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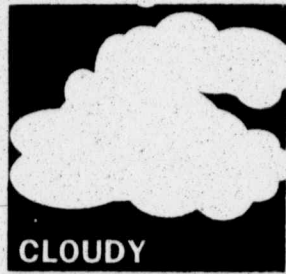
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FRIDAY

March 12, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Pancake breakfast

Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane, will have a pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday. Everyone is invited.

Health Fest 2004

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host Health Fest 2004 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20.

Displays, booths and activities will take place on the hospital grounds, the main floor and Malone and Hogan Clinic. Admission is free.

Free and reduced-fee screenings will be held and children can enjoy a petting zoo.

Memorial clean up

Pat Simmons, local member of the Keep Big Spring Beautiful committee, is asking for those who can to help clean up trash around the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial on Saturday, March 20.

Clean-up will begin about 9 a.m. Trash bags will be provided or bring your own.

If you would like, contact Simmons for more information by calling 263-4607 or by e-mailing psimmons@crcom.net

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STATE CHAMPIONS!



Grady Coach Carl Krug raises his arms in victory as the Wildcats win the Class A, Division II State Basketball Championship in Austin Thursday. Players Noel Lopez, far left, and Adam Cantu celebrate the 55-49 win over Neches. The Wildcats play Normangee at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Frank Erwin Center for the Texas Cup. See Page 1B.

City seat District 5 contested

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Councilwoman Joann Knox will face a challenger in the May 15 election for the District 5 seat after long-time resident Hebrew "Hippy" Jones filed Thursday to seek the position.

"I've been here in Big Spring for quite a while and the city of Big Spring has been good to me and my family," Jones said. "I want to give back to the community and contribute to finding some solutions to the on-going concerns of the city."

District 5 on the Big Spring City Council will have an election in May as Hebrew 'Hippy' Jones filed Thursday to challenge incumbent Joann Knox.



JONES

A native of Rotan, Jones has made his home in Big Spring for the past 38 years. He is a retiree from ALON USA after working 33 years at the Big Spring Refinery. He and his wife, Vivian, are the parents of four grown children, Monique, Minnie, Marquel and Bruce.

Jones grew up in Stanton and graduated from Carver Junior/Senior High School in Midland. He is a Vietnam veteran and served during the years of 1963 to 1966.

As an active community member, Jones sits on the advisory board for the Salvation Army. In past years, he led the Big Spring NAACP chapter as the president, served on two city of Big Spring committees — the traffic commission and the minor concerns — and he has been active in Little League baseball and softball.

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BSISD business office earns national award for budget presentation

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District business office was one of 13 Texas school districts to earn the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2003-2004 budget.

"This is a prestigious award that few school districts even attempt to achieve because the standards are so high and the amount of work involved is pretty significant," said Superintendent Michael Downes. "(BSISD Business Manager) Sandra (Waggoner) and

the office staff did a great job here in Big Spring preparing the document.

"The award is welcomed by our district," Downes continued. "I think it's earned and I think that the document speaks for itself. Anybody who has seen our budget presentation would see why it's award winning."

In order to receive the award, an entity has to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentations.

"The whole idea behind the distinguished budget presentation award is to recognize those organizations, in our case school



WAGGONER



DOWNES

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Deputy County Clerks Marcia Newton and Nancy Porter brave the rainy weather to go to work at the county courthouse. The Crossroads area received much-welcomed rain throughout the early morning.

Ag Expo, Appreciation Luncheon planned March 25

Special to the **HERALD**

The annual Ag Expo and Ag Appreciation Luncheon will be held Thursday, March 25, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College Campus.

New to the Ag Expo this year is a Garden Show. The Ag Committee is working with the Howard County Master Gardeners, the

Spade and Hoe Garden Club and Keep Big Spring Beautiful to play host to the Garden Show.

Demonstrations will be scheduled throughout the afternoon and will include such topics as "West Texas Landscape Design," "Composting" and "How to Xeorscape" along with others. Whether you are an active gardening enthusiast or a beginner "green

thumb," there will be something for everyone.

The Ag Expo will have agricultural booths and exhibits. The Howard County Extension Office will be offering CEU classes starting at 8 a.m. and continuing through 11:30 a.m. Other classes will resume after lunch.

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Obituaries

Denver Heffington



Denver Heffington, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday morning, March 9, 2004, at Seton Highland Lakes Medical Center in Burnet. Graveside Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 14, 1911, in Howard County. He was the son of H. E. Heffington and Lilley Christian New Heffington. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He married Edna Mae Raines on Jan. 22, 1927, in Midland.

She preceded him in death on July 30, 1983. He was a house mover. He also farmed. He later owned a garage on West Third Street and also a grocery store. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by four daughters, Donna Earhart and her husband Joe, and Sandra Webb, all of Tow, Dorothy Carter and her husband Mike, and Shirley Slate and her husband George, all of Big Spring; three sons, Denver Heffington and his wife Eva, and Dennis Heffington and his wife Sandy, all of Tow, and Bennie Heffington and his wife Kelly of Odessa; one sister, Charlotte Gilbert of Big Spring; 32 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Rickey Heffington; one daughter, Deanie Anderson; and one grandson, Danny Gene Heffington.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Heffington Jr., David Heffington, Kelley Mauldin, Brian Coots, Mike Kinman and Ben Heffington.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Take note

□ **HAVE YOU SEEN** the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question "Is the Passion True or False?" Call 263-0680, leave your name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

□ **LIFETIME BIG SPRING** resident Mary Lancaster has been diagnosed with cancer, and is in need of several scans that are not covered by her health insurance. Lancaster's family is asking for donations to cover the cost of the scans, which range in the thousands of dollars. Donations can be made at Wood Forest National Bank, located in Wal-Mart, in the name of Mary Lancaster.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

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

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

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamam, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Police blotter

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

• **SEBRINA PEREZ**, 28, of 2503 Gunter was being held at the city jail Thursday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80, in the 1100 block of Lancaster, in the 2900 block of Highway 80 and the 1000 block of 21st Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, the 300 block of Owens, the 2300 block of Wasson, the 1100 block of Lamesa and the 2000 block of Gregg.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2300 block of Thorpe and the 400 block of Hillside.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

Sheriff's report

Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

• **SHANE JEAN STILLWELL**, 38, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault, family violence.

• **TIFFANY LASHA SNEED**, 31, was taken to the county jail Thursday after being arrested by Big Spring police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than four grams less than 200 grams, possession of a dangerous drug and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• **JOHNNY GREEN**, 41, was taken to the county jail Thursday after being arrested by the Big Spring police on a county warrant for theft, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

• **MARK SESSION**, 29, was taken to the county jail Thursday after being arrested by Big Spring police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than four grams less than 200 grams, possession of a dangerous drug and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• **YERITZ RIVERA**, 19, was taken to the county jail Thursday after being arrested by Big Spring police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 200 grams less than 400 grams, possession of a dangerous drug and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• **SABRINA GUTIERREZ PEREZ**, 28, was arrested Thursday on a Scurry County warrant for motion to revoke probation—cruelty to animals.

• **KENNETH DALE WORTHAM**, 47, was arrested Thursday on two warrants for forgery and a bench warrant.

• **KEVIN BRENT MATTESON**, 43, was taken to the county jail after being arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of accident involving injury or death.

Support groups

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

SATURDAY

• Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 21st and Lancaster streets. Breakfast is served.

• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until noon at Bob's Custom Wood Work at 409 E. Third.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m. Admission fee is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

• Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum, located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m.

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Pounds Off Sensible (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets Monday night at 5:30 p.m. in the Eleventh and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main basement, 500 Main St.

• Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-10-18-21.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$43,816.

Winning ticket sold in: Amarillo.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-5-1

Weather

Tonight...Rain and isolated thunderstorms. Cloudy with lows in the upper 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph

Sunday...Breezy. Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night...Clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday night through Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.

Wednesday through Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Lows around 50.

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California court blocks gay marriages

Massachusetts lawmakers are considering ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Supreme Court halted gay weddings in San Francisco, but only so it can take the time to decide whether they are legal.

Across the country in Massachusetts — where the state's high court has already ruled that gays can marry — lawmakers returned to the Capitol to consider undoing the justices' mandate with a consti-

tutional amendment. California's high court now must decide in May or June whether San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom had the authority to issue same-sex marriage licenses. The city has responded by filing a lawsuit demanding a judge declare the marriages constitutionally permissible, a question that could take at least another year to decide.

"I'm pleased the process is working as well as it is," Newsom said Thursday. "Now we will be getting to the Supreme Court and making our argument."

Minutes after Thursday's ruling, teary-eyed couples were

turned away at San Francisco's City Hall, where 4,161 gay weddings have been performed since Feb. 12.

"We were filling out the application and they told us to stop," said Art Adams, who was the first to be denied along with partner Devin Baker. "It's heartbreaking. I don't understand why two people in love should be prevented from expressing it."

The court did not void those marriages, leaving the gay newlyweds in legal limbo.

Newsom's defiance of California law sparked a host of other municipalities across the nation to follow suit.

