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Westbrook ISD sets fund-raiser Thursday

Westbrook Independent School District will host an open house at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The WHS Student Council and National Honor Society will sponsor a nacho pile-on in the campus cafeteria. The annual variety show will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Admission is \$2 per person.

The cost for the nacho meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for student, and includes the price for admission to the variety show.

Dinner theater slated at Stanton Tuesday

Stanton High School theater department will host a dinner theater one-act production of "Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose on Tuesday.

The production is part of a joint fund-raising effort between the school's one-act play program and FCCLA. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria with curtain rise at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. The menu will consist of roast, potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, dessert and a drink.

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By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Howard County Sheriff's Deputy was expected to return to duty today after being injured in a struggle to subdue a subject Saturday afternoon.

According to the sheriff's office, the problem occurred when deputies went to 1007 East 16th to serve a felony warrant on David Jerome Franks.

"A female answered the door and gave a fictitious name. She said David lived here but wasn't home. She allowed the deputies into the house to search," said Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett.

"When the subject came out of the bedroom, he became aggressive and in the struggle Deputy Woods dislocated his shoulder."



Gary Pritchett chief deputy

"While there, deputies located Keith Lance, who was also wanted for felony charges unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and

Deputy receives minor injuries in altercation

identity theft," Pritchett continued. "In the process of arresting him, another man fitting the description of David Franks ran into a room and lock himself in."

Deputies David Woods and Pat Carter, who were there to serve a warrant on Franks for deadly conduct, called for backup from the police department and began dialogue with the subject, Pritchett said.

"When the subject came out of the bedroom, he became aggressive and in the struggle Deputy Woods dislocated his shoulder,' Pritchett said.

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ESPERANZA

House of Hope draws nearer to completion

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

More than 30 volunteers rolled up their sleeves Saturday and dived into a continuing renovation project to turn a house on Scurry Street into a temporary home for pregnant

"Next week we have scheduled a crew of men who will help us with this," said Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of the Community Hope First Church of the Nazarene, which financially supports the project.

Esperanza or "House of Hope," is a threeyear-plus project funded through private money and some foundation grants.

Although renovation work is far from over, when the project is complete, the house will serve as a temporary home for young pregnant mothers to provide a chance for them to get readjusted.

"We're not just focusing on teen age preg nancy," Huff said. "We want to help other woman who are pregnant and need benefit from our services as well."

Work has progressed enough, Huff said, for Birth Right, an organization that helps

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Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene youth members Branden Burchett, 16, left, James Geraldon, 18, and Lance Gross, 14, help renovate the House of Hope, a project to turn a house on Scurry Street into a temporary home for pregnant women.

Donors make 'Pops' possible



Fireworks light the sky during last year's Pops in the Park

JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor Members of the Big

Spring Fourth of July Foundation are hard at work making plans for this year's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the

"It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."

> Tim Blackshear, foundation chairman

Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, an event that has become a mainstay of our community celebration during the past six years.

Crowds have packed the amphitheater each year with between 10,000 and 12,000 attending the concert and fireworks program and organizers expect as big a crowd or even larger in 2004, since Midland will not be holding its traditional show on July 4 this year.

For now, much of the organizing committee's attention is focused on raising the money they need — approximately \$30,000 — to stage the show.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and indi-

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RR Commissioner run-off set Tuesday

HERALD Staff Report

Tuesday, Howard County residents have the opportunity to go to the polls to elect a Republican nomfor Texas Railroad inee Commissioner.

concert at Comanche Trail Park.

Balloting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in just one location - the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum lobby.

The election is a runoff between incumbent Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo and Robert Butler and is not expected to draw a lot of attention locally. Only 47 ballots were cast in the early voting period in Howard County, which ended Thursday.

Voters are encouraged to bring

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

their voter registration cards. If that is not possible, another form of identification is acceptable.

However, Deputy Clerk Marcia Newton noted, "You can't have someone at the polls vouch for your identification any more, so bringing ID is even more important

Not everyone is eligible to vote in the election. Those who voted in the Democratic Primary cannot cast a ballot.

"We have a list at the polls of who voted in the Democratic Primary and who voted in the Republican Primary. That way we will know if someone comes in and they have voted Democrat in March, we'll have to refuse them," said Newton.

"The only people that are eligible to vote in this runoff election are those who did not vote in the Primary," Democratic Newton. "If they didn't vote in either primary, they can vote in this Republican runoff. Just as long as they didn't vote in the Democratic Primary."

For more information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2213.

Truce holds for 2nd day in Fallujah

Increase seen in kidnappings

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - Gunfire was largely silenced Monday in the second day of a truce in Fallujah, where doctors said 600 Iraqis, including many civilians, were killed in the past week's Marine siege of Sunni insurgents. In the south, the military suggested it is open to a negotiated solution in its showdown with a radical Shiite cler-

But additional U.S. forces have been maneuvering into place, and the military has warned it will launch an all-out assault on Fallujah if talks there between pro-U.S. Iraqi politicians and city officials - which were continuing Monday - fall through.

President Bush prepared Americans for the possibility of more casualties in the Mideast nation after at least 62 U.S. soldiers were killed across Iraq since April 4. including three Marines killed Sunday.

"It was a tough week last week and my prayers and thoughts are with those who pay the ultimate price for our security," Bush said.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen.

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Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Albert Cardenas Sr., 80, died on Saturday, April 10,

2004, at an area nursing home. A rosary service will be

held at 7 p.m. today, April 12, 2004, at Pipkin Funeral

Home and Chapel in Midland. Funeral mass will be

held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Our Lady

of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Gilbert

Rodriguez officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven

Albert was raised in San Antonio and Adrian, Mich.,

marrying Celia Terrazas on Jan. 4, 1947. He was a vet-

eran of the U.S. Army, receiving the Bronze Star,

Purple Heart and various other medals while serving

in Germany during World War II. He was a member of

He is survived by his sons, Albert Cardenas Jr. of

Allen Park, Mich., Joe Cardenas of Adrian, Mich., and

Rudy Cardenas of Holland, Ohio; his daughters, Helen

Hernandez of Big Spring, Eliesa Mendeluk of

Cleveland, Ohio, and Gloria Rodriguez of Midland; his

brothers, Richard Cardenas of Santa Clara, Calif.,

Raymond Cardenas of Cold Water, Mich., and Steve

Cardenas of Redman, Calif.; a sister, Rita Perez of

Adrian, Mich.; 23 grand children, 21 great grandchil-

He is preceded in death by his wife and sisters,

Memorials should be made to Odyssey Hospice and

Services under the direction of Pipkin Funeral

Home. Online condolences can be e-mailed to pip-

the Texas Veterans Nursing Home, 1807 N. Highway

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

dren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Magdalena Sufentes and Barbara Byers.

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Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Albert Cardenas Sr.

