



CISD trustees face prospect of remodeling facilities

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Coahoma school trustees are in agreement that something has to be done about the district's deteriorating infrastructure.

Deciding exactly what needs to be done, however, is a decision that may be months away.

Coahoma's physical plant — including buildings and their plumbing and electrical sys-

tems — is in need of renovation, according to Acting Superintendent Wayne Mitchell.

To find out the district's exact needs in this area, the school board hired the architectural firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to perform a preliminary assessment of school facilities.

Allen Wolfe of PSC addressed the board during its Thursday meeting, and told trustees that

major renovation in some areas is definitely needed.

"A lot of things need fixing," Mitchell said. "A lot of them are visible, but some of them aren't."

It is the "invisible" problems that most concern Mitchell — namely electrical and plumbing problems at the high school and junior high, and drainage problems at the elementary school.

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Cordes resigns as trustee

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School District Trustee Larry Cordes recently announced his resignation from the school board.

Cordes, the secretary of the board, has more than a year remaining on his three-year term. He was serving his sec-



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ond term as a trustee, school officials said.

Cordes, who works out of town, cited travel restraints as the major reason for his resignation.

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Smiling teen kills seven at school, grandparents, then takes his own life

By JOSHUA FREED

Associated Press Writer

REDBY, Minn. (AP) — The suspect in the worst U.S. school massacre since Columbine smiled and waved as he gunned down five students, a teacher and a guard, asking one of his victims whether he believed in God, witnesses said. The teen's grandfather and his grandfather's wife also were found dead, and the boy killed himself.

Reggie Graves, a student at Red Lake High School, said he was

watching a movie about Shakespeare in class Monday when he heard the gunman blast his way past the metal detector at the school's entrance, killing a guard.

Then, in a nearby classroom, he heard the gunman say something to his friend Ryan: "He asked Ryan if he believed in God," Graves said. "And then he shot him."

The death toll at the Red Lake Indian Reservation in far northern Minnesota made it

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Judge denies request — to have Schiavo's feeding tube reinserted

By VICKIE CHACHERE

Associated Press Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday refused to order the reinsertion of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube, denying an emergency request from the brain-damaged woman's parents that had been debated in Congress and backed by the White House.

U.S. District Judge James Whittemore said the 41-year-old woman's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, had not established a "substantial likelihood of success" at trial on the merits of their arguments.

Whittemore wrote that Schiavo's "life and liberty interests" had been protected by Florida courts. Despite "these difficult and time strained circumstances," he wrote, "this court is constrained to apply the law to the issues before it."

Rex Sparklin, an attorney



KRT photo/Red Huber, Orlando Sentinel
Father Thaddeus Malanowski, of Clearwater, Fla., holds a prayer service for Terry Schiavo in front of Woodside Hospice in Penellas Park.

ney representing Terri Schiavo's parents, said lawyers were immediately appealing to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta to "save Terri's

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GETTING READY FOR THE HUNT



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Jean Case, one of the 100-plus residents at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, helps fill plastic Easter eggs with candy for the second annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, slated for Friday at the facility north of Big Spring.

Chamber has booth space for Health Fair

Special to the Herald

Booth space is available for health care providers and health care agencies who want to participate in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair 2005.

"Prevention is the Key to Good Health" is the theme of the April 16

health fair, which will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More than 2,000 people attend the health fair each year, undergoing free screenings, picking up literature and discussing health-related issues with people in the health care industry.

Admission for the event is free.

This year's theme focuses on how to keep yourself and your family healthy and safe, said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Citizens Police Academy Association will

perform interactive skits teaching children how to stay safe in their own homes. They will also discuss computer and Internet safety and how to deal with strangers.

To reserve a booth for the Health Fair, contact ValVerde by calling the chamber office at 261-7641.

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Series of USDA forums begins in Big Spring

Herald Staff Report

The public is being invited to a series of forums staged by Texas USDA Rural Development, the first of them scheduled to be held in Big Spring on April 20.

Speakers will provide information to all interested individuals and entities about the various housing, community, and business and cooperative programs available through USDA Rural Development.

The forum, which is for Howard, Borden, Dawson, Martin, Gaines and

Andrews counties, will be held from 10 a.m. until noon at the Howard County Library conference room, 500 South Main St.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texas, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditional underserved portions of the population," said Bryan Daniel, Texas USDA Rural Development state director. "Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to

improve the quality of life for rural Texans."

The purpose of USDA Rural Development is to improve the flow of capital to businesses and addressing the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited.

To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, call USDA Rural Development in Lubbock at (806) 785-5644, ext. 4.

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Obituaries

Melinda Ann Boyd



Melinda Ann Boyd, 30, of Big Spring, went to be with her Lord and Savior Friday, March 18, 2005. Funeral Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born May 3, 1974, in Big Spring to Marvin and Shirley Boyd. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1992, and graduated as a Licensed Vocational Nurse from Howard College. She had worked in nursing homes in Big Spring, Stanton, and Midland. More recently she had worked with her father at Boyd's Auto Glass.

