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HAWKS WIN BIG

Howard College's Hawks defeated Frank Phillips on Thursday in Borger to improve to 26-2 overall. They close out their road schedule Monday against South Plains College in Levelland. Their final home game is set at The Dorothy against New Mexico Military Institute on Feb. 27.

The Hawks have already wrapped up a berth in the Region 5 Tournament March 6-9 in Plano.

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COMING SUNDAY



AMERICAN PROFILE

The bond between pets and their people can be extraordinary. This story features three: a dog, cat, and horses.

Hometown Recipes: This Friendship Bread is made without a "starter."

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Sunday, the Herald will present a tribute to the Big Spring Fire Department, the fourth segment of a four-part Community Impact Series on the area's law enforcement and emergency response personnel.

Join the Herald in honoring the BSFD men and women, who routinely risk their lives to help keep Big Spring residents and property safe.

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Tune won't file for re-election

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Councilman Tommy Tune has decided not to seek re-election in the May 3 election.

"Two terms is enough for me," said Tune, councilman in Place 4. "I guess the way to put it is, I feel like I have accomplished some of the things I set out to do. It is a strain; you don't serve alone. I think I need to focus on

other things."

One of the things Tune plans to concentrate on for at least the next year and a half is his newly-appointed position on the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District Board of Directors.

"I do intend to continue to serve that term which will go until September of 2004," he said.

Tune's announcement comes less than a week after the first day to file for the city race. Big Spring resident Gloria McDonald also announced today her intention to seek the Place 4 seat.

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Gloria McDonald files for Place 4; Garcia seeks another Place 2 term

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Two people have filed to run for spots on the Big Spring City Council.

Long time Big Spring resident Gloria McDonald has filed to seek Place 4 on the coun-



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cil, currently held by Howard College professor Tommy Tune. Tune has decided not to seek re-election.

Place 2 incumbent Oscar Garcia has also filed to run in the election.

"There's, no burning issue, I've just been thinking for a couple of years now that this is how I'd like to serve my community," McDonald

said. "I feel like I have some ideas and I feel like in every organization there needs to be new and fresh ideas. There's no one thing. I just feel like it's my time to serve."

McDonald said money and infrastructure issues are going to be vital to the city over the next few years.

"Without having had

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Howard College cheerleaders Krista Dominguez, Amber Ybarra and Kortne Covey help fans keep their spirits high during the the Lady Hawks' Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball opener at Foundation Field. HC split the two games with Midland College.

New BSISD seat gets first candidate

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The first candidate for the newly created Big Spring Independent School District minority-majority single-member trustee's position announced today.

Long-time Big Spring resident Maria V. Padilla filed her intent to run for single-member District 2 this morning at the BSISD business office.

"I think everybody's losing sight of what's important and that's the children," Padilla said. "We need to keep that in mind. I want to be able to help our kids reach their full potential."

Teen-age pregnancy.



PADILLA

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drugs and the district's drop-out rate are issues of concern Padilla wants the board to address.

A 1971 Big Spring High School graduate, Padilla earned her associate's degree in accounting at Howard College in 1984. She is an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and is a self-employed health product salesperson.

Her husband, Thomas R. Padilla, is also a graduate of Big Spring High School and the couple's son Cresencio is a 1994 BSISD graduate.

Incumbent Frank Long.

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Theater festival opens today at Big Spring High School

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School theater festival begins today as high school theater troops try to fine tune their one-act plays before University Interscholastic League competition.

Clinicians Missey Head,

Carrollton Creekview High School theater director, and Dennis Maganza, former Southwest Texas State theater professor, will be working to improve the plays of six high school theater departments.

"They work with the physical movement, blocking," said Tracy

Lindsey, high school theater teacher.

"They are really good with showing the new ideas for things that are not working in the show," she added.

Both clinicians, who are returning to the BSISD theater festival for their second time, will review each one-act play and

then spend about an hour and half with each troupe to fine tune the play.

High school theater troupes from Coahoma, Denver City, Midland Lee, Wink and Odessa High along with Big Spring are expected to attend the two-day session.

Big Spring students will

take their one-act performance of the "Ghost of Sonata" to UIL district contest on March 27 at Lakeview High School in San Angelo.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Fun-filled evening slated Saturday for '03 HeartBeat Gala

HERALD Staff Report

Shoes will be a-tapping and fingers will be a-snapping Saturday night during the American Heart Association's 2003 HeartBeat Gala.

This year's gala, held during Heart Month, begins at 8 p.m. and will conclude at midnight at the Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Patriotic colors will decorate the rooms in conjunction with this year's theme "Heart of America"

The event will include h'ors d'oeuvres, a cash

HEARTBEAT

What: Annual American Heart Association fundraiser.

Where: Big Spring Country Club on Driver Road.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday.

Cost: \$25 per individual; \$40 per couple.

bar, dancing to music by Estrada Entertainment's DJ Adriel from Austin, a silent auction, and a new event called the Mystery Prize Boxes.

Attire can be anything

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American Heart Association Gala Co-Chairperson Quinn Flournoy shakes hands with H-E-B Store Director Kenny Brazzale Wednesday. H-E-B donated \$1,000 to the AHA in conjunction with the Gala, scheduled for 8 p.m. to mid-

Dental Health Fair slated this weekend

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College first-year Dental Hygiene students will be hosting their annual Children's Dental Health Fair Saturday.

The free community outreach project includes many interactive booths to inform area children about proper oral hygiene. It will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the dental Hygiene clinic in the Horace Garrett Building.

Suggested parking is by the Memorial Stadium on the home side.

Children attending are encouraged to bring their old toothbrushes to be exchanged for new ones.

For more information, call the Dental Hygiene Department at 264-5065

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Three more file for area school boards

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Three more people have thrown in their hats into the ring for Howard County public school board elections, bringing the candidate count to five who have officially declared for the May 3 elections.

Challenger Beckie Wash, a 17-year Forsan resident, has joined incumbent Lewis Boeker for a run at one of the two at-large seats up for election on the Forsan Independent School District board.

"I have a strong interest in what goes on in Forsan ISD," Wash said. "I've been attending some of the school board meetings and am learning a lot. I'm just interested and concerned."

Wash has two children, D'Amberly and Rusty, who have graduated from the FISD system and has a daughter, Kassie, who is in the eighth grade at



WASH



REID



MARTIN

Forsan Junior High School. Wash is married to Robert Wash.

Forsan trustee Gary Hise has yet to declare whether he intends to run for re-election.

In the Coahoma school board race, incumbent Jody Reid and challenger Danny Martin have signed up to run for one of three at-large seats. Reid is seeking a second term in office.

"I think this is a critical time for school districts," Reid said. "In West Texas we've lost some representation and our funding is going to get tougher. I have two children in school (at Coahoma) and I

want to do my part.

"My first term was a learning process and we had a fairly young board out here (when I first started)," he continued. "I think it's going to be important to have an experienced board. All the school districts are facing some difficult issues and tough decisions are going to have to be made."

Reid and his wife, Tessa, have two young sons: Reagan, a fourth-grader, and Ryan, a second grader.

A seven-year resident of Coahoma, Martin wants to become more involved with areas that impact his children.

"I have two kids in school and I believe that the only way to understand what's going on and have come control over that is to be involved," he said. "I have always been involved with my kids in anything that they do and this is just a way of continuing to be involved in what they do. This is also a way to have input in what happens there that impacts all the kids."

Martin is married to Kim, and the couple have two children, Ashley, a sixth-grade student and Shayla, a first-grader at Coahoma Elementary.

"I want to listen to everybody's opinions and concerns that parents have, students have and what teachers have," he said. "I want to listen to both sides of the story and hopefully make a decision with the best interests of

everyone involved."

Also up for election in the Coahoma school board race are the seats held by Larry Cordes and James White. Neither have officially filed to run for a second term.

The deadline to place a candidate's name on the ballot is March 19 and write-in candidacy filing ends on March 24.

In other school board races:

Stanton ISD
Three-term veteran Pinky Jones has filed to run another term for the District 6 seat, an at-large position. Jones and his wife, Sharon have one daughter, Emily, who is a

Stanton ISD graduate. Incumbents Dr. Pablo Teveni, who represents Single-member District 2, and Rocky Barnes, who holds the District 7 seat, an at-large position, have not filed.