"They restored order to chaos in San Francisco," said Joshua Carden, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund, one of two conservative groups that went to court to block the marriages.

Massachusetts lawmakers ended their impasse Thursday with a recess until March 29, stopping just short of final approval to a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage but make Massachusetts the second state to grant civil-union benefits.

The civil unions provision was little solace to gay-rights advocates, who want lawmak-

ers to uphold the full marriage rights accorded by the Supreme Judicial Court in November.

"For many legislators, prejudice won out over equality," Arline Isaacson, co-leader of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, said after the current version of the amendment survived through three rounds of votes Thursday.

Massachusetts Senate President Robert Travaglini expressed optimism that after weeks of intense debate and failed compromises, lawmakers were headed toward consensus. "I believe we've overcome significant hurdles to get to this point," Travaglini said.

Senate approves \$2.36 trillion budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate approval of a \$2.36 trillion budget easing President Bush's tax-cutting and spending plans shifts the spotlight to the House, where a similar package has so far bounced along a rocky road.

The Republican-led Senate approved its package early Friday on a mostly party-line 51-45 vote. Though it mostly follows Bush's vision of defense increases,

restrained domestic spending and gradual deficit reduction, it ignores his call for permanent tax cuts he considers the heart of his plan for reviving the economy.

Like the Senate plan, the fiscal outline debated Thursday by the GOP-run House Budget Committee has smaller tax cuts, less spending and faster reduction of record deficits than Bush proposed.

ELECTION

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The deadline to place a name on the May 15 ballot for a city office is Monday. Candidate filing continues at city hall, but the city closed at noon today so employees can attend a funeral.

The Big Spring mayoral seat is also up for election in May. To date, incumbent Russ McEwen is the only person to file for that

seat. Area city races have been marked with a slow-turn, with only incumbents showing any interest.

In Coahoma, incumbent Warren Wallace has filed to make a bid for one of the three at-large seats up for grabs. The terms of fellow city council persons Eleanor Garrett and Paulette Lindsey also expire this year.

The two at-large seat races for the Forsan city

EXPO

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The Ag Appreciation Luncheon will be held on the floor of the coliseum at noon. This year, the Ag Committee is welcoming two guest speakers — newly elected State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Pete Laney. The Ag Committee will be announcing the Ag Producer of the Year and the Ag Business of the Year for 2003 during the luncheon.

council have garnered incumbents Buddy Gambrell and Wendell Barber. Forsan Mayor Roger Hudgins has also filed to seek another term.

Three city council seats and the mayor's position are for grabs this year in the city of Stanton. Unless any challengers file in by Monday, all the incumbents, including Mayor Lester Baker, will secure another term.

Seats up for election are

Tickets are available at the chamber office. Tickets are free to all area farmers and ranchers. Tickets for non-producers can be purchased for \$10.

Anyone interested in having a booth at the Ag Expo/Garden Show is asked to call the chamber for a registration form, 263-7641.

District 1 city council seat, currently held by Ronnie Christian, who has filed. The District 2 seat, currently held by Jim Smith, and the council District 3 seat, currently held by James Jenkins, both of whom have filed, are also up election.

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AWARD

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districts, which present the budget in such a way that the average person can look at it and make heads or tails," Downes said.

"That's important to us to be sure we're up front and open with the taxpayers of the community, everyone who is stakeholder in our educational system, so that they know what is happening."

The award places Big Spring with in an elite group that includes the Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin ISDs for the 2003-2004 budget year. BSISD is the only Texas School district west of Interstate 35 corridor to win the award.

"It's really unusual for an entity to receive this award the first time it tries for it," Waggoner said. "I was very pleased a little bit surprised. I

thought we had created a good document but not having been through the process before, you don't know exactly what they're looking for. I was very pleased that we got it the first time we tried for it."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

Just when love was settling into a predictable groove, the Sagittarius moon urges us to stretch — personally, professionally, aesthetically and geographically. It's true that expanding your mind will make you a different person. Others will have to make adjustments. And this is the kind of phase that keeps life interesting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When the point is to have fun, you really get the point! You've got that rare gift of knowing how to make a party out of life's most simple tasks. Consider making a buck with this skill. No one is more loyal than Leo and Virgo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Working in a different environment is beneficial. If you're still thinking small, a Taurus or Aquarius will help you bust through mental blocks. Pay bills electronically so you don't have to buy so many checks and stamps!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The glimmer of possibility is enticing. You believe in things that nobody else does. Plus, you refuse to keep hitting the wall, even if that's what you were taught by traditional-minded parents. Blend persistence with

experimentation. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're immersed in a task that's much bigger than you. More assistance comes if you show that you appreciate the help you are already getting. Review goals tonight before you go to sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Social responsibility includes putting a good word in about yourself, what you're up to and the other people involved. Decide what your spin is going to be so you're not just automatically focusing on the negative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone around you naturally falls into the role of the victim. Don't walk — run away! Fabulous phone calls come this afternoon. Finally, you're getting the kind you want, not a bunch of solicitations and needy friends!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Consider your debt — not the kind on your monthly credit card statement but the karmic kind. When you make good on that one, you'll heal the monetary one, too. For fun, why not groove to a thumping bass line?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some of the things you enjoy are nonetheless bad for you, but this is no time to make

drastic changes. Health improves through portion control. Tonight, watch your tone, especially with a Pisces or Capricorn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When the person you've been having trouble with finally digs his/her own grave, so to speak, you'll feel smug. Gloating is not advised and will only backfire. Focus on the lessons. Tonight, you're sexy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Loved ones have suggestions but not good ones. Consider what meets your wants and needs instead of following what worked for someone else. By no means should you pay for programs with long-term contracts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The mundane events of life seem to conspire to change your world. An amazing journey can start from a clerical error or a lost

shoe. Maintain your sense of wonder, and wonderful things continue to happen to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll want to upgrade your computer or car, but now is not the day. Put a memory tickler in place so that you don't get smacked with a finance charge, a disappointed friend or a late fee on those video rentals.

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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:

• **BIG SPRING PROSPECTOR'S CLUB** on another entertaining Gem and Mineral Show.

• Big Spring High School freshmen **ALYSSA NEWTON** and **CHRIS SALAZAR**, who qualified pieces for the Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition in Houston.

• To all of the **CANDIDATES** in Tuesday's March primaries and to all of **THOSE WHO TOOK TIME TO VOTE.**

• To **ADRIAN RANDLE**, for the donation to the Heritage Museum of a collection of Indian artifacts accumulated by he and his late wife, Mary.

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, may we seek out your will for us today.

Amen

Protectionist Carolina with a vengeance

John Edwards returned to a hometown hero's welcome last Wednesday after losing 29 out of 30 contests, good enough for runner-up to John Kerry for the Democratic presidential nomination. While Sen. Edwards was given up for dead politically little more than a month ago, one public poll shows that today he would carry North Carolina against President Bush. More troubling to the Republicans than a transitory survey is what ails George W. Bush here.

It is not the war in Iraq, strongly supported in a state known for patriots and warriors. The GOP worries about the sea change here on international trade created by job losses blamed on foreign competition. Edwards' lurch toward protectionism at the end of his presidential campaign reflects the Democratic Party abandoning its heritage of free trade. But it is Republicans who have trouble coping with the new reality.

Republican politicians are chilled by a story making the rounds in the state's political circles. A delegation of North Carolina factory owners recently went to Washington to plead with the White House for relief from foreign competition. They returned complaining that the president's agents responded with the "free trade" mantra. Their verdict: They could no longer support Bush. North Carolina may be changing from a certain "red" state (carried by Bush with 56 percent in 2000) to a potential battleground with hopes for capturing

Edwards' Senate seat diminishing. That would foretell a very difficult year nationwide for Republicans.

Johnny Edwards, a flashy multimillionaire trial lawyer new to politics, looked like an extinguished shooting star when this year began. He had dropped out of seemingly sure defeat for Senate re-election to bolster his flagging presidential campaign. Now, after the revival and end of his presidential candidacy, prominent Republicans fear he would win a second term if he re-entered the race (which nobody expects). That adds credence to claims by his supporters that Edwards on the ticket could hand Kerry the state's 15 electoral votes otherwise destined for Bush.

Although Edwards voted consistently against ratifying trade agreements, he did not trumpet the protectionist line until the final stages of his race for president. He lacked sufficient time for this theme to take root in economically depressed Ohio as he hoped, but Edwards the protectionist is well received back home.

The national economic recovery has lagged in North Carolina, which for years had enjoyed low unemployment and a vibrant economy. The classic case is the solidly Republican Hickory area, which in 1999 encountered a labor shortage but now suffers from manufacturing job losses in textiles, furniture and fiber optics. Foreign competition is blamed, and protectionist fever rages.

Ersine Bowles, a rich Charlotte investment banker who lost badly to Elizabeth Dole for the Senate in 2002 and now is trying to fill Edwards' seat, has felt this mood change. Bowles was no mere foot soldier in the globalist army. As President Bill Clinton's chief of staff, he managed passage of fast-

track authority that enables congressional approval of international trade agreements.