Melinda was a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring, and was very active with her Sunday School Class and various church activities.

She is survived by her precious son, Wayland Lee Boyd of Big Spring; her parents, Marvin and Shirley Boyd of Big Spring; a sister, Lisa Garza and her husband Joel of Big Spring; her grandmother, Paula Gray of Sabetha, Kan.; her aunts and uncles, Betty and Dwight Henderson of South Fulton, Tenn., Evelyn Bennett, Joyce and Jim Wilson, Katy Bohannon and Skipper and Tonya Boyd, all of Big Spring, Mildred Warren of Springfield, Ill., Doris and Mike Leash of York, Penn., Ervin and Beverly Paul of Midland, Martin Boyd of Jacksonville, Fla., and Malinda Feek of Sabetha, Kan.; her cousins, Jennifer Leash, Allison Leash, Josh Paul, Kristy Paul, Brandon Baker, Tori Archer, Jimmy Archer, Justin Wilson, Julia Wilson, Dwight Henderson, Paula Walker, Laura Henderson, Amanda Warren, Melissa Warren, Shawn Boyd, Bryan Boyd, Gary Boyd, Christy Boyd, Randall Boyd, Pam Jackman, and Debbie Conaway; and a very special friend, Carolyn Rebber of Lamesa.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Joe and Evelyn Paul and Alvin Boyd.

Pallbearers will be Brandon Baker, Shawn Boyd, Josh Paul, Dwight Henderson, Justin Wilson, and Seth Wilson.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, Project Hope, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Miguel Hernandez



Miguel "Mike" Hernandez, 71, of Big Spring died Sunday morning, March 20, 2005, at his residence. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born April 23, 1933, at Big Spring to Arnulfo Hernandez Sr. and Victoria Fierro Hernandez. He married Omega Galan on July 9, 1963, in Big Spring. He attended school in Big Spring and operated Community Grocery Store for 10 years. He and his brothers operated a Janitorial Service with contracts including the Howard County Courthouse. He also worked at Head Start School, Big Spring State Hospital, Clyde McMahon Concrete and Long John Gin in Stanton. He was surrounded by lots of love from family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Omega G. Hernandez of Big Spring; a daughter, Cynthia Ann Morelion and her husband John A. Morelion Jr.; a son, Michael Ray Hernandez of Big Spring; a brother, Humberto Hernandez of Mesa, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Stephanie, Zachary, Heather and Victoria; a great-grandson, Adrian; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Jesse, Arturo, Enrique, Raul, and Arnulfo Hernandez Jr.

Pallbearers will be Frank Hernandez, John A. Morelion, Jr., Peter Hernandez, Joe Albert Deanda, Luis Hernandez, Chon "Pogi" Rodriguez, Jon Ray Hernandez, Abel Morelion, and Oscar Hernandez.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Big Spring 79720.

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

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-11-26-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 7-17-22-23. Bonus Ball: 23.

(seven, seventeen, twenty-two, twenty-three. Bonus Ball: twenty-three) Estimated jackpot: \$200,000

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-8

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Claire Johnson Olsak

Claire (Sally) Johnson Olsak, age 79, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2005, at her home in San Angelo. Private interment will be at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Family visitation will be Wednesday, March 23, 2005 from 6-8 p.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home. A memorial service will be Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, with the Revs. Ron Sutto and Nelson Ervin officiating. A reception for the family and friends will follow in the Commons at the church.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1925, in Tom Green County to Jean S. and Ida J. Johnson. She grew up on the family farm near Veribest, graduated from the Veribest school, and then graduated from Miles High School in 1942. She continued her education at San Angelo College and received an associate degree in business in 1944.

She worked at San Angelo National Bank until she married LeRoy Olsak of San Angelo in 1946. Sally and LeRoy moved to Lubbock, and she continued her work at the Lubbock National Bank. They later moved to Big Spring. In a few months, they moved to Lamesa, where she worked at Lamesa National Bank.

In 1951, Sally retired from banking and moved back to Big Spring to become a full-time housewife. She taught a children's class in the First Presbyterian Church and later in the St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Big Spring, as well as doing other service club work with LeRoy. In 1956, she moved back to Lamesa and taught kids in Sunday school at the First Presbyterian Church. She volunteered as a Pink Lady with the Medical Arts Hospital Auxiliary and was also active in the '48 Delphians, the Rotary Anns and the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce.

In 1971, while still living in Lamesa, she helped plant trees in their new pecan orchard at Eldorado.

In March of 1980, a severe cancer was discovered in her left jaw area. She underwent chemotherapy, surgery and recovery at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She returned to Lamesa and had radiation treatment at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, with had no further cancer outbreaks until Dec. 25, 2004, 25 years later.

