

TUESDAY

November 9, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 47°-50° TOMORROW 73°-75°

BRIEFLY

Council to revisit rezoning effort

Big Spring City Council is expected to make a final decision tonight regarding rezoning efforts that split the group in October.

Last month, the council approved on a 4-3 vote the first reading of the ordinance that would allow the rezoning of Lots 1 and 12, located in Block 41 of the College Heights Addition between 22nd and 23rd Streets, for neighborhood services.

Also part of the approval process were ordinances allowing the issuance of a specific use permit for the storage facility and replatting of the block.

Also on the 5:30 p.m. agenda is a resolution to execute an agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety for the release of driver records.

COMING

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Breakfast is the most important meal of the day at hundreds of bed & breakfasts inns around the country. The proprietors and cooks of a few of these inns have agreed to share some of their most popular recipes with American Profile readers.

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Marine Corps to celebrate birthday here Wednesday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With more than 200 years under its belt, the United States Marine Corps will celebrate its "birthday" this week, and area residents plan to do it in style.

Marine Corps veterans from all over the Permian Basin will be gathering at KC's Steakhouse Wednesday evening to celebrate the 229th anniversary of the creation of the Corps, a tradition that goes way back, according to event organizer Don Boling, who served in the Corps during the Vietnam War.

"We're expecting between 40 and 50 people, including spouses and family members of marines."



—Don Boling

"The Marine Corps was created on Nov. 10, 1775 — and yes, the corps is older than the United States," said Boling. "I'm not sure when they actually started celebrating the birthday, but we've been doing it since I joined."

Boling said the idea to have the party in Big Spring began when he visited a similar ceremony in Midland more than 10 years ago.

"We went to a few in Midland, but then they stopped having them," said Boling. "So we just said, 'Hey, why don't we have it right here in Big Spring.' And that's exactly what we did."

Boling said they held the first birthday party at Alberto's in downtown Big Spring, and later moved it to the Big Spring Country Club. However, a scheduling problem soon

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GETTING READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



Merle Norman owner Sherry Phillips helps Judy Brown of Big Spring select and purchase items at the Big Spring Mall. "Our store is full and ready for the Christmas season," said Phillips, one of many merchants stocking up for the holiday season.

HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

Extension agent role to expand, Yeater tells commissioners

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It's not just about consumer science anymore.

That's the message Howard County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater delivered to Howard County Commissioners Monday morning, as he went over changes made to the family and consumer sciences position that was vacated by Katie Walker in August 2003.



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According to Yeater, the job will also focus on community development in addition to the normal consumer science and family issues it has targeted in the past.

"We want to put an emphasis on developing the community," said Yeater. "That direction will make the new position unique. I don't know of any other counties where they are trying to put that type of emphasis on community development."

According to Yeater, the position will help in local efforts to develop economic and community projects.

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Groups plan Veterans Day observances

Area veterans to address Moss students Thursday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Students at Moss Elementary School will get to hear about the importance of Veterans Day firsthand Thursday, as the school gets ready to put on a special program featuring more than a dozen area veterans.

"We usually have about 20 veterans attend the program," said Leigh-Anne Benson, president of the Moss PTA. "They will come in and speak to the children at 8:45 a.m., and when the program is finished we'll be serving a brunch — muffins and refreshments — in the library for anyone that would like to attend."

American Legion to serve breakfast

American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, is hosting its annual veterans breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thursday. All veterans are welcome.

Benson said the program is always a big hit with the children, who are fascinated to learn about the military and how many of their relatives served their country in the past.

"They get to hear a little about the military and what it's like to be a vet."

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The Big Spring VA Hospital will be the site of one of the many Veterans Day observances planned for Thursday.

Herald file photo

Ceremony slated at Hangar 25

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Comanche Trail Nursing Center will sponsor a Veterans Appreciation Open House at the Hangar 25 Air Museum from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Everyone is invited to the observance, which will feature a flag ceremony by the Cub Scouts of Pack 305 and a guest speaker at 5:30 p.m.

VMC planning brief observance at Memorial

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area residents will get the chance to show their support for veterans of all eras and branches of service Thursday, as the Vietnam Memorial Committee has planned a short ceremony to celebrate Veterans Day.



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Set for 10 a.m. at the Vietnam Memorial, located 2800 Swords Ave. near the South West Collegiate

State Veterans Home to hold presentation

The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home will have a presentation for residents at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Chaplain Joel Miller will address the group, as will Ed Meiser. The national anthem will be played, followed by a wreath presentation. Refreshments served.

Sgt. 1st Class Burton featured in VA Medical Center salute

HERALD Staff Report

The West Texas VA Health Care System, known to most people as the Big Spring VA Hospital, will have a special ceremony Thursday to honor all veterans — past, present and future. The program will fea-

ture Sgt. 1st Class Michael Burton, an active duty soldier serving in the Army. Sgt. Burton enlisted in 1987 and has served in Operation Desert Shield/Story, Macedonia and Bosnia. Sponsored by Operation Tribute to

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Obituaries

Socorro Prado

Socorro Prado, 72, of Big Spring died at 4:35 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 09, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take note

HOWARD COLLEGE VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY begins at 2 p.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The public is invited.

HOYLE AND BEN NIX AND THE WEST TEXAS COWBOYS REUNION is set for 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Saturday at the Stampede. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Contact Jody Nix at 267-2060.

HOME HOSPICE OPEN HOUSE FROM 5-7 P.M. TODAY in the new location, 111 E. Seventh. Hank Dunn Seminar begins at 7 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church. Call Sherry Hodnett, 264-7599 for more information.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY IS GIVING AWAY A METAL BUFFALO YARD SIGN Friday during the Veteran's Day assembly. All proceeds to go to Tristan Rangel, an Elbow Elementary kindergartener diagnosed with leukemia.

MOSS ELEMENTARY PTA VETERAN'S PROGRAM is set for Thursday beginning at 8:45 a.m. with a brunch to follow. Veteran's Day posters, essays and the Wall of Heroes will be on display. All veterans are invited. Call the school at 267-4148 or Leigh-Anne Benson at 267-4650 for more information.

ALL COAHOMA EXES MEET AT THE SPANISH INN TODAY at 7 p.m. to discuss homecoming 2006. All interested persons are invited. Call Lorna Jean Wynn at 394-4585 for more information.

VETERAN'S APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE sponsored by the Comanche Trail Nursing Center and Hangar 25 Air Museum is set for 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the museum, 1911 Apron Dr.

VENDORS NEEDED FOR CANTERBURY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR set for 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dec. 4. Call Mandy at 263-1265. Space is limited.

AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTAN RANGEL, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

FALL IN LOVE WITH READING at Washington Elementary begins at 6 p.m. today. This is a community of heroes family reading event. All parents are invited. Call Washington Elementary at 264-4126 for more information.

A COMMUNITY-WIDE FLEA MARKET AND ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE to benefit a local family is set for 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the County Show Barn in Gail. Call 806-756-4432 for more information.

BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947. For more information about the Buffalo Fina fund-raiser call 267-5050.

MARCY ELEMENTARY PARENTS/TEACHERS ORGANIZATION is hosting a Veteran's Day Brunch for all veterans in the community from 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday. The food is free to all veterans and there will also be a music program provided by Marcy Elementary students.

THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family. For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

BENEFIT TO HELP WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES OF CURTIS JAMES is set for Nov. 13 at Grant's Country Store, North Service Road of I-20, east of the refinery. Call 263-0011 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266 is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency room. A collection box for the stuffed toys will be at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773

A FUND TO HELP WITH EXPENSES FOR THE FAMILY OF MICKEY EMERSON OF FORSAN has been set up at State National Bank, 901 Main St. Mickey was involved in a motorcycle accident Sept. 23 and is in intensive care in a Lubbock hospital. Contact his mother, Carolyn Winbush, at 263-1178 with any questions.

AN ORIGINAL SUE BAGWELL PAINTING will be given away in April at the Heritage Museum. Contact the museum at 267-8288 for more details.

FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

Police blotter

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

- JOANIE LEDESMA, 21, of 1108 Lloyd, was arrested Monday on a local warrant.
- FRANCES MORENO RODRIGUEZ, 38, of 1108 Lloyd, was arrested Monday on four capias warrants.
- ATHEA RYANNE DARROW, 20, of 1108 Lamar, was arrested Monday on four citations.
- JOSHUA ALLEN NOBLE, 18, of 3716 Hatch St., was arrested Monday on charges of minor in possession, theft and possession of marijuana.
- JOSEPH AARON NOBLE, 17, of 1107 Pennsylvania, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in possession.
- LINDSAY ROCHELLE WAGNER, 18, of 13 Riva Ridge Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in possession.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 2100 block of Gregg.
- FORGERY was reported in the 300 block of Owens.
- MINOR IN POSSESSION OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE was reported in the 500 block of Johnson.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported in the 500 block of Johnson.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows near 50. South winds 15 to 20 mph.
 Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.
 Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows near 40. North winds 15 to 20 mph.
 Veterans day...Mostly cloudy. Much colder. Highs near 50. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.
 Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.
 Friday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the mid 40s.
 Friday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers mixed with snow showers. Lows near 30.
 Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow. Highs in the mid 40s.
 Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow. Lows near 30.
 Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow. Highs near 50.
 Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s.
 Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 5-14-22-34. Bonus Ball: 17.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
 Number matching four of four: 13. Prize: \$1,054.
 Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 25. Prize: \$67.
 Number matching three of four: 991. Prize: \$23.
 Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 744. Prize: \$20.
 Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,303. Prize: \$7.
 Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 10,423. Prize: \$5.
 Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$800,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-15-18-24.
 Number matching five of five: 1.
 Prize per winner: \$44,775.
 Winning tickets sold in: Bruni.
 Matching four of five: 132. Prize: \$153.
 Matching three of five: 4,553. Prize: \$11.
 Matching two of five: 48,165. Prize: \$2.
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-3

Support groups

TUESDAY
 The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY
 Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY
 AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9 p.m.

SATURDAY
 Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 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

- Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- Open House at Home Hospice, 5-6:30, 111 E. Seventh. Special guest speaker Hank Dunn, author of "Hard Choices for Loving People" will present "Helping Patients and Families Make End-Life Decisions," from 7-9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Call Sherry Hodnett, 264-7599, for more information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Veteran's Day.
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main St.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- 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.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

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.
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.
- Hoyle and Ben Nix and the West Texas Cowboys Reunion from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Stampede. Tickets are \$10 per person and doors open at 8 p.m. Call Jody Nix at 267-2060.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

Man charged with murder in death of baby

MIDLAND (AP) — A charge of injury to a child against a Midland man was changed to capital murder Monday when a 9-month-old boy died at a Fort Worth hospital.

Michael David Lewis, 23, was being held at Midland County Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 bond set by Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Matlock after his Sunday arrest. Lewis was to be arraigned Tuesday on the capital murder charge.