Bowles is saying farewell to all that and plays the protectionist card with a vengeance. He has switched positions to oppose not only fast track but the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) as well. Speaking to Democrats at Elkin near Winston-Salem recently, Bowles denied waffling and said he has just evolved. Putting the blame on China, he declared, "I will not vote for any new trade agreement."

That leaves Richard Burr, a five-term congressman from Winston-Salem with a solid conservative voting record, in a difficult position as Bowles' Republican opponent. He distanced himself from the White House by calling for the president to dismiss economic adviser Gregory Mankiw, whose report found merit in outsourcing American jobs. But Burr is not retreating from his record in support of Bush trade initiatives, and that worries his advisers in today's climate.

State Sen. Fred Smith, a rising new face in North Carolina Republican politics, told me the GOP will be saved here by conservative social values — in particular, opposition to gay marriage. But many Republicans disagree as they ponder this question: Can a debate over homosexuals getting married in other states really trump China-bashing on jobs lost in North Carolina?

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Kick the tires and light the fires

Sometimes our vast power surprises even us. Just two days after we printed an item that John McCain was a longshot possibility to become John Kerry's running mate, McCain went on television Wednesday and said: "John Kerry is a very close friend of mine and we've been friends for years, so obviously I would entertain it. ... But I foresee no scenario where that would happen."

In the world of politics, "foreseeing no scenario" is the equivalent of saying, "Let's make this happen!"

The appeal of the ticket is obvious: Both are Vietnam vets, one from the Northeast and one from the Southwest. The more staid Kerry would be complimented by the more freewheeling McCain, who is popular among independent voters.

The problem is that Kerry is a Democrat and McCain is a Republican. So that makes this ticket impossible, right?

Wrong. As Slate magazine has pointed out, in 1864 incumbent Republican Abraham Lincoln selected Democrat Andrew Johnson as his vice president, and the ticket won. (Of course, Lincoln got shot and Johnson got impeached — but, hey, you can't have everything.)

As I wrote earlier: "The two are good friends and worked together to restore U.S. relations with Vietnam. In fact, in 2000, McCain pushed Kerry for the vice presidency under Al Gore. 'I think it would be very helpful to Vice President Gore. I think that Sen. Kerry has proved his service to our nation and his ability as an accomplished debater and a person who knows the issues,' McCain said at the time.

Kerry didn't get selected, but isn't it time for him to return the favor to McCain? ... I asked Kerry about this and his answer was typical Kerry.

"Maybe I should support McCain to replace Cheney on the Republican ticket," he said. "That was a joke."

But today, who is laughing? Not the reporters who would line up to get on the McCain bus to relive those rollicking days from McCain's presidential campaign

four years ago!

Just grab your copy of "Divided We Stand," the definitive account of the 2000 race, and turn to the chapter titled "Kick the Tires and Light the Fires!" to experience again those golden moments:

"On a five-day tour of New Hampshire in late August 1999, already his 15th Granite State trip since he began running for president, McCain unexpectedly began the day by volunteering some of the terrible things he has said in the past.

"First, there was the time he referred to the 'Leisure World' senior citizens home as 'Seizure World.' And then there was the time he said, 'The nice thing about Alzheimer's is you get to hide your own Easter eggs.' And then there was the national eruption he caused with an egregious joke that went something like: 'Why is Chelsea Clinton so ugly? Janet Reno is her father, and Hillary is her mother.' (McCain will later apologize to the Clintons, but never to Reno. He doesn't like Reno.)

And as he goes on and on, a reporter pipes up and just begs McCain to shut up and protect himself. Later, at dinner, I ask why she interrupted McCain. 'But he was hurting himself,' she says, as if to say why should we hurt him when he is the one candidate who gives us everything we want? Why would we print negative stuff about McCain, even if it comes out of his own mouth, considering how nice he is to us?

"Clearly she is not of the old school of journalism, which taught that the only way for a reporter to look upon a politician is down. She was not even of that school of journalism that says a reporter should report 'without fear or favor.' It is difficult, spending so much time with McCain every day, basking in his glow, being a recipient of the largesse of time and words he bestows upon us, not to get caught up in his mystique and charm.

John McCain is funny, irreverent, a great storyteller. He easily wins the Presidential-Candidate-I-Would-Most-Want-to-Be-Trapped-in-an-Elevator-With contest. And some reporters resolve the problem of how much distance to keep from him by deciding to keep none whatsoever. One reporter admits in a profile of McCain she does for Vogue magazine that she actually wet and combed his hair for him one morning because his

wartime injuries keep him from doing it himself. A more common example is the many reporters who protect McCain from his own words, something McCain never asked them to do.

I was not the first journalist to hear McCain use the word 'gooks,' but I was the first to print it in a piece that appeared in U.S. News & World Report on Sept. 27, 1999. My rule was fairly simple: If the candidate says it, I report it. There is no journalistic justification for protecting a presidential candidate from himself. (And even though McCain's use of the word would go on to create a huge stink for him, he never refused me any access or any request for an interview, during or after the campaign. Nor did he ever mention it. McCain's attitude was fairly simple: Whatever he said, he was responsible for. This attitude is not universal among politicians, many of whom believe that the media should report 'what I mean' rather than 'what I say.' McCain's staff, whose power and authority are vastly diminished by McCain dealing directly with the media, often warns him that he is following a dangerous path. 'I get a notification from the staff, and they are usually correct,' McCain says. ('But life is too short, and you got to enjoy it. And I enjoy the exchanges, I enjoy the company, and it's a lot of fun.')

In any case, McCain often couldn't help what he said. He was what he was, and he was not a guarded man. He was a Navy jet jockey, and while regulations (to say nothing of good sense) required him during his flying days to follow a careful checklist before each takeoff, McCain would dispense with it. 'Kick the tires, and light the fires!' McCain says, recalling his motto back then. 'To hell with the checklist. Anybody can be slow.' Which is exactly the way he runs his campaign."

Now, I ask you: Couldn't the Kerry campaign use a little of this?

Kick the tires! Light the fires! Choose McCain!

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Church News

Community-Wide Prayer Meeting

A Community-Wide Prayer Meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, 309 E. Third St. Everyone in the community is invited to attend, and admission is free.

The Community-Wide Prayer Meeting is a cooperative effort of city leaders and local ministers. These meetings are planned to encourage ongoing prayer within the community.

A website has been developed to coordinate prayer directives within the Howard County community. A goal is to have prayer meetings for the entire community each quarter.

Anyone interested in more information about this meeting or who has personal or community prayer directives may contact a local minister or visit the website at www.hcchurch.org.

First Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Matthew Miles will continue the fourth in a series of sermons for the Lenten Season titled "Where Theology Meets Reality." The text is taken from Luke 13:1-9. Worship service is held at 11 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with "Take Ten" beginning at 10:35 a.m.

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Gathering to be held at the church on March 27. Women from Tres Rios Presbytery will be in attendance. All interested women are invited to attend.

Opportunities for the week include the Lenten Bible Study held at the church on Sunday evening at 6 p.m., Encouragers and Session meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday; the Men's Breakfast on Wednesday at 7 a.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Please join us for any of the previously mentioned activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

First Baptist Church

After twenty years of hard work the emotional ballad, "Butterfly Kisses," made Bob Carlisle an amazing overnight success. Today, with songs like "I Will Follow Christ", "We Fall Down," and "Father's Love", this multi Dove and Grammy Award winner will be in concert at the First Baptist Church on March 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at The Master's

Touch. Displays of Splendor or reserve your tickets by calling the church office at 267-8223. In addition to Mr. Carlisle, humorist Ed Thompson will add his zany comedy to the evening's entertainment. Come with your whole family to enjoy this fantastic inspirational, multi-media concert.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Have you seen the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question is the Passion true or false? Call 263-0680, leave your name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

This Sunday, St. Paul will offer two services: 8 a.m. (a traditional service) and 10:45 a.m. (a less structured service with more contemporary music and prayer time). Bible Study and Sunday School for everyone at 9:30 a.m. Come grow with us! Big Spring, a great home town...St. Paul Lutheran, a great home church.

The Pentecostals of Big Spring

The Pentecostals of Big Spring will host The Final Hour of Prophecy Crusade March 25-27 at 7:30 p.m. and March 28 at 2 p.m. featuring international evangelist Charles Mahaney.

Mahaney is the director of the Jewish Ministry and has hosted 35 tours to Israel. Along with several books he's written, Mahaney is known for his work as director of Christian Prisoners Fellowship, where he has worked with James Earl Ray, the man convicted of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s murder, and several of the alleged followers of Charles Manson.

Mahaney has appeared on the 700 Club with Pat Robertson, and has also appeared on Entertainment Tonight with the rock group KISS, discussing the adverse effect of heavy metal music.

The Crusade will be at the Pentecostals of Big Spring Church, 1004 Locust (off 11th Place near the Chalet). Church services are 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For more information contact Pastor Michael Mahaney at 263-9686.