She is survived by her husband LeRoy; a brother, Larry Johnson and wife Joy of Cajamarca, Peru and San Angelo; brother-in-law Clovis Olsak and wife Bettie of San Angelo; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Paid obituary

Edna Shannon Birkhead



Funeral services for Edna Shannon Birkhead, 75, of Lubbock will be at 4 p.m. today, Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with the Rev. Michael Passmore officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was born May 21, 1929, in Turkey to the late Joe and Pearl Lipscomb Shannon, and graduated from Turkey High School. After graduation, she attended Draughon's Business College.

She married Gray Birkhead on June 19, 1949, in Coahoma. They lived in Hobbs, Roswell, Tyler and Midland before finally retiring in Lubbock.

Edna was secretary and a homemaker and a Baptist by faith.

Survivors include her husband, Gray; two daughters, Karen Rekieta and husband James of Houston and Vanessa Kershner of Lubbock; a son-in-law, Chuck Kershner; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Coy Shannon.

The family suggests memorials to be made to either the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast after midnight.

Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the lower 40s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

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TODAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the 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. in 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.

Police blotter

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

• ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE, 44, of 5203 Sterling Road, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant and charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• REGINA VALDEZ, 24, of 1303 College, was arrested Monday on two local capias warrants.

• CATHERINE MAYBERRY, 34, of 1200 Lloyd, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• LATOYA MAXWELL, 19, of 2608 Ent Drive, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• NAKETHA WEST, 18, of 901 NW Second Street, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• MICHAEL BIRME LIN, 24, of 1012 W. Third Street, was arrested Monday and charged with public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported:

- in the 2400 block of Cheyenne.

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 3200 Block of Avenue C.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Gregg Street.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson Street.

• ARSON was reported in the 1600 block of Avion.

Sheriff's report

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

• CHAD WARREN, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• DANIELLE MARIE RAWLS, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for driving while license suspended and two counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

• JOE MORRIS HAYS, 49, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• WALLACE TERRY VIASANA, 50, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

• MIKE MORENO ORTEGA, 47, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and no liability insurance.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Aylesford at 11 a.m. Monday. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Ridgely at 1:18 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson at 6:03 a.m. Monday. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 6:43 a.m. Monday/ One person was transported to SMMC.

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Hoops,

Special to the Herald

Clients from the counties served by Texas Centers for the Deaf will participate in day basketball tournament Thursday at Howard College's Garrett Coliseum.

"Hoops, Dream Goals" will assist clients with medication and the program works alongside every day assistance with every day skills, job training, education. More people are expected to participate.

Man accuses girl denied

LECANTO, Fla. The man accused of kidnapping, assaulting and kidnapping a 4-year-old Jessica Lunsford was denied Tuesday on murder charges, but a legal process against the girl's father was ended with a sentence.

John Evander, 46, a convicted offender who officers say convicted taking Jessica home and killing her had his first appearance on capital murder.

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Secretary Judy said.

Interim Superior Wayne Mitchell board has up to to either appointment or call for a specification to fill the of his unexpired Mitchell said board would appoint a replacement rather than go the expense of election.

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Hoops, Dreams and Goals tourney set Thursday

Special to the Herald

Clients from the 23 rural counties served by West Texas Centers for MHMR will participate in an all-day basketball tournament Thursday at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"Hoops, Dreams and Goals" will involve clients with mental retardation and the people who work alongside them every day assisting them with every day living skills, job training and education. More than 400 people are expected to participate.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen issuing a proclamation designating March as Mental Retardation Awareness Month in Howard County.

West Texas Centers for MHMR and Howard County Arc plan yearly events to draw attention to mental retardation during the month of March.

"Every year we plan something fun for our consumers and their families and our employees to educate the public about mental retardation," said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR

CEO. "I think the Center and Howard County Arc, along with Howard College have really outdone themselves this time. I think it will be a fun event that will be occurring during the NCAA March Madness tournament."

Tip-off will be at 10 a.m. with games continuing throughout the day until 5 p.m.

Eight teams, including two from each region will participate in the single-elimination tourney. All teams will receive identical "championship" trophies and each participant will take home a

medal, said Cindy Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR public information officer.

Each team also will have its own cheerleading squad.

Other activities scheduled during the tournament include free throw shooting contests; dribbling and passing exhibitions.

Lunch will be provided and a sack lunch will be provided for the ride home.

The tournament is sponsored by West Texas Centers for MHMR; Howard County Arc and Howard College.

Police investigate suspected arson case

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Local police officials are currently investigating a report of arson that involved three juvenile subjects who were attempting to break into a home in the 1600 block of Avion Monday afternoon.