Sheriff Gary Painter said Jena Renee Sinclair rushed into the Midland Memorial Hospital emergency room on Sunday afternoon holding her unconscious son, Jacob Christopher Lee Sinclair.

Painter said the infant was bruised on the right front of his head.

The baby was transferred to Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, where he died Monday afternoon.

Authorities were awaiting an autopsy report. Investigators said they don't know how or why the baby was injured.

Researcher studies historic Alamo graffiti

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Those who left their mark on the Alamo are getting a closer look from researchers at the shrine of Texas independence.

Travis, Crockett and Bowie usually come to mind. But historic graffiti dating back to the 1830s includes the writings of Billy Water, L.B. Wood and Leonard W. Groce.

Bruce Winders, the Alamo's historian and curator, and University of Texas graduate student Adrienne Vaughan Campbell last week found the oldest etching to date: the name of Leonard W. Groce, inscribed in 1835.

"He's connected with Groce's Plantation," Winders told the San Antonio Express-News in Tuesday's editions. "That's a place on the Brazos where Sam Houston's army camped for two weeks before the Battle of San Jacinto."

Studying the graffiti — signatures, dates and other writings carved into the mission's limestone walls — helps historians fill in gaps at the landmark.

Lawmaker files proposal to ban gay marriage

AUSTIN (AP) — Calling it a biblical issue, a state lawmaker on Monday proposed an amendment to the Texas Constitution that would ban the state from recognizing gay marriage.

Rep. Warren Chisum said he hoped the amendment would send a message to Congress that Texans support a similar amendment on the federal level.

"We really feel very strong about the fact that we don't want the deterioration of the institution of marriage and that's what we see happening across this country," he said.

The Pampa Republican filed the resolution on Monday, the first day of bill filing for the upcoming legislative session, which begins in January.

Gay and lesbian activists called Chisum's bill an "affront to the ideals of fairness, tolerance and equality."

U.S. forces push into heart of Fallujah

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — U.S. Army and Marine units thrust into the heart of the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Tuesday, fighting fierce street battles and conducting house-to-house searches on the second day of a major assault to retake the city from Islamic militants.

The U.S. military said three troops had been killed and another 14 wounded in and around Fallujah during the past 12 hours. A total of five U.S. troops have

died since the offensive began.

The military reported lighter-than-expected resistance in Jolan, a Sunni-militant held warren of alleyways in northeastern Fallujah where the assault began.

But heavy street clashes were raging in other northern sectors of Fallujah amid fierce bursts of gunfire, residents said. At least two American tanks were engulfed in flames, witnesses said. There was no confirmation of casualties.

A Kiowa helicopter flying over southeast Fallujah took groundfire Tuesday, injuring the pilot, but he managed to return to the U.S. base. By midday, U.S. armored units had made their way to the central highway in the heart of the city, crossing over into the southern part of Fallujah, a major milestone.

Col. Michael Formica, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Brigade, said Tuesday that a security cordon around the city will be tightened to insure insurgents dressed in civilian clothing don't slip out.

"My concern now is only one — not to allow any enemy to escape. As we tighten the noose around him, he will move to escape to fight another day. I do not want these guys to get out of here. I want them killed or captured as they flee," he said.

Yasser Arafat's condition worsens

CLAMART, France (AP) — Yasser Arafat is in a coma and his condition worsened overnight, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday, as Palestinian officials sought to visit their critically ill leader over his wife's angry objections.

The announcement by Gen. Christian Estripeau, spokesman for the Percy Military Training Hospital outside Paris, was the first time the French medical team treating Arafat publicly acknowledged that the 75-year-old is in a coma.

"President Yasser Arafat's health worsened in the night," said Estripeau. "His coma, which led to his admission to the intensive care unit, became deeper this morning."

Estripeau said doctors were withholding a prognosis but that his deterioration marked "a significant stage."

The announcement came amid a dramatic dispute between Arafat's wife, Suha, and Palestinian officials whom she accused of trying to usurp the veteran leader. The Palestinians, including top Arafat lieutenants Ahmed Qureia and Mahmoud Abbas, flew to Paris late Monday.

Escorted by police motorbikes, a convoy thought to be carrying the Palestinian delegation rushed to the hospital shortly after midday Tuesday.

The delegation asked to see Arafat and to meet with doctors treating him, said a Palestinian official in Paris who refused to be further identified.

South African leader launches peace mission

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — South African President Thabo Mbeki flew to Ivory Coast on Tuesday to launch an African effort to rein in chaos here amid four days of government and street-level confrontations with French troops that have wounded more than 600 and left at least 20 dead.

The U.N. Security Council, African Union, European Union and a bloc of West African leaders have all condemned President Laurent Gbagbo's government in the violence, which began when Ivory Coast warplanes killed nine French peacekeepers and an American aid worker in an airstrike on the rebel-held north.

France, Ivory Coast's former colonial ruler, wiped out the nation's air force in retaliation, sparking massive anti-French rampages by mobs of thousands in the fiercely nationalist south.

About 1,000 loyalists on Tuesday were maintaining a standoff outside a hotel commandeered by the French military.

SALUTE

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Freedom, Sgt. Burton will present a message designed to bridge together American's citizens with its soldiers.

The Goliad Intermediate School's sixth grade choir will also perform. Handling posting of colors, a 21-gun salute and playing Taps will be the Goodfellow

Honor Guard.

Mayor Russ McEwen is expected to present a proclamation honoring all veterans.

The program will be held outdoors in front of the medical center and will begin at 11 a.m.

Medical Center Director Lou Ann Atkins invites the public to participate, noting in a press release, "This brief program serves as a reminder of the price of freedom we enjoy each day."

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such as bringing businesses to Howard County and helping existing ventures prosper.

Commissioner Bill Crooker, who also sits on the county's economic development board of directors, said he sees the change to the position as a step in the right direction for Howard County.

"It seems like we're doing some pioneering with this," Crooker told the court. "This is definitely a stride. We're getting into an area that is

very new to us with this."

Commissioners approved the job description and also considered future amendments to the \$600 currently allotted to the position for travel expenses.

"Because of the various grant writing involved, the person in this position is going to be traveling a lot," said Yeater. "The \$600 budgeted may fall short."

Commissioners agreed to look at the matter.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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had them changing again.

"It fell on a Sunday, and the country club wasn't open on Sundays," said Boling. "So we had to start looking for somewhere else to have it. I talked to the owner of KC's Steakhouse, and he told us he'd be happy to open just for us."

Boling said the evening will be Dutch treat, with ceremonies performed before and after dinner.

"We'll do a few of the ceremonies between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., while everyone is ordering their meals," said Boling. "We're expecting between 40 and 50 people, including spouses and family members of marines."

"We'll read the birthday message from the current USMC Commandant Gen. M.W. Hagee, as well as the message that was written by Gen. John Lejeune in 1921. We also have several ceremonies that we perform during

the party."

Boling said anyone wishing to celebrate the momentous anniversary is welcome to attend, but needs to contact him for seating purposes.

"We have to give the people at KC's a head count," said Boling. "If anyone would like to attend or has questions, they can contact me at 267-1267."

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VMC

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Institute for the Deaf, VMC member Jerry Groves said the presentation will be a chance for many people, veteran and non-veteran, to reflect.

"We'll have someone there to offer a prayer and say a few words," said

Groves. "It's going to be a very short ceremony. We're really playing this by ear."

While Groves, who is a veteran himself, has had a chance to be part of several Veterans Day ceremonies, he said it doesn't get any less emotional over time, especially when you look beyond just those who are serving

and see the people they leave behind.

"None of these Veterans Days or ceremonies get any easier," said Groves. "It's still very emotional because of the date. It's a day set aside to remember veterans — not just those that fought in wars, but for all that served their country or are currently serving their country."

"It's very important that we recognize veterans for the sacrifices they made. We need to remember that. The parents of veterans sacrifice a lot, too. They worry about their children — where they are and what they are doing."

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eran," said Benson. "They really enjoy that, and for the ones that have family that are veterans, it's really special."

Also part of the program will be the Wall of Heroes, a project Benson said has grown immensely since she began working on it.

"When we first began putting up the names and information on local people that have served or are currently serving, the kids were just amazed," said Benson. "And as they saw the names going up, children would come up to me and tell me they had family — everyone from uncles to grandfathers, even great-grandfathers — that had served. Since then we've probably

had about 20 more names added."

Benson said school officials will also give awards to children who participated in a Veterans Day essay and poster contest. For area residents that would like to see the art-

work, it will be on display throughout the school's hallways.

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OTHER VIEWS

Being responsible drinking shouldn't hard-earned lesson

A popular T-shirt among Texas Tech students describes Lubbock as "a drinking town with a football problem."

Considering that police reports filed with the Lubbock Police Department on any given weekend are peppered with double-digit driving-while-intoxicated arrests, not to mention numerous arrests for public intoxication and alcohol-induced assaults, the T-shirt rings unnervingly true.

On three recent weekends alone, drunken drivers have dramatically altered the lives of three innocent victims.

Two-year-old Kaleb Trevino was flung from a car and killed; 26-year-old Maria Mendez, wife and mother of two, was hospitalized with critical injuries as her vital signs continually faltered and rebounded; and a Tech student leaving a club with his intoxicated friend behind the wheel suffered spinal injuries and head trauma. And these incidents only scratch the surface.

Whether or not to drink is a personal choice each person makes, and it is not our place to make this decision for people. With that said, those who do choose to drink can do so safely.

Our society is saturated with reminders to drink responsibly, and yet it seems to be a hard-learned lesson: People do not learn how to be responsible drinkers until they have been either a victim or a cause of a drunken-driving tragedy.

People ought to think long and hard about the shattered lives these victims and their families are now faced with because of the careless, selfish act of one irresponsible person, and about the devastated, guilt-laden lives which likely include jail time of the drivers in these incidents. In doing so, people can save themselves and others much heartache and needless suffering.

It is common sense that people who will be drinking need to have a plan: If they want to exceed their limits, have a designated driver; if they do not have a driver, they must stay within their limits. This is pure logic. And while the plan results in at least one person staying sober, and thus, in many people's estimations, having less fun, when calculating innocent lives into the equation, it is absolutely necessary.

The most tragic aspect of drunken-driving accidents is that the crime is not malicious. The drivers in these cases harbor no ill-will or desire to harm another; they only suffer from poor judgment and the belief that "it won't happen to me." These drivers never go out with the thought that their night will end in handcuffs. They are only seeking to have fun, and with a little forethought and planning, nothing has to stop this fun. It is a lesson they undoubtedly wish they had learned earlier.

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Better than you are, and out of power

The front page of London's Daily Mirror sums up why George W. Bush won re-election. "How can 59,054,087 people be so dumb?" the headline read.

It must be frustrating for Our Betters in Europe and all the special people in the Bay Area who set out to bury Bush. They're so smart, so superior, so golden and so worldly, and they spent buckets of money on the election — only to lose because hicks in fly-over states preferred Dubya to John Kerry. To add insult to injury, there are fewer Democrats in the House and Senate, despite their earnest efforts.

