of Big Spring and the Christian Women's Fellowship Church.

The event will be held at 2 p.m. April 13 at the First Christian Church fellow-

ship hall. The public is invited and there is no charge to attend the review and tea.

However, a love offering will be taken. For more information contact Evanell Truszkowski at 267-7417.



Annual YMCA support campaign raises \$24,000

HERALD Staff Report

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"Much of the financial assistance is requested during the summer months when school is out and parents need help daily watching their children," said Pete Thiry, YMCA executive director.

Last year, the YMCA approved 106 scholarships totaling more than \$30,000 in financial assistance.

The campaign was organized so that board members were placed on one of five teams. Serving as team captains were Duane Thomas, Charles Myers, Allan Johnson, Troy Tompkins and Marquez. Each team had a goal to raise at least \$5,000. Prizes

were awarded to the team raising the most.

Myers' team raised \$7,695 and finished slightly a head of Thomas' team, which raised \$6,986. Team members on the Myers squad included Steve Fraser, Donna McMahon and Kim Shafer. Members of the Thomas team included Jim Parks, Gordon Leaman, Tim Green and Dusty Shellhamer.

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BIG WIN

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in 4 1/3 innings of shutout work, striking out six and walking one. Martinez absorbed the loss, giving up nine Lady Steers hits. She walked three and struck out just one batter.

In the aftermath, Arista made it clear he would be hammering two things home to his team during Wednesday's practice sessions — bunt defense and the need to stay focused.

"Needless to say we're going to spend a lot of time working on our bunt defense," he said, noting that his team's inability to make plays on two bunts had led to the Lady Tigers' third-inning rally.

"But the big thing to remember is that we simply can't afford to relax ... not against anyone and certainly not when we've only got a 2- or 3-run lead. If you do, people are going to come back on you."

The Lady Steers play host to Levelland in their final home game of the season at 4 p.m. Friday.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include East Division (New York, Boston, Tampa Bay, Toronto, Baltimore) and Central Division (Cleveland, Minnesota, Chicago, Kansas City, Detroit).

Today's Games: Boston 8, Kansas City 4; N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 2; Tampa Bay at Baltimore, p.p.d., rain; Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4; Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 2; Oakland 5, Texas 4, 11 innings; Seattle 5, Anaheim 1.

Yesterday's Games: Boston 8, Kansas City 4; N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 2; Tampa Bay at Baltimore, p.p.d., rain; Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4; Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 2; Oakland 5, Texas 4, 11 innings; Seattle 5, Anaheim 1.

Today's Games: N.Y. Yankees 10, Hernandez 1-0 at Toronto (Eye 0-1), 1:05 p.m.; Oakland (Mulder 2-0) at Texas (Davis 1-0), 2:05 p.m.; Kansas City (Durbin 0-1) at Boston (F.Castillo 0-0), 6:05 p.m.; Minnesota (Lohse 0-0) at Cleveland (Colon 0-0), 6:05 p.m.; Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-0) at Baltimore (Erickson 1-0), 6:05 p.m.; Seattle (Garcia 0-1) at Anaheim (Ortiz 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include East Division (Montreal, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Florida, New York) and Central Division (Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Houston, Cincinnati, Chicago, Milwaukee).

Today's Games: Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 0; Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 4; St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 5; Colorado 10, Houston 5; San Diego 5, Arizona 2; Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 0.