According to Big Spring Police Department Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the agency, three juvenile subjects were arrested on a charge of arson, but he expects to see the charge changed to attempted burglary once all of the facts are gathered.

"It's really up to the district attorney's office, but you have to prove what the person's intent was," said Everett. "In this case, I don't think

the kids intended to burn the house down. I think they simply intended to burn the door and the area around it to gain entry to the home."

Everett said the juveniles, whose ages were not available at press time, used a torch in an unsuccessful attempt to cut through the locks on the door of the home.

"I don't know if they were trying to melt the locks or not," said Everett. "The majority of the fire damage was pretty minor, concentrated around the dead bolt and the door knob of the home."

Everett said police officers responded to the home at approximately noon Monday.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

Man accused of slaying Florida girl denied bail on murder charge

LECANTO, Fla. (AP) — The man accused of kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing 9-year-old Jessica Marie Lunsford was denied bail Tuesday on murder and other charges, beginning a legal process that the girl's father wants to see end with a death sentence.

John Evander Couey, 46, a convicted sex offender who sheriff's officers say confessed to taking Jessica from her home and killing her, had his first court appearance on charges of capital murder, battery,

kidnapping and sexual battery on a child under the age of 12.

"This is an infamous case here," Citrus County Judge Mark Yerman told Couey during the brief hearing. "The acts you are accused of and the crimes you confessed to are really beyond words."

The shackled defendant answered a few questions, telling the judge he needed an attorney and had no assets.

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said he will urge prosecutors to seek the death penalty.

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The junior high and high school buildings are both pushing 50 years old, while the comparatively newer elementary school is about 20 years old.

Fixing the utility problems will be expensive, especially considering the age of the older buildings, Mitchell said.

"It'll probably be pretty costly to fix," he said. "If and when we start doing renovations, there's going to be accessibility issues to deal with."

Mitchell said the high school and junior high buildings have been mostly exempt from handicapped-accessible regulations because they were built long before the regulations went into effect.

However, any renova-

tions made at the two buildings would invalidate the exemptions, meaning that trustees would also have to address a variety of accessibility issues in any work done.

The next step in the process will be for PSC to compile a "master plan" for the district's facilities. This would be an in-depth, highly-detailed proposal for upgrading the district's infrastructure. Also, it would include estimates as to how much renovation would cost.

Trustees likely will consider giving PSC the go-ahead during their April board meeting.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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life." That court was already considering an appeal on whether Terri Schiavo's right to due process had been violated.

Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, praised the ruling: "What this judge did is protect the freedom of people to make their own end-of-life decisions without the intrusion of politicians."

Bobby Schindler, Terri Schiavo's brother, said his family was crushed. "To have to see my parents go through this is absolutely barbaric," he told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday. "I'd love for these judges to sit in a room and see this happening as well."

Scott Schiavo, brother of Terri's husband, Michael, called the judge's decision "a good thing," and said he did not believe Congress should have intervened.

"There's not a law that's made for this," Scott Schiavo told The AP in a telephone interview. "This is something that goes on 100 times a day in our country, that people, their wish to die with dignity is not a federal issue."

Attempts to reach Bob Schindler were unsuccessful early Tuesday. George Felos, the attorney for Michael Schiavo, hung up twice when reached by reporters from The Associated Press.

Whittemore's decision comes after feverish action by President Bush and Congress on legisla-

tion allowing the brain-damaged woman's contentious case to be reviewed by federal courts.

The tube was disconnected Friday on the orders of a state judge, prompting an extraordinary weekend effort by congressional Republicans to push through unprecedented emergency legislation Monday aimed at keeping her alive.

Terri Schiavo did not have a living will. Her husband has fought in courts for years to have the tube removed because he said she would not want to be kept alive artificially and she has no hope for recovery. Her parents contend she responds to them and her condition could improve.

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CORDES

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Secretary Judy Dobbs said.

Interim Superintendent Wayne Mitchell said the board has up to 180 days to either appoint a replacement for Cordes, or call for a special election to fill the remainder of his unexpired term.

Mitchell said that the board would likely appoint a replacement rather than go through the expense of a special election.

With Cordes' resignation, the Coahoma school board will soon have two new faces. Incumbent trustee John Wayne Metcalf chose not to run for re-election, meaning that newcomer Mike Blissard will be unopposed in the May 7 election.

That election likely will be canceled, Mitchell said, because no seats are contested.

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In addition to the forum, a representative of USDA Rural Development will be on hand to assist individuals with applications and information concerning its programs. These are:

April 20 — 10 a.m.-noon, Howard County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Big Spring; 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Borden County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Gail.

April 26 — 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Martin County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Stanton.

April 27 — 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Dawson County Annex Building, Auditorium, 609 N. First, Lamesa.

Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Big Spring; 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Borden County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Gail.

April 26 — 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Martin County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Stanton.

April 27 — 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Dawson County Annex Building, Auditorium, 609 N. First, Lamesa.