Or perhaps because of their earnest efforts. Let me say that Kerry didn't condescend when he talked to or about voters. And many of his supporters, maybe most, did not show contempt for Middle America. But the kind tones of the campaign could not drown out the condescension that so frequently was part and parcel of Bush-bashing.

The Guardian of London waged a campaign that invited Brits to lecture voters in Ohio's Clark County on why they should dump Bush. Cheeky.

There is the long list of lefties — gazillionaire George Soros, who donated some \$30 million to defeat the president, actress Janeane Garofalo — who likened Bush policies and rhetoric to the Third Reich. It's delicious, I must admit, that Soros dedicated so much money to getting out the vote — and his efforts succeeded in ener-

gizing the Bush vote.

In a sense, 2004 is 1996 in reverse. Except, in this case, the highly personal hits against Bush resulted in his winning a clear majority of the popular vote, while a reviled President Clinton won only a plurality in 1996.

Another area where the left showed it thought itself better than the rest of America? The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that the state's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional — a ruling that could affect states across America. Then, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom announced that California's marriage laws were unconstitutional and directed City Hall to marry same-sex couples.

Newsom not only showed contempt for the majority of Californians who voted against same-sex marriage in 2000; his actions also told Middle America that, given power, arrogant liberals had no compunction about placing themselves above the law.

I can tell you from the e-mails I received from across the country: Many Americans were frosted because they believed Newsom was getting away with breaking the law. They figured they'd be hauled to jail if they played the same game with, say, the assault-weapons ban. They rankled at the double standard.

"Since when does a mayor of any city, conservative or liberal, have the ability to unilaterally ignore a state law that was passed by the voters, asked Democratic consultant Garry South. South dismissed Newsom's nuptials as "overreaching," as they ended up hurting the Democrats' "ability to win national elections."

As California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein told reporters this week, "I believe it did energize a very conservative vote. It

gave them a position to rally around. The whole issue has been too much, too fast, too soon."

No lie about the rallying. Thanks to Massachusetts and San Francisco, there were 11 states with measures on their ballots to ban same-sex marriage. The measures passed in all those states, which included the key swing state of Ohio.

Now, I hear from liberal readers belittling voters who cite "moral issues" as key in their choice to vote for Bush. In their comfy world, only liberals are moral because they oppose the war in Iraq. They bash Bush voters for giving in to "fear," when they themselves have surrendered body and soul to hate.

I feel for Democrats this week because I've been on the losing side. I know what it means to believe your party is right and then watch it go down.

But there is some justice in the fate of rabid Bush-haters, who thought they were so smart, so superior and so articulate. They were convinced Kerry would win because they were so isolated they didn't know any Bush supporters.

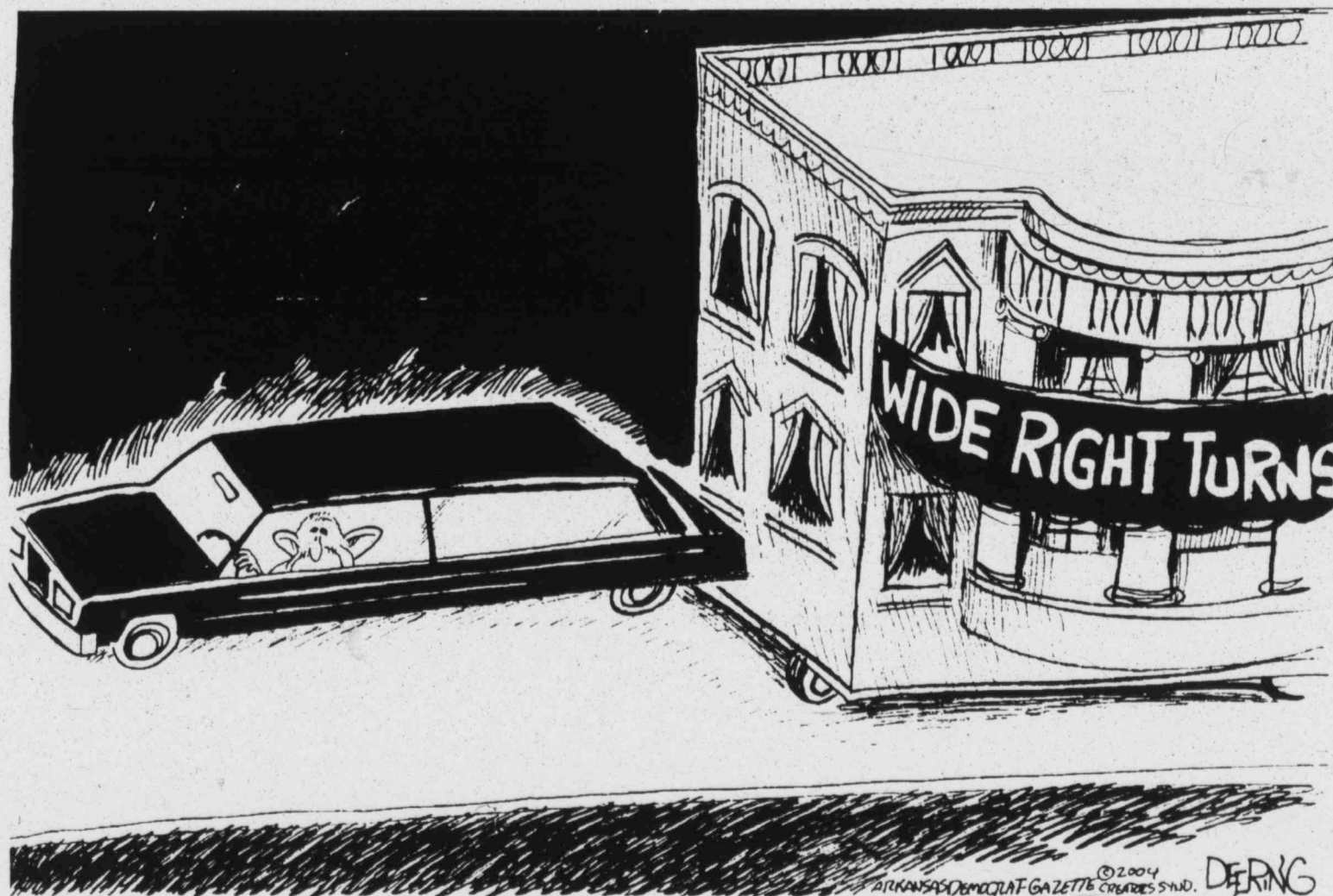
Now it seems, the rock concerts didn't work. P. Diddy didn't help. The New York Times opinion pieces didn't settle the election, and celebrities didn't do the trick. The Daily Mirror asks how 59 million voters can be "so dumb." But if the left is so smart, how did it manage to drive so many voters Bushward?

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you citizens of Big Spring once more. Your generosity is amazing. Hangar 25 Air Museum had a ceremony dedicating the new sign identifying the museum. These professionals not only did their work well but also lovingly.

Starting with the "sign committee," Jerry Worthy and Marc Marchesseault, who took an idea, talked it, drew it on a napkin, measured it and gave it to the sign man. From there a lot happened but to keep it simple — thanks to the sign man for coordinating the effort, for the donation of the cement, to the brick mason for the donation of the forms and all the trips and hard work it took to make it happen; for the donation of the welder's time, labor and equipment; to the City of Big Spring for manpower and equipment; to the Big Spring Airpark for manpower; to the Hangar 25 Board and volunteers and to the artist that made our letters possible for the sign.

The most valuable part of this letter and to our community, the 14 precious children, from Bauer Elementary School with their principle, Mark Owen, and the school secretary, Rhonda Lefever.

Because of all the above mentioned people, these children were

able to put together a time capsule, see where their items were going to rest for the next 50 years and were allowed to watch the lifting of the sign in place. In a few minutes were able to touch where it was welded closed.

This kind of enthusiasm cannot be generated except through a lot of orchestration and patience on the part of all the players. It was gratifying to see the 14 little ones be so interested in this event. All these people who made this event seem smooth are to be thanked and thanked again.

I do so now. I look forward to working with each of you again in the future.

GLORIA McDONALD
HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM

TO THE EDITOR:

The election results are in and Americans overwhelmingly want marriage to be defined as the union of one man and one woman.

All of the 11 states with constitutional amendments on marriage passed them by upwards of 60 to 70 percent of the vote in most cases. Hopefully, that sends a message to our senators and representatives in Washington that we want, and expect, them to similarly protect

this sacred institution in the U.S. Constitution.

Sadly, though, the ballot box is no match for the judge's gavel in modern-day America. Don't be surprised if the next headline you read about this issue involves a state court ruling one of the amendments unconstitutional, usurping the power rightly delegated to the people.

The sole sure fire way of stripping judicial tyrants of their ability to do this is to amend the federal constitution through the Marriage Protection Amendment.

KANDI BURRIS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm glad to see that Coahoma High School has finally loosened up on the "hair code" for its male students.

As a student in 1968 with a full head of hair above my ears, I was told to get a haircut or I couldn't begin my junior year at CHS. I elected to finish my high school education at Big Spring High School.

What does hair length have to do with getting a proper education?

RICHARD WEAVER
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Rivals chipping away at Microsoft's browser market lead

Microsoft's lead in the browser market may still be huge, but it is being chipped away by open-source rivals.

Alternative Web browsers Mozilla and Firefox experienced another month of growth at the expense of Microsoft's dominant Internet Explorer, according to an online study.

The percentage of Americans using Mozilla and Firefox, two open-source browsers funded by the Mozilla Foundation, grew to 6 percent in October from 5.2 percent in September and 3.5 percent in June. That 6 percent was split evenly between the two browsers.

While Microsoft's IE continued as the overwhelming market leader, it witnessed another marginal decline, this time a dip of 0.8 percent. IE claimed 95.5 percent of users in June, 93.7 percent in September, and 92.9 percent last month. The Opera browser and Apple Computer's Safari combined reached just more than 1 percent of users.

Open-source browsers such as Firefox, as well as Apple Computer's Safari, seem to be stealing market share from Microsoft's dominant Internet Explorer.

WebSideStory measures market share by embedding sensors on major Web sites for the Walt Disney Internet Group, Best Buy, Sony, Daimler-Chrysler and Liz Claiborne. These sensors can tell which browsers visitors are using to view the sites.

In the big picture, Mozilla and Firefox are specks of dust compared

with the near-ubiquity of Internet Explorer. But given IE's fifth consecutive month of decline and Mozilla/Firefox's fifth consecutive month of growth, analysts are beginning to wonder whether and when the shift will stop.

"What we're seeing is [Mozilla and Firefox] looking more like a vanguard than a flash in a pan," said Geoff Johnston, an analyst at WebSideStory.