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Funeral services for Mildred Johnson will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs with Mark Winn, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was called home by our Lord on Saturday, April 10, 2004. She was born on March 30, 1917, in Shreveport, La., and married M. D. "Dave" Johnson on April 26, 1948, in Kermit. He preceded

her in death on Feb. 2, 2001. Mrs. Johnson was a longtime resident of Sand Springs. She retired from Southwestern Bell

Telephone Company after 19 years. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs

Survivors include one daughter, Carolyn Taylor of Odessa: two sons. David Fisk and John Johnson, both of Lake Tawakani; six grandchildren, Michael Fisk of Dallas, Mathew Johnson of San Angelo, Michael Taylor of Greenwood, Liz Weaver of Odessa, Linda Coburn of Gardendale and Owen Taylor of Jal, N.M.; 9 great grandchildren; and two sisters, Margarite Debo of Henderson, Okla., and Doris Wragg of Fort. Worth.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com Paid obituary

Thomas William "Tim" Mize

Thomas William "Tim" Mize, 89, of Colorado City, died Saturday afternoon, April 10, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside services were held this morning at 10 brother, Thomas Evans; and four grandchildren.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

• PHILIP GARCIA, 27, was taken to the county jail

Thursday after being arrested by Big Spring police on

charges of criminal mischief and resisting arrest,

· DAVID ANDREW REINERT, 39, was taken to the

county jail Thursday after being arrested by Big

Spring police on a charge of driving while intoxicated,

warrant for evading arrest, detention.

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a charge of violation of a protective order.

a charge of terroristic threat.

license suspended, invalid.

charge of failure to identify.

with a deadly weapon.

JASON SMITH, 29, was arrested Thursday on a

warrant for bondsman-off-bond — assault, family vio-

DAVID WAYNE HOLSENBECK, 35, was arrested

RONALD LEE BURTON, 26, was arrested Friday

DARRIN LEE WEBB, 33, was taken to the county

BERNARD ZEPEDA, 43, was taken to the county

· CASEY CHANCE HARRISON, 35, was arrested

OSCAR GARCIA JR., 21, was taken to the county

WYSLIE ANN WESLEY, 32, was arrested Friday

Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana, less

jail Friday after being arrested by Texas Department

of Public Safety troopers on a charge of driving while

on warrants for bondsman-off-bond, possession of mar-

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DAVID LEE HUNTER, 49, was taken to the coun-

ty jail Friday after being arrested by DPS troopers on

a charge of driving while intoxicated, open alcohol

ALFREDO MENDOZA SAENZ, 21, was arrested

· FREDDIE RAMOS, 18, was arrested Saturday on a

DANNY ZAMBRANO, 34, was arrested Saturday

arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault

JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR., 41, was arrested

STEPHANIE RENEE GIPSON, 25, was taken to

· KENNETH WAYNE COX, 31, was taken to the

JAMES JAY MILAN, 49, was taken to the county

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with intent of bodily injury and injury to a child, bod-

ELIAS MUNOZ, 48, was taken to the county jail

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KIMBERLY MATTHEWS STILLMAN, 40, was

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a.m. with the Rev. Sammy Elliott officiating. Kiker-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of the arrange-

Mr. Mize was born Feb. 27, 1915, in Webowee, Ala., to William R. and Caudia A. Huckaby Mize. As a young man he farmed and drove a truck. He operated a sand and gravel pit in Colorado City and later was a heavy equipment operator in Arizona. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served with the 76th Division in Germany during World War II. He enjoyed riding his Harley. He was always free spirited and traveled to 13 countries.

He is survived by two brothers, Ray Mize of Big Spring and Truman Mize of Odessa; a sister, Mae Walker of Lubbock; two nephews and one niece. Paid Obituary



Jonita Ferguson, 61, of Big Spring, died Randy Cotton officiating.

She was born on Sept. 15, 1942, at

Washington.

She is survived by her husband, George Ferguson, of Big Spring; a daughter, Teresa Benford of Big Spring; three sons, Joseph Benford and Patrick Ferguson, both of Big Spring, and Sean Ferguson of Mt. Idea, N.C.; a

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

arrested Saturday on local traffic warrants. • RUBBY NELL SMITH, 45, of 214 Johnson, was

· CATISHA DEANNE COOK, 20, of 1506 Wood, was

arrested Sunday and held for the HCSO. STEPHEN TAYLOR CHRISTIAN, 40, of Odessa,

was arrested Sunday on an Ector County warrant.

 JAMES PAULK KORBY, 48, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication. • GREG LYNNE FREEMAN, 44, of 1401 N. Highway

87, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense. JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ, 21, of 504 N.E. 10th

Street, was arrested Saturday on local traffic warrants · JAMES DELOSSANTOS, 29, of 401 N.W. 11th, was

rested Saturday on charges of driving while license suspended-enhanced and traffic citations. · ERNESTO OLIVAS JR., 26, of 1609 Avon, was

arrested Saturday onb a charge of public intoxication. DANIELLE MARIE RAWLS, 21, of 1011 Gregg Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while license suspended and possession of drug para-

phernalia. TONYA MICHELLE LEWIS, 30, of 206 Moss Lake Road, was arrested Sunday and held for the HCSO.

· TAMMIE SUE HORN, 35, of 100 Canyon, was arrested Sunday and held for the HCSO. · RUNAWAY was reported in the 1300 block of

Barnes.

· CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 500 block of 12th Street.

· THEFT was reported: in the 1700 block of FM 700.

· in the 1100 block of Lamesa. - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

in the 300 block of Owens.

· in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

HARRASSMENT was reproted in the 3200 block of

Hamilton. PUBLIC LEWDNESS was reported in the 300 block of Main Street.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in

the 800 block of Sixth Street. · ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1500

block of Kentucky Way.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 06-13-23-24-33.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 07-11-15-16-40 . Bonus Ball: 43.

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Jonita Ferguson



Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial Service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev.

Amarillo, and was the daughter of Joseph Bennifield Evans and Manzanita Bruce Evans. She was a long time resident of Big Spring. She had also lived a number

of years in Washington state and had been a corrections officer for the state of Washington. She was a professional singer and had had her own band in

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· ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of South

· SICK-INJURED DOG was reported north on Highway 87.

· RUNAWAY was reported in the 100 block of Brooks Road.

 THEFT was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the

5800 block of Oak Road. RECKLESS DRIVER was reported in the 1600

block of Hilltop Road.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy in the evening...Then partly cloudy. A 10 percent chance of rain showers in the evening. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Light winds becoming northwest around 10 mph in the late

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. North winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday night and Thursday...Mostly clear. Lows

in the mid 50s. Highs in the lower 80s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Friday night... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Saturday through Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Lows in the lower 60s.

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Release of memo to Bush doesn't end debate

CRAWFORD (AP) — Now that it is public, a pre-Sept. 11 briefing memo on al-Qaida has President Bush and his critics giving opposing versions of whether he should have acted more aggressively to avert the terrorist attacks.

Released late Saturday under pressure, the intelligence memo from Aug. 6, 2001, showed that Bush received reports from as recent as May 2001 and that most of the current information focused on possible plots in the United States.