Life Church

Life Church, located at 600 E. FM 700, is intro-

ducing their new Zoe Land Children's Church Sunday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Zoe is a Greek word meaning life. The Children's Church is set in a jungle theme with worship, games and surprises for the children to enjoy as they have their own Sunday morning program. Everyone is invited.

The pastors of Life Church are Clint and Kami Collins. For more information call 263-7714.

Friends of Unity

The Friends of Unity for Big Spring invite everyone to attend and share the Unity's Joint Statement for Peace discussion at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Unity Center in the East Box Car at the Railroad Plaza on Main Street. For more information call 263-6311.

Sand Springs Church of Christ

The spring gospel meeting at Sand Springs Church of Christ will be held Sunday through Wednesday.

The speaker will be Jerry Yarbrough, minister of the church since October 2003, when he and his wife, Carol Ann, moved to Sand Springs from Hamlin.

A graduate of Abilene Christian University, Bro. Yarbrough has been a minister and evangelist for 42 years. He has served congregations in a number of states and in several foreign countries.

The theme for the series of sermons will be "Marching for the Master." Congregational (acappella) singing during the meeting will be directed by Kirk Allen, a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Services will be conducted at the regular times on Sunday morning. A covered dish fellowship meal will be served at noon Sunday following the morning service. Visitors will be cordially invited to remain as guests at the meal.

Evening services will begin at 7 p.m. each day, Sunday through Wednesday. Congregational singing sessions will be held from 6:30 to 7 p.m. each evening prior to the church services.

Church News deadline is Wednesday at noon. Submit to life@bigspringherald.com

Military

Marine Corps Pvt. Sally M. Arguello

Marine Corps Pvt. Sally M. Arguello, daughter of Sylvia Arguello and Ricardo Arguello of Big Spring, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Arguello and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Arguello spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Arguello and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean and guiding personal and professional conduct.

Arguello and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Arguello is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Joseph C. Spindler

Navy Chief Petty Officer Joseph C. Spindler, son of Vera J. and Joe C. Spindler of Coahoma, and his fellow crewmembers aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va., recently received the Navy's Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2003. The Retention Excellence Award, also known as the Golden Anchor, recognizes a command's ability to meet or exceed its annual goals for Sailor retention.

The award is also a credit to the dedicated effort of Spindler and others aboard Enterprise in ensuring the ship's con-

tinuing appeal after more than 40 years of active service.

Carriers such as Enterprise are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as highly visible deterrent to would be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Spindler is a 1989 graduate of Coahoma High School of Coahoma and joined the Navy in July 1989. For more information on the deployment and high resolution photographs, visit Enterprise's website at <http://www.enterprise.navy.mil>.

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Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met at Gale's Sweet shop on Monday, March 1. New member Susanne Reed, Big Spring Herald publisher, was welcomed to the group. Pat Simmons reported on the recent Code Enforcement meeting and noted that the City of Big Spring will begin recognition of exceptional yards. Adopt-A-Spot areas are still available but will need to follow guidelines of the master plan.

Jan Hansen attended a "Waste in Place" meeting in Odessa and Todd Darden will spearhead working with area schools on the project.

The upcoming Ag-Expo at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will feature a Keep Big Spring Beautiful booth in conjunction with the garden show. Members scheduled work time and decorating efforts.

Pat Simmons will be contacting groups for assignments on the April 4 Trash-Off. Volunteers are welcome. Call Pat at 263-4607.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, March 15, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

Tammy Schreengost from the Heritage Museum will present a program on Texas and local history.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Submit Club News to the Big Spring Herald by Wednesday at noon. Or email your club news to life@bigspringherald.com

Brownfield Art Association sets 37th Spring Show

The 2004 Brownfield Art Association 37th Spring Art Show entry date has been set for Tuesday, March 16 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (only hand delivered work will be accepted)

Fees per entry are \$5 for members; \$6 for non-members; \$3 for miniatures, with a 20 percent commission on all sales.

This year's judge is Marsha Wilkes of Lubbock. Wilkes is a fine art painter in watercolor. She has studied with Clarence Kincaid, Charles Reid, Zolton Szabo, Ed Whitney, Robert Wood and Doug Walton. She has membership in Lubbock Art Alliance, Southwestern Watercolor-Dallas, a signature member of West Texas Watercolor Society-Lubbock, Texas Watercolor Society, Western Federation and a juried associate of Watercolor West-California.

Best in show award is \$100. The membership award is \$75 (to qualify, dues must have been paid by Dec. 31, 2003).

Purchase awards are a selection by business and private patrons.

In each category first place receives \$35; second place, \$20; third place, \$10 (exceptions are miniatures and classroom - \$15,

\$10, \$5). Cash prizes will be given only if Category is full (minimum of 15). Honorable mentions will receive ribbons.

Categories for the show are oil landscape, oil still life, watercolor landscape, watercolor still life, pastels, portraits (all media), animals (all media), miniatures (all media), classroom (all media), photography (8"x10" or larger). (Acrylics will be handled according to surface and manner painted.)

Judging of work is set for Wednesday, March 17 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Public viewing is set for Thursday, March 18, 2004 from 2 - 6 p.m.; Friday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m.

Awards presentation ceremony is set for Saturday, March 20.

There are no limits of entries or awards per artist. Original work only except classroom. Work may not have been previously entered in a BAA judged show. Artwork is not to exceed 50 inches in any direction. Miniatures not to exceed 16 inches in width and height. BBA reserves the right to disallow exhibit entries considered to be in poor taste, wet entries or work not securely wired for

hanging.

All entries must hang for the entire show. The entry fee is non-refundable if entry standards are not met.

Divisions will be established, combined or eliminated if need be.

BAA will not be responsible for any lost, damaged or unclaimed entries. Any work submitted will signify an

agreement on the part of the artist to the conditions above.

Sharon Plickett - (806-637-7319) Cell-(806-638-4701)

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A Painting by Jim Campbell

Local artist demonstrates style

Big Spring Art Association welcomes local artist Jim Campbell to a special demonstration in acrylics Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

Campbell has frequently entered and won Best of Show in many area art shows. He won the top award at the Big Spring Art Association Show in April 2003.

Campbell is represented by galleries in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. He had many one man exhibit shows in Texas, Louisiana and

New Mexico and his painting are included in many public and private collections.

Campbell's awards include membership in the Texas Watercolor Society, Abilene Fine Museum, Texas Fine Arts Association, Scholarship Awards and University of Texas activities.

He works in acrylics, casein and watercolor. He paints in representational style. His subjects usually include human figures from his travels in Mexico and South America.

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"The ARMY: Who is To Do The Fighting?"

Wednesday, 7 p.m.
"The VICTORY: How is This War Going To End?"

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A covered dish fellowship meal will be served at noon March 14, after the Sunday morning service.

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UIL State Basketball Tournament

The little team that could

Grady captures Division II state championship with 55-49 win

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The smallest school at the 2004 University Interscholastic League State Basketball Tournament came away with the biggest prize — and ended a 35-year title drought in the Crossroads.

Trent May sank two free throws with one-tenth of a second remaining in regulation Thursday morning and handed the Grady Wildcats a 55-49 victory over the Neches Tigers in the Class A, Division II state finals at the Frank Erwin Center on the campus of the University of Texas.

"When I looked up and saw that tenth of a second left, it was an amazing feeling to know we had won," said May. "This is the best feeling in the world."

That feeling was made even better at the half of the Class A Division I championship game when UIL officials presented the team with its state championship trophy.

With the title, Grady also earned the right to play in the Texas Cup — the annual battle for Class A bragging rights between the division's large and small-school winners. The Wildcats will face Division I winner Normangee at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center.

The Wildcats' David vs. Goliath look against Neches wasn't lost on anyone — especially the Wildcats.

"This is special for us because we were the smallest school here," said senior forward Jason Pribyla, who turned in a double-double performance for the third straight game and enabled Grady to become the first area team to win a state crown since the Klondike Lady Cougars in 1969. "We've always been the underdog. We're one of the smallest schools in our district, so we kind of knew what to expect coming in."

Neches didn't.

Grady, 35-1 overall, jumped on the Tigers early and often in the first eight minutes. The Wildcats shot 50 percent from the field in the opening frame and cruised to a commanding 14-4 advantage.

Nick Winford ignited Grady's attack just 31 seconds into the contest when he took a pass outside from Pribyla and knocked down a three-point attempt.

Pribyla finished the game as Grady's top weapon, scoring 17 points while grabbing 12 rebounds.

Less than 30 seconds later, Brent Madison added a pair of free throws and ballooned the GHS lead to 5-0 with 5:42 to play.