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BSISD

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board president, who represents District 4 has yet to file to run for a third term.

The two single-member seats up for election will be the first to be phased-in under the district's new seven single-member election scheme.

Candidates considering a run for either seat will need to check with the district's business office, 708 E. 11th Place, to see if they are eligible.

The creation of seven new single-member seats back in October also changed district boundary lines. Current BSISD voter registration cards no longer represent the correct trustee boundaries.

School board candidates

must live in the district they wish to represent and a map of the new district boundaries is available at the district administration office.

Candidates can file between 8 a.m. and noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The administration office will be closed during spring break, March 10-14.

Interested candidates can obtain materials at the maintenance/transportation office and file the information when the business office reopens on March 14.

The deadline to place a candidate's name on the May 3 ballot is March 19 at 5 p.m. Write-in candidacy filing ends on March 24 at 5 p.m.

GALA

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from "after five" to "business casual."

Gala chairs Lauri Phillips and Quinn Flournoy and their committee have planned a fun-filled evening that will also allow the people of Big Spring to support the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease and stroke.

Financial support from businesses and individuals is the primary source of funding for the AHA, and in turn make it possible for the AHA to provide funding for community and professional education programs as well as medical research grants.

H-E-B Food Store and Scenic Mountain Medical Center Hospital are once again the top sponsors for the event.

Joining them in sponsoring HeartBeat 2003 are Tommy Churchwell Insurance, A&M Composites, Howell Auto and Mountain View Lodge.

Others include Home Hospice, Home Realtors, C.W.O.C., Dr. John

Myers, State National Bank, Alon USA and Southwest A-1 Pest Control.

Tickets for the gala are \$25 for individuals or \$40 for couples.

They can be purchased by calling 263-1821 or 263-7361, ext. 7394.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• FERN ELLINGTON, who celebrated her 100th birthday on Valentine's Day.

• BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS KRISTIN RICHARD and MARK LOZANO, who will be touring the country this summer with the drum and bugle corps Revolution.

• EDDY SPURGIN, who has been supervising more than 700 members of the Texas National Guard locating debris from the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. Spurgin heads up the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Howard County.

• GLENDA HENDRICKSON, Kentwood Elementary second grade instructor, who was named Teacher of the Week.

• THE BIG SPRING ROTARY CLUB, on its 75th anniversary.

• RILEY WOODS, a paraplegic who plans on taking on Mt. Everest and in doing so, show others that they can overcome disabilities.

• THE MANY AREA SCHOOL STUDENTS, who are proudly representing their districts by participating in academic and athletic contests.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us to laugh at our mistakes and enjoy our life with you.

Amen

Risks that can rob us

When my wife and I first moved to the Pacific Northwest we knew almost nothing about the area. During our first summer we explored as much as we could at every opportunity. We were newly married and were delighting in setting up our home together—a beautiful but small daylight basement apartment that looked out over the Columbia River toward the Port of Longview, Washington. I was to start teaching in the fall, so I had to find a job for the summer. I don't think that it ever crossed either of our minds that moving 2000 miles in June with no job until late August could be a problem.



DWAIN WHEAT

By the grace of God I was able to find a job for the summer during our first week there. One of the bonuses was that I had every Thursday off, so that became our day to explore. We would pack a picnic lunch, fill up our old '57 Ford, and drive until the tank was about half-empty. We would then turn around and go home.

On one of these trips, we decided to see Spirit Lake and then drive

up to the turn-around just above the timberline on Mount St. Helens. We arrived at the turn-around late in the afternoon; however, it did not seem late since sundown did not come until about 10 p.m. With this in mind, we decided to explore a bit. We started climbing up toward a bulge which we later learned was called "the dog's head." Summer had come early that year, so the snow was gone in this area, and we were struggling to climb in the volcanic ash (pumice). Gradually, we realized that the distance was too great and we could not get there in the time left. During this adventure, we were completely ignorant of the potential danger that we faced. The glaciers provided a great place to slide, and we did not understand that there are areas over crevasses which can collapse and cause serious injury or even death. Neither did we stop to think that we could easily get lost and stranded on the mountain. I did try to keep the Ford in view, so that we could find our way back. We wondered why a small green plane (Forest Service) kept flying over us. I don't even want to guess what they must have thought about us. We did get home safely, and only realized later what risks we had taken.

Too often we approach our relationship with God in the same way. We can become busily

involved in following our own interests and never stop to think that we are not promised unlimited time. We delay considering spiritual issues with the thought that we can take care of that later. Life offers many interesting opportunities, but it is filled with many hidden spiritual crevasses which can destroy our lives before they hardly begin.

Perhaps the apostle Peter was thinking of these kinds of dangers when he wrote these words: *But you must not forget, dear friends, that a day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and everything in them will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be exposed to judgment.* (2 Peter 3:3-10, New Living Translation).

The Lord Jesus gives us generous opportunities to come to know Him as our personal Savior. However, we can take foolish risks and let time slip away until our opportunity is gone.

Dwain Wheat is Pastor of Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road.



"The crystal ball will tell me your dating future, just as soon as it stops laughing at your dating past."

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I think the Mayor and Tommy Tune set out to ambush the 911 Board. Reason? So they can get control of the money. What do you think?

ESTER DOLAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
This is in response to the Jan. 30 "opinion" article written by Bill McClellan.

As one of the 3,000-plus motorcyclists that were in Austin on Jan. 27, attending Legislative Day, I take exception to McClellan's article.

We, the motorcyclists that were present, were exercising our right under the constitution. The right I am referring to is, the right to meet, assemble and voice our opinions as voters and taxpayers to our representatives and senators. In addition to the one issue that McClellan partially addressed regarding equal access, we had 22 other issues to voice our opinions on. Our rights as citizens, not only motorcyclists, are deteriorating little by little and we were doing our part to protect them.

If McClellan is concerned about leather jackets and chaps, he ought to remember that proper riding equipment should be encouraged as a good safety practice, heavy leather jackets, boots and chaps are the only real protection to the motorcyclist who may be involved in an accident. A knowledgeable person would recognize this as the only protection for the rider against the road, this type of dress is highly recommended by the Texas Department of

Public Safety as well as by other states. It is not an attempt to look "cool." It is simply "safety wear."

Reflections back to the "old biker movies" do not compare to the views or actions of the biker's of today, as the old "spaghetti westerns" did not accurately reflect the old west. Movies are good entertainment, not necessarily fact.

Most of the motorcycle riders I know are responsible, good people, who will rally to help the needy or those "down on their luck." These people do not scare me and I do not believe they scare anyone who is not paranoid or prejudiced beyond normal thinking. May of today's bikers are business owners, tradesmen, professional and even law enforcement officers. The fact that they ride motorcycles for transportation and recreation should not categorize them negatively.

I do appreciate McClellan's favorable comments about the motorcycle clubs in Big Spring. Specifically, the charitable activities and contributions that they promote. I am certain that all of the clubs appreciate it as well.

I personally disagree with McClellan on several points. I support and respect his right to his opinions, as I hope he does mine. Many people have served in the military branches to protect the rights that we have. Some, like me, gave a little, some gave all. I thank all for what they gave.

God bless our services men and women protecting our freedom. God bless our bikers.

RO GORE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
Regarding the 9-1-1 board: I am very concerned about the recent allegations brought by councilman Tommy Tune, particularly the one

that Tommy Sullivan bought a district-owned vehicle for \$6,000 at zero percent interest, and that 9-1-1 board agreed to "buy-back" sick time to help make the payments, then "forgave" those payments.

Article I, Section 3 of the Texas Constitution reads in part "no man, or set of men is entitled to exclusive public emoluments or privileges but in consideration of public services."

The section does not say "but in anticipation of public services which may be performed in the future," or "but in lieu of sick pay," or "except as a bonus," or "this does not apply to the 9-1-1 board of Howard County." The intent of this constitutional provision is crystal clear. Deals such as Sullivan's are patently unconstitutional, and as such, illegal.

If compliance with the constitution is the wish of the board, then they must be willing to give all citizens the same deal that Sullivan received. Tell me board members, when and where can I pick up my vehicle? The cost? Oh, take that out of the bonus sick pay that I would have received in the future if I ever went to work for you. Or we could just make it simple and forgive the amount owed.