"I was satisfied that some of the matters were being looked into" and had any specific intelligence pointed to threats of attacks on New York and Washington, "I would have moved mountains" to prevent it, Bush said Sunday during a visit to Fort Hood, Texas, 50 miles from his ranch here.

The document has "nothing about an attack on America. It talked about intentions, about somebody who hated America — well, we knew that," he said.

The memo specifically told Bush that al-Qaida operatives had reached American shores, had a support system in place and were engaging in "patterns of suspicious activity ... consistent with preparations for hijackings or other types of attacks.'

All-GOP runoff sets up some family feuds

WASHINGTON (AP) - Call it a Republican rum-

Tuesday's congressional runoffs feature two highspending Republicans in Houston who want to lay claim to a newly-drawn district and eight other GOP candidates who seek to challenge Democratic incumbents made more vulnerable by redistricting.

The all-GOP runoff battle was made possible by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who pushed the Texas Legislature last year to redraw congressional boundaries in a way that could put more Republicans in Congress. The delegation's partisan

split is now 16-16. Dozens of Republicans put their names on the ballot for the March primary and five contests were so close — no one got the necessary 50 percent of the vote to win — that they advanced to runoffs.

The race with the most at stake is between mortgage banker Ben Streusand and attorney Michael McCaul in the Austin-to-Houston District 10. Democrats didn't bother fielding a candidate so the runoff winner heads to Washington.

Response to Perry's education plan lukewarm

AUSTIN (AP) — After debuting his long-awaited school finance plan, Gov. Rick Perry received a lukewarm reception from a potential key ally: state business leaders.

While business leaders have applauded Perry for making the only formal proposal since the regular legislative session, they are slow to endorse an integral part of the proposal, a "constitutionally linked"

property tax. Final passage of the plan in the Republican-con-

trolled Legislature remains uncertain.

"We're studying it, we are looking at the constitutional linkage that Governor Perry is proposing,' said Jeil Clark, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business.

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Sanchez, Ricardo acknowledged that a battalion of the Iraqi army refused to fight in Fallujah - a sign of Iraqi discontent with the siege.

Asked about the battalion's refusal on NBC's "Meet The Press," Sanchez said, "This one specific instance did in fact uncover some significant challenges in some of the Iraqi security force structures ... We know that it's going to take us a while to stand up reliable forces that can accept responsibility."

Some 900 members of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps are with three battalions of Marines. U.S. forces on Sunday examined a captured insurgent cache of suicide belts raising concerns of a deadly new tactic in the city's fighting.

Bush held out hope for the Fallujah talks, saying the United States was "open to suggestions" on reducing the violence.

Meanwhile, the rash of kidnappings of foreigners that has coincided with the worst violence in Iraq since the U.S.-led occupation continued. Seven

INJURIES

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A Howard County grand

jury recently returned a

indictment for deadly

conduct on David Jerome

Franks, 28, who is

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than abortion, to move in

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HOPE

Chinese civilians were abducted by insurgents in central Iraq Sunday evening, China's government said. On Monday, Beijing urged Iraq's leaders to rescue the hostages.

Still unknown was the fate of an American hostage, Thomas Hamill, whose captors threatened to kill him unless the Marines withdraw from Fallujah by early Sunday. Other insurgents promised to release three Japanese by Sunday, but the Japanese Embassy in Baghdad said Monday

they had not been freed. In the south, members of the Iraqi Governing Council have reportedly held talks with followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who raised a bloody revolt last week and still control three holy cities, Karbala, Kufa and Najaf.

One factor that has held off U.S. action to uproot al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army militia was the presence of up to 1.5 million Shiite pilgrims in Karbala, for Sunday's al-Arbaeen ceremonies, one of the holiest days of Shiism's religious calendar. Most pilgrims had left the city by Monday morning.

U.S. coalition spokesman Dan Senor would not comment on

shooting that occurred in

the 1500 block of Wood

Street on Jan. 4. Franks

was also indicted on

charge of sexually

assaulting a 13-year-old

girl in November of 2003.

ed as a result of the shoot-

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uled to hold an open

house on Sunday, April

No injuries were report-

Iraqi talks with al-Sadr's followers but added, "I would say that our goal is to minimize bloodshed and to head off any sort of conflict."

"We don't see it as a necessary requirement that any military action has to occur in Najaf," Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt told reporters.

The goal of the separate talks in Fallujah and the south — all conducted by with Iraqis, Americans participating

was unclear. U.S. commanders demand that control of Iraqi police and U.S.-led coalition forces in the cities be restored and that insurgents in Fallujah lay down their arms and hand over Iraqis who killed and mutilated four American civilians on March 31.

Iraqi Governing Council members, who have harshly criticized the U.S. offensive, are seeking a way to extend the truce and resolve the violence.

U.S. troops retook the city of Kut from al-Sadr followers in the past three days, in the first major foray in months by the American military into southern Iraq. But military action to retake the other cities could require fighting near some of Shiite Islam's holiest

who was in his car at the time.

According to Pritchett, Franks bonded out of jail Sunday on a \$10,000 bond for deadly conduct and a \$15,000 bond for resisting

Ruby Nell Smith, 46, was also arrested at the scene on a charge of hin-

shrines, raising the possibility of inflaming Shiite anger at the U.S.-led occupation.

Including the dead from Fallujah, nearly 900 Iraqis have been killed across the country since April 4.

In Fallujah, hardly a shot was heard Monday morning, more than 36 hours after insurgents in the city said they were calling a cease-fire. The Marines have halted offensive operations since Friday.

Despite the truce, guerrillas overnight made sporadic attacks, said Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne. Marines killed two insurgents setting up a machine gun near a patrol and others were fired on by gunmen hiding in a school, he said. During the day Saturday, troops and a Cobra helicopter firing rockets responded to Iraqi fire, killing "a significant number" of fighters, as spokesman said.

Marines on Sunday investigated a bomb-making factory first uncovered three days earlier. Along with five suicide belts found in the initial raid, they uncovered U.S. military uniforms - suggesting suicide bombers may try to use them to get close to American forces, Byrne said.

dering apprehension, prosecution and was still incarcerated on Sunday. Lance, 35, was being held at the county jail Sunday.

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viduals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free

of charge. "It is the entire community's celebration," noted former Big Spring mayor Tim Blackshear, who is again serving as the Fourth of Foundation's chairman. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth. But to make that possible, we need the community's

"And luckily, the people and businesses in the community have always come through for us," he added. "We're calling on them to help again this

year." The 2003 celebration, which featured a performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale and the traditional patriotic fireworks display, began with a performance by an Air National Guard military band.

This year, however, the committee has opted for a talent show featuring local talent, rather than trying to book "outside"

entertainers. Presenters of the event this year will include the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, ALON USA, the city of Big Spring and

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KBST — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or inkind services.

For those unable to serve as "Presenters," Blackshear noted that the committee is also seeking support at different levels "Patrons" that donate more; "Sponsors" donating \$1,000 or more; and "Friends" that provide \$100 or more.

"We really want to thank those who support us in that manner," Blackshear said, but noted that smaller donations are just as appreciated."