The study comes just ahead of Firefox's official release, which is slated for today. The browser, based on Mozilla's open-source code, has experienced a surprising surge in popularity, reaching five million downloads two weeks ago, then later passing seven million.

Last weekend, the Mozilla Foundation said the project has raised more than \$100,000 during its 10-day donation drive. The money will be spent to promote Firefox 1.0's release. Developers working on Firefox hope the software will reach 10 percent penetration in the U.S. by the end of 2005.

Firefox may continue to show gains, but the software could reach a ceiling, according to WebSideStory's Johnston. Most of its users are technology-proficient early adopters rather than average Web surfers. "Firefox hasn't gotten to mainstream," he said.

Anti-virus industry leader Symantec plans to start selling security intelligence data as an add-on to its Managed Security Services.

Symantec's Dee Liebenstein said users who had hired the company to manage their security infrastructures would now also be able to get extensive information on threats particular to their IT systems as well as global cyberthreats.

All data will be displayed on the Secure Internet Interface, the same Website that Symantec's Managed Security Services customers currently use to check the status of their security infrastructures, such as firewalls and intrusion detection systems. The data comes from Symantec's DeepSight Early Warning Services, a separate product.

"We have integrated DeepSight Early Warning Services into the Secure Internet Interface," said Liebenstein. "Our Managed Security Services customers now have a one-stop shop to get information both about their local network and the global threat landscape. Customers can now proactively secure their information assets before attacks hit their networks."

The combined service also allows customers to generate reports that compare their own security events with global threat information. "They can quickly see if they are seeing the same attacks as other folks in their industry or their country, or are being specifically targeted," said Liebenstein.

According to Symantec, there is little customer overlap between Managed Security Services and Early Warning Services.

Meta Group vice-president Paul Proctor said the integration of the two services made practical sense. "These are important things that belong together, so I am glad they are offering them that way. Organizations need long-range research. You have to look out into the future so you can plan and prioritize."

Here's a 16-year anniversary most computer programmers and network administrators are sure to remember — at least if they are older

than 30.

At around midnight on Nov. 2, 1988, the Morris worm, which was written by a 23-year-old MIT student named Robert Tappan Morris, was released on the then-embryonic Internet.

Wow, time does fly, doesn't it?

Within hours the worm's 99 lines of code overloaded thousands of Unix-based VAX and Sun systems and forced administrators to disconnect their computers from the network to try and stop the worm from spreading.

The Morris worm was part of a research project and was not designed to cause damage but it was programmed to self-replicate. Unfortunately the code contained a bug that allowed the worm to infect a single machine multiple times, which resulted in thousands of computers grinding to a halt.

Morris was convicted for his "research" but didn't go to prison. He received a suspended sentence with community service and fined \$10,000.

Security experts say that 16 years ago the Internet was still a closed system being used by Universities and the military for research purposes. Once it was opened to the public — and became known as the World Wide Web — attitudes to security had to change.

And change they have. Sean Richmond, senior technology consultant at Sophos Australia, said that since Morris, there have been fundamental changes in the way networks and computers communicate with each other and that will continue to evolve over the next 16 years.

"At that time, commands such as 'remote login,' 'remote shell' and 'remote copy' were commonly used. The idea was that if you were logged into one machine

you could access another system and it wouldn't even ask you for a login password. There was a level of trust," said Richmond.

Matt Dircks, vice president and product manager at network management specialists NetIQ, said the biggest difference is the impact a network worm has on the general population.

When Morris hit in 1988, academics would have lost some of their research but when something like Blaster or Sasser starts spreading on the modern Internet it affects banks, government departments and even stops kids from researching their school work from home, said Dircks.

"The stakes have gone up because the impact of the worm has changed in scope and in depth. The impact on people's daily lives is much more pronounced," said Dircks.

Sophos' Richmond said malware is unlikely to go away over the next 16 years but it should have less impact as software companies develop their applications with security in mind — rather than as an afterthought.

Also, he said that the next generation Internet will run on IPv6, which is a communications protocol that lays the foundation for a far more secure and safe online commercial environment.

"Security is being designed in the next TCP/IP version (IPv6), so the IP address will contain a knowledge and expectation of security. The current version, IPv4, was built with a much more open world in mind. Security was not part of the initial design.

"In 16 years time the potential for something to spread widely and rapidly across everything will be diminished just by the underlying security," said Richmond. However, NetIQ's

Dircks said that IPv6 is a very long-term project and because it will require so much hardware to be replaced, it will be a very slow upgrade cycle.

"Part of the solution is to build security into the architecture," said Dircks. "But there are systems that are 30 or 40 years old still running and the companies using them will not get rid of them because they still work."

"We are always going to have a heterogeneous world and without painting a picture of doom, gloom and apocalypse, the problems are not going away."

A security company has found IE attacks are more common than any other hacking techniques — and for some reason they tend to happen on Wednesday.

Does that mean hump day is now hack day? Well, not exactly.

Microsoft Internet Explorer exploits represented the highest number of hacking attacks in the first half of the year.

According to security company ScanSafe, the No. 1 hack in the second quarter was Exploit.HTML.Mht, which was used to target almost twice as many organizations as others.

Oddly, 21 percent of virus attacks occurred on Wednesdays and only 6 percent on the weekend. The company said the reason was that most viruses were launched at weekends and spread during the week.

Researchers at the company found that while Trojans and worms posed a significant threat, exploits accounted for 19 percent of all attacks they saw. Spyware only totaled 12 percent.

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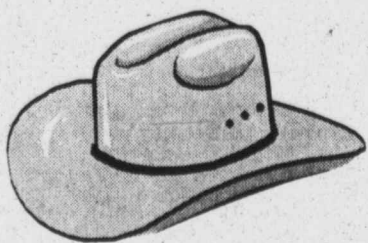
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THE ARMADILLO & THE COWBOY

Have you ever heard of an armadillo wearing a cowboy hat?

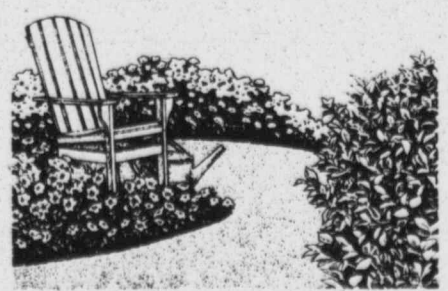


I hadn't either, until just the other day. I was talking to an old cowboy friend of mine when I mentioned an armadillo that ran across the road in front of us. I said to my friend, "You know, I have seen armadillos all of my life and I have never seen one do anything good!"

Now, the old cowboy friend stopped me in the middle of my sentence. He was getting really upset at me for saying that. "I knew of one that did a lot of good," he said gently. "Sit back and I'll tell you all about him!" So, I leaned

back against the seat and wondered what the old cowboy was going to tell me. I wanted to hear his story because I didn't believe that an armadillo could ever do anything good!

A long time ago in the south, there lived an armadillo. And as you know, all they ever do is dig holes. They dig holes in your yard. They dig holes in your driveway. They even dig holes in your flower garden!



Well, it seems like there was this little old lady who had a beautiful flower garden.

And guess who came to

visit? That's right, the armadillo.



And he dug holes all over it! Yep, he ruined her flowers. But she caught him! And she told him to leave and never come back!

Let's see now, what was his name? Oh yes, Albert! Albert, the armadillo! Poor Albert really felt bad about tearing up that little old lady's flower garden. So he left, and he never came back! He walked and walked, and then walked some more. One day he noticed that he had traveled a very long way. Now he was in a place where there were cows and horses and sheep. Yep, he had walked all the way to Texas!

Just as he was walking over a big hill, he saw a young cowboy with a horse standing beside him. The cowboy was mending a fence. "Oh no, the cowboy cried, I have to mend this fence before dark or all of my cattle will get out, and I have no way to dig holes to put in new fenceposts!"

What do you suppose happened then? Of course, Albert ran over to help because if there is one thing that an armadillo can do, it's dig holes! In hardly no time at all, Albert had a nice fencepost hole dug for the cowboy.

"Can you dig two more?" the cowboy asked Albert. Albert had those holes dug before you could count to twelve.

Albert saved that young cowboy's ranch that day. And the cowboy wanted him to stay and work at

the ranch forevermore, and he did! Albert saved that ranch many times after that. Albert and the young cowboy became good friends after many years.

The old cowboy looked at me as if to say, "That is the end of the story. So do you still think that armadillos are not good for anything?" "Please don't ever say that they aren't, because Old Albert is not here anymore, and I am that young cowboy!"

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This children's chopper scooter is available at Auto Zone, 100 N. Gregg.

The dynamic duo, Susanne Reed and Lyndel Moody, were out on the town again this week feeding their shopping addiction. Here's just a few of the treasures they've found.

Susanne: Lyndel, my family draws names for Christmas and this year I drew my nephew's, so, I decided I'd better start hanging out in some guy-type stores.

I wasn't sure where that would be, but decided most guys like cars so I went to Auto Zone at 100 N. Gregg.

Of course, it carries auto parts, as you'd expect, but they also have cool gift ideas. It has a really cool looking kids' chopper scooter, with a flame design, recommended for children ages 8 and up. It also has NASCAR toothbrushes. Isn't that a great stocking stuffer idea?

Lyndel: NASCAR toothbrushes, that's a cute idea.

Hey, I have another idea for you. How about



Chuck's Surplus at 904 W. Third St. offers military surplus items.

checking out Chuck's Surplus at 904 W. Third St. This shop carries a large assortment of excess military BDU's (battle dress uniforms) in various sizes, hats, boots and even sells MRE's (meals ready to eat.)

There's tons of other great deals to be had at

Mount Everest pile of beans

Once, I invited a couple over for lunch after church. I slaved away to make beans, brisket and potato salad.

Not knowing beans from taters, as the saying goes, I bought three pounds of beans because they were on sale for \$1. I cooked them all.

Before I knew what was happening, beans were growing in front of my eyes. I had them in one pot, and soon they were overflowing.

I put half of them into a much bigger pot. What had looked like a small amount of beans was now multiplying like rabbits!

Then, there was the

this store and the owners have run this Big Spring business for 30 years.

Susanne: Wow, 30 years in one business, that's impressive. I don't often wear Army camouflage, but do you know, when I wear an outfit from Miss Royale, I always get the most compliments.

If you have a meeting or event, like maybe a cruise, or just want to feel special, you ought to go see Evelyn Bender at Miss Royale. She'll help you put together an ensemble that gives you confidence in knowing you look your best.

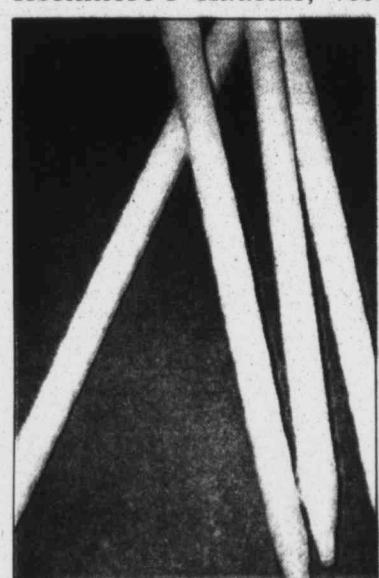
Even if you already have an outfit, she can help you accessorize it. Miss Royale is in the pink building at 1509 Gregg.