Councilman Tune should be commended for his hard work, diligence and perseverance in bringing forth the facts regarding the irregularities and illegalities which he presented. Board members involved in this on going fiasco should resign immediately. Besides being fiscally irresponsible, they have proven incapable of doing their jobs in a manner consistent with the constitution of this state.

WILLIAM C. COLEMAN
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HERALD Staff I

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Stanton Junior High School students take first place in UIL competition

HERALD Staff Report

Stanton Junior High School won the University Interscholastic League academic meet held Thursday, Feb. 13, in Stanton.

Forsan Junior High School came in second; Colorado City, third; Coahoma, fourth; Crane, fifth; and Seagraves, sixth.

Individual results:

Sixth grade

- Dictionary skills, Nathan Gomez of Coahoma, first; Amber Beasley of Stanton, second; Meagan Ulmer of Stanton, Heather Scoggins of Coahoma and Tiera Mohn of Forsan, fourth.

- Listening skills, Ramsey Fleckenstien of Stanton, first; Mohp of Forsan, third; and Kody Willis of Stanton, tie for fifth.

- Music memory, the team of Michael Church, Stephen Reyes, Nick Hart and Willis of Stanton, first; the team of Michael Vega, Rey Martinez and Clay Lockhart of Forsan, second; and the team of Nina Toscano, Ashley Martin, Hilari White and Kelly Lee of Coahoma, third.

- Oral reading, Michael McNew of Coahoma, first; Tori Gauer of Forsan, second; Megan Conley of Coahoma, fourth; Eva Dyck of Stanton, fifth; and Rachel Simpson of Stanton, sixth.

- Ready writing, Dyck of Stanton, first; Destiny Cox of Stanton, second; Jade Hughey of Forsan, third; Mohn of Forsan, fifth; and Toscano of Coahoma, fourth.

- Spelling, Hughey of Forsan, first; Monica Garza of Forsan third; Melanie McDonald of Forsan fourth; Ulmer of Stanton, fifth; and Willis of Stanton, sixth.

- Math, Church of Stanton, first; Reyes of Stanton, fourth; and Fleckenstien of Stanton, fifth; and Toscano of Coahoma, sixth.

- Number sense, Church of Stanton, first; and Fleckenstien of Stanton, sixth.

- Maps, graphs and charts, Church of Stanton, first; Fleckenstien of Stanton, second; Simpson of Stanton, third; and Devin Adamson of Coahoma, fifth; Kaegan Hart of Coahoma, 7; and Anthony Neighbors of Forsan, tenth.

Seventh grade

- Dictionary skills, Kelsey Coggin of Stanton, first; Clint Lockhart of Forsan, second; Jonathan Pastrana of Stanton and Gabby Perez of Forsan, fourth; and Jonathan Almanza of Stanton, sixth.

- Impromptu Speaking, William Reilly of Coahoma, third; Lockhart of Forsan, fifth; and Coggin of Stanton,

- sixth.
- Listening skills, Adam Evans of Stanton and Justin Rau of Coahoma, first; Garrett Fulton of Stanton and Reilly of Coahoma, third; and Caitlin Jones of Forsan, sixth.

- Maps, graphs and charts, Teryn Bibb of Coahoma, first; Colter Morgan of Coahoma; second, Reilly of Coahoma, third; Evans of Stanton, fourth; Tara Kuykendall of Forsan, fifth; and Mark Reyna of Stanton, sixth.

- Modern oratory, Kuykendall of Forsan, first; Lockhart of Forsan, second; Carissa Jensen of Forsan, third; Rachel Eckert of Stanton, fifth; and Garza of Stanton, sixth.

- Oral reading, Reilly of Coahoma, first; Evans of Stanton, second; Coggin of Stanton third; and Whitney Price of Forsan, fourth.

- Ready writing, Coggin of Stanton, first; Alex Newsom of Forsan, second; and Josh Thompson of Coahoma, third.

- Spelling, Angelica Moreno of Stanton, second; Jensen of Forsan, second; Laci Luna of Stanton, third; and Cristela Hernandez of Stanton, fourth.

- Number Sense, Justin Hinojosa of Stanton, first; Michael Teveni of Stanton, second; and Reilly of Coahoma, third.

- Calculator, Coggin of Stanton, first; Maria Najera of Stanton, second; Simon Stolarczyk of Coahoma, seventh; and Reilly of Coahoma, eighth.

- Math, Hinojosa of Stanton, second; Jonathan Ireton, third; Stolarczyk of Coahoma, fourth; and Mitch Thomas of Stanton, fifth.

- Science I, Stolarczyk of Coahoma, fifth; and Michael Graves and Eckert, both of Stanton, sixth.

- Editorial writing, Coggin of Stanton, first; and Nino Buzzell of Stanton, sixth.

Eighth grade

- Ready Writing, Traci Carr of Stanton, first; and Brennan Harp of Stanton, third.

- Dictionary skills, Joe

Benny Bryand of Stanton, second; Adrien George of Stanton, fourth; Courtney Holdampf of Forsan, fifth; and Stephen Sisson of Stanton, sixth.

- Editorial writing, Bonnie Ramirez of Stanton, first; Harp of Stanton, third; Michelle Teveni of Stanton, fifth; and Dani Borel of Forsan, sixth.

- Impromptu Speaking, Borel of Forsan, first; Michael Yeater of Coahoma, second; Whitney Hull of Stanton, third; Kassi Wash of Forsan, fifth; and Rebecca McEndree of Coahoma, sixth.

- Listening Skills, Tyler Tucker of Coahoma, first; Yeater of Coahoma, third; Bryand of Stanton and McEndree of Coahoma, fifth.

- Maps, graphs and charts, Jonathan Purcell of Forsan, second; Cody Price of Coahoma, fourth; and Teveni of Stanton, sixth.

- Mathematics, J.C. Hinojosa of Stanton, second; Borel of Forsan, fifth; and Holdampf of Forsan, sixth.

- Modern oratory, Hull of Stanton, first; Borel of Forsan, second; Wash of Forsan, third; and Crystal McNew of Forsan, sixth.

- Number sense, Hinojosa of Stanton, first; Borel of Forsan, second; Bryand of Stanton, fifth; and Sisson of Stanton, sixth.

- Oral reading, Tessa Montgomery of Forsan, first; Linsey Dugan of Stanton, second; and McNew of Forsan, third.

- Ready writing, Carr of Stanton, first; Harp of Stanton, third; and Amber Ritz of Forsan, sixth.

- Spelling, Carr of Stanton, first; Holdampf of Forsan, second; Kamrun Green of Coahoma, third; and Eric Ellis of Forsan, sixth.

- Science II, Ryan Kennedy of Coahoma, first; Jacob McCain of Coahoma and Kelita Bryand of Stanton, third; Tucker of Coahoma, fourth; and Sisson of Stanton, sixth.

- Calculator, George of Stanton, third; and Bonnie of Stanton, sixth.

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time to really think of specifics, actually, always it's the budget," McDonald said. "Our infrastructure. Our streets, our sewer lines, our water lines. Those are always issues, first and foremost. And then, of course, aesthetics and, as the mayor puts it, our quality of life issues."

A graduate of Big Spring High School, McDonald also graduated from the radiology program at Parkland Hospital in Dallas before returning to Big Spring. She worked at Hall-Bennett Hospital until its closure and earned her nursing degree from Howard College.

She has volunteered with the Kid Zone construction project, Hangar 25 Air Museum, Relay for Life, Festival of Lights

and other projects.



GARCIA

She currently lives in Big Spring with her husband, Bobby McDonald, owner of McDonald Real Estate.

They have three children and three grandchildren. Garcia, who has served for two terms, could not be reached for comment this morning.

Place 6, currently held by Big Spring restaurateur Greg Biddison, is also up for election this year.

Nobody has filed yet to run for the seat, however. Biddison has said he will seek re-election.

The deadline to file for the city election is 5 p.m. March 19. Early voting will begin April 16 and end April 29.

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TUNE

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Tune has spearheaded recent city research into questionable financial dealings by the 911 District. Tune's findings culminated in the city's decision to seek the replacement of the other municipally appointed board member, Don Nell Luce of Coahoma.

Luce resigned her seat on the board earlier this week.

Tune is a government and history professor at Howard College.

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CHURCH NEWS

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First Assembly of God

This Sunday is "National Women's Ministry Day" in the Assemblies of God. The Women's Ministry of First Assembly of God will be in charge of the service this Sunday at 6 p.m.