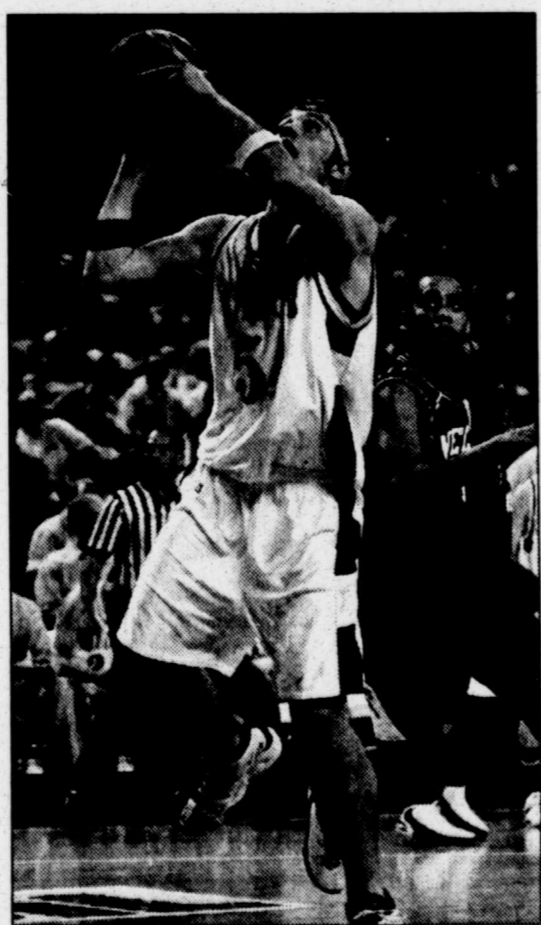
The Tigers, 30-5, struggled throughout the opening minutes with the Wildcats' scrappy defense. Neches, which hit just eight of 26 attempts from the floor in the first half, didn't collect its first basket of the contest until the 4:11 mark of the first.

The news didn't get any better for the Tigers over the final four minutes of the first period. Pribyla scored twice from the low post and Madison, a 6-foot-5 forward, buried a three-point shot from the

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Grady Junior Andrew Villa drives past Brannon Ott during the third quarter of the Wildcats' 55-49 win over Neches in the Class A Division II state championship game. With the victory, Grady improved to 35-1 and captured its first team state championship in the school's history — and the first in the Crossroads area since 1969.



Jason Pribyla drives in for a shot during Grady's win over Neches Thursday. Pribyla and the Wildcats will face Normangee Saturday in the Texas Cup.

'Brothers' look at Texas Cup bout with Normangee as 'another chance to play'

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — For the Grady Wildcats, Saturday's matchup in the Texas Cup is special.

Sort of like a victory lap, if you will. "Don't take us wrong, we want to win," said senior Trent May. "But we're state champions now. This (a 55-49 win over Neches for the Class A Division II state crown) is more important to us."

The Wildcats, who stretched their win streak to a school-record 21 games Thursday morning, are scheduled to square off against Division I state champion Normangee for the overall Class A bragging rights beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center on the campus of the University of Texas.

"Believe me, we'll show up and be ready to play," said Grady head coach Carl Krug. "The game is important for us because it's another chance for us to play. These guys are always looking for another game to play."

Trent May, one of four GHS seniors, agreed. "We look at it as just another chance to play together," he said. "We're like a bunch of brothers here."

The Wildcats' game Thursday was too good for Neches in the small-school state finals. Grady shot better than 50 percent from the floor in the first half and never trailed en route to winning the school's first-ever state title in any sport.

Normangee captured the Division I state crown when Desmond Hays pushed home a shot with two seconds remaining in overtime and lifted the his squad to a 53-51 victory over Morton.

Joseph Jones, a 6-foot-9 post who has signed to play next season at Texas A&M, led Normangee to the title. He scored 21 points and pulled down 17 rebounds in the victory.

Morton's Calvin Johnson forced the game into overtime by sinking three free throws with 28 seconds left in regulation.

TEXAS CUP

Grady Wildcats (35-1)
vs.
Normangee Panthers (36-2)

When: 8 a.m., Saturday

It's Texas, OU in Big 12 women's finals

DALLAS (AP) — With Baylor's front-court depleted, Texas was certain to attack down low.

Once the Lady Bears' interior was softened, the Longhorns hit from the outside. In the end, though, Stacy Stephens' inside game saved Texas, as her fade-away with 35 seconds left sealed a 63-59 win over Baylor and clinched a spot in the Big 12 conference tournament championship.

The No. 2 Longhorns (28-3) face No. 19 Oklahoma (22-8) in Saturday's championship game after the Sooners blew out eighth-ranked Kansas State 78-66 in Thursday night's other semifinal.

Stephens powered her way inside for

14 first-half points but sat out for most of the second with foul trouble. She took just two shots after the break, but the last one, a twisting shot in the paint, put Texas up 61-57.

Baylor (24-8) closed to 59-57 on Sophia Young's free throw with 57 seconds left. Young, picking up much of the scoring slack because Baylor was without injured center Steffanie Blackmon, had 30 points, nine rebounds and five steals.

Blackmon, who averages 15.6 points and 6.9 rebounds, twisted her knee in Wednesday over No. 10 Texas Tech.

Texas, the regular-season co-champion with Kansas State, was the top seed in the tournament.



Angela Piper and the Howard College Lady Hawks will host Odessa College in a double header today beginning at 1 p.m. at Foundation Field.

Cowboys sign DE Wiley for \$16 million, four years

IRVING (AP) — Marcellus Wiley and his father can finally agree that the Dallas Cowboys are their favorite team.

The elder Wiley has long been a Cowboys fan, even the past seven years when his son played defensive end for the Buffalo Bills and San Diego Chargers. On Thursday, Marcellus made his dad proud by signing a \$16 million, four-year deal with Dallas.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Bill Parcells were thrilled to have Wiley, too. He gives them a pass-rushing end that was missing from a defense that ranked No. 1 in the NFL anyway.

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corner to carry the
Wildcats to a 14-4 lead.

Grady continued to
expand its lead in the
opening minutes of the
second, pushing it to 10
just 47 seconds into the
ensuing frame when
Pribyla pushed in a short
jumper for a 16-6 cushion.

Grady grabbed its
largest lead of the game
later in the frame. May
sank a three-point shot
from the wing at the 2:29
mark of the first half to
inflate the GHS advantage
to 11, at 27-16.

Neches managed to
trim the Wildcats' cushion
to nine in the closing
seconds, when Alex
Weatherall pushed home
a shot from the inside.

The Tigers, despite
heading into the half
looking up at a 29-20
deficit, controlled the
inside for much of the
second quarter. Neches
pumped in 14 of its 16 second-
quarter points from
within the paint.

Any momentum the
Tigers may have carried
into the half, Pribyla and
May erased in the first
four minutes of the third
quarter. The two sank
clutch shots from the
field in the first 3:53 and
enabled the Wildcats to
extend its lead back to 11,
at 33-22, with 4:07 left in
the period.

Neches didn't wither
away, however. The
Tigers picked up a three-
point shot from point
guard Jamaal Arthur and
a short turnaround
jumper from Brannon Ott
over the ensuing three
minutes and pulled to
within eight, at 37-29.

Madison, one of three
GHS starters to finish in
double figures offensively,
ended Neches' run at the
buzzer by pushing
home a layup.

Madison closed out the
game with 16 points and
seven rebounds.

Overall, Grady
outscored the Tigers by a
slim 10-9 margin in the
third and took a 39-29
lead into the start of the
final eight minutes.

Neches came out smoking
to start the fourth.
The Tigers reeled off an
8-2 run in the first three
minutes and pulled to
within four, at 41-37, with
4:57 to play.

Pribyla and Madison
stole the Tigers' thunder
again, however. The two
pumped in a pair of shots
in the ensuing 46 seconds
that upped the Wildcats' lead
to eight.

The GHS offense began
running the clock out on
the Tigers from there.
The Wildcats ran more
than 1:31 off the clock on
its next possession.

"We didn't plan it that
way," said May. "We just
started passing the ball
and when they didn't
come up and foul we just
kept passing the ball. We
knew we had to do whatever
was needed to to win."

Neches made one last
run late in the contest.
After pulling to within 40-
33, Ott gave Neches a lift
by knocking down a pair
of three-point shots that
cut Grady's lead to 52-49
with nine seconds
remaining.

Villa responded to the
Tigers' challenge. With
six seconds left, he drew
a foul from Anthony
Weatherall and promptly
buried the first shot from
the free throw line that
turned the contest into a
two possession game for
Neches.