Lyndel: I ought to check that out. I really like the color of that building.

You know, Susanne, I found the most curious candle at the Big Spring Health Food Store last week — ear wax candles.

This product is made from beeswax with herbs to soothe and relieve sinus congestion. According to the girls at the health food store, which is located at 1305 Scurry St., warmth and smoke from the candle helps soothe the ear, dry out fluid and soften old impacted ear wax.

And talk about candles soothing the senses, I found the most delicious smelling candle at Koshmore's Kausals, 700



Big Spring Health Food Store, 1305 Scurry St., has ear wax candles

matter of the brisket. It was as tough as the first oven-roasted deer I'd made back in my earliest married days.

The couple came over and completely skipped the beans. Although we had a great time, I secretly wondered what I was going to do with a Mount Everest-pile of beans!

For days, I tried to house the now 30 pounds of beans in the fridge. I finally gave up.

My husband, who will eat anything (lucky for him) ate the brisket.

When I told someone about my loaves and fishes story of the beans they laughed (naturally) and said, for a small family, I only needed one-half a cup or less.

Really? No wonder I had beans by the bushel.

Christy Alton writes this column for the Herald.



Evelyn Bender of Miss Royale, 1509 Gregg

N. Lancaster St., called Aunt Polly's Pecan Pie from the Dreamers line.

It burns approximately 150 hours and fills up the room with the most delectable scent. Also in the line are Mother's Apple Strudel, Spicy

Pumpkin Pie and Old Fashion Vanilla.

Susanne: Some of these would give the scent of the holidays to a home, wouldn't they?

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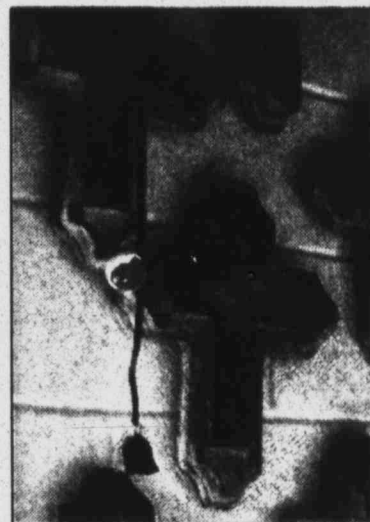


Kisiah Mexican Imports at 700 Lamesa offers sinks, chimeneas and clay crosses.



store. They have stuff from furniture to drawer pulls.

I like their colorful chimeneas and clay crosses. Their Talavera items are gorgeous. Talavera is an age-old design technique for pottery. No two are alike and it's not in its nature



to be perfect.

I just love unique things, and since I've moved to Big Spring I'm getting more and more interested in Mexican decor.

I really enjoy shopping in Big Spring. We have some unique stores with a variety of items and I'm making progress on my Christmas shopping, too.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center invites you to join our... November 2004 Schedule

November 1 • Monday

No Sit & Be Fit Today - Sr. Office Closed

November 2 • Tuesday

* Mall Walking - 8:00 am

* Coffee @ Park Place - 10:00 am

November 3 • Wednesday

* RSVP Senior Leadership - Chamber - 8:30 am

* Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am

* Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

* Supper Club - 5:30 pm "Herman's"

November 4 • Thursday

* Mall Walking - 8:00 am

* Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

November 5 • Friday

Open

November 6 • Saturday

* Regional Training Regional 5 Relay For Life

San Angelo Holiday Inn - 10:00 am

November 7 • Sunday

* The Man Who Came To Dinner - MCT - 1:00 pm

November 8 • Monday

* Birthday Party & Lunch - 11:30 am

"Gale's Bakery"

* Games - 2:00 pm

* Sit & Bit Fit - 4:00 pm

November 9 • Tuesday

* Mall Walking - 8:00 am

American Heart Association meets @ Noon

Gale's Sweet Shoppe

* American Cancer Society Howard/Glasscock Co

Volunteer Luncheon Volunteer Of The Year

Garrett Hall - Noon

* RSVP Hank Dunn - First Presbyterian Church

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November 11 • Thursday

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* Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

* Jewelry Sale - Hospital Lobby

9 am-5:00 pm

November 12 • Friday

* Lubbock Shopping (KK's Mall) - 8:00 am

* Jewelry Sale - Hospital Lobby

9 am-4:00 pm

November 13 • Saturday

Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 268-4550

Laurie Burks, Instructor (2nd Floor Hospital)

November 14 • Sunday

Open

November 15 • Monday

* Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

* Supper Club "KC Steakhouse" - 5:30 pm

November 16 • Tuesday

* Mall Walking - 8:00 am

Kick Off Relay For Life - Garrett Hall - 6:00 pm

Reading Of Mayor Proclamation - Guest Speaker

Refreshments Available

November 17 • Wednesday

* RSVP Senior Leadership - Chamber - 8:30 am

* Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am

* Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

November 18 • Thursday

* Mall Walking - 8:00 am

* Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

* Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am

November 19 • Friday

* Thanksgiving Potluck & Bingo - 11:30 am

Bake Sale Hosted By SMMC Volunteers

Hospital Lobby - 7:30 am

November 20 • Saturday

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November 21 • Sunday

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November 22 • Monday

* Games - 2:00 pm

* Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

November 23 • Tuesday

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* Supper Club "Cowboys" - 5:30 pm

* RSVP - 3:00 pm

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* Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

November 25 • Thursday

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November 26 • Friday

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November 28 • Sunday

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November 30 • Tuesday

* Mall Walking - 8:00 am

* Supper Club "Spanish Inn" 5:30 pm

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The Odessa Association for a softball tournament for Saturday, UTPB softball tournament. The donation tournament is \$100.

The deadline is Wednesday.

For more information, contact Michelle at

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Odessa sets softball "madness" tourney

The Odessa Softball Association has set up a softball tournament for Saturday at the UTPB softball complex. The double elimination tournament costs \$100. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday. For more information, contact Gabriel or Michelle at 552-7426.

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season. For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300. The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Berkman may miss start of next season

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros outfielder Lance Berkman tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee playing flag football and will undergo surgery next week, the team said Friday. The Astros said it will take Berkman between five and six months to recover although Berkman told the club he hoped to be ready for opening day 2005.

Danton sentenced to seven years in prison

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP) — Former St. Louis Blues player Mike Danton was sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison for trying to have his agent killed. Danton pleaded guilty in July to murder conspiracy charges. Prosecutors said he tried to hire a hit man to kill David Frost, his agent and Canadian youth hockey coach.

Kansas tops men's poll to start season

(AP) Kansas stood atop The Associated Press' Top 25, the 13th straight season the Jayhawks have been ranked 11th or higher in the first men's poll. The Jayhawks received 25 first-place votes and 1,697 points from the national media panel, edging Wake Forest, which had 22 first-place votes and 1,680 points.

The Demon Deacons were the first of three straight Atlantic Coast Conference teams in the poll, and six teams from the league were in the Top 25. Georgia Tech and North Carolina were third and fourth in the balloting.

Tennessee took the No. 1 spot in the women's poll, the 11th time it has started the season atop the rankings. The Lady Vols edged Texas, LSU and three-time defending NCAA champion UConn for No. 1. Tennessee had 1,085 points in the voting, while Texas had 1,056, three more than LSU. Connecticut was fourth with 1,017.

Lady Steers hang for two quarters, fall at home

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Too many turnovers and the inability to shoot free throws plagued the Big Spring girls basketball team Monday as the Lady Steers began the season with a 60-40 home loss to Lubbock Monterrey in the Steer Gym.

"That was a marvelous effort," said Big Spring head coach Tim Van Hecke. "We have some girls out there that have been with us for five days and they are just going as hard as can be."

"The fact is they just made some inexperienced mistakes."

Monterrey began the game with seven straight points. Senior Alex Watkins put the Lady Steers on the board with six minutes to play, but Big Spring still trailed 7-2.

Another basket by Watkins at the 5:20 mark cut the Big Spring deficit to 7-5 and junior Raegan Ritchey tied the score at 7-7 about a minute later.

Free throws plagued both teams in the first half and continued to hurt the Lady Steers in the second half, as well.

"We have to be able to shoot free throws when we are tired," said Van Hecke. "They'll get better though."

Big Spring's speed was able to keep up with Monterrey's speed in the first half and the Lady Steers even led after the first quarter, 13-11.

Watkins continued to keep Big Spring in the game as her basket early in the second quarter tied the game at 15-15. Another factor for Big Spring came on the offensive boards where Watkins, Ritchey and junior Carmen Lewis were able to give the Lady Steers extra chances on offense.

"Some of the mistakes we made tonight were from trying too hard, but I will never complain about that," said Van

Hecke, who is in his first year with Big Spring after spending the last six years in Stanton.

Monterrey began to pull away as halftime neared. They scored several points off Big Spring turnovers, including a three-pointer that put Lubbock up 26-19.

A Watkins steal and a Codye Burt basket with six seconds left cut into the Monterrey lead. However, Monterrey got three shots from the foul line with .5 seconds after a Big Spring foul on a Monterrey three-point shooter. Luckily for the Lady Steers, Monterrey hit only one free throw and led 27-21 at halftime.

"Our communication on defense broke down at the end of the second quarter," said Van Hecke. "We tried too hard and were out of control for much of the second half, as well."

Big Spring went one-for-13 from the charity stripe in the first half and finished eight-for-27 in the game.

Monterrey began the third quarter with nine straight points and never looked back after that.