Under the direction of Velma Trimble, the ladies will be presenting a drama entitled "Can You Believe It?" Pam Hoggard, who will be singing "Midnight Cry," will provide special music. You are invited to this special presentation given by the ladies of First Assembly located at Fourth and Lancaster.

Pastor Havener will be speaking in the morning service at 10:40.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

On Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m., a program celebrating the World Day of Prayer will be held in Big Spring. The program will be held at Immaculate of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn St. The World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical and international event. It unites the women of all religions and all nations in prayer. Throughout the day, from the first sunrise to the last sunset, our prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. In the United States, The World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the Church Women United. In these turbulent times that we are now experiencing please join us for this program.

Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the program. The youth group will have a brisket meal on Sunday. The cost is \$6 per person and includes meal, drink and dessert. The youth group will hold its meeting at 5 p.m. Sunday in the church hall.

We are still selling \$10 gift certificates that can be used toward admission and at the snack bars at movie theaters in Big Spring.

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East Side Baptist Church

East Side Baptist Church, 1108 E. Sixth, presents "The Warren Family" tonight at 7. Come and enjoy a great night of gospel music at its best. "The Warren's," from Fort Valley, Ga., will bless your heart as they present the gospel in song.

You are also welcome at our regular services Sundays at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m.; evening service is at 6. Come join our worship and praise.

Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church would like to extend an invitation to the community to attend the presentation of the worship service presented in music and testimony by Teen Challenge Sunday at 6 p.m.

Teen Challenge, started by David Wilkerson in New York City in 1958, is a ministry to teenage gangs. Since that time it has spread all over the world. The purpose of Teen Challenge is to evangelize people who have life controlling

problems and initiate the Christian discipleship training to the point where the individual can function as a Christian in society, applying spiritually motivated, Biblical principles to relationships in the family, local church, chosen vocation and community.

Teen Challenge of West Texas began in 1971 and now includes a 70-acre campus five miles south of Midland which houses, feeds and educates approximately 62 men. You will receive a blessing from this service!

Also, coming to Baptist Temple Church April 13-16 will be a Bible Prophecy conference led by J.R. Church.

renowned scholar in the area of biblical prophecy. You will not want to miss this opportunity to learn more about the mystery of the prophecies of the Bible.

We also invite you to attend Bible Study with us on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. We have a class for every age and a nursery for the little ones. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

For more information, please call 267-8287. Baptist Temple is located at 400 E. 11th Place, the corner of 11th and Goliad. Baptist Temple Church is in the heart of Big Spring with Big Spring on our hearts.

First Baptist Church

At First Baptist Church, visitors are always welcomed. Visitors are invited to attend our Sunday School which offers classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Dennis Teeters' sermon topic for this Sunday morning is "Forgetting Who Your Friends Are." Bible Buddies and Bible Drill starts at 4:45 p.m. for children 1-6 grades.

Youth choir meets at 5 p.m. as well as "Old Testament Survey" and "What Did Jesus Say About That?" classes taught by our pastor and

youth director, Dr. Jeff Donnell. Evening worship begins at 6. Pastor Teeters' sermon topic is "Hearing and Heeding."

Ladies, we have begun a Beth Moore Bible study of the life of John on Monday mornings at 9:30 in our Conference Room. You do not have to be a member of our church to come and enjoy this wonderful study.

For more information concerning the other programs of our church, please call 267-8223.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Adult Sunday School class will be studying a series on "The Christian Life."

The St. Mary's Cookie Bingo will be held at Canterbury South this Sunday at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend, bring cookies if you can.

The Inquirers' Class is on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. This is a class for adults who are interested in learning more of the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbt.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday is Youth Sunday. Come and hear the youth of Big Spring First United Methodist Church administer and deliver our worship service.

The first worship service begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and the second service at 10:50 a.m.

On Sunday evening at 6, there will be a joint wor-

ship service and North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church Rev. Wanda Hill of Cohoma will be preaching.

The First United Methodist Church of Big Spring will host a noon prayer time on Thursday, Feb. 27, and a morning prayer time on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 a.m.

Additionally, there is a noon Bible Study every Wednesday in Garrett Hall. The Bible study is open to the community for a great time of food and fellowship. The cost of the lunch is \$2 and the study usually lasts approximately 25 minutes.

The Kid's Club after school program for grades 1-4 and the Children's Day Out program for the younger children is on going at First United Methodist Church. Kid's Club meets on Tuesday's at 3:30 p.m. and Children's Day Out is on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. For more information please call Loryne Colette 267-7511.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs, call the church office at 267-6394.



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Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday, Feb. 18, with Shyrlee Reid, president, presiding.

The opening prayer was worded by Phillip Reid and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Neal Squires.

Jarrell Barbee and Phillip Reid showed a video entitled "Building A Better Tomorrow." This video showed the work some Lions Clubs in other parts of the world are doing.

Phillip Reid contacted the water district and a replacement check will be sent for the lost December check.

President Reid presented Burnis Mason with a framed certificate as Leader Dog for the Blind. Burnis was honored by the Sand Springs Club with the giving of a special recognition donation in his name to the International Lions Leader Dog Program.

President Reid will again sign the application of Stephanie Mims to go to the Lions Camp in Kerrville.

President Reid read several articles of correspondence, including Leadership Training in Austin March 8-9; applications for the different youth contests; Acuna

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Eye Clinic Celebrated to be held Feb. 21 letter from the T Bank Alliance. Anyone needing information on articles can contact President Reid. President Reid ed everyone over the Lion of the M be held at our M meeting. The Sand Springs Club meets the third Monday of month at the Lions Community Center Scout Hut Road Springs. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Capt. Elisha
The Capt. Elisha Chapter of the I of the American Revolution met the Big Spring Club. Regent Sh brought the meeting order. The program by Col. Sam Barrow spoke of history of West Point Barrow is a 1944 ate of West Point program covers of West Point di Revolution and since the school the United States Military Academy 1802. Colonel Bar served in the academy for 34 years lived by the mo

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Eye Clinic Celebration, to be held Feb. 22; and a letter from the Texas Eye Bank Alliance.

Anyone needing more information on the above articles can contact President Reid.

President Reid reminded everyone voting for the Lion of the Year will be held at our Mar. 3 meeting.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at the Lions Community Center on Scout Hut Road. In Sand Springs. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Capt. Elisha Mack

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Feb. 8 at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Sherri Key brought the meeting to order.

The program was given by Col. Sam Barrow, U.S. Army ret. Colonel Barrow spoke on the history of West Point. Col. Barrow is a 1941 graduate of West Point. His program covered the role of West Point during the Revolution and its role since the school became the United States Army Military Academy in 1802. Colonel Barrow served in the active military for 34 years and lived by the motto of

West Point, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution can contact Mrs. Bill Pollard at 263-6473, Mrs. John Damron at 393-5790 or Mrs. Jimmie Schuelke at 353-4337 for more information.

TOPS TX 21, Big Spring

Members of TOPS TX 21 met on Monday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. third with only nine members weighing in.

Leader Hughetta Roberts opened the meeting with prayer followed by the TOPS pledge and fellowship song.

Mrs. Roberts also gave a reading entitled, "If I only lost one pound each week."

Linda Schmidt was the TOPS best loser and of the 2 KOPS present there was one small gain and a loss.

Following the minutes of the previous meeting by Gladys Russell, Carol Smith gave the program on Binge Eating.

Among the tops covered were: How common is binge eating and what causes binge eating? Binge eating is linked to malnutrition, depression, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, gall bladder disease,

heart disease and cancer. For more information concerning TOPS one can call 1-800-832-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Big Spring Woman's Club

The monthly meeting of Big Spring Woman's Club was held Feb. 17 in the home of Donna Wright. The evening was devoted to "New Member Orientation." A video was presented which highlighted the numerous exciting and worthwhile projects and causes in which the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) has been involved since the 1800s. The Texas Federation (TFWC), and the local club and its projects, in particular, were also discussed.

The Community Health Forum, "Telling It Like It is," was held in January. It was a huge success, and many positive comments have been received from the community. It was attended by approximately 120 people.

Plans are under way for the spring rummage sale and the officer installation luncheon. The club is also working on plans to help with the Easter egg hunt for foster children.

The next meeting will be March 17.