Last year's Presenters were the Herald, the Big Spring Symphony, the city of Big Spring, the chamber and KBST.

Those donating at the "Patron" level last year included H-E-B and Scenic Mountain Medical Center; while those providing "Sponsor" level support included Wells Fargo Bank, ALON USA, The Worthy Company and Cornell Corrections.

In addition, the committee received "Friends" level support in 2003 from Cheri Sparks, Myra Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMullen, Ernest Welch, Janice Bond, House-Orange Tumbleweed Smith, Alan and Pam Brewer, Sid Richardson Carbon Black, Solitaire, Neighbors Auto, Darryl Powell, A.K. Guthrie, Leonard's Pharmacy, Green & Fillingim, West Tex Telecom, Fibercom Inc., State National Bank, Star Fiberglass, Mouton, Mouton & Myers, Kent Morgan, Larry Hollar, the Click Ranch, Churchwell Insurance, American National Bank, the Choate Company, Phyllis

A second House of Hope community project for the church is also going well, Huff said. VA homeless center, the church owns and sup-

Graumann, Charles Beil, Citizens Federal Credit Union, First Bank of West

Texas, the Chad Wash family, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kenny Davis, Mike and Sheila Abussab, Gale Kilgore, and Bonnie McKenzie, James and Judy Little, Jimmy Stallings, Big Spring Farm Supply, Cornell Corrections employees, Greater Big Spring Rotary, Aubrey and Claudia Darden, Luven and Elise Flores and Blast Masters.

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ports a House of Hope for military veterans which give homeless veterans a place to stay while undergoing job rehabilitation.

In conjunction with the program will be graduating from Howard College this year and one is grad-

Mrs. Sammy Dennard, Auriel and Joan LaFond. Louis Stallings, Ron Plumlee, Wanda Roman, Dan Wilkins, Robert Cook, David Ward, Fish Opthalmology, Robert Miller, Lee George, Herman's Restaurant, Highland Animal Clinic, Cosden Federal Credit Union, Comet Cleaners, Faye's Flowers, Southwestern A1 Pest Control, Harlan Huibregtse, Bobby and Gloria McDonald, Big Spring Abstract, Drew and Sara Bavin, Carl Condray, William and Luann Bryant, Charlie

Lewis and Reg Cranford. Solicitation letters will soon be mailed to businesses and individuals who have supported the concert in the past. However, those interested in making a donation to the project can do so by

said.

"We're real excited ext. 234, or by e-mail at because two guys in the reporter@bigspringher-

> ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

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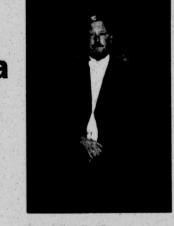
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OTHER VIEWS

Exercise your freedom to cast a ballot

ne of the freedoms we have as Americans is the right to vote. This Tuesday, we are presented the opportunity to exercise that right. Some won't vote. Statistics, in fact, show that only a handful of registered voters participate in any election. We suppose that's their right as well.

Tuesday's election is especially easy to ignore because it isn't "local" and most of us don't know a great deal about the two candidates.

Actually, the election is a Republican Primary runoff between incumbent Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo and Robert Butler. There is only one polling location. which is the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum lobby. You can cast your vote any time between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Another note of importance is that if you voted in the Democratic Primary, you are ineligible to cast a vote in this runoff. Only those who voted in the Republican Primary, or those who did not vote at all, can cast a ballot Tuesday.

We must remember that while neither of these two individuals are from Big Spring, their actions and decisions as members of the Texas Railroad Commission do impact us. That alone makes your vote important.

We hope you'll consider making your way to The Dorothy Tuesday and exercise what is a very basic, yet very important freedom.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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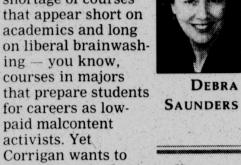
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Dear Lord, help us to guard our mouths and not regret our words.

It's called social engineering 101

doesn't reflect well on San Francisco State University that President Robert Corrigan has announced that he is considering axing the entire

Engineering to close a budget gap. The university has no shortage of courses that appear short on academics and long on liberal brainwashing - you know, courses in majors that prepare students



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paid malcontent activists. Yet Corrigan wants to kill a program that actually enables poor and minority Bay Area students to learn in-demand, high-level skills with which they can make good money. What gives? Does Corrigan think

that if he puts the screws to students who actually spend their days and nights studying, he won't have to endure protests that would surely follow if he proposed cutting courses in majors in which the students already know everything and hence have the leisure time to engage in political protest? Or, as others in academe have

suggested, is this proposal Corrigan's ham-handed way of. suggesting the dumbest cut imaginable in order to scare some funding out of Sacramento?

If so, Corrigan is only hurting his own institution. Word is that Gov. Schwarzenegger's team sent out the message to California college administrators that institutions willing to cut waste in these tight times would be rewarded. Corrigan's gambit sends the opposite message — that some schools are willing to cut academic meat,

while sparing junk-food scholarship.

Corrigan's idea for saving \$2.5 million — in the face of a \$14 million gap — and shortchanging 700 engineering students led me to the S.F. State Web site to take a look at some of the university's other classes — the ones Corrigan apparently doesn't want to elimi-

Hmmmm. Raza Studies. Recreational and Leisure Studies. Women Studies.

My fave: The Institute on Sexuality, Social Inequality and

It makes you wonder if the guys in Engineering should rename their discipline. You know, make it the School of Engineering, Structural Inequality and Disparity Dynamics. Even better: the School of Social Engineering. Then maybe engineering wouldn't be expendable.

Bill Nott, a vice president with the American Society for Mechanical Engineers, was disappointed to read in the San Francisco Chronicle that S.F. State's School of Engineering might have a date with planned obsolescence. It's a tough break for students who are working long and hard to get ahead, said Nott.

"Engineering is tough," he said. "It's a lot of math, a lot of science, and the problems are difficult. It's not one of those things where you can miss a course and get through it, and just expound back to the teachers what they want to hear."

Not expound back to teachers what they want to hear? No wonder Engineering may be doomed.

If they want to save their hallowed hall, the pocket protector set at the School of E should start writing course descriptions with more B.S. (and I don't mean bachelor's of science) — and less

promise of "a practical education that emphasizes applications" or a "solid foundation in mathematics and sciences.

So the engineering profs need to dump words like: design, chemistry, physics, mechanics and projects (unless they're "group projects"). Replace those words with the scholars' siren songs "strategies," "addressing issues," interfacing with "stakeholders," "promoting change" and classes that put an "emphasis on personal experience." In academia, exercises are supposed to prompt students to "reflect" - not, as happens in the School of Engineering, to "solve."

Let professors with pens in their shirt pockets take a cue from the Urban Studies department. Henceforth, engineering course descriptions should promise to help students "identify crucial issues," to make the "electrical environment sustainable," to facilitate public transit and other "green" causes. Or ready graduate students to become effective citizens who can promote a balance between positive and negative forces in conflict in the global community.