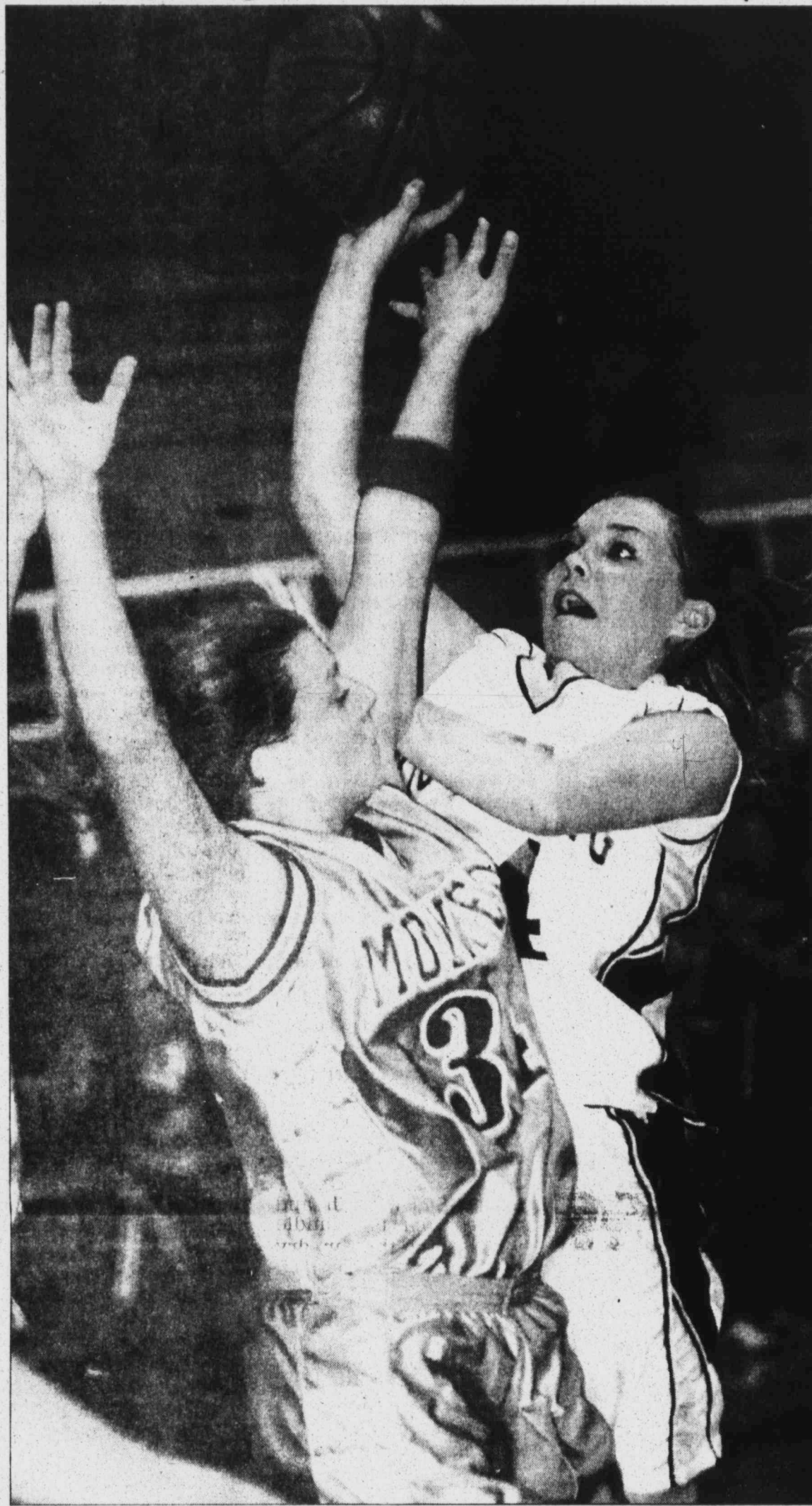
Big Spring trailed by as few as 13 after the long Monterrey run, but turnovers did not allow the Lady Steers to get back into the game.

Watkins led Big Spring with 11 points, while Ritchey and Lewis finished with 10 and eight points, respectively.

"We had way too many turnovers tonight," said Van Hecke.

Payne Tarver and Hailey Clark paced Lubbock Monterrey with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Big Spring is scheduled to play in Monahans Friday, but the game could be cancelled. If the Monahans volleyball team wins its playoff match tonight, there will be no game Friday. If Monahans loses tonight, the game will go on as scheduled with the varsity beginning at 8 p.m.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring sophomore Mallory Dunn takes the ball up strong against a defender from Lubbock Monterrey during the Lady Steers' home basketball opener Monday at the Steer Gym. Big Spring lost, however, 60-40.

Howard women roll past LCU JV

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Another battle with the Lubbock Christian University junior varsity equaled another win for the Howard College women's basketball team Monday as the Hawks defeated the JV team in Lubbock, 108-39.

"Obviously, we ran into a night when our opponent wasn't playing well," said Howard head coach Lorin Miller. "I am proud of the way our girls are playing though."

It was Howard's second win over the LCU JV this year as the team improved to 4-0 on the season.

They have also defeated UTPB's JV and recorded an impressive win over Cisco.

Sophomore Ciara Tidwell led the Hawks with 21 points, while freshmen post players Latoya Fairley and Charmaine Callahan added 18 and 16 points, respectively.

Freshmen Jennifer



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Howard College freshman Latoya Fairley tries to get position inside against LCU's JV at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum last Thursday. The Hawks defeated the LCU junior varsity team in Lubbock Monday, 108-39. Fairley finished the game with 18 points.

Pena and Milica Rogic added 10 apiece, as well.

Howard travels to Western Oklahoma State

Friday in hopes of keeping its winning streak alive.

"Hopefully we can keep

this string of wins going Friday," said Miller. "Western Oklahoma is a good team."

Becerra becomes first-ever to qualify

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Forsan's Cynthia Becerra became the first cross country runner in school history to advance to the state meet in Round Rock after she placed fourth this past Saturday at the regional meet in Arlington.

Becerra, a senior, paced the girls team with a time of 12:52, helping the Buffalo girls to a 15th place finish out of 24 teams.

"We are so proud and pumped for Cynthia for being the first runner to ever reach state," said Forsan assistant coach Tonya Vess. "She has worked hard for four years and accomplished her dream."

Senior Trey Paredes nearly advanced, as well, finishing in 15th place overall with a time of 18:03. He was four spots away from qualifying as he completed an excellent year of cross country, said Vess.

Becerra will run at state this Saturday at Round Rock.

Mavs continue to win, edge Warriors in OT

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Golden State is getting closer to its first win under new coach Mike Montgomery. One miserable quarter cost the Warriors on Monday night, but they still forced overtime and almost extended the game again before losing 101-98 to the undefeated Dallas Mavericks.

"If we keep playing with that kind of effort, we'll be fine," Montgomery said. "We made some mistakes at the end that cost us, but I think we're making progress. This is something to build on."

Dallas, which trailed by 17 points in the first half, led for good after Dirk Nowitzki hit an 18-foot fadeaway jumper on the first overtime possession. But the Warriors weren't done until Jason Richardson's 3-pointer from the top of the key hit the front of the rim as time expired in overtime. He forced the extra period with a 3-pointer from the corner despite being double-teamed with 12 seconds left in regulation.

"Coming close is no consolation," Richardson said. "It could be ugly, it could be pretty, we don't care. We're searching for a victory."

The Mavericks are 4-0 for only the third time.

And they still haven't allowed 100 points in a game.

In the only other NBA games Monday night, Utah joined Dallas as the only 4-0 teams with a 102-91 win over Denver, and Detroit outlasted the Los Angeles Clippers 99-96 in double overtime.

During 18 years as Stanford's coach, Montgomery had just one losing record. He didn't lose more than four games in three of his last five seasons before taking over the Warriors. Golden State hasn't reached the playoffs since 1994 under coach Don Nelson, now in his eighth season in Dallas.

"I don't like losing, but we are in this together," Montgomery said. "It's hard every time you lose. You second-guess yourself. ... If the effort is there, we can live with that."

Golden State gave up a 57-43 halftime lead when it scored just 10 points on 3-of-23 shooting in the third quarter, with one field goal coming on a goaltending call.

It was the Warriors' 12th straight loss in Dallas since April 1999, and their 21st in 22 games against the Mavericks.

Nowitzki had 25 points, including nine in the third quarter, and 10 rebounds. Michael Finley

had 17 points even though he missed 17 of 22 shots, and Josh Howard had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"We'll take it. But we know we didn't play a complete game, and it almost cost us," Finley said. "We were playing their record instead of their team. ... At least we showed we can win in an adverse situation."

Marquis Daniels made two free throws with 49 seconds left in the third to put the Mavericks ahead 68-67 — their first lead since the opening minutes. Neither team led by more than three in the fourth quarter.

Richardson led the Warriors with 25 points and 10 rebounds.

Derek Fisher had 23 points — just six after halftime and none in overtime.

Erick Dampier, traded from Golden State to Dallas during the summer, made a short hook shot with 1:05 left in regulation to put Dallas ahead 86-85. Dampier finished with six points and five rebounds in 29 minutes, two days after a 13-point, 18-rebound game against Memphis.

After Finley hit two free throws with 16 seconds left, Richardson tied it 88-88 from the left corner — over Finley and Daniels. Nowitzki's 20-foot shot hit the rim as time expired.



The Mavericks' Erick Dampier has the ball stripped by Golden State's Adonal Foyle, left, in the second quarter of their game Monday at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

CBS, FOX get their way, extend NFL contracts

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — CBS got what it wanted. Fox did, too.

So did the NFL. Now it's ABC/ESPN's turn.

The NFL, eager to get new TV deals in place before the current contract runs out after the 2005 season, agreed Monday to \$8 billion in extensions with Fox and CBS to televise Sunday afternoon games for six more years.

The deals also would allow the league to show better matchups late in the season in prime time.

"Our goal in the negotiations has been to continue to deliver our games to the widest possible audience," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "The agreements underscore a unique commitment to broadcast television that no other sport has."

The current eight-year contract was worth \$17.6 billion, including the Sunday night (on ESPN) and Monday night (on ABC) packages. The extensions will run

through 2011 and represent a 25 percent increase in rights fees.

The breakdown, according to an official within the league who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity: Fox will pay \$4.3 billion, or \$712.5 million per year for the NFC games; CBS will pay \$3.7 billion, or \$622.5 million a year. In the current deal, Fox is paying \$550 million a year and CBS is paying \$500 million.

"We're extremely excited to have a new six-year deal with NFL," CBS co-president Leslie Moonves said. "This happened ahead of when we thought it would happen, but we are thrilled with the deal we made."

"We made money on the last deal and will make even more on this deal."

The league still is in talks for the prime-time packages. The exclusive negotiating period for ABC/ESPN extends for nearly another year.

But there's been speculation other networks, even cable entities, might challenge for the Sunday

night and Monday night packages.

A unique aspect of the extensions — and something Tagliabue has sought for several years — gives the NFL the option to move seven late-season games from Sunday to Monday night to feature more attractive matchups.

The NFL also can develop late-season prime-time satellite or cable packages of eight games, which would be televised Thursdays and Saturdays. Or the league could take those eight games and show them regionally in prime-time telecasts Sundays and Mondays.

"We got some protections," Fox Sports chairman David Hill said. "The last several weeks of the season, the NFL has the right to pull a game for Monday Night Football and we're still in conversation on (details)."

DirecTV also extended its deal with the league through 2010 for the Sunday Ticket package. The satellite distributor will pay \$3.5 billion for the five-year extension.

CBS continues to televise AFC games, a package it acquired in 1998. CBS handled NFL games from 1956 through the 1970 merger, then took over the NFC until 1993, when Fox outbid CBS for that package. CBS then outbid NBC for the AFC games.

Tagliabue said there will be no changes in the traditional Sunday afternoon kickoff times for regular-season games.

Each network gets two Super Bowls during the contract period.