Today's Games: N.Y. Mets (Estes 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-0), 1:20 p.m.; Houston (Milicki 0-1) at Colorado (Chacon 0-1), 2:05 p.m.; Montreal (Pavano 0-1) at Florida (Penny 1-0), 6:05 p.m.; Atlanta (Ennis 0-0) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 1-0), 6:05 p.m.; Cincinnati (Acevedo 1-0) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 1-0), 6:05 p.m.; Milwaukee (Ryech 1-0) at St. Louis (Benes 0-1), 7:10 p.m.; Arizona (Helling 0-1) at San Diego (Tomko 0-0), 9:05 p.m.; Los Angeles (Perez 0-1) at San Francisco (Jensen 1-0), 9:15 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League CLEVELAND INDIANS—Extended his player development contract with Buffalo of the International League through the 2006 season. DETROIT TIGERS—Named interim manager Luis Rojas manager for the remainder of the season. Fred Den Wetheren, pitching coach; Doug Mansolino, third base coach; Ed Ott, bullpen coach; and Randy Johnson, special assistant. Named Steve McCarty pitching coach, Rafael Landestry, first base coach, and Jeff Jones bullpen coach. Recalled INF Oscar Salazar from Toledo of the International League. Optioned RHP Nate Cornejo to Toledo. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Called up RHP Nate Field from Omaha of the PCL. TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of LHP Chris Michael from Oklahoma of the PCL. Transferred LHP Rich Rodriguez from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list. Sent RHP Francisco Cordero to Oklahoma. Optioned RHP Ryan Dittburn to Tulsa of the Texas League. National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated RHP Todd Stottlemyre from the 15-day disabled list. Designated C Chad Mueller for assignment. ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed RHP Able Lopez on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Kevin Gnyboski from Richmond of the International League. Acquired LHP Andy Pratt from the Texas Rangers for LHP Ben Kozlowski and assigned Pratt to Greenville of the Southern League. CINCINNATI REDS—Sent INF Juan Castro to

Baseball

Louisville of the International League on a rehab assignment. NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed CB Fred Weary. Re-signed RB Travis Jersey. BUFFALO BILLS—Signed K Mike Hollis to a one-year contract. DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed G Tony Sample. HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed G Demingo Graham and TE Keaven Siroano. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed LB Greg Favors. MINNESOTA WIKINGS—Claimed WR D'Wayne Bates off waivers from the Chicago Bears. Agreed to terms with DL Lorenzo Bernaldi. TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Agreed to terms with WR Joe Jurevics on a four-year contract. NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ATLANTA THRASHERS—Reassigned G Federico Cassini to Chicago of the AHL. Recalled G Scott Panninger from Hershey of the AHL. CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled D Micki Dupont from Saint John of the AHL. Reassigned F Ryan Christie to Saint John. COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned LW Mathieu Darche and C Brad Moran to Syracuse of the AHL. DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned C Jason Williams to Cincinnati of the AHL. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Assigned LW Guillaume Lefebvre and D John Stacey to Philadelphia of the AHL. PHOENIX COYOTES—Relieved Marc Poirin of his duties as coach of Springfield of the AHL. ST. LOUIS BLUES—Reassigned G Reinhard Divis to Worcester of the AHL. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Reassigned D Anders Eriksson and G Mikael Telqvist to St. John's of the AHL.

NBA

Table with columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Eastern Conference Atlantic Division (New Jersey, Boston, Orlando, Philadelphia, Washington, Miami, New York) and Central Division (Detroit, Charlotte, Milwaukee, Toronto, Indiana, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago).

Today's Games: Toronto 84, Charlotte 80; Miami 120, Houston 117, 2OT; Orlando 108, New York 97; New Jersey 101, Washington 88; Memphis 97, Denver 86; Philadelphia 92, Milwaukee 90; Dallas 108, Portland 95; Phoenix 99, Seattle 92; L.A. Lakers 112, Utah 82; Sacramento 122, Minnesota 103. Yesterday's Games: Miami at Boston, 6 p.m.; Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6 p.m.; Atlanta at Charlotte, 6 p.m.; Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.; Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.; Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m.; Denver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.; Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

Table with columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, T, Pts, Pts GF, Pts GA. Rows include Eastern Conference Atlantic Division (Philadelphia, N.Y. Islanders, New Jersey, N.Y. Rangers, Pittsburgh) and Northeast Division (Boston, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Buffalo).

Baseball

Dallas 35 28 11 5 86 206 206; Anaheim 29 40 8 3 89 174 194. Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss. y-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division z-clinched conference

TEXAS LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Eastern Division (Tulsa, Arkansas, Wichita, Shreveport) and Western Division (El Paso, Midland, Round Rock, Phoenix).

High School Poll

The Top 10 high school baseball rankings for the UIL classifications as determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and THSB Magazine. Rankings are through Mon., April 8.