Then, let the Department of Social Engineering end every course description with the magic words: "Special attention is given to social class, gender and ethnic diversity in the socially charged engineering environment."

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to those who made the 18th Annual Big Spring State Hospital Denim and Diamonds fund-raiser a success for our patients. Denim and Diamonds chairperson Carol Scott, with her enthusiasm and innovative ideas, organized another well-attended Gala. She received much support from her husband, Bob; son, John; and daughter-in-law, Cynthia, who has a knack for pulling things together at the last minute.

The Volunteer Services Council was encouraged to use the Hawaiian Denim and Diamonds theme, and it was a big hit. Stacie Barr allowed us to use her 66 roosting flamingoes to remind people of the gala.

The hula dancers under the direction of Stevi Bingham and Laurie Churchwell were a nice touch that

brought many parents out to the fund-raiser. Greg Brooks and Blum's Jewelers were kind in supplying cubic zirconias and a genuine diamond to the "Digging for

Diamonds" event. My appreciation also goes to the Big Spring Herald, KBST, KBYG and KWES-TV for publicizing the event and to community volunteers Johnnie Lou Avery, Bruce Boyd,

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Breazelle and Johnny Jackson, who represented ALON USA. And to the merchants, both local and as far away as Colorado City and Abilene, who donated door prizes. Also, Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys for their continued support draw in people year after year. It was exciting to have donors in

between. Last but not least, a very special thank you to the many Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Council's staff and volunteers for the donation of their time and labor. This event was a big success primarily

attendance from Abilene, Colorado

City, Eden, Midland and points

because of your efforts. BILLIE CHRISTIE BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL

TO THE EDITOR:

I am an Army veteran. I have visited the hospital in Big Spring and I have recieved care from the VA Hospital in Dallas.

I know many other veterans who depend on the care they recieve from the VA Healthcare System in other locations. My own experience, and that of others I know, has been very positive and my observations while visiting veterans at the hospital in Big Spring indicate that the level of care there is good, too.

Politicians seem to have a habit of forgetting the promises made by our government to those who serve. When a war or conflict is officially ended for them, it is only just beginning for many veterans who will continue to pay the price exacted of them for their devotion to duty and country. Most deserve more than they will ever get from an ungrateful citizenry and govern-

How do you replace a limb, an eye, or sanity?

Sadly, it can't be done, but we can keep our committment to their care until their misery ends.

God bless those few who are willing to sacrifice so much for the freedom and prosperity of so many.

> BILL REID FORNEY

TO THE EDITOR:

Peter Jennings has made up his mind that truth is what he wants it to be.

If only he would seek truth he would find it. Read the gospel of John, it's a good place to start with a seeking attitude! Otherwise, he will spend eternity with regrets.

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By DANIEL YEE **Associated Pres**

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Veterinarians key to identifying diseases

By DANIEL YEE

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — When medical detectives track the source of a new outbreak, increasingly they look no farther than the animal world.

That's because about 75 percent of all new infectious diseases — including high-profile ones like SARS, bird flu, monkeypox and West Nile virus — originate from animals.

As a result, veterinarians and other animal disease researchers are often needed to help combat these emerging germs among humans.

"Many of the world's major diseases are either diagnosed or the initial control is done by veterinarians," said Dr. Keith Prasse, dean of the college of veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia. "They are on the front lines of public health itself."

Vets have helped investigate outbreaks on cruise ships and led field teams during the 2001 attacks of anthrax, traditionally a disease seen in cattle on

"You're just as likely to find a bioterrorist agent in an animal health diagnostic lab or vet office as a physician's office or hospital," said Dr. Lonnie King, dean of the Michigan State college of veterinary medicine.

Animal researchers have been instrumental in working to understand the avian flu outbreak in Asia and the West Nile virus at home. Both originated in birds.

Veterinarians routinely have been involved in public health matters such as in foodborne outbreaks or wellknown diseases such as

But it's the new diseases that have created the demand

for the expertise of vets.

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Animals transfer diseases to humans

About 75 percent of all new diseases have come from animals. As a result, veterinarians are relied upon to help detect and fight against emerging infectious diseases.

Some animals blamed for causing disease in humans



Bats - Rabies

Rats – Hantavirus
Fleas on rats – Plague
African rodents – Monkeypox

Birds – Avian influenza; West Nile virus Civet cats, mongoose

SOURCE: Associated Press

hosts of SARS

animals - Suspected

terms of the epidemiological convergence of animal health" and human health, King said. "It's an epidemiologic collision."

The collision comes from an ever-shrinking planet that increasingly allows humans and animals to trade maladies. Humans have given tuberculosis to wildlife. Last year's monkeypox cases in the Midwest was spread by prairie dogs bought as pets that were infected by imported African rodents carrying the disease.

While vets are important to disease control, it's difficult to attract them to public health, Prasse said.

"Too few veterinarians are acquiring the ... training necessary to pursue these career paths," he said. "Our graduates are largely pursuing pri-

vate practice."

That's because private practice for vets, just as for medical doctors, can be more lucrative than a career in public service.

Another problem is that many vet students aren't familiar with public health careers.

"I discovered public health by accident," said Dr. Jennifer McQuiston, a veterinary epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

McQuiston thought she would embark on a career in pharmaceutical or vaccine research after graduating from Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. Instead, while helping investigate an outbreak in 1996 with the CDC, she discovered the importance of public health.

After vet school, she joined the CDC's elite Epidemic Intelligence Service and now works in the agency's rabies branch.

"I was so changed by my experience at CDC — I was very much inspired by working in public health. I wish I learned about it earlier," she said.

The importance of vets is highlighted at the CDC, which has 80 vets on its staff as epidemiologists.

The agency recently created a new office to coordinate its wets, who work in different disease branches, and to recruit new ones as future disease detectives. It's also working to add veterinary data to its national disease tracking and reporting network.

"Our training is adapted to public health as a whole," McQuiston said. That's because vets are trained to think about health on a herd, or population, level.

"Herd health is really what public health is all about," she

Drinking among adolescents can be a serious concern

he use of alcohol by underage drinkers is a rising epidemic in communities across Texas. According to Kitty Harris, Ph.D., director of the Center for the Study of Addiction at Texas Tech University, alcohol is the drug abused the most and the earliest by adolescents. Many children have their first alcoholic drink between the ages of 12 and 13.

"Alcohol is one of the most dangerous drugs available in terms of consequences."

Alcohol abuse has serious and lasting consequences for underage drinkers. In addition to the risks of engaging in illegal behavior, teenager drinkers face a number of physical and emotional problems caused by drinking.

"Underage drinkers can have serious health problems, their academics suffer, as do their relationships with family and friends," Harris said.

"They can also experience developmental problems. Younger drinkers literally quit growing emotionally and socially, because alcohol becomes their way to cope. These young people miss out on all the usual adolescent opportunities to learn productive coping behaviors."

Harris said that too many parents minimize the seriousness of their children's abuse of alcohol and believe that alcohol is less dangerous than other kinds of drugs their children could be using.

