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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Relay team captains to meet Thursday

Relay for Life team captains will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Parish Hall at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Captains will receive special armbands to identify team members, finalize plans, solve last-minute problems and get answers to their questions.

Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, at Blankenship Field, adjacent to Big Spring High School.

WHAT'S UP...

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.

□ Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Duplicate Bridge Club meets every 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 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.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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Big Spring to host District 5730 Rotary conference

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring will be host to some 250 to 300 Rotarians from District 5730 during their annual district conference beginning Thursday.

"We'll be showing off Big Spring this week — the



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representatives from most of the 53 clubs in our district will be attending this conference and we intend to show them a good time," said Jerry Worthy, district 5730's governor for 2001-2002.

Planning for the conference has been a long and fun process for the committee, consisting of members from both the Big Spring Rotary and the Greater Big Spring Rotary clubs, Jan Forseyth, president of the Big Spring Rotary Club

said. "We have been planning this for a year," Forseyth. "This has been fun for us. The planning committee has had a good time but we literally have been working on this for about a year."

The conference begins Thursday noon with some functions for past district governors and officers of district clubs. Main registration will be Friday at 8 a.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus

The coliseum, Dora Roberts Community Center and the Big Spring Country Club will host many of the conference's meetings and activities between Thursday and Sunday morning.

In addition to informative meetings, Rotarians and their spouses will be attending a choice of activities: A history tour which includes visiting the Heritage Museum and the Potton House; an antique shopping tour; "If I Had a Hammer" demonstration; a golf scram-

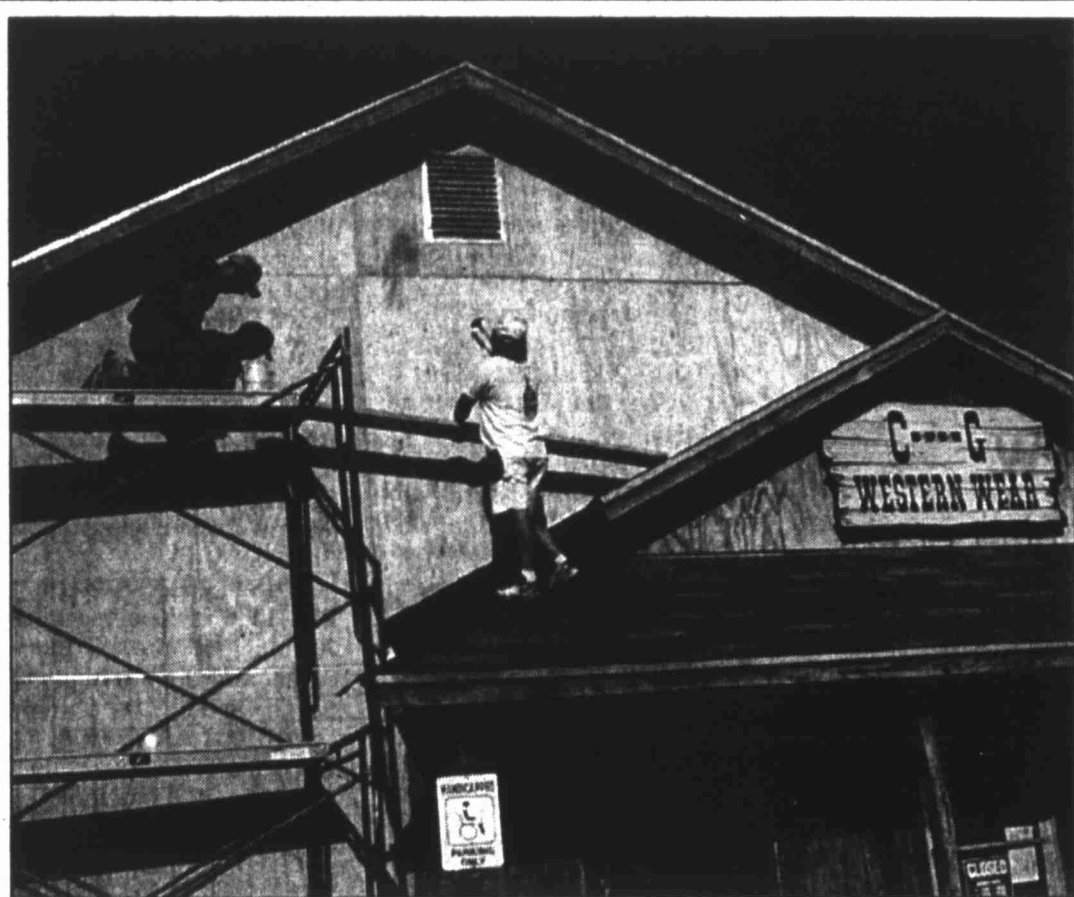
ble; or a tour of the wind turbines. There will also be Sunday service held for interested Rotarians.

"Big Spring has much to offer and we plan on showing it off this week," Worthy said.

Worthy has served as district 5730's governor since July 2001 and will continue in the position until June.

Part of Worthy's responsibilities is to visit each club in a district that covers

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Marty Richter, right, owner of Richter Home Business Improvement of Big Spring, and Shane Hudgins work on staining and securing the newly built frame for the approximately 1,000 square foot expansion project of C Bar G Western Wear, 1600 Gregg.

Sales tax

Rebates up 3 percent for Big Spring in April

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Sales tax rebates for Big Spring were up slightly this month, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

The city received \$258,688.01, an increase of 3.07 percent over the \$250,964.48 taken in during the same month a year ago. For the year, Big Spring has received \$1,158,090.04, an decrease of 1.7 percent compared to the same four-month period in 2001.

Ten of the 18 West Texas area cities saw a decrease in rebates this month, compared to a year ago.

The group didn't include Coahoma, which saw rebates go up 10.84 percent. The community received \$3,770.71, compared to \$

3,401.81 for April 2001. Sales tax rebates for the year are up 18.05 percent, comparing \$14,098.70 this year to \$11,942.03 last year.

Forsan saw sales tax receipts go down 27.89 percent, not unusual for a small community. The city received \$3,383.83 this month compared to \$4,693.17 in April of 2001. For the year, however, sales tax rebates are at \$13,791.12, up 49.17 percent.

Abilene received \$1,815,377.04 this month, up 3.85 percent from the \$1,748,048.52 received in April of 2001. For the year, the Taylor County seat has received \$8,408,603.55, up 2.89 percent.

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About \$2.25 million spent in Howard County on key welfare programs last year

HERALD Staff Report

Texas spent \$8,799,937 last year for major welfare programs in Howard County, according to Barbara Evans, regional administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$2,254,662 were issued for the fiscal year which ended Aug. 31, while Temporary Assistance to needy Families (TANF) totaled \$363,110.

According to Vicki Evans, unit supervisor for the Texas Department of Health in Big Spring, 2,687 residents of Howard County received food stamps during the fiscal year while 503 families qualified for TANF assistance.

Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal gov-

ernment, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

Eligibility for the Lone Star Card depends on a number of factors, Vicki Evans said, including the number of residents in a household and amount of average income.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$3,813, 864 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spend \$2,146,159 for Medicaid-related services

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HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith accepts a plaque presented to him by Mayor Russ McEwen. The plaque was presented in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Big Spring Police Department. City Manager Gary Fuqua, right, and Tito Arencibia of the Big Spring Ambassadors look on.