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the nation's worst school shooting since the rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in April 1999 that left 12 students and a teacher, plus the two teen gunmen, dead.

The victims included the gunman's grandfather; the grandfather's wife; a school security guard; a teacher; and five other students. At least 14 others were wounded, officials said.

"There's not a soul that will go untouched by the tragic loss that we've experienced here," Floyd

Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, told WCCO-TV of Minneapolis on Tuesday.

Police said the gunman killed himself after exchanging fire with officers. Red Lake Fire Director Roman Stately said the gunman had two handguns and a shotgun.

"We ask Minnesotans to help comfort the families and friends of the victims who are suffering unimaginable pain by extending prayers and expressions of support," Gov. Tim Pawlenty said.

The shooter was Jeff Weise, a 17-year-old student who had been placed in the school's Homebound program for some violation of policy,

said school board member Kathryn Beaulieu. Students in that program stay at home and are tutored by a traveling teacher. Beaulieu said she didn't know what Weise's violation was, and wouldn't be allowed to reveal it if she did.

Beaulieu said school was canceled Tuesday, but plans hadn't been made for the rest of the week.

During the rampage, teachers herded students from one room to another, trying to move away from the sound of the shooting, said Graves, 14. He said some students crouched under desks.

Some pleaded with the gunman to stop. "You

could hear a girl saying, 'No, Jeff, quit, quit. Leave me alone. What are you doing?'" Sandra Hegstrom told The Pioneer of Bemidji.

Student Ashley Morrison said she heard shots, then saw the gunman's face peering through a door window of a classroom where she was hiding with several other students. After banging at the door, the shooter walked away and she heard more shots, she said.

"I can't even count how many gunshots you heard, there was over 20. ... There were people screaming, and they made us get behind the desk," she said.



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OUR VIEWS

Schiavo deserves better fate than Congress delivers

Extraordinary. No other word can describe what Congress did early Monday morning in its attempt to block a Florida judge's decision to remove the feeding tube that has kept Terri Schiavo alive for the past 15 years.

Almost every one of us had nightmares of being in Schiavo's situation. The thought of having one's life maintained through artificial means frightens most of us.

As a result, Schiavo's case has always evoked sympathy. That is doubly true today because her persistent vegetative state is no longer just an agonizing fight between her husband and her parents. It is now political battle.

Congressional Republicans flocked to Washington on Sunday for an almost surreal session. By early Monday morning, the House and Senate had approved a bill that gives Schiavo's parents the right to sue in federal court.

That bill was signed almost immediately into law by President Bush.

Schiavo's nightmarish situation was troubling enough as a private matter between the husband and parents. It became a national issue when the family could not agree on whether she should be kept alive artificially, and the question went to the courts.

Florida courts have been wrestling with the case for years and a state appeals court judge presiding over the case ordered the feeding tube removed late last week, basing his decision largely on testimony by Schiavo's husband that she would never have chosen to live in this condition.

But rather than let the courts, which have studied this case closely, decide Schiavo's fate, Republicans saw a chance to score political points by intervening — recognizing that it would put Democrats in a difficult position and earn points with pro-life factions.

Early this morning, U.S. District Judge James Whittemore denied an emergency request by Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, that her feeding tube be reinserted — a decision that more than likely will be appealed to the 11th Circuit of Appeals.

Barring a circuit court reversal, the Schindlers will more than likely attempt an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has three times already refused to hear the case.

During television interviews Monday morning, Schiavo's husband said President Bush and other Republican leaders should be ashamed. We agree.

Schiavo's condition has obviously been terrible for the family — one we pray to God that we never face ourselves.

There is no simple solution.

One can only imagine being in her parents' position. Their love for their daughter is clear, their pleas are nothing short of heartbreaking.

However, Schiavo's husband faces a terrible dilemma, too, believing his wife would rather die than live in her current state.

For members of Congress to interfere was unconscionable.

Whether you side more with the Schindlers or her husband, Schiavo deserves a fate better than becoming a political football.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our day involve a wonderful encounter with You, Lord.
Amen

When in doubt, go with the free food

Too much is going on. We are paralyzed by our choices.

Along with all the classes, seminars and lectures that take place daily at Harvard, where I am hiding out for a semester, there are speeches, symposia (yes, they talk like that up here) and workshops.

The choices are staggering. Here are some actual events that have taken place in the last few days. I am not making these up:

"The Duddleian Lecture: Memory, Salvation and Perdition. Importance and Ambiguity of Memory."

"Paradise Lost? A Critical Analysis of Homicides in Jamaica."

"The Death of Oedipus and What Happened Next."

"Workshop on Conservative and Revisionist Historiography." (I might have gone to this if I knew what historiography was.)

"Principles of Politeness: The Reputation and Reception of Lord Chesterfield and Letters to His Son."