Table with columns: Class, Rank, Player, School. Rows include Class 5A (Sugar Land, Flower Mound, Klein Oak, San Antonio Reagan, Lufkin, Austin Bowie, Corpus Christi Carroll, Round Rock Westwood, El Paso Eastwood, Carrollton Smith) and Class 4A (Southlake Carroll, Crowley, Saginaw Boswell, Canyon Randall, El Campo, Hewitt Midway, Franshaw, Brenham, Austin Anderson, Port Neches-Groves).

Rodeo Leaders

ALL AROUND 1. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$51,532; 2. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$44,403; 3. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, \$42,980; 4. Chad Klein, Clinton, La., \$22,790; 5. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo., \$22,435.

Steer Wrestling

1. Joey Bell Jr., Salem, N.J., \$32,259; 2. Todd Suh, Brighton, Colo., \$23,588; 3. K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo., \$20,236; 4. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$19,317; 5. Jerrod Pillans, Steamboat, Texas, \$18,317.

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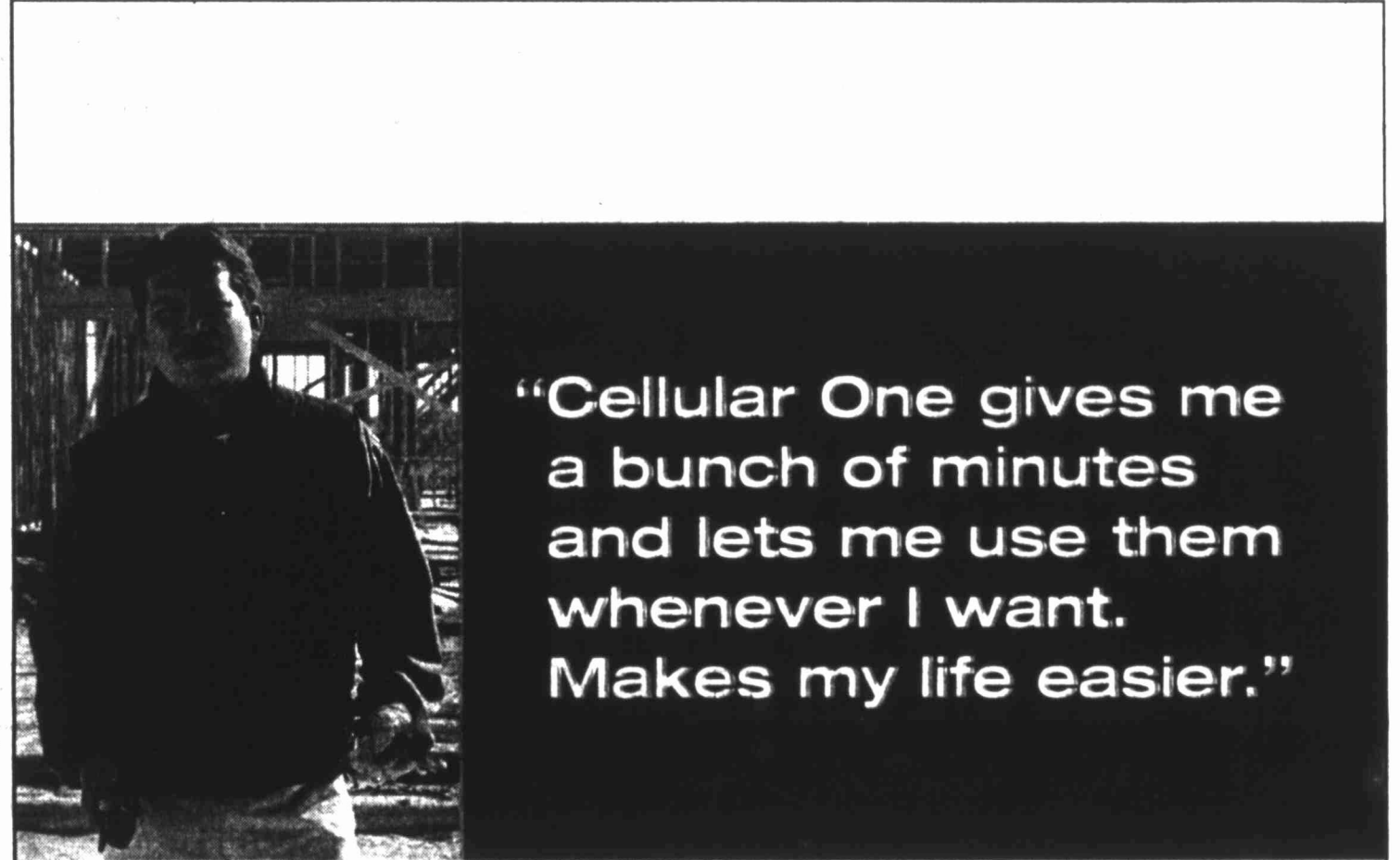
1. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont., \$47,558; 2. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$31,873; 3. Steve Dollarhite, Winkup, Ariz., \$26,791; 4. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$24,987; 5. Shane Moran, Dillon, Mont., \$20,068.