Budding author

Bauer student makes name as a 'rising star'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring's newest published author Daniel New is back from Austin and ready to sign autographs.

New's poem "Nightmare in the Dark" is featured in this year's Rising Star, Young Texas Tales, a state-wide magazine of elementary student writing and art. The magazine is sent to all Texas elementary schools and school districts.

The 11-year-old Bauer Magent Elementary School fourth-grader learned he was published Saturday while attending 2002 Rising Star Young Writers' & Artists' Conference held in Austin.

"It (the conference) was fun," New said.

New and 10 other Bauer students were chosen to attend the conference through a contest open to all elementary schools in the Big Spring Independent School District.

Students second through sixth grade compete in categories of poetry, art and narratives from submissions taken from class work.

Only a few hundred works are chosen and for the past several years Bauer Elementary has had at least one student published in the magazine.

New attended the confer-

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Recently published author Daniel New, an 11-year-old Bauer Magnet Elementary School fourth-grader, holds his copy of this year's Rising Star, Young Texas Tales, a state-wide magazine of elementary student writing and art. New's poem "Nightmare in the Dark" was chosen for publication in the magazine.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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OBITUARIES

Ricky Delter Majors

Ricky Delter Majors, 49, of Auburn, Wash., died on Friday, April 19, 2002, at his residence after a long illness. Private family interment services will be at Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Mark Winn, officiating.



He was born on Feb. 4, 1953, in Lubbock to O.D. and Delores Majors of Coahoma.

Ricky's family moved to Plainview when he was a small child and he attended school there. He was with the Slaton Police Department from 1973 to 1974. He had a love for music and could play many instruments. As a young man he enjoyed fishing and hunting with his dad and brother. Ricky moved to Washington state in 1986. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his daughter, Regina Majors of Midland; his parents, O.D. and Delores Majors of Coahoma; two brothers, Thomas Majors of Springfield, Mo., and Christopher Majors of Ennis; one sister, Tresa Majors of Big Spring; his grandmother, Myrtle Ray; two nieces, Kayla Karr and Ashley Majors; and three nephews, Riley Majors, Timothy Karr, and Clayton Karr.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Alfred Ray and Thomas Majors and his grandmother, Bertie Richardson.

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

Paid obituary

Madeline Faye Richters-Raney

Funeral service for Madeline Faye Richters-Raney, 43, of Mesquite, formerly of Coahoma, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Raney died Saturday, April 27, at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1958, in Big Spring and married Billy Raney on Sept. 21, 1986, in Kaufman. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Raney of Mesquite; one daughter, Jennifer Foster of Norman, Okla.; one son, Sean Foster of Roanoke; her parents, E.A. and Lucille Richters of Coahoma; three brothers, Dwayne Richters of Alvarado, Don Richters of Eldorado, and Dean Richters of Coahoma; and three sisters, Linda Coates

of Forsan, Veta Spears of Coahoma, and Shirlene Topping of Austin.

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ROTARY

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most of West Texas and all of the Panhandle.

"Ralph McLaughlin, Charles Beil and Bob Lewis are past District governors from Big Spring," Worthy said. "It is a real honor to serve in this capacity — a lot of hard work but with definite rewards."

Rotary International began in 1906 in Chicago with Paul Harris as its founder. A group of businessmen got together over lunch and determined how they could help their community. This service organization grew and has become worldwide with many ongoing projects including Polio Plus, a drive to stamp out polio worldwide.

Both local clubs have adopted schools in Mexico and are providing continuing support for these schools. District 5730 also has an ongoing project in Mexico and supports a worldwide project providing food to starving people called Hunger Plus. Individual clubs support many local projects such as the new Rotary Park in downtown Big Spring.

REBATES

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Sales tax rebates were up 215.4 percent for Andrews, which received \$154,629.69 this month compared to \$49,025.20 in April of 2001. For the year, Andrews has received \$336,610.54, up 46 percent.

Colorado City encountered an 8.09 percent decrease in rebates, comparing the \$25,972.23 received this month to \$28,258.83 received in April 2001. Rebates are 11.33 percent for the year as the Mitchell County seat has received \$125,615.38.

Fort Stockton saw a 6.25 percent decrease in rebates, comparing the \$69,293.95 received this month to the \$73,920.94 taken in during April 2001. For the year, Fort Stockton has received \$324,149.87, up 0.78 percent.

Kermitt received \$31,082.74 this month, an increase of 25.15 percent from the \$24,836.11 collected a year ago. For the year, Kermitt has received \$114,192.93, some 3.25 percent above what it had received a year ago at this time.

Lamesa witnessed a decrease of 1.45 percent in sales tax rebates. The Dawson County community received \$59,595.30 for the month, compared to \$60,474.08 in April of 2001. The check kept Lamesa slightly behind on year-to-date totals as the \$271,999.29 in rebates is 3.01 percent below last year's total.

Sales tax rebates were down 0.51 percent for Lubbock, which received \$1,955,875.03 this month, compared to \$1,966,041.99 last April. For the year, Lubbock has received \$9,524,069.78, up 2.94 percent.

Midland received \$1,140,262.10 this month, down 0.94 percent compared to the \$1,151,188.97 taken in during April of 2001. For the year, Midland has received \$5,826,318.83, up 6.06 percent.

Rebates were also down in Monahans this month. Monahans received \$52,128.27, down 6.38 percent compared to the \$55,682.51 taken in for April of 2001. For 2002, the Ward County seat has taken in \$285,127.88, up 9.3 percent from a year ago.

April's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$916,719.59,

down 8.16 percent when compared to \$998,218.37 taken in a year ago. To date this year, Odessa has received \$4,281,253.62, down 4.46 percent.

Rebates were up for Pecos this month. That community received \$54,148.24, compared to \$51,277.07 for April of 2001. That's an increase of 5.59 percent. For the year, Pecos has received \$252,973.43, up 6.28 percent.

San Angelo saw rebates go up 17.34 percent, comparing the \$1,022,081.43 taken in this month to the \$871,035.58 received in April of 2001. To date this year, San Angelo has received \$4,622,583.70, up 6.74 percent.

Snyder pulled in \$99,407.69 this month, down 18.44 percent when compared to the \$121,887.13 it received in April of 2001. For the year, Snyder has received \$475,280.53, up 0.41 percent.

Stanton received \$7,483.43 this month, down 6.91 percent compared to the \$8,039.37 it received in April a year ago. For the year, Stanton has received \$40,568.30, up 7.2 percent.

Rebates were up 14.19 percent in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of \$129,216.18 to \$113,156.29 taken in a year ago. For the year, Sweetwater has received \$593,140.98, and is ahead of last year's totals by 4.87 percent.

NEW

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ence with his parents Steve and Cindy New and his 13-year-old sister Jessica. He said he enjoyed listening to the guest speaker, Todd Strasser, award winning author. "I liked taking a picture with him," he said. "I liked listening to him talk about writing his books."

- "Nightmare in the Dark"
- Dancing black lighting, I hope to live.
- Crack, Bang
- I want to run and hide.
- Smash, Crackle, Pop, Swoosh,
- Dark storm clouds rise, Crashing when lightning hits the ground.
- Thunder was loud Like a tornado shaking the earth.
- Wind makes me feel weak.
- Pouring rain goes away gently.
- Rainbows quietly peek out of the clouds.
- A promise for life.