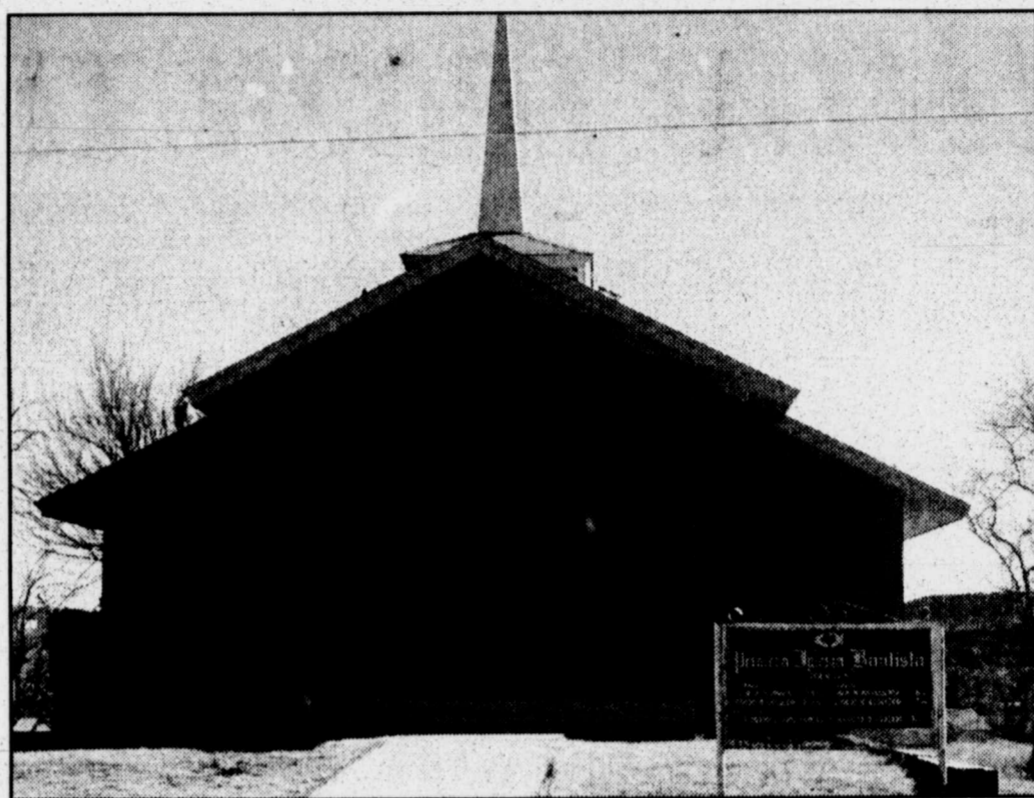
May, who finished with
13 points, sealed the win
seconds later by sinking
his two free throws.

"My dad used to be a
big basketball coach and
he used to bring me down
here to see this, but I
never dreamed we'd do
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Golf Insider

Learning to make adjustments

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Aim to straighten troublesome slice

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

A common error I see in the swings of average golfers is "coming over the top." It's a faulty swing path where your club head approaches the ball from outside the target line with a slice-inducing cut-across motion.

The problem has several causes. One is in the position of the club at the top of the backswing. Another is found at address. If you (or someone dear to you) slice, check these two positions to make sure that your fate is not sealed before you even start your downswing.

First, determine that you are aimed correctly. Most right-handed players who come over the top, mis-aim to the right of the target. Similarly, most left-handed golfers with this problem aim too far to the left. This faulty aim trains your body to rotate too early in order to pull the ball back to your intended target.

And the error is not limited to amateurs. In the first 18 holes of this year's 36-hole Match Play Championship final, Tiger Woods hit the ball all over the lot and was one down to Davis Love at lunch. But after hitting a few balls at the range, he figured out that he was mis-aimed to the right. After that, Love didn't stand a chance.

In the first photo here, LPGA Futures Tour player Kristy Gleason is demonstrating the correct stance. She's aiming for the white stake in the background, and her club face is "looking" directly at the stake — imagine a line running from her club head all the way to the stake.

Next notice that lines drawn through her toes, knees, hips and shoulders all point parallel left of this intended line of flight. This is perfect alignment for golfers with a mesomorph body type (i.e., with balanced body characteristics).

Now look at Kristy in photo 2, at the top of her backswing. Draw a line from the butt of her club to the ground and notice how it passes through her body. This is an indication that she has the club "in front of her." A similar line drawn on most golfers (especially those who come over the top) would fall behind the heel line.

In photo 2, Kristy has turned her body and elevated the club with her arms, keeping the club in front of her body. This is the key that ensures she has placed the club into a position that gives her the most direct route back to the ball — a route that needs no compensations, so there is no need to come over the top.

Place a mirror behind you (where the camera is for these two photos) and mimic these two crucial positions — the setup and the top. If you have a body type different from Kristy's, your positions should be slightly different. To find out how different, see my book "The LAWS of the Golf Swing."



Making sure your aim is true (top) and keeping the club "in front" of you (bottom) are crucial swing elements.

Golf and fatherhood 'very natural for him'

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Justin Leonard's win in last year's Honda Classic proved to be a relatively special moment. It came in front of 15 members of his wife Amanda's family, most of whom had never seen Leonard play in a PGA Tour event.

When Leonard returns to Mirasol this week, there will be another family member in the gallery getting her first peek at watching him defend his title — daughter Reese Ella, who will be doing her own kind of celebrating during the final round. She will be 6 months old Sunday.

Much obviously has changed for Leonard in the last 12 months. So much that he can't put into words how becoming a father has altered his life. "I don't know how to answer that," Leonard said. "I can't really answer that because there's too many ways it's changed, and it's all for the better."

A recent scene illustrates this evolutionary process. Ten days ago, Leonard had just lost a first-round match to Alex Cejka in the World Match Play Championship. Any other time, it would have been a grim-faced, steely-eyed Leonard who made a quick getaway from La Costa Resort to catch the next flight back to his Dallas home.

But Leonard showed little anger after the loss and he didn't seem in a big hurry as he quietly talked with Amanda on a hill near the clubhouse. A short while later, it was easy to see why: As Leonard was leaving the locker room, he put down his golf bag to visit with his baby girl.

Suddenly, the missed putts and errant iron shots were all but forgotten. Leonard the golfer had been replaced by Leonard the dad.

"I think Justin was born to be a father," said the former Amanda Beach. "It's all very natural for him. I think a big reason for that is he's very close with his own father and mother, who have been married for 35 years. They have great family values."

When told her husband said the recent changes have been so vast he can't put them into words, she smiled and offered a few of her own.

"How can it not change you?" she said. "I think he sees the world differently. Every time you watch a sad movie or hear about a little girl getting kidnapped, how can it not tug on your heart? He's very involved with Reese. When he's home, he doesn't put her down. Some people will say something about baby-sitting, and he says, 'No, it's parenting.'"

Prior to last year, Leonard had played in Honda just once, in 1995. But it's a safe bet he'll become a fixture at Mirasol in the coming years because of family who lives nearby. Last year's win enabled Leonard to join Tiger Woods, Retief Goosen, Jim Furyk and Shigeaki Maruyama as the only players on the PGA Tour who have won in each of the past three seasons.

At 32, Leonard already counts a major (1997 British Open) and a Players Championship (1998) among his eight career titles. But Leonard has had only one season in which he's had more than one win — 1997, with the British Open and Kemper Open titles.

"I play at a pretty good level for a while and then maybe I get a chance to win here or there, and I don't feel like it's enough," he said. "It's hard for me to sit here and say I could have won three or four tournaments last year if things had gone my way. I didn't have that opportunity. I'd like to give myself more opportunities, which hopefully means win more golf tournaments." Leonard wants to improve on his



ALLEN EYESTONE / Cox News Service

Justin Leonard gives his wife, Amanda, a kiss after receiving the trophy for winning the 2003 Honda Classic.

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AMANDA LEONARD

showing last year in the majors. He was 20th in the U.S. Open, but missed the cut in the other three championships. Leonard knows a better performance in the majors will help him attain one of his biggest goals for 2004.

"This is a Ryder Cup year," he said. Nothing else needed to be said. After all, Leonard is responsible for perhaps the greatest shot in the 77-year history of the Ryder Cup, the so-called "Putt Heard 'Round the World."

It was at the 1999 matches in Brookline, Mass., that Leonard helped complete the greatest final-day comeback in the match's history when his long birdie putt at the 17th hole found the cup. That ensured him of a halve in his match with Jose Maria Olazabal, the half-point clinching the United States' win and setting off the controversial celebration scene.

Leonard hasn't hit a meaningful shot in the Ryder Cup since. He didn't qualify for the last Ryder Cup and is 16th in the current standings (the top 10 players after the PGA Championship automatically earn spots).

"I'm going to try and do whatever it takes to make that team," said

Leonard, who nonetheless has cut back his schedule about a half-dozen events because of his family responsibilities.

A strong defense of his title this week would help his Ryder Cup cause. Unfortunately, Leonard doesn't come to Mirasol with the usual defending champion vibes because the Honda Classic has switched from the Arthur Hills-designed Sunset Course to the much more difficult Tom Fazio-designed Sunrise Course.

Leonard knows nobody will come close to his 24-under winning score this year, especially on a course that will play 259 yards longer than last year. Earlier in his career, playing a long course would have been a daunting task because the 5-foot-9, 170-pounder hit the ball shorter and with a lower trajectory than most players, forcing him to rely extensively on his impeccable short game.

Leonard started working with teacher Butch Harmon a few years ago to revamp his swing to gain yardage and even more consistency. His average driving distance has jumped from 271.2 in 1999 to 279.1 last year and 288.5 this year.

"I know when I came out on tour, I was much shorter than average and I feel like now I'm close to an average-length hitter out here," he said. "How much further can I go, I don't know. But I'm going to keep looking. But I'm not going to stop playing the game the way I was brought up playing it."

Perhaps the biggest task Leonard will have this week, besides taking care of all the ticket requests, is to convince Amanda's family he doesn't win a PGA Tour every time they show up and watch.