Cody Hughes, left, and Bo Clawson, visit with Stormie Smith, Shelbie Montgomerie and Reba Smith about the Masons book drive, going on through March 7.

Masons to collect books through Friday, March 7

HERALD Staff Report

Masons of Masonic Lodge 598, at 214 Main St., are collecting children's books in Howard County.

Letters will be given to elementary school students to take home, asking the family to donate used or new books they do not use for programs that teach children to read.

Many books will also be distributed to children who don't have books of their own at home.

All books, hard cover or soft, will be accepted. This includes adult light reading material which may be distributed to adults who are learning to read under several different programs in Howard County.

Books may be dropped off at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third St.; Credit World, 1611 Gregg St.; A Bob's Bail Bonds, 119 E. Third St.; or any public school.

The Masons will recognize area teachers and administrators at the Masonic Lodge, 211 Main

St., on Tuesday, March 4, with a breakfast.

The breakfast program will be provided by a teacher and administrator from the Scottish Rites Learning Center in Lubbock, where the teachers instruct students with dyslexia during the school year. During the summer, they work with public school teachers who may have dyslexic students.

For more information on the book drive or the breakfast, call Lane Clawson at 270-2917.

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Krystal Long to her senior year past week when she was named to the District all-district roster among four Hawks. Steers to be named second-team or honor roll. Long, an all-league player in the high school season, was announced as making the 4-4-

Freshman Vasquez in the nation, Thursday night

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By TOMMY W
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BORGER - Howard College court in the Howard College Phillips Plainsmen. The Hawks Howard College through the 93-96 win the heading into Howard College College Ath final two game outings.

The Hawks help themselves College, current junior college Monday night. A showdo Phillips' mis Plainsmen, give a HC team peaking at the "I loved Howard College." "Our goal was to play around and Frank Phillips for the Venezuelan See HAWKS.

Four Lady Steers named all-district

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Krystal Long continued to add to her senior year accolades this past week when she was named to the District 4-4A second-team all-district roster. She was among four Big Spring Lady Steers to be named to either second-team or honorable mention.

Long, an all-district pick during the high school volleyball season, was among five players making the 4-4A second-team all-

strict list. Joining her on the squad were San Angelo's Allison Hill, Levelland's Chelsea Blackshear, Lubbock Estacado's Tamesha McGraw and Andrews' Amber Menefee.

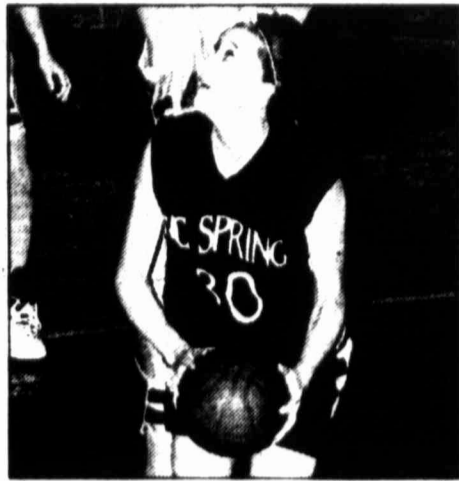
Long was one of the key members of the BSHS program this past season. She averaged nearly 10 points a game en route to helping guide the Lady Steers to a 19-12 season record and to a fourth-place finish in the loop race.

Big Spring had three players named to the honorable mention

list, including senior Courtney Brock and juniors LaKenya Wrightsil and Leina Braxton.

Estacado and Levelland dominated the first-team all-district roster by landing three of the five spots on the unit. Estacado's Toni Neloms and Shanequa Gonzales joined Levelland's Danielle Wilson and Frenship's Erika Knight on the squad.

Levelland's Tawanna Flowers and Estacado's LaVonda Henderson shared the 4-4A MVP honors.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Krystal Long was one of four Lady Steers named all-district recently.

IN BRIEF

Forsan to face Ozona in playoff matchup

The Forsan Buffaloes will begin their Class 2A playoff march tomorrow night in San Angelo against the Ozona Lions.

The two teams are scheduled to square off in a bi-district round game beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Junell Center on the campus of Angelo State.

Lady Steer boosters will meet Feb. 27

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting on Feb. 27 to begin preparations for the upcoming Lady Steers Athletic Banquet. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. in the ATC.

All persons interested in helping with the banquet are asked to attend. The banquet will be held near the end of the school year. For more information contact Beverly Heyworth at 264-3915.

Coahoma LL sign-up, coaching clinic reset

Youngsters interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team this year can sign up at the ball park from 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

A coaches clinic for all area Little League coaches will be conducted by Howard College's Brett Smith at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Coahoma Community Center. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

'Hawk Talk' will air March 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. March 12. Sam Stephens hosts the 9 a.m. show.

Country club slates 4-person scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club. Entry fee will be \$75 per player plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

Each player's entry fee includes the cost of barbecue on the course both days.

Play will begin with a shotgun start both days.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

BS boys booster club to meet Feb. 24

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club will meet Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the ATC meeting room. The meeting will be held to plan for the upcoming banquet.

Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albritton's Clay Shoot will be held March 21-22 at Windwaker Farms in Stanton. For more info contact (915) 570-0172.

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HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Freshman Vas'shun Newborne fends off a defender during a recent Howard College game. The Hawks, ranked No. 12 in the nation, hammered out a decisive 93-56 Western Junior College Athletic Conference win over Frank Phillips Thursday night in Borge.

Hawks cruise to lop-sided 93-56 win over Plainsmen

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

BORGER — Prior to watching his team take to the court in the Borger Community Activity Center, Howard College head coach Chris Jans said he only had one goal for his team when they faced the Frank Phillips Plainsmen — just keep coming at them.

The Hawks answered his request... and then some. Howard College reeled off a 23-0 run midway through the second half and rolled to a convincing 93-56 win that all but handed them the No. 2 seed heading into the upcoming Region V Tournament. Howard College could still win the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title should it win its final two games and South Plains lose its final two outings.

The Hawks, 26-2 overall and 10-2 in conference, can help themselves in that respect Monday. Howard College, currently ranked No. 12 in the national junior college Division I poll, will face South Plains Monday night in Levelland.

A showdown with the Texans wasn't on Frank Phillips' minds, however. Playing short-handed, the Plainsmen, 10-17 and 3-9, were merely trying to survive a HC team that, according to Jans, could be peaking at the right time.

"I loved how they came out and played," said Jans. "Our goal was to make our best game the last one we played. I think we did that tonight. We were flying around and getting after it pretty good."

Frank Phillips, which suited up just seven players for the contest, grabbed the early advantage. Venezuelan import Juan Carlos Cedeno pushed

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Lady Hawks drop 62-54 decision to Frank Phillips

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

BORGER — The Frank Phillips Lay Plainsmen found the perfect cure for their winless conference record: A guard-depleted Howard College squad.

The Lady Hawks, despite strong performances from Dana Davis, Aleshia Humphries and Belqui Guardado, suffered a tough 62-54 loss to Frank Phillips Thursday night in the Borger Community Activity Center.

With the loss, Howard College suffered its sixth straight loss and fell to 16-19 for the year and into a tie with Frank Phillips for last place in the



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Howard College's Belqui Guardado led all Lady Hawks in scoring Thursday with 12 points.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings. Frank Phillips is currently in first place in the

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Watkins fans 6 in fems win vs. OHS

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Laura Olague drove in two runs and Alex Watkins hurled a one-hitter Thursday evening and powered the Big Spring Lady Steers to a 6-0 win over the Odessa High School Lady Bronchos in the first round of the West Texas Classic.

With the win, the Lady Steers improved to 7-1-1 and moved into a second-round matchup with either Monahans or El Paso Americas. The game, weather permitting was slated to start at noon today at MUGS Field.

"We hit the ball real well," said Big Spring head coach Dan Arista. "We took some batting practice Wednesday and it really seemed to help our timing."

Watkins, again, was stellar in the circle. She struck out six of the 15 batters she faced.

Big Spring jumped on Odessa early. Leina Braxton opened the Lady Steers' first with a walk. Then, after stealing second, she raced home with the game's first run won a double off the wall by Whitney Hufford.

Olague followed Hufford's hit with a run-scoring double to right-center that staked the BSHS girls to a 2-0 lead. Olague added to the Lady Steers' lead in the third. After drawing a walk, she scored on a single by Chelsea Abner.