WELFARE

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and \$222,142 for non-Medicaid related services, Barbara Evans said.

Evans said 1,281 Howard County aged and disabled residents received Medicaid-related services while 2,187 families and children received Medicaid services.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

neglected. For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

GARDEN CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S kindergarten registration for the 2002-2003 school year will be held on Wednesday. Children who will be attending kindergarten next year are invited to join the kindergarten classes from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parents need to register their children during this time and bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, shot record and social security card. Parents who can't register during this time are encouraged to call 354-2243.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB is planning its annual city-wide garage sale on May 11 in Coahoma. Deadline to register is May 6. Registration fee is \$15. Register by calling Janie Klinkiesiek at 394-4395, or stop by The Little Sooper Market.

COAHOMA ELEMENTARY PRE-K AND Kindergarten registration will be held Wednesday

ARE YOU PREGNANT? DO you have a baby? WIC serves pregnant and breastfeeding women and children younger than 5. To see if you or your child qualifies for free food, nutritional counseling and medical screening, contact your nearest WIC clinic or call 263-9777.

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. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call for an appointment at 394-4323.

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Texas Instrument	31.16 +51
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Unocal Corp	37.07 +06
Wal-Mart	56.01 -19
Wal-Mart/Mexico	33.44-34.05
AMCAP	15.28 -11
Europacific	27.17 -03
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	307.8 -309.95
Silver	4.55 -4.61

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POLICE

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

- **MARTIN RODRIGUEZ**, 24, of 507 Aylesford St. was arrested on a charge of assault class c/family violence and injury to a child/bodily injury.

- **DAVID CHARLES REDMAN**, 56, of Broken Arrow, Okla., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ROBERT COLEMAN HUNT**, 35, of 4700 Polo Parkway was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street the 300 block of Northwest Third Street, the 200 block of West FM 700 and the 1600 block of Donley Street.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of West Sixth Street and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 700 block of South Gregg Street and the 800 block of South Owens Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore Street. Computer hardware and software worth \$388 were reported stolen.

- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.

- **THEFT** was reported: - In the 1300 block of Dixie Avenue. A sign worth \$50 was reported stolen.

- In the 700 block of South Birdwell Lane. A lawnmower worth \$150 was reported stolen.

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

- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON: 1**
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY: 4**
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 6**

- **ASSAULT: 1**
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 1**
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING: 1**
- **BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 3**
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 5**
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: 2**
- **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: 1**
- **EVADING ARREST: 2**
- **FORGERY: 1**
- **HARRASSMENT: 1**
- **INJURY TO A CHILD: 1**

- **POSSESSION OF DRUGS: 1**
- **PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL FOR A MINOR: 1**
- **THEFT: 23**

- Convenience store thefts: 16
- Beer: 2
- Gas: 14
- **INCIDENTS: 14**
- **ACCIDENTS: 6**
- Major: 1
- Minor: 5
- **ARRESTS: 28**

SHERIFF

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

- **PAUL MENDEZ MORENO**, 39, of 1300 Mesquite was arrested on a parole violation.
- **MICHAEL GENE CUSTER**, 38, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation intending other felony.

- **JAMES D. HEADRICK**, 30, of 1301 Lindbergh was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police on a charge of issuance of a bad check and on a motion to revoke parole.

- **JOHN RAY HERNANDEZ**, 30, of 1010 Rannels was arrested on a motion to revoke parole.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2100 block of Oasis Road.
- **FAMILY DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of Central.
- **CREDIT CARD FRAUD** was reported in the 1700 block of Todd Road.

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Israel says it will not cooperate with U.N.-fact finding team on Jenin

JERUSALEM (AP) — A defiant Israel decided today to block a U.N. inquiry into the fighting at the Jenin refugee camp, while 27 Palestinian civilians and policemen emerged from the besieged Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

It was the largest number to exit the Bethlehem compound since a standoff between Israeli troops and armed Palestinians began nearly a month ago, but the core dispute over the fate of two dozen wanted gunmen remained unresolved.

In Hebron, columns of armored vehicles rumbled out of the Palestinian city after a two-day incursion during which nine Palestinians were killed and about

250 arrested, including 40 wanted men, the Israeli military said.

At Yasser Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah, there was no sign that his confinement by Israel was over, despite such assertions by Israel's defense minister Monday. Tanks ringed the Palestinian leader's compound, and troops enforced a curfew in the adjoining neighborhood.

In Jerusalem, Israel's security Cabinet decided not to cooperate with a U.N. inquiry into events at the Jenin camp until six Israeli demands had been met regarding the mandate and composition of the team.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Tuesday he doubted the

United Nations would agree to the Israeli conditions and expressed concern that it would now impose the inquiry on Israel. "I think the immediate danger is that the Security Council will decide to establish this committee without taking into account Israel's opinion," Peres told Israel Army Radio.

Peres said he did not expect the United States to veto such a step, since Washington supports the inquiry in principle. Israeli officials had said Monday they expected U.S. support in a showdown with the United Nations in exchange for Israel's agreement to release Arafat from confinement. Peres denied the United States ever held out such a promise.

Israel initially agreed to the formation of the fact-finding team, but then raised a number of concerns. Israel wants a say over who can be called as a witness and what documents will be presented to the panel, and insists that Israeli soldiers be protected from prosecution. Israel wants more counterterrorism experts to be added to the group, and demands that activities by Palestinian militants in the camp also be scrutinized.

"As long as these conditions have not been met, there is no possibility of beginning the inquiry," the security Cabinet said in a statement.

Jenin was the scene of the fiercest fighting during Israel's

April military offensive against Palestinian militias, and so far about 50 Palestinian bodies, most of them young men, have been recovered from the camp. Twenty-three Israeli soldiers were also killed in house-to-house combat with Palestinian gunmen in Jenin.

The Palestinians alleged troops carried out a massacre of civilians, while Israel said nearly all of those killed were armed men.

Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said Israel's decision "is a clear indicator that the Israeli government committed war crimes in the Jenin refugee camp." Abed Rabbo demanded that the U.N. Security Council impose sanctions on Israel.

Byrd chides Bush administration for failing to send Ridge to domestic security hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Robert Byrd chastised the Bush administration Tuesday for refusing to let Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge testify to Congress, saying the decision was denying the country a full picture of the White House anti-terrorism strategy.

"The real losers are the American people whose lives this government is trying to protect," Byrd, D-W.Va., said as the Senate Appropriations Committee that he chairs began hearing from three Cabinet secretaries on their plans for thwarting terror.

"They are not being told the whole strategy," Byrd said. "The Congress and the American people are forced to learn about the administration's homeland security efforts in piecemeal, patchwork fashion."

Despite weeks of pressure by Byrd, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and other lawmakers of both parties, the administration has refused to let Ridge meet formally with congressional committees.

The White House has argued that Ridge need not appear because he is an adviser to the president, not a policy-maker confirmed by the Senate.

Byrd and others have argued that Congress has a right to hear from administration officials on such crucial issues as deciding how to shape the government's budget for battling terrorists.

"I've made no threats, I've made no partisan statements," Byrd said. "I simply can't understand the arrogance on the part of an administration that will not assist Congress. We need

Mr. Ridge."