Calf roping

1. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$36,547; 2. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, \$28,929; 3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$26,697; 4. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$25,055; 5. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$21,004; 6. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$19,523.

Barrel racing

1. Charmayne James, Athens, Texas, \$26,913; 2. Tami Fontanot, Ethel, La., \$19,275; 3. Kay Starnford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, \$18,771; 4. Molly Powell, Sims, Mont., \$18,593; 5. Heather Henderson, Middleburg, Fla., \$18,256.



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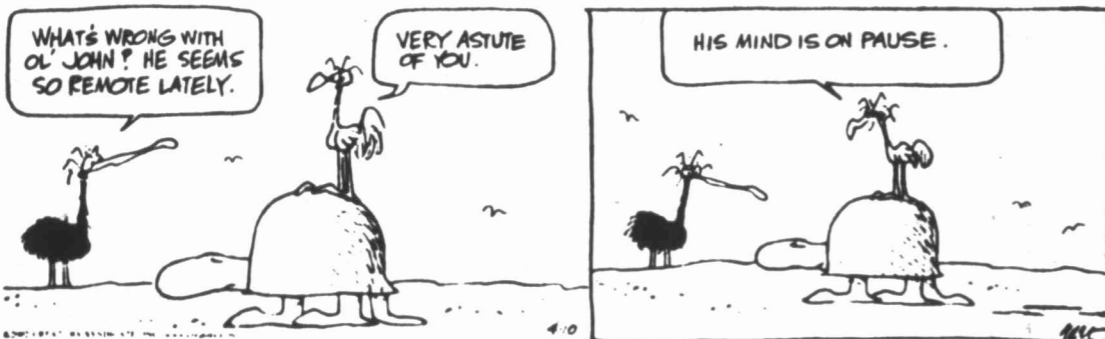
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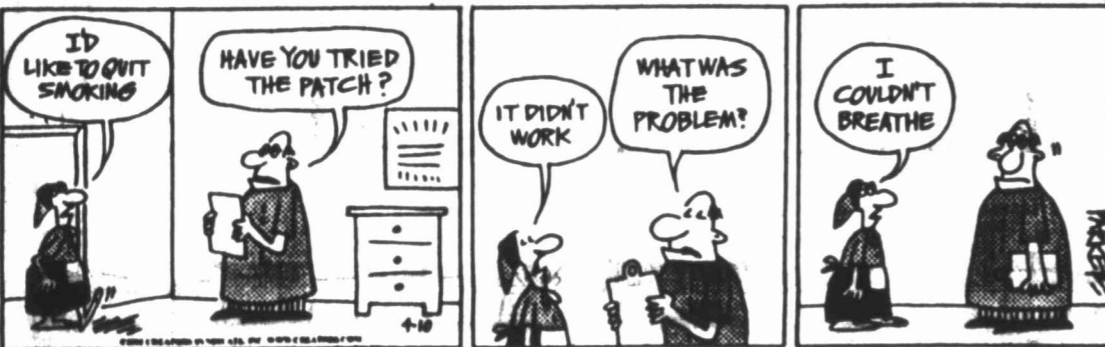
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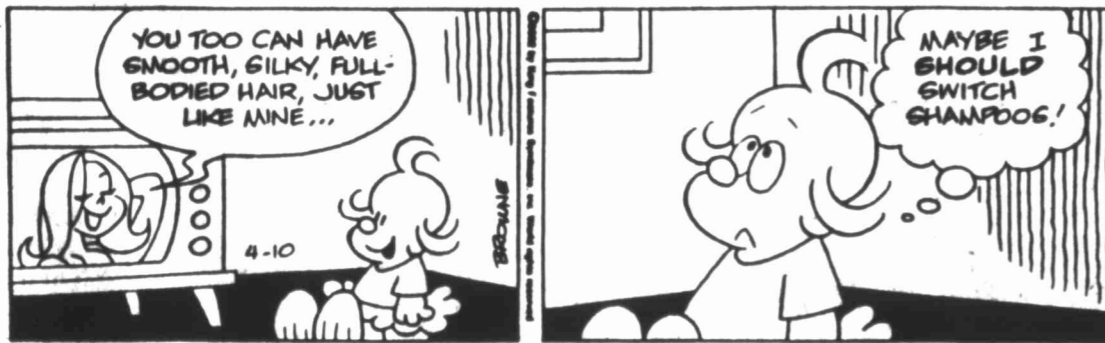
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Today's Highlight in History:

On April 10, 1912, the RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

On this date: In 1847, American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer was born in Mako, Hungary.

In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

In 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.

In 1932, German president Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

In 1952, 50 years ago, the MGM movie musical "Singin' in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, was first released.

In 1963, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Thresher failed to surface off Cape Cod, Mass., in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.

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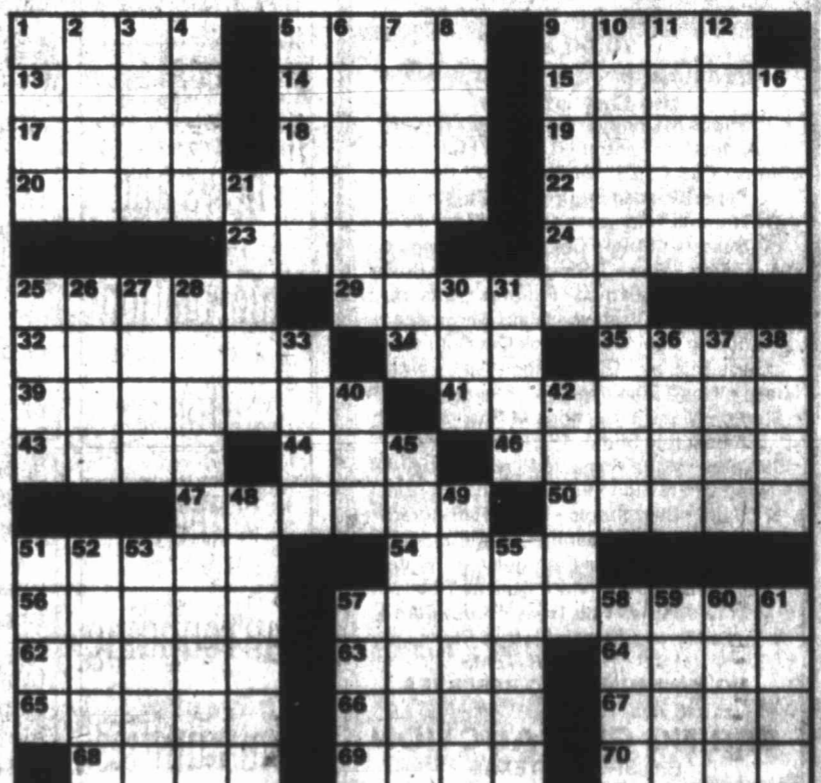
Today's Birthdays: Actor Harry Morgan is 87. Country singer Sheb Wooley is 81. Actor Max von Sydow is 73. Actress Liz Sheridan is 73. Actor Omar Sharif is 70. Sportscaster John Madden is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobbie Smith (The Spinners) is 66. Sportscaster Don Meredith is 64. Reggae artist Bunny Wailer is 55. Actor Steven Seagal is 51. Folk-pop singer Terre Roche (The Roches) is 49. Actor Peter MacNicol is 48. Rock musician Steven Gustafson (10,000 Maniacs) is 45. Singer-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is 44.