"State Religion and Women's Religion in Early Babylonia: The Case of Queen Shulgi-Simti." (I might have gone to this one, too, but I am so bored with Queen Shulgi-Simti. It seems like every time you turn around, there is another primetime TV special on Queen Shulgi-Simti.)

"Hammer of Gold: Financial Policy and the Coming of Stalinist Industrialization."

"Born to Run? Walking and Running in Human Evolution."

"The Molecular Basis of Transduction in Zebrafish Hair Cells."

See what I mean? This is a tiny sample of what is available, and it is way too much to choose

between. So how do we decide what to attend?

Answer: Free food.

Yes, that is correct. Some rules apply even at Harvard: If you feed us, we will come.

Which is how I found myself at a talk by Nan Aron, president of the Alliance for Justice, "the country's premier voice for a fair and independent judiciary and a major player in the judicial nominations process," according to the press release.

(The talk was also about 20 feet from my office, another criterion I use, especially if it is snowing.)

Aron is heavily involved in educating people about the current fight over Senate rules and judicial nominations. In today's Senate, it takes 60 votes, not a simple majority of 51, to approve a judicial nominee. That is because it takes 60 votes to stop a filibuster.

Angered by the Democratic blockage of some of President Bush's appointments to the bench, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has threatened to change the rules and make filibustering impossible on judicial nominees. This is being called the "nuclear option." All Frist needs is 51 votes to do this, and the Republicans have 55 votes in the Senate.

But Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has threatened to paralyze the Senate if Frist goes ahead with the nuclear option.

"Keep in mind that federal judges are there for life," Aron said. "They are a president's legacy. William Rehnquist (chief justice of the United States) has served under seven presidents. Federal judges used to serve an average of 15 years. Now, it is up to 24 years. That is a long time considering a president serves only four or eight years."

"A few years ago, if somebody had told me the Senate would filibuster court of appeals judges, I would not have believed it. But it is judgeships around

which Democrats have decided to define themselves."

Aron named some judicial nominees she was opposed to. "You have probably never heard of them, but they would turn back the clock on environmental protection, workers' rights and the right to choose," Aron said. "This president seeks to do harm to the rights we have come to take for granted through his judicial appointments. The Democrats have only the filibuster as a way to say no."

Aron also said that while the Republicans are portraying the Democrats as obstructionists, Democrats have blocked only 10 out of 214 of Bush's judicial nominees. "At the end of Clinton's second term, 60 of his judicial nominees had failed to have a hearing or had been blocked," she said.

Aron discussed the "nuclear option" and said it was really a way for Bush to get his Supreme Court nominees approved easily, should there be an opening. "We do expect Rehnquist to retire this June, and my hunch is that Bush is trying to get other justices to retire, as well, including Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy. We will be facing the most important fight of all of our lives."

There are two sides to this issue, of course, but the person Aron was supposed to debate got sick and couldn't show up. So we will just have to wait and hope that when he does come to Harvard, they will offer a free dinner to hear him.

And, by the way, I hope you have been paying attention. Because all this will be on the final.

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Congress has on business deciding Schiavo's fate

I write about the Terry Schiavo case both as one who has personally confronted the "pull the plug" question on several levels in recent years and as a staggered observer of this festival of political hypocrisy, opportunism and the trashing of constitutional law, common sense and common decency.

Look, the fundamental question in such cases is, "Who decides?" Preferably, the dying themselves, with a living will. In this case, evidence that Terry Schiavo did not want her life continued in its current pitiable state has been offered and accepted in several courts of law. Next, the next-of-kin, though in many cases someone else may be closer to the dying person, such as a longtime lover, and should be legally designated to make the decision through power of attorney.

Bad cases make bad law, and this is a bad case. In the tragic cases where a family splits on the decision, the case goes to court, where there is a well-established body of law on the subject. The Schiavo case has been litigated for seven years now, the verdict upheld at every level (including the U.S. Supreme Court, by refusing to hear arguments). It is beyond comprehension, not to mention the Constitution, that the Congress of the United States and the president should have involved themselves at this point.

What on earth makes them think they have the right to do so? Both libertarians and constitutional conservatives, including Justice Scalia, should be having fits over this push by the federal government into a private family matter. Congress has no power to overturn judicial decisions, nor has it any role in such painful personal decisions. This is as arrogant a usurpation of power as we have had since FDR's court-packing plan.

As Barney Frank, D-Mass., so

trenchantly put it, "This is a terribly difficult decision which we are, institutionally, totally incompetent to make." George W. Bush is neither a neurologist nor a medical ethicist. What on earth is he doing in this case?