Big Spring held a 3-0

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Coyotes claim 37-31 win over New Home

The Borden County Coyotes moved into the second round of the Class A state playoffs Thursday night by downing the New Home Leopards, 37-31, in a bi-district playoff game played at Lubbock's Rip Griffin Center.

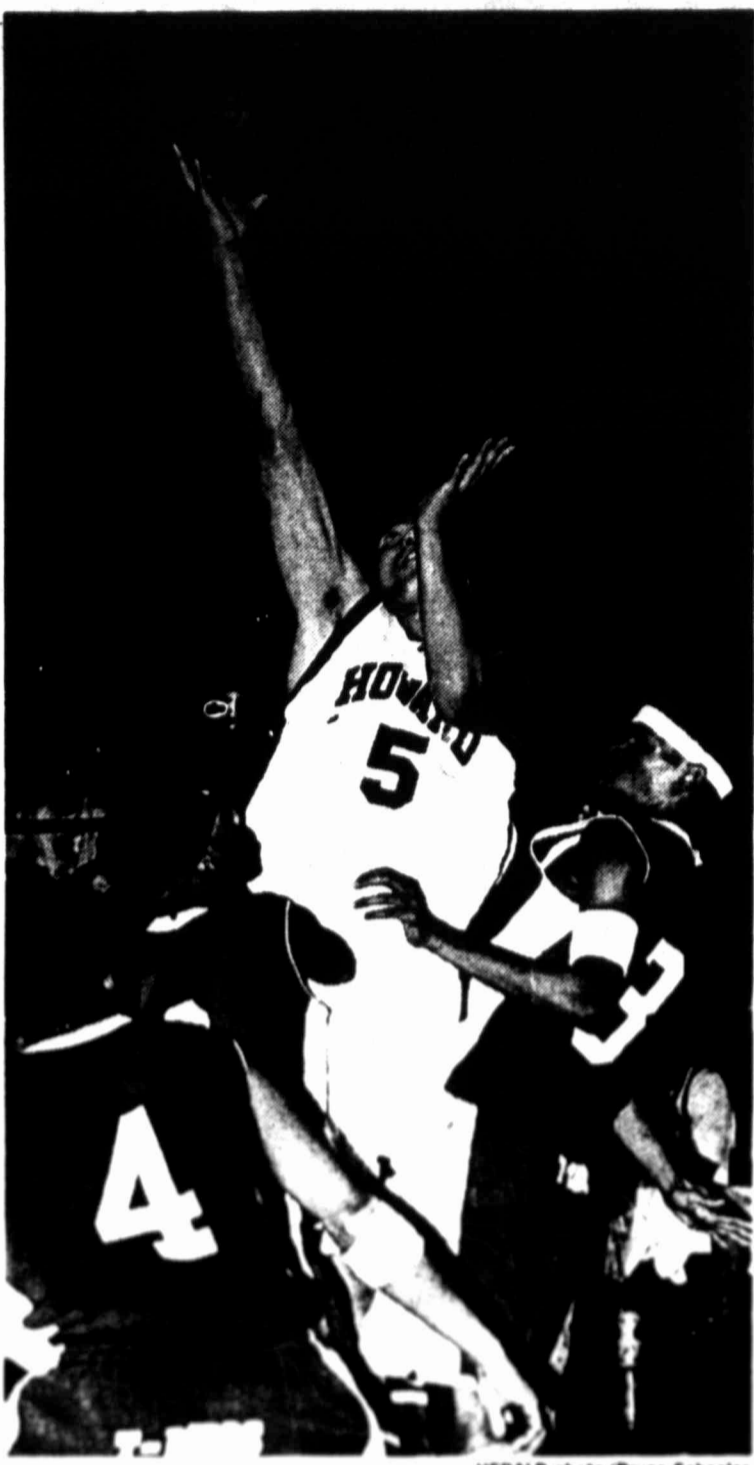
With the win, the Coyotes, the District 7-A runner-up, will advance to the Area round to face the winner of tonight's Fort Elliott-Silverton bi-district playoff.

Grady, Whitharral to meet today at Rip Griffin Center

The Grady Wildcats will go gunning for their fourth-ever playoff win this afternoon when they face the Whitharral Panthers in the Area round of the state playoffs.

Grady, 30-1, will face Whitharral beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Howard College's Jon Sykes soars for a basket against New Mexico. He will try and help the Hawks upend South Plains Monday.

Player's status on Tech team unclear after suspensions

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Texas Tech basketball player whom coach Bob Knight suspended earlier this week for one game failed to show up for a scheduled practice, leaving his status on the team uncertain.

Senior Nick Valdez has not attended practice since he and Andre Emmett were benched for Monday's game against No. 3 Texas for missing breakfast and a walk-through meeting that morning.

Both Emmett and Valdez effectively were reinstated to the team late Tuesday night after finishing disciplinary conditioning work. Emmett was at practice both Wednesday and Thursday, but not Valdez.

Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said that Nick Valdez missed practice Wednesday because his teammates did not want him to practice with him in the wake of an e-mail Valdez's father had sent to a newspaper.

"That's what happened. He came to practice and they said, Look, you're airing our problems out

in public, and we don't think that's the way it should be handled, and we don't want you to practice," Myers told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in Friday's online edition. "So he left."

The Avalanche-Journal reported in its Wednesday editions that Joe Valdez's e-mail, received Tuesday, said his son and Emmett may have been "set up" to be suspended for missing Monday morning's shoot-around in Austin. The e-mail says the two didn't receive a customary wake-up call as punishment for their part in the team's losses.

On Thursday, Joe Valdez sent another e-mail and a fax to the Avalanche-Journal and to the Tech coaching staff, apologizing for the previous e-mail and saying he regretted his comments.

"I am writing to tell you all I was wrong! I incorrectly concluded that my son was being forced off the team Monday when that was not the case," he wrote in the letter. "I overreacted in making a claim and statements that

were unfounded." It continued, "I understand now that Nick was actually being disciplined by the coaching staff to be responsible in his actions."

Joe Valdez wrote in his letter to the newspaper, "I realized my mistake when Nick and Andre Emmett handled the situation like men, performed and completed their discipline on Tuesday evening and were expected at a team practice Wednesday afternoon. Completely contrary to my supposition, the situation was over."

Knight declined to comment on the situation, but Farley said the team has rules, and consequences for disobeying those rules. Farley said he could not say if Valdez was still on the team after missing a second consecutive practice.

Reached at his home in

Colorado, Joe Valdez declined comment on his son's status with the team or his whereabouts during practice Thursday. Myers said earlier that Valdez was still on the team and is in Lubbock. However, it was unclear whether Valdez and Emmett would play in the Red Raiders' game on Saturday against Texas A&M. Emmett is the Big 12 scoring leader.

The team is 14-8 overall, but only 4-7 in Big 12 games and in danger of missing the NCAA tournament.

Knight has said Emmett, who leads the Big 12 Conference in scoring with 21.5 points per game, could be the best college player he's ever coached if he played harder and played defense. Valdez has been criticized for having a poor work ethic in practice.

Monahans deals Bulldogette JV 3-2 loss via a tie-breaker

The Coahoma Bulldogette junior varsity softball team suffered a tough 3-2 setback to the Monahans Lady Lobos Thursday evening.

Monahans managed to claim the win only after playing eight innings — the final two being part of an international tie-breaker.

Victoria Walker turned in a stellar effort in the circle. The Coahoma pitcher held Monahans spellbound for much of

the contest. Defensively, Coahoma made several clutch plays, including a throw by Haley Butts that gunned down a Monahans runner at third CHS catcher Jaci Martinez threw out a would-be base runner. Offensively, Drew Wells had two hits and scored a run.

Coahoma will resume play Feb. 31 at 10:30 a.m. at Midland United Girls Softball Complex.

Mavericks sneak out 95-87 win over Duncan-less Spurs

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks weren't looking ahead. They put everything they had into their showdown with San Antonio.

That focus paid off for the Mavericks in 95-87 victory Thursday night that snapped the Spurs' nine-game winning streak — a stretch that had gotten San Antonio within four games of Dallas for the Midwest Division lead and NBA's best record.

But now Dallas has three road games in five days, starting Friday night at Houston before returning home in a week for another big game against Sacramento.