Answer to previous puzzle: ALPS, MUGS, ARENA, BOOT, ARIA, DOZES, COMET, CRIP, SMITH, SPEAR, ELLE, DOSE, DIED, BABY, OPTIFOR, POSE, TKT, HERA, LISA, ROSIE, GRASPEDAT, STRAW, ONITE, ELSA, GRIT, DST, SPAM, GRASSY, ETAL, TEEN, APEX, LIAR, NITRO, PUTT, THE, SQUEEZE, ZON, SPARE, TUNE, ERNE, ESSAY, SIAKE, DIAB

Newsday Crossword

COMMON SENSE by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman

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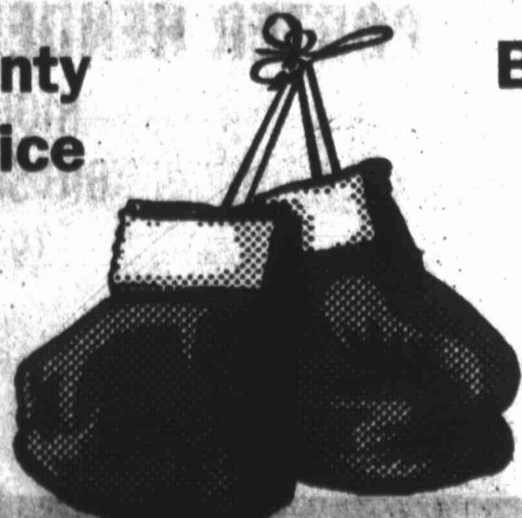
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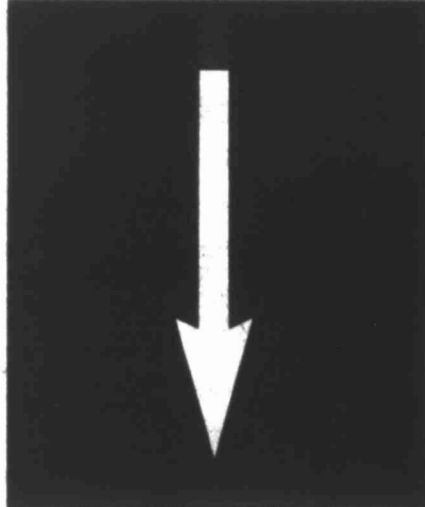
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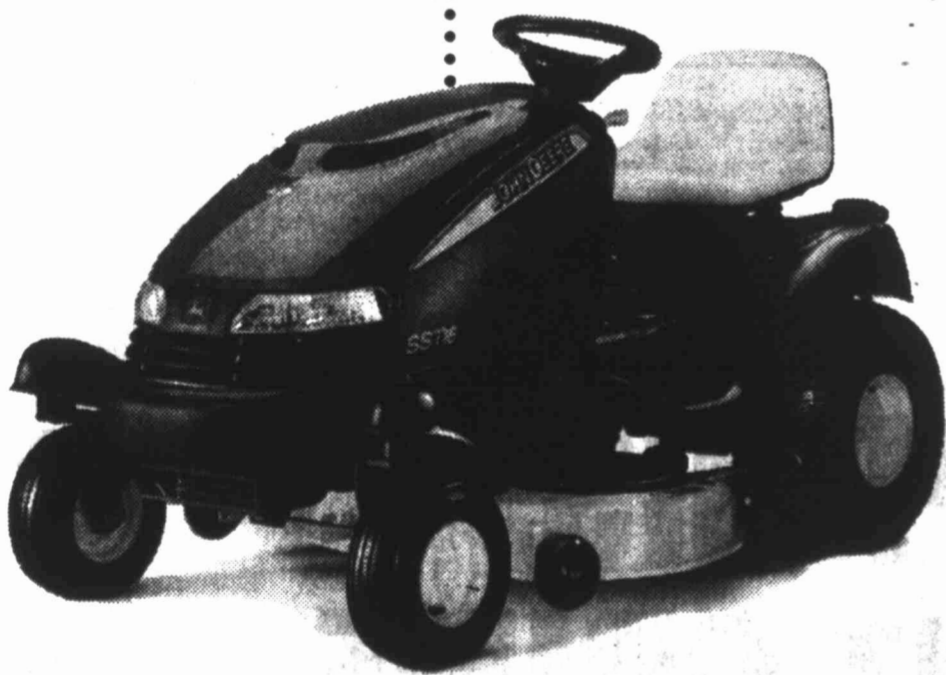
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