CBS will do the game Feb. 4, 2007 from Miami, and Fox will handle the game a year later from the Phoenix area.

The other Super Bowls for the networks will be assigned later. The agreements also include a commitment by CBS and Fox to phase in high-definition coverage for all games and introduce new interactive elements to NFL game telecasts.

DirecTV televises via satellite every Sunday afternoon regular-season game to markets that oth-

Bay becomes first Pittsburgh player to win first-year award

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Bay became the first Pittsburgh Pirates player to win the NL Rookie of the Year award, and Oakland shortstop Bobby Crosby took the AL honor.

Bay got 25 of 32 first-place votes and 146 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Crosby was just a vote shy of being a

unanimous pick in the AL.

Pittsburgh had been the only pre-expansion team without a rookie of the year. San Diego shortstop Khalil Greene was far back in second with 108 points.

Crosby received 27 of 28 first-place votes for 138 points. Chicago closer Shingo Takatsu finished second with 44 points.

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Six-Man
Grady (5-5) vs. Dell City (9-1) at Wink, 7:30 p.m. Friday
Garden City (8-2) vs. Ira (9-1) at Borden County Coyote Stadium in Gail, 7:30 p.m. Friday

Others
Class 2A
Bangs (4-6) vs. Colorado City (8-2) at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene, 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A
Midland Greenwood (5-5) vs. Snyder (8-2) at Grande Communications Center in Midland, 8 p.m. Friday

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
In the high school of the cosmos, popular Venus, while walking coolly down the hall, gives an assuring nod to Jupiter, the star quarterback. Is there a love connection brewing here? It translates to us humans as a romance with the ideas of love and money and what they could bring to our lives if we were just a little luckier. Go ahead and dream.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's high octane all the way! Put this energy to good use by getting your ducks lined up in a row. In a matter of days, you'll be in a prime position to make your move -- at work or, more likely, in romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're in an expansive mood, which can translate into bloated debts and waistlines. Try to keep your appetites in check, as you are especially vulnerable to overindulging in comfort foods and binge shopping.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You approach the world as a true patriot, fighting for all the right reasons. Just be sure it's a fight that's necessary. Sometimes, you can just ask nicely. People take you seriously, helping you achieve your goal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Comfort and security are your top priorities, so you tend to hoard your possessions and save your money for a rainy day. Sometimes, however, you just need to let loose and splurge. Giving gifts is good for your soul.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Promote yourself! You're feeling relaxed and confident, which will protect you from looking desperate. Just state your best qualifications in a straightforward manner, and let your natural charm win hearts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're able to smooth things over on the job, where disorganized or just plain difficult co-workers create tension. Your take-charge attitude works. Speak softly, but carry a big stick (not literally, unless you want to be fired).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Emotions continue to run high, and you can just blame it on the moon. Do whatever you need to do to maintain your balance. Yoga, exercise and laughing with friends are effective stress reducers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Complete anything unfinished. Next week, you're going to be in the right frame of mind to start new projects, but you need to start with a clean slate. As long as you stick with your original to-do list, you can't really go wrong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Big changes are in the air. You're cosmically dialed in to the big picture, yet you're still able to focus on the details. Astral energies are just right for pondering where you're going and how to get there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today, focus on "re": Review any parameters you've set for yourself, and reassess relationships. You may need to redraw boundaries and renew vows while you're at it. You're not bound by the way things have always been.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is an especially good time to put technology to work for you. Business picks up in the fields of transportation, communication and computers. Tonight, your love life will get a bit more spiritual and sensual, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Expect the unexpected as Uranus, planet of surprises, gives you a zing. Relationships become more exciting, if a tad unpredictable. At work, back up computer files, and make sure your cell phone battery is charged.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Never one to go from relationship to relationship, I have not been in a serious mutual relationship since my marriage broke up five years ago. As a Pisces born March 6, 1964, I think I'm ready for a serious relationship, but I'm not sure. I was seeing someone, a Taurus, but he ended the relationship. Even though he was mean and not too involved, I still have very strong feelings for him." After a careful look at your chart, I don't think you're ready for a so-called "serious relationship," but I would advise a humorous relationship, a whimsical relationship, a relationship that could never work out in a million years followed by a relationship that lasts approximately three weeks. In other words, lighten up! As a Pisces, you can relate to people from all walks of life, at least for a limited period of time, and what you'll learn about yourself in the process will give you the confidence to trust your choices when it's really important. Your tendency to attach to people (even if they are mean and aloof) is just a bad habit that comes from not having enough choices. Use the next four months to be more casual in your approach to dating, resolving to make new friends and share interesting environments with the opposite sex instead of looking for a lifelong mate.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Scorpio actor Matthew McConaughey has a laid-back Texan charm and strong on-screen appeal. This year, a road journey across America could do for McConaughey what American road trips promise to do: bring an adventure that gives birth to a new perspective, after which things will never be the same. Expect a turning point in his career. He'll be drawn to roles in films with a serious message.

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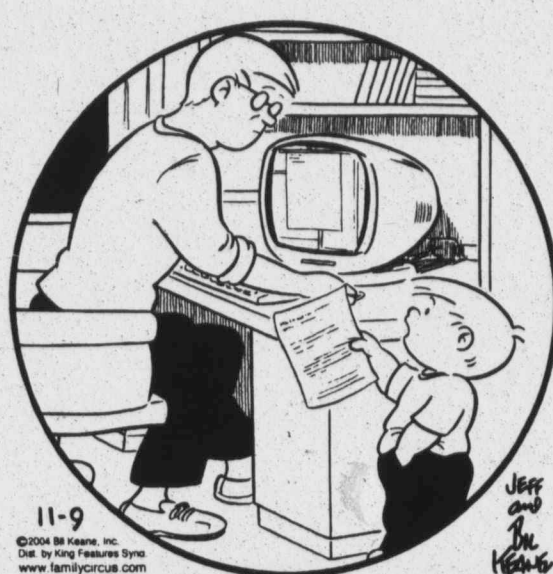
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By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

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In 1918, Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II announced he would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands.

In 1935, United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization.

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and

houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1953, author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and 160 people died in a train crash.

In 1965, the great Northeast blackout occurred as several states and parts of Canada were hit by a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours.

In 1967, a Saturn 5 rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a successful test flight.

In 1970, former French president Charles De Gaulle died at age 79.

In 1988, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, a major figure in the Watergate scandal, died in Washington at age 75.

Ten years ago: A day after Republicans won majorities in both the House and Senate, President Clinton and the GOP pledged coop-

eration, even as they started forming battle lines over their irreconcilable differences.

Birthdays: Sportscaster Charlie Jones is 74. Baseball executive Whitey Herzog is 73. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., is 68. Actor Charlie Robinson ("Night Court") is 59. Movie director Bille August is 56. Actor Robert David Hall ("CSI") is 56. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 52. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 44. Rapper Pepa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 35. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 35. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi is 34. R&B singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 31.

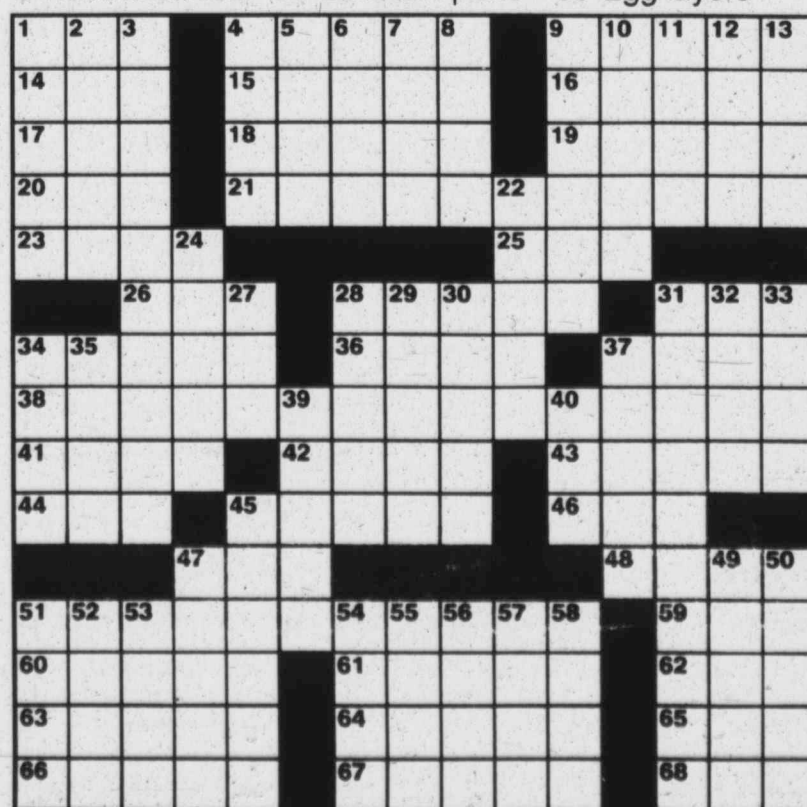
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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 61 Chicago airport | 7 Sinful | 35 Resorts with springs |
| 1 Talk idly | 62 MDs' aides | 8 Nevada city | 37 The second planet |
| 4 Blacksmith, often | 63 Like looseleaf paper | 9 Like King Midas | 39 Ryan or Tatum |
| 9 Report-card listing | 64 Get started | 10 Brings up | 40 Medico |
| 14 Tuscaloosa's state: Abbr. | 65 Family member | 11 Wine region of Italy | 45 Fashionable |
| 15 Road bend | 66 In a bad mood | 12 Bambi, for one | 47 Canary sound |
| 16 Bowling-alley button | 67 Nose-in-air types | 13 Volcano of Sicily | 49 Little Orphan |
| 17 Not in the neighborhood | 68 Golf peg | 22 Poetry | 50 Western pursuers |
| 18 One more time | | 24 Opera solos | 51 Pepper alternative |
| 19 Gobbled up | | 27 Noah creation | 52 Nastase of tennis |
| 20 To and | | 28 Small and mischievous | 53 Sardine cans |
| 21 Transferred funds of a sort | | 29 "Love thy neighbor," e.g. | 54 Soft throws |
| 23 Actress Thompson | | 30 Turn the cheek | 55 At what time |
| 25 Mag. executives | | 31 Sandwich filler | 56 Othello villain |
| 26 Historical period | | 32 Korea's continent | 57 Chicago paper, for short |
| 28 Atlanta university | | 33 Glove part | 58 Egg layers |
| 31 Track circuit | | 34 Between ports | |
| 34 Out of bed | | | |
| 36 Land parcels | | | |
| 37 Passport endorsement | | | |
| 38 "We were just talking about you!" | | | |
| 41 Corn servings | | | |
| 42 Evening, on marquees | | | |
| 43 Hour after midnight | | | |
| 44 Long-eared equine | | | |
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2004 Newbery Honor Winner

Meet Author Jim Murphy

Jim Murphy has written more than 30 books for kids. He won Newbery Honor Awards for "The Great Fire" in 1996 and for "An American Plague" in 2004.