For your information, while he was governor of Texas, George W. Bush signed the Advanced Directives Act in 1999, which gives hospitals the right to remove life support in cases where there is no possibility of revival, when the family cannot pay, no matter what the family's wishes are in the matter. In Texas, you can only live in a persistent vegetative state if you are accepted in one of the few institutions that provide such care or if your family is both willing and able to take care of you. And if Bush is so concerned about the right to life, why didn't he give death-row inmate Carla Faye Tucker more than 10 minutes consideration and some cheap mockery?

The very Republicans who pushed for this arrogant, interfering bill, which if used across the board would take away everyone's right to make their own decisions in these awful cases, are the same people who voted to cut Medicaid, which pays for the care of people like Terry Schiavo across the country.

That the main player in this fiasco is Majority Leader Tom DeLay — who is in the midst of yet another scandal himself — is enough to make anyone throw up. This is a man whose sense of morality is so deformed that upon being chastised three times by the House Ethics Committee, his response was to change the rules and stack the committee.

What a despicable display of pure political pandering. What an insult to everyone who has faced this decision without ever considering asking 535 strangers in Washington, D.C., what to do.

How can anyone want to cede that authority to a bunch of politicians?

I am indebted to the blogger called Digby for the following points: Those who passed this bill

are the same politicians who want to outlaw medical malpractice suits like the one that provided the care for Terry Schiavo for many years while she was in "a persistent vegetative state." They are the same politicians who have just finished changing bankruptcy law so that it is now much harder for families hit by tragedies like this one to get out from under the staggering medical bills. How dare they talk about morality?

How can a bunch of blowhard television pundits with no medical training whatsoever conclude anything about Terry Schiavo's condition from watching a few seconds of edited videotape? Where on earth do they get the nerve to make any pronouncements about her condition?

Who are these professional anti-abortion activists who think they have the right to make decisions about someone else's life? Those who think letting someone who is critically brain dead die is the same as Auschwitz are incapable of making moral distinctions.

I watched one of the dearest men who ever lived, who had no chance of regaining consciousness, toss for hours in relentless pain before he escaped because the state of New York had such draconian drug laws the doctors were afraid to give him enough morphine to kill the pain. The New York legislature, in all its majesty, made sure the 76-year-old, 90-pound man dying from cancer did not become a morphine addict. Political bodies have no business making medical decisions.

Do I believe in miracles? Yes, I do, and I'm praying for one that will let the sanctimonious phonies in Washington realize the gross moral error of their presumption.

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medaBy STEVE REA
Staff Writer

Eight Big Spring School art students recently claimed awards while competing in the VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) contest held at the University of Texas at Permian Basin.

Medals were awarded to those students who placed a "4," or superior, in each of the events.

From more than 1,000 entries at the state level, 1,000 entries advanced to the state contest, to the University of Houston's Clear Lake campus in mid-March.

Each student submitted a maximum of three art entries. Entries were taken in the traditional fields of painting, printmaking and other flat art forms. Three-dimensional entries include ceramics, sculpture, textiles, and other types of art.

Big Spring High School submitted 26 entries, 13 students in total. Those medals were:

- Freshman Acosta, who received a medal for her pencil drawing "Thoughts of the past and the oil pastels 'Boots.'"

- Sophomore Barton, who received a medal for his media sculpture "Destruction."

- Junior Collin, who received a medal for his pencil drawing "Destruction."

- Senior Holland, who received a medal for her oil painting "Heaven's Butterflies."

- Freshman Landin, who received a medal for his drawing "Castle."

- Junior Moorhead, who received a medal for her drawing "Bubbles."

- Freshman Petersen, who received a medal for her watercolor "Tulips."

- Freshman Tumey, who received a medal for his drawing "Landscape 1."

Other BSHS students attending the contest included senior Garcia, Carli Paiz, Elizabeth Elizabeth, sophomore Bria, and freshman Merrick. All received "excelling 3, marks."

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The performance is open to the public.

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BSHS art students are VASE medalists

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Eight Big Spring High School art students recently claimed top awards while competing in the VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition) contest held at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

Medals were awarded to those students receiving a "4," or superior, rating in each of the regional events.

From more than 10,000 entries statewide, about 1,000 entries are chosen as finalists to go on to the state contest, to be held at the University of Houston's Clear Lake campus in mid-April.

Each student could submit a maximum of two art entries. Entries are taken in the two-dimensional fields of drawing, painting, printmaking and other flat surfaces. Three-dimensional fields include ceramics, sculpture, textiles, metal work and other types of materials.

Big Spring High School submitted 26 entries from 13 students in the competition. Those receiving medals were:

- Freshman Frankie Acosta, who received two medals for the colored pencil drawing "Thoughts of the Past," and the oil pastel drawing "Boots."

- Sophomore Eric Barton, who received a medal for his mixed-media sculpture "Tree."

- Junior Collin Carroll, who received a medal for his pencil drawing "Time Destruction."

- Senior LaVanna Holland, who received a medal for her oil painting "Heaven's Butterflies."