As Tuesday's hearing began, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill resisted suggestions by senators that his agency might need more money for the Customs Service or its other functions.

"I honestly don't see the Treasury Department in some kind of horse race with the Justice Department" for funds, O'Neill said.

Also set to speak to the committee were Secretary of State Colin Powell and Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

In February, when the issue before the Senate Budget Committee was congressional power to regulate executive agencies, O'Neill and Byrd had an emotional clash that touched even on the two men's deprived childhoods.

Senate committee asks oil executives about possible gas price manipulation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate subcommittee wants an explanation from oil industry executives about evidence that some refineries held back supplies to force up gasoline prices during tight gasoline markets in recent years.

A congressional report released Monday said intentional reductions in the gasoline supply added to already tight fuel markets and helped produce some of the sharp price spikes over the past three years, especially in the Midwest.

"In a number of instances, refiners have sought to increase prices by reducing supplies," concluded the 396-page report released by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Governmental

Affairs investigations subcommittee.

Levin's panel was scheduled to hear from oil company executives Tuesday about the findings of the report, which was prepared by the subcommittee's Democratic staff.

Levin acknowledged the investigation "did not discover any evidence of collusion," but he argued that gasoline markets are so "highly concentrated... you don't need collusion to have a big artificial impact on supply" and, in turn, prices.

Red Cavaney, president of the American Petroleum Institute, said a number of investigations — including the latest by the Senate subcommittee — has cleared oil companies of collusion or other illegal activities in

connection with gasoline markets.

"As long as the company or individuals act on their own, when they decide to put their supply on the market is their decision and it's legal. ... It's part of the free enterprise system," Cavaney said in an interview.

The report cited several internal memos dating back to 1998 from major oil concerns that reflected a general strategy by individual companies of using supplies to influence prices.

In 1999, BP Amoco — now known only as BP — outlined in a memo a series of "significant opportunities to influence" the balance of supply and demand in the tight Midwest gasoline market to assure higher prices.

Americans' understanding of science is mixed - some good, some poor - study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are undecided about cloning farm animals, dismiss the notion that some numbers are lucky and believe global warming is a serious problem.

But a majority also say some people have mysterious psychic powers, according to a survey that found belief in "pseudoscience" is widespread in the United States.

The National Science Foundation's biennial report on the state of science understanding, research and investment found that America still leads the world in most technical fields, although it falls behind in some levels of education and is still heavily dependent on scientists from other nations to drive its technology.

Among the American public, the report found that science literacy has improved only slightly since the previous survey and that 70 percent of American adults still do not

understand the scientific process.

While doctors and scientists were the most highly respected of the professions in the survey, the study also found that "belief in pseudoscience is relatively widespread and growing."

A survey of 1,574 adults found that 60 percent agreed or strongly agreed that some people possess psychic powers or extrasensory perception, a premise that is generally discarded as unproven by most scientists.

Although 57 percent of those surveyed disagreed that UFOs came to Earth bearing aliens, about 30 percent believe that some reported objects in the sky are really space vehicles from other civilizations.

The scientific validity of astrology — the belief that an alignment of the planets can affect events on Earth — is rejected by 60 percent of Americans, as is the idea that some numbers are lucky while others are not.

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OUR VIEWS

Take the time to join us for Day of Prayer

Just after noon Thursday, many people in our community will gather to take a few moments for reflection and prayer in Heart of the City Park, marking an annual event the National Day of Prayer.

The 30-minute program will begin at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday. Everyone is welcome. There will be seating under pavilion and plenty of space to sit on the ground throughout the park.

Nine representatives of the community will deliver brief speeches and everyone will be invited to join in a few songs.

This year's national theme is "America United Under God!" and reflects the tragic terrorist attacks on the United States last September.

The event is a simple one, but designed to bring together several hundred people from various walks of life, professions and religious denominations, all seeking guidance from a single God. Everyone is encouraged to attend and unite in a public expression of thanks as well as to ask for God's guidance for our community.

If you are able to take few moments of your lunch hour Thursday, please join us. Take a little of your time to raise your heart, voice and mind to the heavens, seeking help and hope for us all.

There is no better investment in your life, the lives of your family members and the life of our community.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

To those Big Spring residents who didn't know Margaret Lloyd, you really missed out on one of God's special people and as I read of her passing in the Herald's on-line edition, I couldn't help but tear up a bit and chuckle a little as well.

I truly believe God puts folks like Margaret on this Earth to help take care of those who cannot take care of themselves — and she did that with the many animals in our community that she helped nourish back to health.

I can't remember the number of times she would come into the newspaper, proudly telling us of what she had done when she had found a dog, chained and malnourished, or of some other animal in need. Many's the time she went into a yard to save a dog ... or a horse ... or called us to see if we could help her

find a mother cat for some needy kittens.

Most of all, Margaret was a friend. Her wonderful spirit and kind heart could brighten the darkest day and put a smile on your face when you didn't feel like smiling. She had a full understanding of what it takes to make a community and why people need to work together and get along.

Margaret is another one of those persons that cause you to wonder, "Who's going to take her place?" at her passing. While her frame wasn't big, her stature was tremendous and she leaves a huge pair of shoes to try and fill.

I'm glad our paths crossed, for my brush with Margaret made my life better — just as her time in Big Spring made it a better community for those who follow her.

JOHN H. WALKER
THOMASVILLE, NC

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Here's a different view of the world

Knowing how much Americans are worried about the loss of innocent life in Palestine, I thought I'd summarize the number of Palestinians killed in the past 17 months.

This number does not include all those killed in Israel's most recent military invasion of the West Bank. They are still finding bodies in the rubble. This number represents only those killed through March 9, 2002.

The toll of Palestinian children 15 and younger is 151. That's a lot of Little League teams. Many of these children were shot through the head by Israeli snipers who, 200 yards away in armored vests and helmets, apparently feared a rock thrown by a 12-year-old that landed many yards short. I can easily imagine killing people. After all, I was in the Army. I cannot imagine lining up a child's head in the scope of my

rifle and squeezing the trigger.

Another 138 Palestinians ages 16 to 18 also have been killed by the Israelis. The total number of Palestinians killed during this period is 1,286, of whom 83.8 percent were civilians. The rest, 208, were members of the Palestinian police and security forces, which might be one reason Yasser Arafat has had some trouble controlling terrorists.

The bulk of these innocent men, women and children were killed by the Israeli Defense Force, some by Jewish settlers in the occupied territories and the rest by ordinary Israelis. Apparently, it is open season on Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said 419 Israelis have been killed during the same time period, although he is counting the soldiers killed in the recent invasion, and I am not counting those Palestinians, since a definitive number is not known.

Sharon is known inside Israel as a man whose word is not to be trusted (I read a column in an Israeli newspaper about Sharon's lying). Nevertheless, let us take his figure, 419, and

you can plainly see that the Israelis have killed three times as many Palestinians.

The Palestinians, I'm sure, would appreciate it if a few Americans would acknowledge that their lives are just as precious as those of the Israelis. The Palestinians have given up on the U.S. government. It has shown itself to be about as sympathetic to their loss of life as Sharon.

But I have a question: If Israel has killed three times as many Palestinians, the bulk of them unarmed civilians and the rest police officers with pistols and rifles, how can it be that Israel is fighting "for its survival"? The prime minister says it is. A lot of cheap American politicians are saying it is. What I want to know is how a few despairing teen-agers with homemade bombs can threaten the survival of a nation that has the strongest military force in the Middle East.