"The parents are mistaken, however," said Harris. "Alcohol is one of the most dangerous drugs available in terms of consequences. Excessive drinking by adolescents is a leading con-

tributor to sexually transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancies."

In a 1998 survey of secondary students conducted by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, almost half said that alcohol was "easy" to obtain, while an additional 37.5 per-

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"somewhat easy" to acquire.
In the same survey, 17 percent of secondary students said that when they drink, they have five or more drinks at a time. Ten percent of survey respondents claimed to have attended at least one class while drunk.

cent responded that alcohol was

Parents must actively protect their children from the dangerous consequences of alcohol abuse.

Harris discourages parents from threatening their children, and instead encourages parents to create a plan setting clear expectations and enforcing consequences if children do not meet those expectations. The plan should start with parents talking to their children about the dangers of underage drinking, letting children know the consequences of their drinking, and monitoring their children's activities to decrease the likelihood of their engaging in underage drinking.

"Consistency from parents is important," Harris said. "Parents must enforce the rules. The impact of a parent on a child's life is immeasurable."

Dr. Patti J. Patterson is vice president for rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.



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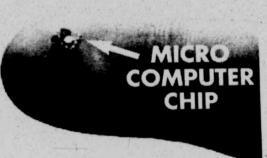
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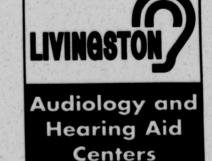
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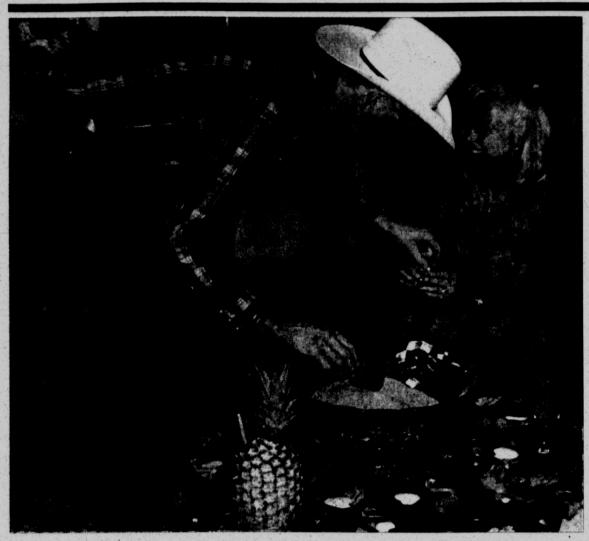


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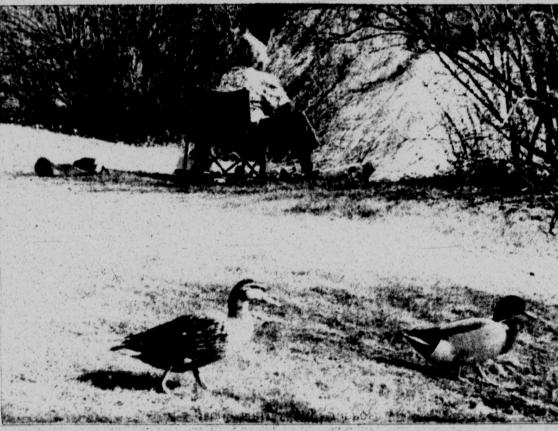
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Bert Sheppard, assisted by Judy Jarmes, sifts through sand searching for a diamond during the Big Spring State Hospital annual fund-raiser, Denim and Diamonds.



Ida Mae Ross, mother of former NFL and Big Spring High School football player Charlie West, took advantage of warm weather Wednesday to fish at Comanche Trail Lake. Ross lived in Big Spring for more than 30 years before moving to Midland.



Anna Rodriguez, left, pays for her groceries at H-E-B and makes a donation to the upcoming Relay For Life all in one fell swoop. H-E-B is doing its part to raise money for the annual event with checkout tickets that allow shoppers to make \$1, \$2 or \$3 donations with just a swipe of the checkout register.



The Big Spring Junior High School Choir returned from University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight Reading Contest on March 31 with honors. Pictured are, from left, front, Sophia Gonzales and Jonathan Smith, holding the choir's awards, and back, Meagan Tunstall, choir teacher Anna O'Brien and Kevin Porras. The treble choir earned a Sweepstakes award by receiving Division I ratings in both the concert and sight reading portions of the contest. The tenor/bass choir earned a Division 1 rating in concert and a Division 2 rating in sight reading.

BSJH choir takes several honors at UIL concert, sight-reading contest

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Junior High School choir walked away with several honors from the University Interscholastic - League Reading Contest:

The treble choir consisting of 50 girls earned a Sweepstakes award by receiving a Division I rating in both the concert and sight reading por-

tions of the contest which "Hand Me Down My was held on March 31 at Ector Junior High School in Odessa.

The girls performed "Panis Angelicus," "Frosbisher Bay" and "Antiphonal Hosana" for the contest.

The tenor/base choir comprised of 30 boys earned a Division 1 rating in concert for its rendition of "Tallis' Canon, Come on Boys'," and

Silver Trumpet," and a Division 2 rating in sight reading.

Both groups competed against area 4-A and 5-A junior high schools.

The contest results also mark the first time for choir director Anna O'Brien, who is finishing her second year as a teacher, to direct a choir to a Sweepstakes award.



Lou Vincent of Big Spring was the high bidder on the Big Spring Shrine Club's 1997 Cavaller. Vincent is shown with Shriner Bo Clawson trying the keys to the car. This was a fund-raiser for the general operations of the club.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Jennifer Lance, Big Spring High School special education teacher, and student Mark Rubio work with several tomato plants in the high school greenhouse. The plants are now on sale to the general public. Interested buyers may contact Lance at 264-3641, ext. 114, during school hours for more information.





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CGA to hold benefit tournament for Relav

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for Saturday, April 24, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament's format will be a four-man scramble. Entry fees are \$20 per player and all players must be registered by 10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m.

Umpires needed for Little League season

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester at 264-7777 or Don Booth at 263-6597.

Teen League slates registration

Big The Spring Baseball Teenage League is holding registration through April 16 at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5

The league is open to all ages 13-16.

For more information, contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

BSCC schedules four-man scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for April 24-25 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player plus cart rental, but private carts are welcomed.

Play begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both

The field will be flighted by first round scores.

Entry fees include barbecue on the course both days and players can play practice rounds on Friday.

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

Coahoma schedules Junior League sign-up

Registration for Coahoma Junior League baseball, players agest 13-14, are set for 5 p.m to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Coahoma Little League Park.

For more information, contact Darrell Hunt at 394-4481.

Texas Tech sets tennis camp dates

The Texas Tech Tennis Camps for boys and girls of all ability levels between the ages of 9 and 17 have been scheduled.

Day camp will be June 28 through July 1, while the overnight camp will be July 4-8.

For more information, call Efe Unstundag, assistant men's coach, at 806-742-3355.