"Hopefully," he said with a smile, "they'll figure out it's a little tougher than that."

SCHEDULE

PGA TOUR
Honda Classic
• Site: Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: The Country Club at Mirasol, Sunrise Course (7,415 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$5 million. Winner's share: \$900,000.
• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Welch's/Fry's Championship
• Site: Tucson, Ariz.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Randolph North Golf Complex, Dell Ulrich Course (6,176 yards, par 70).
• Purse: \$800,000. Winner's share: \$120,000.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 3:30-6 p.m.; Friday, midnight-2 a.m.; 3:30-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 2:30-4 a.m.; 3:30-6 p.m.; Monday, 2:30-4 a.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
SBC Classic
• Site: Santa Clarita, Calif.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
• Course: Valencia Country Club (6,575 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.5 million. Winner's share: \$225,000.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Saturday, 6-8:30 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.; Sunday, 6-8:30 p.m., 10 p.m.-midnight)

WORLD RANKINGS

1. Tiger Woods	14.84
2. Vijay Singh	10.13
3. Ernie Els	9.11
4. Davis Love III	8.47
5. Mike Weir	7.77
6. Jim Furyk	6.40
7. Retief Goosen	5.78
8. Phil Mickelson	5.16
9. Stuart Appleby	4.84
10. David Toms	4.82
11. Kenny Perry	4.79
12. Pdraig Harrington	4.72
13. Darren Clarke	4.39
14. Jonathan Kaye	3.91
15. Chad Campbell	3.67
16. Scott Verplank	3.64
17. Nick Price	3.60
18. Chris DiMarco	3.47
19. Fredrik Jacobson	3.45
20. Robert Allenby	3.41
21. Shigeaki Maruyama	3.28
22. Stephen Leaney	3.26
23. Chris Riley	3.20
24. Jay Haas	3.20
25. Choi Kyoun-Ju	3.19
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27. Adam Scott	3.15
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30. Charles Howell III	2.84

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9. S. Maruyama	\$954,339
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It's now a generally accepted fact that your head should move during the golf swing, making its own little mini-turn in the same direction your body is turning. However, while your head is moving it should stay at its address level until after impact. The head floats, but it should not be allowed to bob up or down.

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I saw it demonstrated at the recent PGA Merchandise Show, and it now has a place in my teaching kit. It sells for about \$20. To find out more, log on to www.levelheadgolf.com.

ASK THE PRO



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is director of instruction at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, Conn. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him at TJinsider@aol.com.

Q: For years, I have been over-swinging. I take the club so far back that sometimes I hit the back of my head. I would appreciate any tip you can give me on what I can do to stop taking the club back so far. I have time to practice in a dome until the snow melts, so I promise to work hard on whatever you suggest. — Tom M., from the Web

A: I find that most players who overswing as much as you describe slide their hips and knees too far to the right (for right-handed golfers) on the backswing. This leaves you with only your arms and hands to elevate the club to the top, and without the support of your lower back and shoulder

muscles your arms collapse in toward your head at the top of the backswing, causing your swing to lose width.

Part of this problem is conceptual; when I question a golfer with this problem, she or he believes that the head should not move during the swing. But for most golfers (all but the most flexible), this is not the case. So if you are trying to keep your head rock steady, forget it. Let your head move with the momentum of the swing.

Next, do this test. Assuming you are a right-handed player, take your address position without a golf club and put your left index finger on your belt buckle and your right index finger just under your neck. Now take your

normal backswing turn and notice where these two fingers are. They should both be over your right instep. If you have the "slide" problem your left index finger will be more to your right than your right index finger.

Practice until the correct move becomes second nature. Notice that when you do it correctly your head will make its own little "mini swing" — that's as it should be.

What you are doing in this exercise is turning around your spine in a completely different manner, one that allows you to coil your back and shoulder muscles and eliminate the need to take the club back with only your hands and arms. It will feel completely different, so be patient.

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STONEVILLE TEXAS is taking applications for plant and warehouse laborers. Must have valid ID & be able to pass drug test. Apply in person, 4701 N. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, TX.

Help Wanted

HOWARD COUNTY Appraisal District is accepting applications for secretary/clerk. Salary is contingent upon qualifications and experience.

Good benefit package. Resumes accepted March 1st until March 12th. Send resume or fill out application at the Texas Workforce Network located at 310 Owens, Big Spring, Texas.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for clerk/cashier/cook. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700, Neighbors Convenience Store.

LEAD MAINTENANCE person needed with AC Cert. & Plumbing experience. Apply in person at 538 Westover.

LONG JOHN Silvers. Day and evening shifts available. Must be energetic. Apply in person, 2403 S. Gregg. No phone calls, please.

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NEED STUDENTS for summer jobs at Fun Valley Resort in South Fork, Colorado. Jobs available are office, housekeeping, dining room, horse wrangler, kitchen and other. Salary, room, board & bonus. Write Personnel Director, 9010 Ravenswood, Granbury, TX 76049.

NOW HIRING for Equipment Operator/Driver for local oilfield construction company. CDL required. Call (943)267-8429 for interview.

WALLACE MEDICAL Prison Unit in Colorado City is taking applications for an LVN for the 3 pm to 11 pm shift. For further information contact Sandra Sullivan, Human Resources at (325)728-3431 ext. 7105 for more information.

WANTED; RETIREES with own RV for summer employment at Fun Valley Family Resort, South Fork, Colorado for office, housekeeping, cooks, maintenance and RV parks. Write Personnel Director, 9010 Ravenswood, Granbury, TX 76049.

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BEAUTIFUL CONN. Studio Piano. Absolutely like new. Cost new \$2400 will sell for \$1145. Call for appointment and more INFO (432)263-4616.

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2210 LYNN 3 bedroom, 2 bath, CHA, garage fenced yard. One year lease required. No indoor pets. \$595. month, \$400 deposit. Call 432-263-6514 Owner/Broker.

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ANDA EN busca de una casa? Si, no tiene credito o mal credito hablame al numero (432)413-0549 Annette Sanchez. Tengo una casa de 2 recamaras y 1 bano 705 S Lancaster Y otra de 1 recamara y 1 bano 1811 State St.

ATTRACTIVE HOME for Sale by Owner. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, CH/A. \$29,500. Shown by Appt. Only. Call (432)268-9874 or 213-2124.

BY OWNER. 3-2, 2 car carport, large living area, inground pool, CHA, new patio. Coahoma School District. 69K. Must See! Call after 5:00 432-394-4037.

COUNTRY LIVING on large lot. 2 Bedroom 1 bath. Completely remodeled. New Refrigerated air and mew pump in water well. \$30's. Call Joe Hughes at Home Real Estate (432)263-1284 Home (432)353-4751 Cell (432)270-7877

FOR SALE BY OWNER, in Kentwood. 4/3, very open floor plan, large shop/garage in rear with carport \$72,000. Call 816-9168 or 816-9207 for appointment.

FOR SALE: Commercial property High Traffic, Corner Lot, 901 East Third St., Zoned Industrial. \$69,995. Call 800-417-7419

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NEED A home? I can help, no credit, bad credit, I will finance your home with a low down/payment. Please call Annette Sanchez @ (432)413-0549 1811 State 1 Bdrm 1 bath & 705 Lancaster 2 Bdrm 1 bath.

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OWNER FINANCING; Nice 2 Bedroom, 1 bath with garage on Corner Lot. 1412 Stadium. \$25,000 with \$5,000 down, payments \$424.94 a month for 5 yrs. Call (432)559-7420.

POOL FOR SUMMER? This brick home has 3 bedrooms, 2 living area's and an inground pool. Remodeled and updated priced under \$60,000 MLS #51525, Charles Smith agent 466-1613 or Home Realtors (432)263-1284.

TWO HOUSE'S. 800 N. Pine & 701 Wyoming. Plus four lot's to be fixed up. For INFO Call (512)589-2050 or (512)670-0170. Asking Price \$29,000.

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FOR SALE, 1985 Chevrolet S-10 pickup. Good condition. Call 432-263-4179.

FOR SALE, red 2003 Ford F-250, 4x4, 29,000 miles. Reduce for quick sale, \$24,500. Located 600 Main. Call 432-267-3126, from 8:00-5:00, 432-267-7648 after 5:00.

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Legals

No. P-13,142
ESTATE OF WANDA JEAN ARENCIBIA, DECEASED. IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wanda Jean Arencibia, Deceased, were issued on the 9th day of March, 2004, under Docket No. P-13,142, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Aramis E. Arencibia. Claims may be presented in care of Aramis E. Arencibia to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Wanda Jean Arencibia c/o Aramis E. Arencibia 2508 Lynn Big Spring, Texas 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED This 9th day of March, 2004.