According to the British Broadcasting Corporation in a recent story, Israel has the following assets: 134,000 army troops, 32,000 air force, 7,000 navy and 8,000 border police. The reserves are 400,000 for the army, 20,000 for the air force and

5,000 for the navy. In addition, Israel has 440 combat aircraft, 3,900 main battle tanks, 130 helicopters, 9,800 artillery tubes and 100 or more nuclear bombs.

Since the Palestinians have no army, no air force, no navy, no aircraft, no tanks, no helicopters and no nukes, one has to wonder indeed how these defenseless civilians can threaten Israel's existence.

Gosh, you don't suppose Israeli and American politicians are lying, do you? Perish the thought.

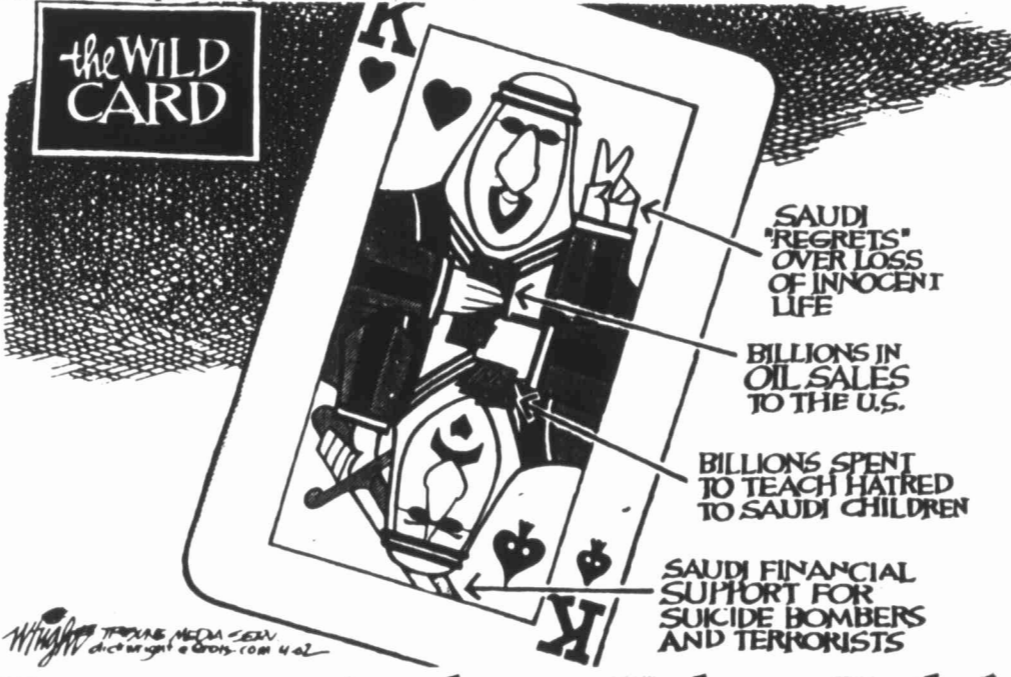
I guess the Israeli army snipers must have been ordered to shoot all those children, for Palestinian children must be the toughest kids in the universe. I never heard of any other group of children able to frighten a whole nation like that.

That's funny, too, because all of the pictures I've seen of Palestinian children — dead, dying, bleeding or paralyzed — show kids who look like American children their age. Check out www.palestinemonitor.org for a different view of the world.

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CHARLEY REESE



We must train them and trust them

The tragic incident of friendly fire that resulted in the deaths of four Canadian servicemen in Afghanistan will have far-reaching repercussions, and not the ones most expected.

Investigations have commenced by both U.S. and Canadian panels to determine why a U.S. F-16 fighter pilot mistakenly identified the Canadians as hostile Taliban or Al-Qaeda fighters. Four Canadians were killed and eight wounded in the attack. The soldiers, members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, were engaged in nighttime live-fire exercises at the time.

Sadly, such occurrences happen in war, but the smaller the war, the greater the scrutiny. So Canada's former defense chief Maurice Baril and U.S. Central Command's Gen. Tommy Franks are both involved.

The problem, however, is rooted in training, not in the command-and-control procedures on the battlefield. Those procedures are sound, but the final decision-making is based upon what the people in the action see and hear. In this case, human error at the

scene of the action led to the tragedy.

The questions now are what should be done about it and how can the risk of a recurrence be lessened? But there are flip sides to the questions. What should not be done about it? What should not be changed in the rules of engagement?

Because the war is small and the focus is great, there is a real likelihood that the decision-making pilot will be disciplined and stringent controls will be imposed on pilots in future actions. These would be mistakes.

Such changes would certainly have a chilling effect upon combatants, causing them to delay or abort attack missions. Prime targets would escape. Friendly forces under attack would suffer unnecessary casualties because help failed to arrive in time. Planes receiving fire from anti-aircraft batteries would be slow to react and risk being shot down. Frustration with bureaucratic interference would cause morale to sink, and a breach would open between headquarters personnel and troops and flyers in the field. The first would be insisting upon restraint while second confirms with certainty that a target is hostile.

The problem is created in training. Infantrymen, sailors and pilots are trained and retrained. When they deploy to a new theater of operations such as Afghanistan, they undergo additional training to

acquaint them with the terrain, weaponry, enemy and enemy structures.

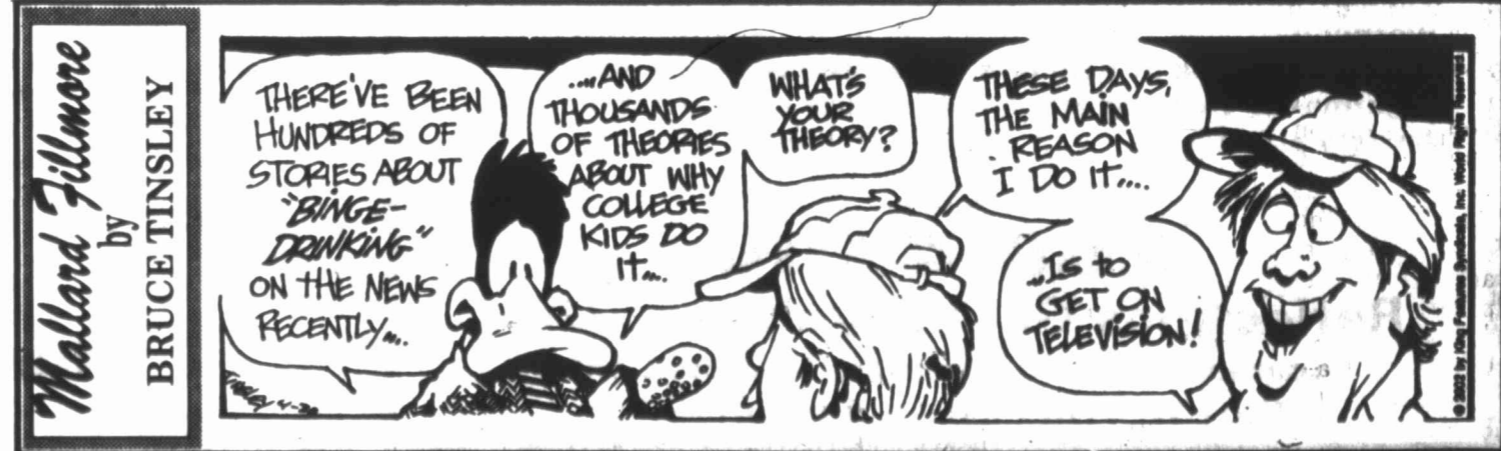
Initially, there were frontlines in Afghanistan, but when the enemy's lines crumbled under the weight of a combined allied-Northern Alliance offensive, the situation turned fluid and complex. The enemy now often looks just like the civilian populace. They don't don uniforms and they don't fly flags. So the identification problem is severe. This means that training and more training is necessary. Weaponry, modes of transportation, areas of activity, reliable intelligence, detection of hostile fire, and confirmations when possible are all ingredients of the successful target identification process.