"We decided not to worry about tomorrow's game until tomorrow. We made sure that we could win this one," Mavs coach Don Nelson said. "We used all of our bullets up and I do think I have some guys that I think I overplayed like Nash."

Steve Nash had 29 points and 10 assists in 42 minutes to lead the Mavericks, who held San Antonio's Tim Duncan in

check with just 11 points on 3-of-10 shooting.

Even though the Mavericks have the NBA's best record (42-12), they have struggled against some of the top teams. They've already lost twice to Sacramento — which eliminated them in the second round of the playoffs last season — and once to the Lakers and Spurs.

"This was the biggest win because this game has been built up and up," Nash said. "I don't think any of us think we shouldn't beat that team."

San Antonio set an NBA record with eight straight road wins on the same trip, including victories at Sacramento and the Los Angeles Lakers, before returning home for a 101-76 victory Tuesday night against Denver.

To beat the Spurs, Dallas knew it had stop Duncan. The league MVP had at least two defenders in his face almost every time he touched the ball. They did.

Duncan left the game with 8:13 remaining after being poked by Michael Finley on a hard foul.

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lead heading into the fourth.

Krystal Clark ignited a 3-run outburst that sealed the win in the fourth. Clark started the run with a walk. Braxton singled and then watched on as Erica Stewart loaded

the bases by reaching via an OHS error.

Hufford didn't waste the opportunity to pad the BSHS lead. She lined a two-run double to right that scored Olague and Braxton. Stewart scored minutes later on a sacrifice fly from Olague.

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into the matchup and gave the Plainsmen a 2-0 lead. Moments later, Frank Phillips' Terico Smothers knocked down back to back 3-point bombs that gave the Plainsmen an 8-5 cushion.

It turned out to be the Plainsmen's last hurrah.

Less than 30 seconds after Smothers' second try, Jared Fears ignited the HC offense by coming away with a defensive steal at midcourt and going the distance for an easy layup and a 9-8 lead. Fears, on the Plainsmen's ensuing possession, came away with another steal and then passed to Chaun Brooks for the lay-in.

The rout, without a doubt, had begun.

The Hawks, led by Fears' two defensive gems, reeled off an 8-0 run and took a 13-8 lead with 12:17 to play in the first half.

Foster and Steven Goff added to the HC's first-half explosion from there. They highlighted a 13-4 run over the ensuing five minutes by combing on three 3-point shots.

Over the final seven minutes of the first half, the Hawks outscored Frank Phillips by a 16-8 clip.

Jans said the Hawks started a bit slow, but managed to get going as the game progressed.

"We didn't come out and play our best at first, but I think we got it under control as we went

WJAC Standings			
Men			
Team	Overall	Conf	Streak
Howard College	20-1	1-0	W-4
Midland State	16-4	2-1	W-3
New Mexico State	14-5	2-1	W-2
South Plains	11-7	1-2	L-1
Eastern New Mexico	10-8	1-3	L-2
Western New Mexico	9-9	1-4	L-1
North Texas State	8-10	0-5	L-3
West Texas State	7-11	0-6	L-4
Delta State	6-12	0-7	L-5
Arkansas State	5-13	0-8	L-6
Arkansas State	4-14	0-9	L-7
Arkansas State	3-15	0-10	L-8
Arkansas State	2-16	0-11	L-9
Arkansas State	1-17	0-12	L-10

WJAC Standings			
Women			
Team	Overall	Conf	Streak
Howard College	14-3	1-0	W-4
Midland State	11-6	2-1	W-3
New Mexico State	9-8	2-2	W-2
South Plains	7-10	1-3	L-1
Eastern New Mexico	6-11	1-4	L-2
Western New Mexico	5-12	1-5	L-3
North Texas State	4-13	0-6	L-4
West Texas State	3-14	0-7	L-5
Delta State	2-15	0-8	L-6
Arkansas State	1-16	0-9	L-7
Arkansas State	0-17	0-10	L-8
Arkansas State	0-18	0-11	L-9
Arkansas State	0-19	0-12	L-10

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Phillips, which suffered a 72-64 loss to HC earlier, is 14-13 and 1-9.

The Lady Plainsmen put HC in a hole early, outscoring the Lady Hawks by a 32-18 clip in the first half. HC rallied

in the second with a 36-30 effort.

Guardado led all HC scorers in the contest with 12 points. Davis and Humphries added 11 and 10, respectively.

HC closes its season Monday against South Plains.

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Ephedra scrutiny & pitcher's

An NFL player taking ephedra subject to harsher scrutiny than if he takes cocaine. An Olympic athlete can lose a medal for taking the supplement. Baseball and basketball players, however, are allowed to use ephedra, but they are suspected in the Baltimore Orioles Steve Bechler by millions of Americans of trying to lose weight. That policy under increased scrutiny and players are allowed to use it.

Critics say the rules need to be based on science, not politics. The NBA and NHL have tested for ephedra in players. "I don't think any way two do two lawyers in are going to do the work of hundreds of people over the hours," said Wadler, a member of the World Agency's research committee.

The Food & Drug Administration reports of deaths linked to an herbal supplement derived from a natural Chinese herb. Easily purchased from the counter, products include stimulants to aid weight loss. Reports have supplemented attacks, strokes and heartstroke.

Because ephedra supplement is regulated by the FDA Commission Wednesday the controversial ephedra's safety is being reviewed.

"If there is any risk, we need to know about it," McClernan, Wes Siegner for the Education Commission, said. "The lion-dollar bus draw any child until results are released." Clinical data when used ephedra is safe, people lose weight, Siegner said.

Bechler die from complications of heatstroke. Bechler had a weight-loss supplement that contained ephedra. Broward County Examiner D Perper said, reports won't be about three weeks. In the meantime, players at spring were forced about their use and

"It's a long process, little bit better closer Curti said. "What for you to get day, you've got to be under base criticized and only illegal if most power are tested for ephedra. Baseball Rich Levin head Donald was too soon whether the re-examine ephedra. Eve teams greet spring training encouraging take supplement.

"If you're doing it, if you're open your something Phillie Phanatic Bowa said.

Ephedra under scrutiny after pitcher's death

An NFL player caught taking ephedra is often subject to harsher penalties than if he snorted cocaine. An Olympic athlete can lose a medal by taking the supplement.

Baseball and its union, however, allow players to use ephedra, which is suspected in the death of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler and used by millions of Americans trying to lose weight.

That policy is now under increased scrutiny, and players around the league are concerned about the use of the supplement.

Critics say baseball's rules need to be based on science, not politics. The NBA and NHL also don't test for ephedra.

"I don't think there's any way two doctors and two lawyers in baseball are going to do the collective work of hundreds of people over hundreds of hours," said Dr. Gary Wadler, a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency's medical research committee.

The Food and Drug Administration has reports of at least 100 deaths linked to ephedra, an herbal supplement derived from the Asian ma huang plant.

Easily purchased over the counter, ephedra products increase metabolism to aid weight loss. Reports have linked the supplement to heart attacks, strokes, seizures, and heatstroke.

Because ephedra is a supplement, it is not regulated by the FDA. Still, FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said Wednesday that resolving the controversy over ephedra's safety is a high priority.

"If there is a health risk, we need to be on top of it," McClellan said.

Wes Siegner, attorney for the Ephedra Education Council, said leaders of the multimillion-dollar business won't draw any conclusions until results from an independent review of ephedra's risks are released next month.

"Clinical data says that when used properly, ephedra is safe, and helps people lose weight," Siegner said.

Bechler died Monday from complications related to heatstroke. His temperature rose to 108.

Bechler had been taking a weight-loss supplement that contained ephedra, which probably contributed to his death, Broward County medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper said. Toxicology reports won't be ready for about three weeks.

In the meantime, some players at spring training were forced to think about their own supplement use and its risks.

"It's a long haul and it makes your body feel a little bit better," Brewers closer Curtis Leskanic said. "Whatever it takes for you to get through the day, you've got to do."

Under baseball's much-criticized drug policy, only illegal drugs and the most powerful steroids are tested for.

Baseball spokesman Rich Levin and union head Donald Fehr said it was too soon to say whether the sport should re-examine its policy on ephedra. Even so, several teams greeted players at spring training by encouraging them not to take supplements.

"If you're a player and doing it, if this doesn't open your eyes then something is wrong," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said.