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Best player never to win a major, no more

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — He acted like a guy who'd done it all before. Phil Mickelson strolled up the

18th fairway at Augusta National with that lumbering walk of his - smiling, waving, working the gallery.

The best player never to win a major?

You wouldn't have known it Sunday.

Mickelson stepped over an 18foot putt, calmly rolled it into the cup and forever removed the stigma of all those close calls, all those gut-wrenching disappointments, all those squandered chances.

The best player never to win a Mickelson his due.

Not anymore.

He's the Masters champion.

"Get used to me, because I'm going to be back every year," he told the Augusta National members, having finally gotten a green jacket of his own.

Mickelson hardly played like a guy who was 0-for-42 in the majors. He shot 31 on the back nine — the best for a winner since Jack Nicklaus in 1986 major champion who shot 67 on the final day.

Ernie Els was on the putting green, desperately hoping for a playoff, when the winning putt dropped. Sure, he was disappointed. But he had to give

"Phil deserved this one," Els now that I finally have it." said. "He won it. He didn't lose this one like some of the other ones. He won this one."

Ah, the other ones.

Twice a runner-up at the U.S. Open. Another second-place finish at the PGA Championship. Four third-place showings at the Masters, including the last three

With each passing year, the burden became greater: and knocked off a three-time Mickelson hit the ball so far. He could do magical things with his short game. The only thing he couldn't do was win a major.

He doesn't have to worry about that question anymore.

"It was such a tough quest, such a tough journey," Mickelson said. "It feels that much better holes for a closing 69.

Only after it was over - after the last putt was made and the championship was his - did Mickelson finally seem to grasp the enormity of his accomplishment. He high-fived the crowd on his way to the scoring hut. He hugged his wife, Amy. And he scooped up his three children, telling 4-year-old Amanda the news she was too young to comprehend.

"Daddy won!" he said. "Can you believe it?"

Els tried to pull away on a dramatic back nine, collecting an eagle, a birdie and a host of clutch pars. But Mickelson, who was 2-over on the front side, birdied five of the last seven

Lady Steer Leina Braxton smacks one down the middle Thursday, as she helps lead Big Spring to a lopsided win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens. The Lady Steers return to District 4-4A

Warriors need no excuse in 108-107 win over Mavs

By JANIE McCAULEY

play on Tuesday in Levelland.

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. - So many times this season, coach Eric Musselman has had to explain away the misfortunes of his Golden State Warriors. Injuries. Road struggles.

Close defeats.

The Warriors have lost 18 games by six points or fewer this season - but not this time.

Jason Richardson had 24 points and 11 rebounds and the Warriors staged a furious rally in the final, five minutes to end a 20game losing streak to Dallas, defeating the Mavericks 108-107 on Sunday night.

"When that buzzer sounded, it felt like we won the championship," guard Speedy Claxton said. "When you play hard, great things happen for you, like tonight."

Cliff Robinson scored five straight points to give Golden State its first lead, 103-101 with 3:46 to play, then Claxton made a layup. Brian Cardinal grabbed several key rebounds during the late series, secured a jump ball and had an assist.

The Mavericks inbounded the ball at midcourt with 20.8 seconds left, but missed several chances to win, including Antoine Walker's 3-point try that bounced off the rim with less than a second to go.

"I just thought our nine straight at home. defense was unbelievable," said Musselman, whose job security has been the subject of much speculation. "Stop after stop against a great offensive team."

Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and 14 rebounds for the playoff-bound Mays, who remained tied with Memphis for the fifth seed in the West after the Grizzlies lost 89-

83 in Phoenix. Marquis Daniels had 21 points, seven rebounds and six assists for Dallas, which hadn't lost to Golden State since April 10, 1999.

"I guess if you coach long enough, everything is going to happen to you," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "I haven't lost here since they fired me however many years ago that was. But tonight it caught us."

Nelson, fired by the Warriors during the 1994-95 season, was mistaken his Mavericks lost in Oakland twice in 1998 and again in '99.

Golden State got 19 points and nine assists from Claxton, 17 points and eight boards from Cardinal and 16 points from Troy Murphy before he left with what later was diagnosed as a right lung contusion. Golden State had lost 21 of 23 to the Mavericks, including had five points. .

"It's great to be able to influence and affect the teams that are in the playoffs," Cardinal said.

Claxton hit Richardson with a picture perfect alley-oop pass from beyond midcourt to pull the Warriors to 93-91 with 7:50 to play.

With 6:33 left. Mavericks center Shawn Bradley was whistled for a technical foul following a hard foul on Murphy. Murphy was driving the lane when Bradley came down hard on him. Murphy landed on his back and scooted to the base of the basket support, where he sat coughing up blood for several minutes before staying in the game.

Following Cardinal's technical foul shot, Murphy converted two free throws to make it 95-94. He then left and went for X-rays on his back.

The Mavericks have lost two straight following a six-game winning streak.

"It was a horrible weekend for us," Mavericks guard Steve Nash said. "It's all about responding." Michael Finley missed

his second straight game because of back spasms. His replacement in the starting lineup, Josh Howard, didn't play in the second half because of a sore right hamstring. He

C. City boys, Stanton girls take the lead in 3-2A play

HERALD Staff Report

SEMINOLE - Stanton's Lady Buffaloes and Colorado City's Wolves grabbed leads in the team standings following the first round of the District 3-2A Golf Tournament played at the Gaines County Golf Club.

The Lady Buffs, paced by individual medalist leader Shelby Harp, posted a round of 430 to take a 26-stroke lead over Crane in the girls' team standings.

Harp carded a round of 93 to take a two-stroke lead over Colorado City's Shasta Kreis in the standings. medalist Forsan's Shiloh Sanders was another stroke back at 96.

Forsan's Lady Buffs were third after the first round with a 471, while Coahoma's Bulldogettes were fourth at 509 and Stanton's "B" team was fifth with a 560 total.

In addition to Harp's round of 93, the Stanton "A" team got a round of 105 from Savanna Smith, a 112 from Kristi Bridges an a 120 from Daniele Bedingfield. Megan Cook finished at 122. Smith's 105 was good enough for fifth place in the medalist standings.

While Sanders was posting her round of 96, teammates Lyndsey Allen and Kandis Snowden were posting rounds of 113 and 125, respectively. Claire Koenes added a 137 and Amber Humphrey had a

Coahoma's girls were paced by Jaci Martinez's round of 112. Callie Paige and Tori Paige finished at 129 and 130, respectively, while Tish McCartney had a 138. Kayla Hankins posted a 146 score.

Stanton's second girls' squad was led by Mallory Cotton's 134 and Bonnie Kendall's 137. Brennan Harp added a 138 and Joddi Briseno finished at 151.

Stephanie Forsan's O'Brien, playing for medalist honors only, finished the round with a 134.

In the boys' division, Colorado City got rounds of 79 from Kenneth Scott and 82 from Nick Edwards to post a team total of 335 and a 15-stroke lead over second-place Crane. Forsan's Buffaloes

were third at 360, while Coahoma was another seven strokes back at 367 and Stanton was fifth at

Sixth place in the boys' division belonged to Coahoma's "B" team at 411, while Forsan's second squad was seventh at 432. Colorado City's "B" team was eighth at 443, Stanton's "B" team was ninth at 472, and Seagraves' two teams brought up the rear — the team at 482 and the "B" team two strokes back at 484.