And the oldest trick in the guerrilla book is to fire from civilian areas. If we return fire, civilians will be killed; if we do not, the enemy will escape. It is what U.S. forces encountered in the Mogadishu "Blackhawk Down" fight. But firing on civilians is abhorrent, and justified only when annihilation of friendly forces is imminent.

Operations in Afghanistan entail just such a mingling of civilians and belligerents, a fact that brings morality and safety into conflict for the serviceman with his finger on the trigger. All we can do is train them and trust them and train them again.



JACK ANDERSON



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Coahoma Junior School's tennis team won their first-place claim their District 3-2A tournament.

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IN BRIEF

Junior high Bulldogs win 3-2A tennis title

Coahoma Junior High School's tennis team took four first-place finishes to claim their first ever District 3-2A team championship.

In the eighth-grade division, Trey Chavez beat teammate Casey Richer for boys' singles honors, while Trey Thornton and Joe Holguin won the boys' doubles title. Ryan Green and Keith Smith finished fourth.

Coahoma swept the top three places in seventh-grade boys' singles, as Jason Gonzales claimed the championship beating Stephen Ewing in the finals. Curt Lang was third.

In boys' doubles, Kamrun Green and Cody Scoggins finished second, while Tyler Tucker and Ryan Walker were third.

And in girls' action, Callie Paige finished undefeated on the season, claiming the seventh-grade singles championship.

Softball tournament slated for May 10-12

The A-1 Embroidery Softball Tournament has been scheduled for May 10-12 at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

Fees for the tournament will be \$115 per team.

Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams.

For more information, call Bryan Sledge at 264-6673.

NL Minors Astros post 11-1 victory

Payton Parker and Jacob Acosta combined for a no-hitter Monday as the National Little League Minors Division Astros posted an 11-1 win over the Mets.

The Astros were coming off a 12-3 win over the Tigers and pounded out eight hits in reaching a second straight double-digit run total.

Matthew Carrillo led the way with an inside-the-park home run and a double, while Ryan Flores had a triple and a double.

Wayland Leach, Acosta, Dayvion Young and Joshua Rodriguez all added singles as the Astros improved to 9-0 on the season.

Baseball banquet slated for Saturday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Banquet has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet, which will be catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Que, are priced at \$10 each.

Dress for the affair will be Hawaiian or extremely casual. No coats or ties will be allowed.

Those planning to attend are asked to make reservations by Wednesday by calling Kim Phinney at 263-0057, Karen Fraser at 267-1018 or Jim Clements at 267-1069.

CGA making plans for Cinco de Mayo

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold a Cinco de Mayo Tournament on Sunday, May 5, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will be a four-man, select drive affair. Entry fees are \$15 per person.

Players must be registered by 9:30 a.m. For more info, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

Hall, Brock, Simmons and Broadrick win cancer scramble

HERALD Staff Report

The foursome of Zac Hall, Lance Brock, Jerrod Simmons and Ronnie Broadrick combined for a 55-58, 113 to claim first place in the top flight of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 2002, Cancer Scramble at the Big Spring Country Club over the weekend.

Steve Ward, Howard Stewart, Kyle Plumlee and Ron Plumlee were four strokes back in the first flight standings at 117, while third place went to the team of Rawlei

McCullough, Byron Harris, Ashlie Simmons and Stephanie Smith, which finished with a 119 total.

In second flight play, Jason Brock, Michael Hatfield, Todd Parrish and Jimmy Stewart fashioned rounds of 64 and 58 for a 122 total and a one-stroke win over the team composed of Cam Clinton, Issy Soto, Mitch McCaleb and Mickey McCaleb. Two more strokes back was the team of Sammy Sims, Chris Sims, Jerry Lands and Stephen Fangio.

The third flight saw Johnny Ramirez, Mike Ramires, Charlie Garcia and Ben Garcia post a 67-61,

128 score and a one-stroke win over the team of Tip Miller, Mike Leuschner, Byron Gressett and Phillip Ringener.

Third place went to the team of John Freeman, Lynn Wiggington, Jack Richardson and Danny Kirkpatrick that finished with a 130 total and survived a playoff with three other teams.

Another playoff determined the championship in the fourth flight where the team of Cesar Payen, Bodie Taylor, Tim Schmidt and David Payen finished regulation play with a 69-64, 133 score identical

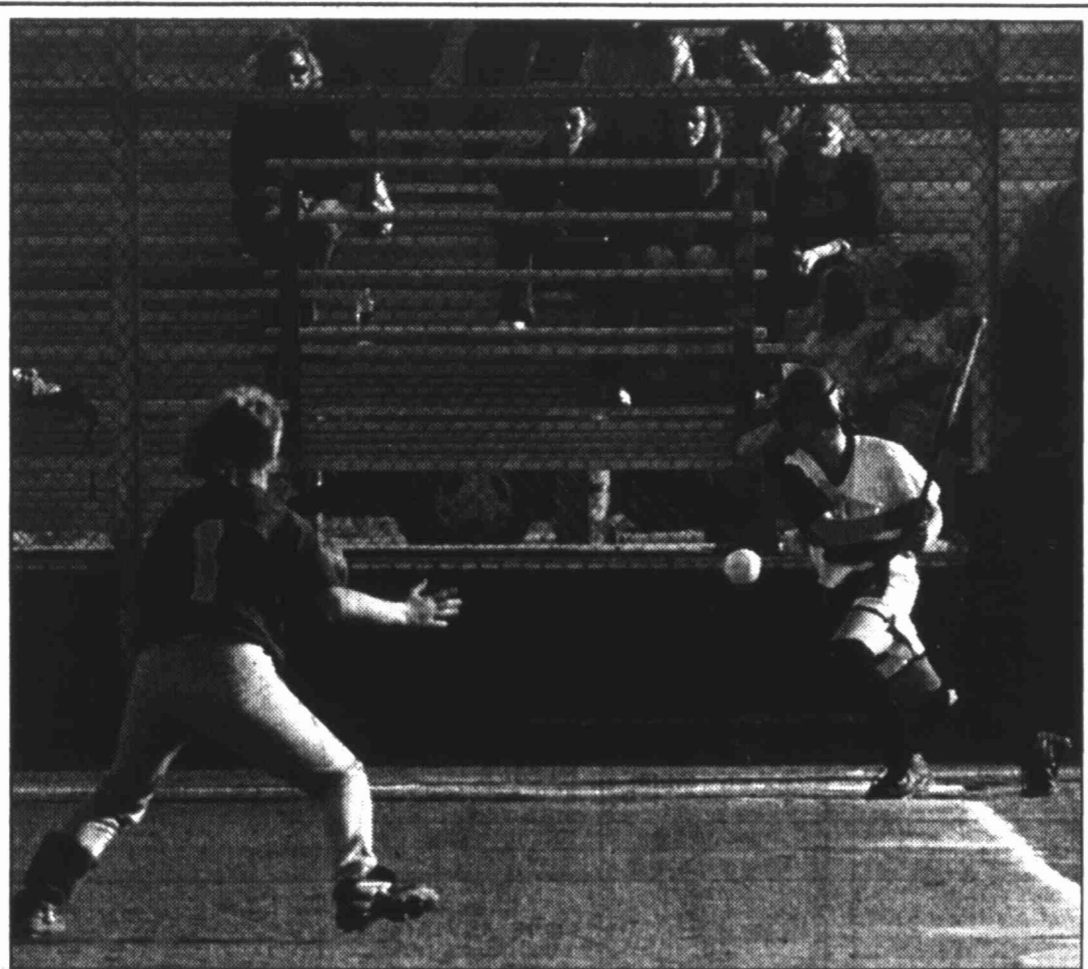
to that posted by the foursome of Quade Weaver, Marcus Phillips, Clayton Weaver and Walter Brumley.