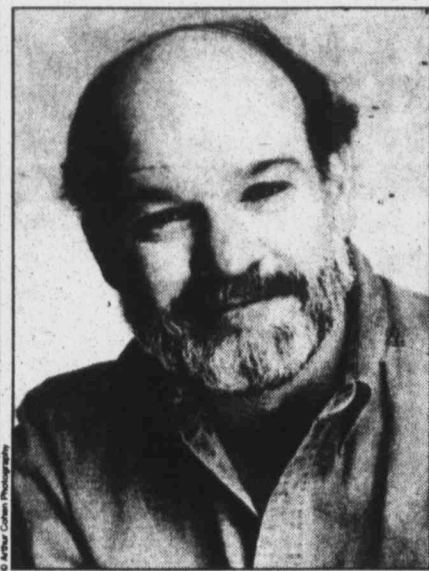
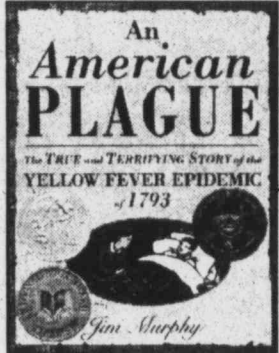
Although he has written picture books and young adult novels, most of his books have been nonfiction.

Background

Throughout his school years, Jim Murphy wrote stories for his own pleasure. After college he began working as a children's book editor.

After editing for years, he realized he had a lot of ideas for books. He decided to quit his job to write.

"An American Plague" is the true story of yellow fever, the deadly disease that nearly destroyed Philadelphia in 1793.



Jim Murphy lives with his family in Maplewood, N.J.

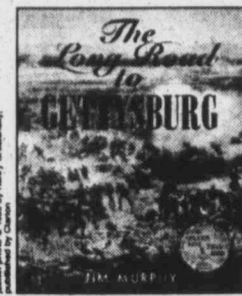
His work

Jim Murphy usually works on several books at the same time. It can take years to research one book.

He said: "I really love doing research. I look at it as a kind of detective work. I would prefer to research forever and ever. The hard part is doing the writing."

On school days, he and his wife, Alison, get their sons off to school. Then he goes up to his home office.

He usually works on one book in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. He said this helps him stay fresh.



"The Long Road to Gettysburg" tells the story of how soldiers got ready for this battle, fought in it, and dealt with the sorrow after it was over. Jim Murphy quotes actual journal entries from two teenage soldiers.

Personal

His wife: Alison Blank is also a children's writer and has worked as a producer of television shows for kids.

Sons: Mike, 13, and Ben, 8

Pets: A feisty frog, which he is convinced is waiting to attack him, and a bunch of guppies.

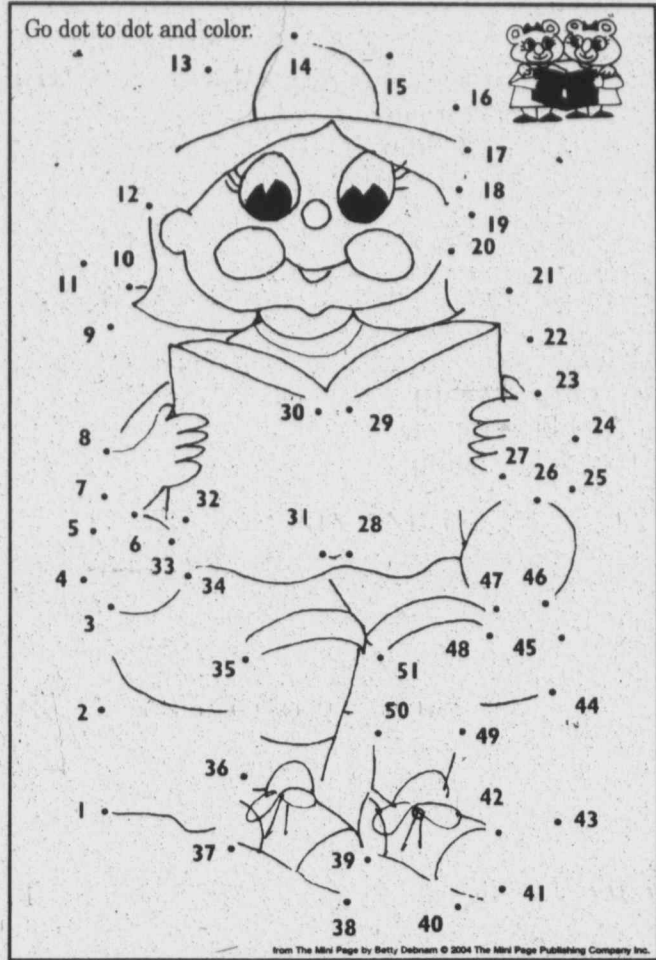
Some favorites

Hobbies: cooking, gardening

Music: "A huge variety, from jazz to classical to rock 'n' roll." He has to wait until everyone else has left the house before he can play his rock 'n' roll or his bagpipe music as loud as he wants.



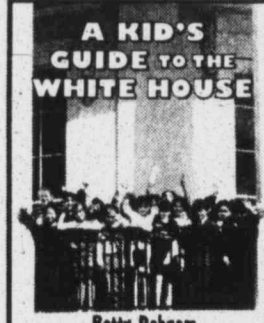
"Across America on an Emigrant Train" tells the true story of writer Robert Louis Stevenson's trip from Scotland to California. He traveled all that distance to join the woman he loved.



Go dot to dot and color.

Advice to kids

"The first thing you have to do is read a lot. For people who want to become writers, read, read, read and read some more. Then you have to write, and have to be willing to rewrite. You have to have fun doing this."



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**Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Kyle Orton**

Height: 6-4 **Birthdate:** 11-14-82
Weight: 226 **Hometown:** Altoona, Iowa
Purdue football fans are wild about Kyle Orton, and for good reason. The Boilermakers' quarterback is one of the hottest items in the country and the spark behind his team's good start. If he keeps up his nearly 70 percent completion rate, the 6-4 senior will make a strong run for the Heisman Trophy, college football's most prized individual trophy.
Orton has football smarts and a cannon of an arm. He can fling a football more than 70 yards though the air. More important, he delivers shorter, pinpoint passes to receivers.
After finishing Purdue with a degree in history, he may have a career in the NFL. He also is interested in getting a law degree and running for political office someday.
To relax, he enjoys bowling, fishing and golfing. He also likes playing with his dog, Elaine, who is named after the character played by Julia Louis-Dreyfus on the "Seinfeld" TV show. And speaking of show, Orton is putting on a big one at Purdue.

Meet Dominic Scott Kay

When Dominic Scott Kay was 2 years old, he would put on shows for his family and friends. At 3 he was singing at benefits and church. By age 4, his parents had gotten him an agent.
Dominic has appeared in TV sitcoms and had a guest-star role in the series "Power Rangers Wild Force." He has parts in several upcoming Hallmark Channel movies, including "Love's Enduring Promise" and "Angel in the Family." In "Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus," premiering Dec. 11, he plays the role of Jake.
Dominic, now 8, is an only child. His dad is a drummer and is also a composer for films. Dominic enjoys writing songs, playing the piano, singing, and playing the drums with his father. He also likes swimming, skateboarding and drawing.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All of the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Bill:** What does a slice of toast wear to bed?
Nairi: Jammies!
- Alison:** What is the difference between the sun and a loaf of bread?
Josh: One rises in the east and the other rises from the yeast!
- Tom:** Why did the baker hurl an insult at the bread?
Norm: To get a rise out of it!

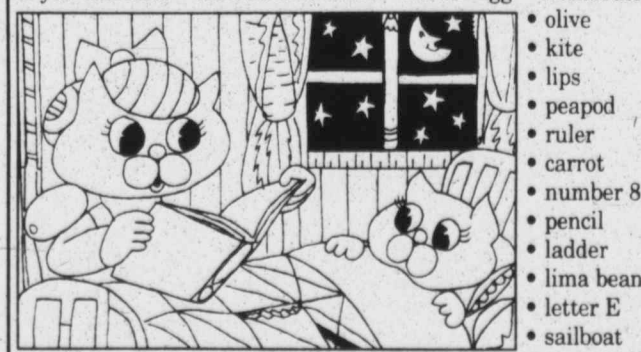
BOOK WEEK TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of kinds of books are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ART, JOKE, MYSTERY, FICTION, FACT, PICTURE, DETECTIVE, SCIENCE, COOK, MATH, TEXT, REFERENCE, FANTASY, PUZZLE, MUSIC, HISTORY, ROMANCE, CRAFT, INSTRUCTION.

WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING?
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U R F A C T H A M N V K C N
R E T T X E T N O I T C I F C
E N V D E T E C T I V E F F E
C C E L Z Z U P Y R E T S Y M
V E N O I T C U R T S N I M N

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is reading a bedtime story to her younger sister. See if you can find: exclamation mark • Easter egg • toothbrush



Newbery and Caldecott Winners

"Let's Book" is the theme of this year's Children's Book Week, running from Nov. 15 to 21. The Mini Page looks at the 2004 Caldecott and Newbery Medals and Honor Awards.

Newbery winners
The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year there were also two Honor Awards.

"The Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo won the Newbery Medal. It is the funny adventure story of a mouse who falls in love with a human princess.

Honor Awards
Jim Murphy is best known for his nonfiction books for kids. He has written more than 30 books.

"An American Plague" tells the true story of yellow fever, a disease that killed thousands in the late 1700s and 1800s in the United States.

Kevin Henkes has won many awards for his chapter books and for his picture books, which he also illustrates.

In "Olive's Ocean," a 12-year-old girl learns about herself when she finds out more about a classmate who has just died.

Caldecott winners
The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year there were also three Honor Awards.

Mordcai Gerstein won the Caldecott Medal for "The Man Who Walked Between the Towers." It is the true story of a tightrope walker who performed between the Twin Towers in New York.

Honor Awards
Margaret Chodos-Irvine has illustrated several books for children, including "Buzz" by Janet S. Wong.

In "Ella Sarah Gets Dressed," a young girl knows what she wants to wear, even if her family doesn't agree.

Look through your newspaper for interesting pictures. Choose one and make up a story about it.
Next week The Mini Page is about the first American Thanksgiving.

Steve Jenkins has written and illustrated several nonfiction books for children. He often illustrates with cut paper. He and his wife, Robin Page, sometimes write books together.

"What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?" by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page looks at the fun things animals do with different parts of their bodies.

Mo Willems was a writer and animator for "Sesame Street." He won six Emmy awards for his work on that show. He also created several children's programs, such as "Sheep in the Big City" and "The Off-Beats." He also performed as the voices of the Angry Scientist and Hector Sombbrero in "Sheep in the Big City." "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" is his first book.

In "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" a pigeon tries to convince passengers to let him drive the bus.

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