Brandon Burleson paced Forsan's top team with an 82 that leaves him tied with Edwards for second in the medalist standings going into the second round of district tourney play. Coahoma's Darrick Shifflett was two strokes back, tied with Crane's Joe Ray Hodges and Daniel Blue, as well as Colorado City's Cole Ratliff, for fourth place individually.

addition In Burleson's 82, the Buffs got rounds of 90 from Ben Breyman, 92 from Josh Helmstetler, 96 from Adam Johnson and 102 from Tye Baker.

Stanton's "A" team was paced by Esekial Bryant's 93. Dan Harris added a 95 and Matt Ruiz toured the course in 96. Harry Doshier and Dex Shafer both finished at 98.

While Shifflett was carding his round of 82, Bulldogs teammate Pud Bowlin was chalking up a score of 91. Kelby Kemper, Jake Smith and Trevor Bibb all had rounds of 96.

Coahoma's No. 2 team was led by Orrin Mansfield's 94. Terrell Bibb and Taylor Earhart both had rounds of 102, while Curt Lang had a 113 and Garrett Walker had a

Forsan's second team got its best score from Clint Stanley, who finished at 100. Jonathan Moore had a 109, while Mark McKiski and Eric Ellis carded scores of 111 and 112. Brandon Morrow added a 125.

Stanton's No. 2 team was led by Joe Benny Bryant's 101. Jeovanni Vela had a 117, Mike Washington posted a 126, Eric Rams had at 128 and Cody Bedingfield had a

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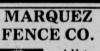
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ESTATE OF MELVIN PRATHER Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of MELVIN PRATHER were issued on April 5, 2004 in Cause No. P-13152 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: RONALD GLENN PRATHER. The residence of such RONALD GLENN PRATHER is Mt. Vernon, Texas, the post office address is: 106 Carthel, Mt. Vernon, Texas

75457. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 5th day of April, 2004. RONALD GLENN PRATHER #4188 April 12, 2004

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RFB 04-010 Advertisement for Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:
Micro Biology

PUBLIC NOTICE

Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON Mercury backs out of cool and collected Taurus into the fiery engine of Aries. Communicating underlying meanings without using precise words could cause some strong emotions to surface. It's normal to feel like a child who knows what he or she wants but can't yet express it verbally frustrating but opportunity to learn new

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be witness to someone's ignorance and prejudice, and this could bring out your warrior spirit. Killing the enemy with kindness may be the best way to go on this one. Ultimately, you're trying to promote love in the world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Like a television series that ends while still at the height of its popularity, you too may decide to bow gracefully out of a primo situation. Have faith in your own sense of timing, and you'll definitely leave 'em wanting more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your incredible patience pays off - wait a minute, you, incredibly patient? OK, well, relative to your norm. Let people off the hook when they're clearly struggling, and lend a hand when it's looking hopeless. It's a good day all in all.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Persistence does pay off, but it's not the only way to go. Continue to knock on a door, and it soon opens for you: But there's something to be said for going where the door swings wide on the first try. Consider an easier path.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An overriding feeling that the best is yet to come turns out to be more than optimism it's true! Regarding a relationship that has suffered for lack of attention — this is the time to bring out the big

guns. Pour your heart into it. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel you don't have the vocabulary to communicate the message that will help you transcend a difficult situation. But actually, you've got all the words you need. The intention behind

your voice is everything. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've got that invincible attitude, and others take you at face value, re you think

invincible, you probably are. Wear your agenda prominently so everyone knows what you want. The facts weigh in this afternoon. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). And back again for another

go-around in your fertile imagination are dreams of fame and fortune. Just remember that with sensible, logical steps even the loftiest goals can be met. You'll be treated like royalty SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). It pays to give someone the benefit of the doubt. Then, you don't have to spend your energy and time watching your back. Respect the present dynamics of a relationship. Family matters fall together in an elegant way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you narrow your focus, you can do the thing that is most important to you. Personal style is highlighted, and charisma is amplified. Unsatisfactory situations are handled best now with less talk and more

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A simple truth: You go in the direction you are headed. That's why it's crucial that you not focus on what you don't want. Long-term luck can spring from casual requests and conversations begin innocently enough.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Claustrophobic? Get out where you've got plenty of room and can see how vast the sky is. Freedom and open air refresh you. Friends rely on you when it's convenient for them but resist your help when they'd rather stay helpless.

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Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail:dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu.. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2004 in the Howard College, Administration Building, A2, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read

aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.

Technical questions should be directed to Sara Wilkins, Instructor, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring,TX 79720, (432)264-5151, e-mail swilkins@howardcollege.edu_and bidding questions should be directed to Mr. Dennis Churchwell. Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu.. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and

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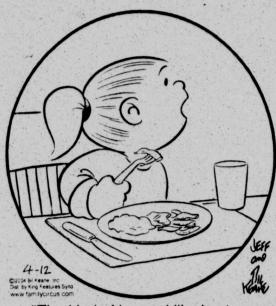
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 12, the 103rd day of 2004. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman. On this date:

In 1606, England adopted as its flag the original version of the Union Jack.

in 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first test flight.

In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor. In 1985, Senator Jake

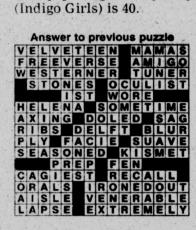
Garn of Utah became the first senator to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off. In 1989, radical activist

Abbie Hoffman was found dead at his home in New Hope, Pa., at age 52. In 1989, former mid-

dleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson died in Culver City, Calif., at age Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Ned Miller is 79. Actress Jane Withers 78. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 71. Actor Charles Napier is 68. Jazz musician Herbie

Hancock is 64. Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to Beaver") is 62. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 60. Actor Ed O'Neill is 58. Author Tom Clancy is 57. Actor Dan Lauria is 57. Talk show host David Letterman is 57. Author Scott Turow is 55. Singer David Cassidy is 54. Singer Pat Travers is 50. Actor Andy Garcia is 48. Country singer Vince Gill is 47. Actress Suzzanne Douglas is 47. Rock musi-cian Will Sergeant (Echo & amp; the Bunnymen) is 46. Rock singer Art Alexakis (Everclear) is 42. Country singer Dervl Dodd is 40. Folk-pop singer Amy Ray



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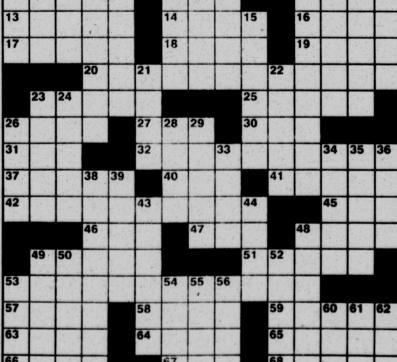
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