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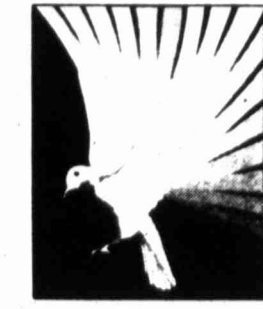
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Proverbs 24:3

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	Midland	Odessa	Dallas	Dallas	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Premium	Nashville	Premium	Premium	Premium	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Learning Ch.
6:30 PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboatoo	7th Heaven (CC)	News (CC) Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Sorfield (CC)	Friends (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Gala Salvaje	That's-Raven Lizzie	Taboo Blind Date	(05) Movie: Callish in	Stakeout	Were Sleeping (CC)	Update With John Hagee	..	Real LAPD	Law & Order (CC)	Case Reopened (CC)
7:30 PM	Funnest Home Videos	Movie: Nutty Professor II	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	Movie: Little Giants	Star Search (CC)	Funnest Home Videos	Movie: Sister Act (CC)	Las Vias del Amor	Movie: The Luck of the Irish	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Black Bean Sauce (CC)	Movie: Jeepers Creepers (CC)	Movie: Heat (CC)	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Expedition Egypt (CC)	Wild Discovery	Movie: Out to Justice	While You Were Out	While You Were Out
8:30 PM	Funnest Home Videos	The Klumps (CC)	Wash. Week On the Record	..	Hack (CC)	Funnest Home Videos	DateLine (CC)	Entre el Amor y el Odio	Irish	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Children of the Corn: Revelation	Movie: Heat (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Huntings (CC)	..	Marial Arts: Kung Fu	While You Were Out
9:30 PM	I'm a Celebrity	70s Show Dharma: Greg	Miss Marple	Life: Sitcom Last Resort	CSI: Crime Son	I'm a Celebrity	Law & Order	Movie: Outbreak	Casos de la Vida Real	Sister, Sister Lizzie	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Heat (CC)	Oz (CC)	..	Other World (CC)	Marial Arts: Warrior	Movie: Out to Justice	Dearly Departed	
10:30 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	News: Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Tonight	..	(CC) (DVS)	P. Impacto Noticias Univ	That's-Raven Kim Possible	Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	raiser: Bloodline (CC)	Penn & Teller Bob-Margaret	Arias (CC) Real Time	Hour of Healing	Wild Discovery	While You Were Out
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	People Up Pompeii	Caroline Rhea Show (CC)	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Show (CC) (37) Late	Movie: Why	Derbez en Cuando	Boy World Sister, Sister	Oblivious (CC) Taboo	Movie: RoboCop 3	Red Shoe Movie: Re-	(CC) Da Ah G	How Can I Church	Expedition Egypt (CC)	Marial Arts: Kung Fu	Movie: Dirty Harry (CC)	While You Were Out
12:30 AM	Paid Program Paid Program	Blind Date Beyond	Red Green Doctor Who	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Live (35) Oprah	Night (CC) Frasier	Do Fools Fall in Love (CC)	Mentira	Proud Family Kim Possible	Blind Date Blind Date	Adventures of	quem for a Dream (CC)	Movie: Pendulum	Update With Bless-Heart	Huntings (CC)	Marial Arts: Warrior	..	Dearly Departed

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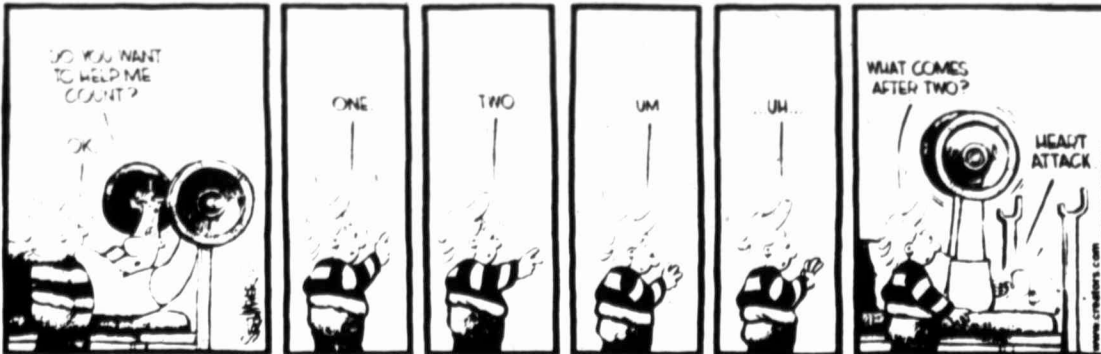
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

DETROIT - Court officials granted a request by prosecutors to subpoena singer Aretha Franklin to obtain information about her home that was destroyed by arson. The Oakland County prosecutor's office wants Franklin and three other people to testify, prosecutor David Gorcyca said in a statement Thursday. Prosecutors declined to reveal the exact contents of the petition for the subpoenas, saying it was confidential under law. Since the Oct. 25 fire, investigators say they have tried five times to interview Franklin. "Offers by Ms. Franklin's lawyer to answer questions on her behalf are unacceptable," Gorcyca said. "As we have repeatedly stated in the past, we need to definitively establish what facts

Ms. Franklin possesses about this case, and not what her lawyer wishes us to know." Franklin's attorney, Elbert Hatchett, said his client wants to clear up the matter and has only declined to talk to authorities because he has advised her to not talk to officials because they could try to implicate her in the crime. The prosecutor's office has repeatedly said Franklin is not a suspect in the crime. Franklin was on tour in Houston when fire swept through the 10,000-square-foot home in Bloomfield Township. An investigation determined that an accelerant was used to start the fire in three locations on the first floor of the \$1.6 million home. NEW YORK (AP) - Some people celebrate their birthday with a cake. Alicia Keys celebrated with a plaque recognizing 10 mil-

lion in sales of her debut disc, "Songs in A Minor." The five-time Grammy winner marked both milestones with a party hosted by her mentor, J Records founder Clive Davis. Though she turned 22 on Saturday, the crowd of well-wishers sang "Happy Birthday" to her Wednesday night as she received the plaque from Davis. "Everything is going to be from my heart, which is how it always is going to be," she told The Associated Press. "The basis of it is definitely going to be the same, but me as an evolving person, it's always going to be new and different."



Newsday Crossword

CHECK IT OUT by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Invoice amount
- 8 Words by Wordsworth
- 13 Wise guy?
- 14 Kukla's pal
- 15 First part of a message
- 17 Singer Frankie
- 18 Yr. divisions
- 19 "For want of ..."
- 21 Lawn component
- 22 Farmer's field
- 24 Part 2 of message
- 26 Started the pot
- 29 Have the flu
- 30 Part 3 of message
- 34 Greek peak
- 38 Fielding flub
- 39 Person afoot, for short.
- 40 Extremely pale
- 41 Musical silence
- 42 Part 4 of message
- 44 Charged atom
- 47 Place to preen
- 48 Part 5 of message
- 54 Ante- relative
- 55 Basker's quest
- 56 Above it all
- 57 Sault - Marie
- 59 What a password permits
- 61 End of message
- 64 Playing marble
- 65 Brutal beasts
- 66 Swung along
- 67 Capture in a trap
- DOWN
- 1 Library vols.
- 2 Simpsons staff
- 3 Corporate identifier
- 4 Barley beards
- 5 Sea pilots' ctr.
- 6 Golf-shoe feature
- 7 Actress Verdugo
- 8 Hoi -
- 9 Pay ender
- 10 Beethoven dedicatee
- 11 Teenager, e.g.
- 12 Run-down
- 16 Carp
- 20 Retiree income source
- 22 Surgical beam
- 23 - nous
- 24 Yellow Pages entries
- 25 Snap or button
- 27 R-rated, perhaps
- 28 Auction conclusion
- 31 Police alert: Abbr.
- 32 Loser at Gettysburg
- 33 Magazine execs
- 35 Office machine
- 36 Spanish title
- 37 Previn or Watts
- 40 Onassis' nickname
- 43 Coal miners org.
- 45 Gave the go-ahead
- 46 Civil-rights org.
- 48 Real bargain
- 49 Dance for two
- 50 Like kegged beer
- 51 D.C. insider
- 52 Ruckus
- 53 Isle -
- 57 Pianist Kenton
- 58 Nero's robe for short
- 62 ICU devices
- 63 Compass reading