ARAMIS E. ARENCIBIA, Independent Executor of the Estate of Wanda Jean Arencibia, Deceased.
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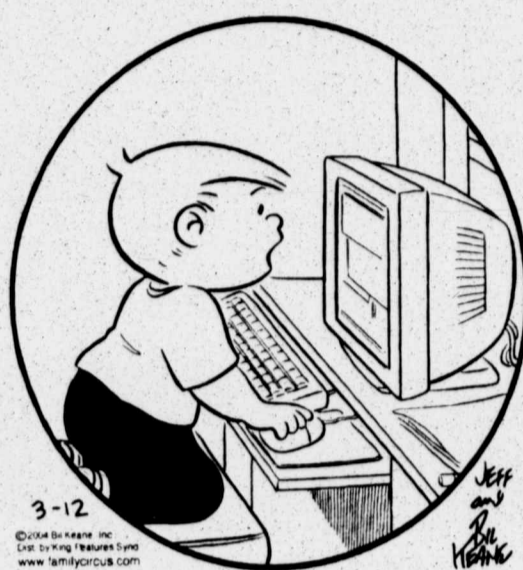
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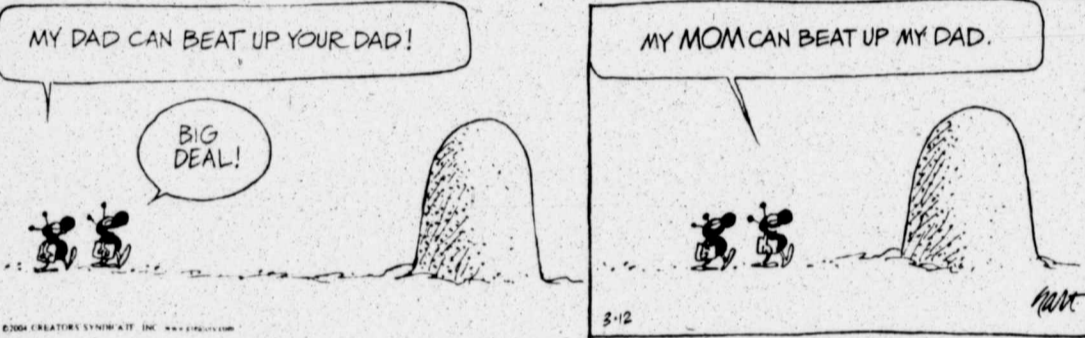
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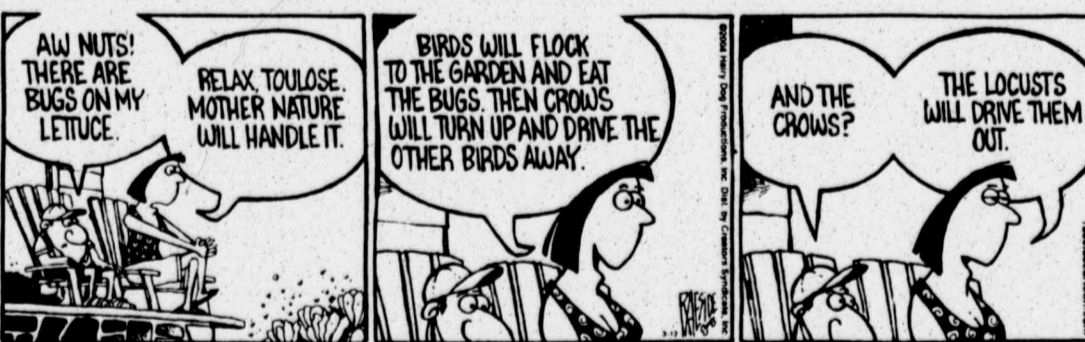
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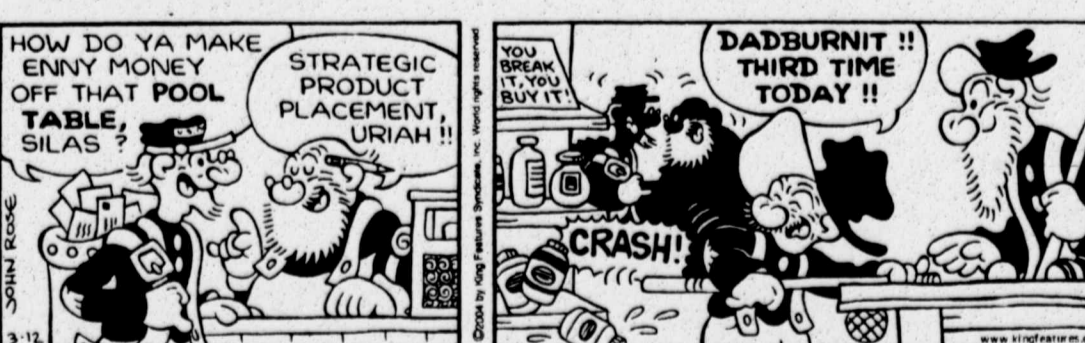
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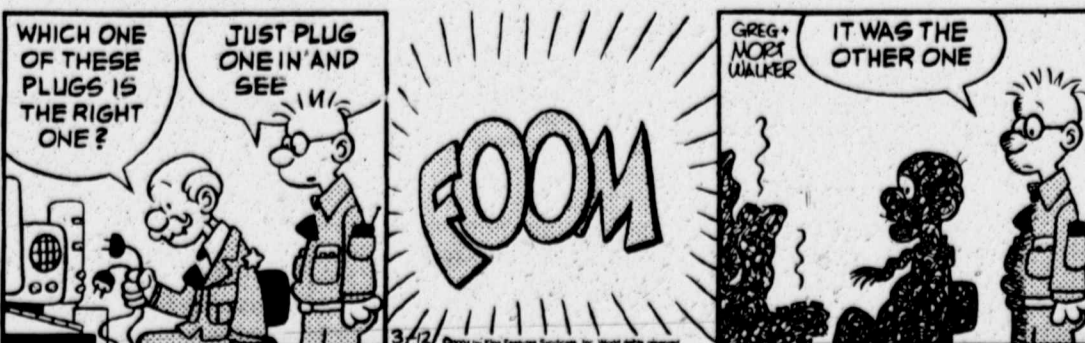
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 12, the 72nd day of 2004. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 12, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

On this date: In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America. In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died.

In 1930, Indian political

and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi began a 200-mile march to protest a British tax on salt.

In 1938, the "Anschluss" took place as German troops entered Austria.

In 1939, Pope Pius XII was formally crowned in ceremonies at the Vatican.

In 1947, President Truman established what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1951, "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, made its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

In 1969, Paul McCartney married Linda Eastman in London.

In 1993, Janet Reno was sworn in as the nation's first female attorney general.

Actress-singer Liza Minnelli is 58. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 56. Rock singer-musician Bill Payne (Little Feat) is 55. Actor Jon Provost ("Lassie") is 54. Author Carl Hiaasen is 51. Actor Jerry Levine is 47. Rock musician Steve Harris (Iron Maiden) is 47. Singer Marlon Jackson (The Jackson Five) is 47. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 44. Actor Titus Welliver is 43. Former baseball player Darryl Strawberry is 42. Actress Julia Campbell is 41. Actor Aaron Eckhart is 36. Rock musician Graham Coxon is 35. Actor Samm Levine is 22.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

RELATIVITY by Richard Silvestri
Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 5 Sum up
- 10 Figurine mineral
- 14 Christiania, today
- 15 Destroy by degrees
- 16 Second sinner
- 17 Move a foot
- 18 Goody-goody
- 19 Speck
- 20 Napkin?
- 23 Dagger handle
- 24 Somewhat disreputable
- 25 Hawthorne character
- 29 Floor-hitting sound
- 31 Draft status
- 32 Not as emotional
- 34 Little bit
- 37 Firkin?
- 41 Crazy
- 42 Espresso alternative
- 43 Charity
- 44 He follows the news
- 45 Aerie youngster
- 47 Visitor to Earth
- 50 Beck's partner
- 52 Pumpkin?
- 59 Safe and secure
- 60 Moderate
- 61 Comic Rudner
- 62 Piece of property
- 63 Van man
- 64 The gamut
- 65 Range player
- 66 The Champ Oscar winner
- 67 Horse hair
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- 3 Head for the hills
- 4 Outdoes
- 5 Patch up
- 6 Swashbuckling name
- 7 Wimbledon venue
- 8 Puts two and two together
- 9 Pizzeria shovel
- 10 Played without arrangements
- 11 Hacienda brick
- 12 Out of style
- 13 Buffing material
- 21 Index omission
- 22 Use without authority
- 25 White Rhine wine
- 26 New Age singer
- 27 Cal. page
- 28 Do road work
- 29 Poop out
- 30 "a Rebel"
- 32 Ratio phrase
- 33 Barracks bed
- 34 Lackluster
- 35 Crowning point
- 36 Number one
- 38 Daughter of Juan Carlos
- 39 Laura Giacomo
- 40 Make fun of
- 44 Account book
- 45 Queen of mystery
- 46 Butterfly/bee boxer
- 47 Syrian leader
- 48 Cavalry weapon
- 49 Toughen
- 50 Want in the worst way
- 51 Late bloomer
- 53 Gyro ingredient
- 54 English-horn cousin
- 55 Soho stroller
- 56 Gyro bread
- 57 Harrow rival
- 58 Bring down the house

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