The Payens, Taylor and Schmidt won the playoff to take first place.

Still another playoff determined third place in the flight.

The team of James Norman, Murray Murphy, Richard Light and Wayland Pierce defeated the team of Ricky and Leah Hughes and Joe Paul and Rene Beall in the extra play.

Both of those teams finished regulation with 135 totals.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring's Bridget Cain rips a hit down the third base line during the Lady Steers' District 4-4A win over Frenship at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex on March 8. The Lady Steers, now 20-9 on the season, will open a best-of-three area playoff series with El Paso Ysleta's Lady Indians at 5 p.m. Friday in Monahans. Game 2 of the series will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in Monahans and a third game, if necessary, would follow 30 minutes following the completion of the second contest. Each of the game will be broadcast on KBTS-FM 94.3.

Mavericks aren't satisfied with making second round

DALLAS (AP) — Having wrapped up the first playoff sweep in franchise history, the Dallas Mavericks are going into the second round with a far more aggressive mindset than they had last season.

They should, too, considering how thoroughly they dominated the Minnesota Timberwolves in three straight victories.

Dallas never trailed Sunday in a 115-102 Game 3 victory and was ahead or tied for the final 73 minutes, 43 seconds of the series. After erasing an 11-point deficit in the first half of Game 1, the Mavs were never behind by more than three points.

Next up is either Sacramento or Utah. The Kings lead the best-of-five series 2-1 going into Game 4 late Monday night. The second round will open Saturday — in Sacramento if the Kings advance, in Dallas if the Jazz make it.

The Mavericks were off Monday, giving them time to savor their victory and relax a little before gearing up for their next opponent.

"We have a couple guys banged up, so the rest will do us good," said Dirk Nowitzki, who added to his rising-star status by averaging 33.3 points and 15.7 rebounds in the series. "We're trying to go all the

way this year. We're deep enough and talented enough, so why not?"

After winning more than 50 games for the second straight season, Dallas has earned the right to think big. The Mavericks didn't do that last spring when they went into the second round with a "happy to be here" attitude and were wiped out by San Antonio in five games.

The Mavs were upstarts then, having overcome a wretched decade just to make the playoffs. The players were postseason novices and they lost the first two games to veteran-filled Utah.

But then Dallas returned home and won twice. Game 5 was in Utah and the Mavericks won at the buzzer, becoming only the sixth team to ever pull off such a comeback. That sent them into the Spurs series knowing they'd already exceeded expectations.

"It's a lot different winning the first-round series this year," said Michael Finley, the team's emotional leader. "When we won the first series last year, it was like we won the championship — and San Antonio took advantage of that. That's not the plan this year. We want to win the next series, and the series after that."

The Big Three of Nowitzki, Finley and Nash certainly seem capable of doing so themselves. They followed a tremendous Game 2 performance with an even better one Sunday, scoring all but 21 of Dallas' points.

They do have help, though.

Eduardo Najera has provided a gritty, whatever-it-takes approach on both ends of the court, doing everything from covering Kevin Garnett to making steals to grabbing offensive rebounds. He made several key plays in the final five minutes Sunday after an ineffective first half, due in part to a bruised thigh.

"Coach told Eddie at halftime that he had a trillionaire line — 10 minutes, nothing across. I think it inspired him," Finley said. "Hard work always pays off and he made two huge plays. We have explosive scorers and we have guys willing to do the intangibles. Eddie's an example of that."

Nick Van Exel and Raef LaFrentz, who came together from Denver at the February trade deadline, were solid in the first two games then had Nugget-like efforts Sunday, with Van Exel going 1-for-13 and LaFrentz fouling out in 17 minutes.

Howard County Special Olympians close track season

HERALD Staff Report

ODESSA — Howard County Special Olympics finished its track season at Ratliff Stadium on April 20 with 30 athletes traveling to Odessa to compete against athletes from Midland, Odessa, Andrews, Kermit, Monahans, Fort Stockton and Ozona.

Among the team's first-place finishes was Tommy Lasater's gold medal performance in the 25 meter assisted walk and Valerie Heflin's and Arturo Rios' wins in the 25 meter wheelchair races.

In the 50 meter walk, George Rojo,

Lettie Anguiano and Monroe Faubion were first-place finishers, while Choyia Baker and Wayne Criger finished second. Donna Brown, Bobby Dancer and Cody Porter were third and Flora Wells was fourth.

The 50 meter dash yielded second-place showings from Steven Mills, Charles Thomas, Marty Thurston and Charles Wallace. Tony Calvio, Tanya Rhone and Aurillo Cortez were third.

Josh Hughes and Jeb Mullin were fourth.

Cathy Garrard won the 100 meter walk, while teammates Raymon

Holguin and Cindy Lee were runners-up. In the 100 meter dash, Bobby Emerson was second and third-place awards went to Stephen Lawson and Thomas Foster.

The 400 meter race walk was won by Stacey Wells, while D'Lene Wylie and Robert Edwards took silver medals.

Flora Wells added a first-place award in the ball throw for distance, while Valerie Heflin was second, Donna Brown and Tommy Lasater were third and Arturo Rios was fourth.

Bobby Emerson and Marty Thurston both claimed first place in

the standing long jump, while Aurillo Cortez, Wayne Criger, Thomas Foster, Cindy Lee, Steven Mills, Tanya Rhone, Stacey Wells, D'Lene Wylie and Bobby Dancer were gold medalists in the softball throw.

Choyia Baker, Tony Calvio, Robert Edwards, Jeb Mullin, Charles Wallace and Charles Thomas took second-place awards in the softball throw; while Lettie Anguiano, Monroe Faubion, Cathy Garrard, Ramon Holguin, Stephen Lawson and Cody Porter were third-place honorees. George Rojo finished fourth.

Orioles dodge scary moment with Red Sox

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rodrigo Lopez would have been perfectly happy to walk Manny Ramirez. Getting him out was even better.

"I'm trying to be careful, pitch around him and throw my best pitches," he said Monday night after getting Ramirez to pop up with runners in scoring position and beating the Boston Red Sox 5-3. "That's a pretty good feeling. It's exciting facing this kind of team in the big leagues."

Making his second start of the year after moving out of the bullpen, Lopez (3-0) allowed just one hit in the first five innings. But he ran into trouble in the sixth when he gave up two runs on three hits and a walk to make it 4-2.

Ramirez came up with runners on second and third and one out. Orioles manager Mike Hargrove decided not to walk the Red Sox slugger, who leads the AL in intentional walks and is second in walks overall.

"Not the winning run. Not in this ballpark," said Hargrove, who was Ramirez's manager in Cleveland from 1993-99. "The more runners you put on, the more runs you give up. As good as Manny is, it's still Fenway Park."

In other American League games, Kansas City beat Detroit 4-0 and Minnesota topped Tampa Bay 3-2. The Royals fired manager Tony Muser after the win in Detroit.

In the only National League game played Monday night, San Francisco rallied for an 8-5 win over Philadelphia.

Things worked out for the Orioles when Ramirez popped up and reliever B.J. Ryan got pinch-hitter Carlos Baerga to ground out.

"It's always a roll of the dice with Manny up there," Hargrove said.

In the first game at Fenway Park since Derek Lowe's no-hitter, Lopez (3-0) allowed two runs, four hits and two walks in all, striking out one in 5 2-3 innings — his longest outing of the year.

Geronimo Gil and Melvin Mora homered to lead Baltimore to its fourth consecutive win and its eighth in the last 10 games. Jorge Julio pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Frank Castillo (1-2) gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings, striking out one.

Lowe held Tampa Bay hitless Saturday — the first no-hitter at Fenway Park in 37 years. Sunday's game was rained out.

Castillo couldn't make it two in a row, and he didn't keep the rain-soaked fans in suspense long.

Baltimore made it 3-0 in the second when Jay Gibbons, Tony Batista and Marty Cordova singled to score one run, and Gil singled one out later to score another. Mike Moriarty followed with an RBI groundout before being caught stealing.

Gil, who hit two homers off Castillo in his last start, led off the fifth with a homer.

"It just seems like he knows it's coming," Castillo said. "Next time, I've got to find a way to figure it out."

Meanwhile, the Red Sox were stymied by Lopez. Nomar Garciaparra's first-inning walk was Boston's only baserunner until Shea Hillenbrand led off the fourth with a grounder to right; he was erased by a double play.

In the sixth, Rey Sanchez singled with one out and Rickey Henderson walked before Hillenbrand hit an RBI single and Garciaparra hit an RBI double.

The Red Sox made it 5-3 in the seventh when Tony Clark doubled and scored on Sanchez's single.

Giants 8, Phillies 5

Philadelphia allowed 10 walks, including one that gave San Francisco the game.

Reliever David Coggin walked in the go-ahead run as the Phillies blew a five-run lead and lost their sixth straight game, an 8-5 decision Monday night in the only game in the National League.

With the score 5-5 in the seventh, Rich Aurilia singled off Rheal Cormier and Barry Bonds walked. Both advanced on catcher Mike Lieberthal's passed ball before Kent walked to load the bases for J.T. Snow.

On Snow's grounder Aurilia was thrown out at home, and Reggie Sanders struck out. But Coggin walked Benito Santiago and the Giants took the lead. Pedro Feliz also walked to make it 7-5 before David Bell struck out to finally end it. Snow added a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Tim Worrell (2-0) pitched one inning in relief for the win.

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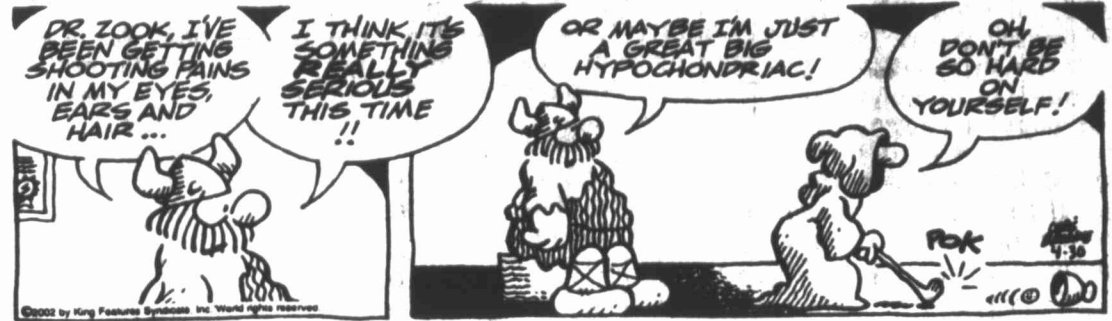
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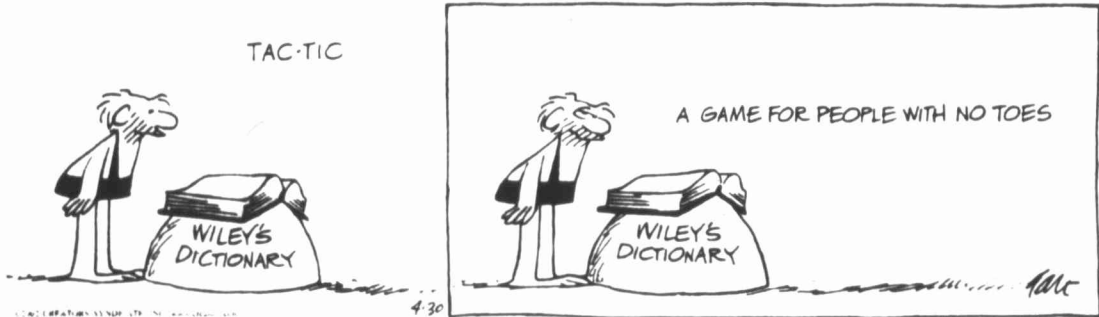
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, April 30, the 120th day of 2002. There are 245 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 30, 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

On this date: In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, Hawaii was organized as a U.S. territory.

In 1939, the New York World's Fair officially opened.

In 1970, President Nixon announced the United States was sending troops

into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.

In 1973, President Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean.

In 1975, the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

In 1990, hostage Frank Reed was released by his captives in Lebanon; he was the second American to be released in eight days.

In 1991, an estimated 125,000 people died as a cyclone struck the South Asian country of Bangladesh.

Ten years ago: As rioting in Los Angeles entered its second day, President Bush condemned the violence, and said the Justice Department would intensify its investigation of police conduct in the beating of Rodney King.

Five years ago: The Senate approved the nomination of Alexis Herman to be labor

secretary. ABC TV aired the "coming out" episode of the situation comedy "Ellen" in which the title character, played by Ellen DeGeneres, acknowledges her homosexuality.

Today's Birthdays: Princess Juliana, the Queen Mother of the Netherlands, is 93. Actor Al Lewis is 92. Actress Cloris Leachman is 76. Singer Willie Nelson is 69. Actor Gary Collins is 64. Actor Burt Young is 62. Singer Bobby Vee is 59. Actress Jill Clayburgh is 58. Movie director Allan Arkush is 54. Actor Perry King is 54. Singer Merrill Osmond is 49. Movie director Jane Campion is 48. Actor Paul Gross is 48.

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