- Freshman Jeremy Landin, who received a medal for his pencil drawing "Castle."

- Junior Kristina Moorhead, who received a medal for her oil painting "Bubbles."

- Freshman Jennifer Petersen, who received a medal for her watercolor "Tulips."

- Freshman Floyd Tumey, who received a medal for his print "Landscape 1."

Other BSHS students attending the competition included seniors Angelo Garcia, Carli Payne, and Elizabeth Petersen, sophomore Briana Valles; and freshman Emelia Merrick. All of them received "excellent," rating 3, marks.



Big Spring High School Art students who competed at the Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition March in Odessa include: Front row, left to right: Emelia Merrick and Frankie Acosta; second row, left to right: Jennifer Petersen, Kristina Moorhead, Jeremy Landin, Briana Valles and Angelo Garcia; back row, left to right: Eric Barton, Floyd Tumey, Lavanna Holland, Collin Carroll and Elizabeth Petersen. Acosta holds a painting by Carli Payne, who is not pictured.

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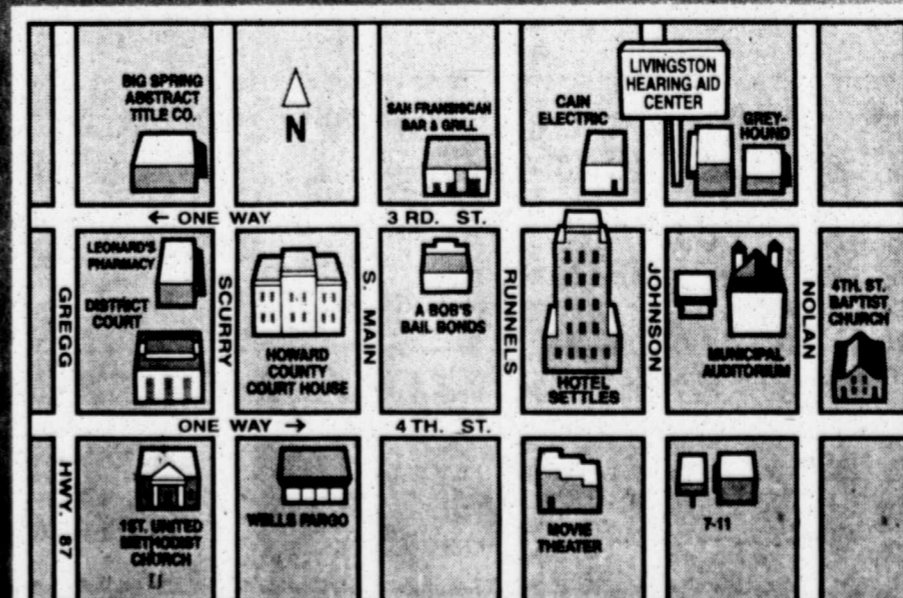
Forsan one-act play on stage this evening

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World news briefs

Fed expected to stay measured as long as inflation remains docile

WASHINGTON (AP) — While mortgage rates and other interest rates are expected to keep rising this year, those increases are likely to continue at a gradual pace unless inflation becomes a threat.

But with oil prices surging to record highs, the worry about out-of-control inflation remains very real.

Analysts said if policy-makers at the Federal Reserve grow concerned that inflation is becoming a problem, they are likely to start pushing up interest rates at a much more rapid clip.

More about the Fed's intentions was being revealed Tuesday when Fed policy-makers convene for their second meeting of the year.

It was widely expected that they would boost the Fed's target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, by another quarter-point. It would be the seventh quarter-point increase since the Fed started raising rates last June when the funds rate stood at a 46-year low of 1 percent. The funds rate is 2.50 percent.

If the Fed does boost rates by a quarter-point, commercial banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, would rise by a quarter-point to 5.75 percent.

While a quarter-point rate hike was widely expected, analysts said there was more doubt about the wording the Fed will use to explain its actions.

The focus of attention is on the word "measured," which the Fed has used since it began boosting rates to signal that it intended to move rates higher at a gradual pace.

Protesters take control of southern Kyrgyz cities

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — Protests sweeping Kyrgyzstan are part of a "coup" designed by criminals, President Askar Akayev's spokesman said Tuesday, and the government signaled it has no intention of accepting election fraud charges that have fueled the massive rallies.

The protests in the southern cities of Osh and Jalal-Abad were controlled by "criminal elements connected to the drug mafia ... struggling to gain power," said spokesman Abdil Seghizbayev. Osh, Kyrgyzstan's second-largest city, is a major transit point for drugs from Afghanistan and Tajikistan to Kazakhstan and Russia.

Seghizbayev's comments came a day after opposition activists — angered over what they allege was widespread manipulation of this year's parliamentary elections — took control of Osh using clubs and Molotov cocktails to storm government buildings, forcing police and officials to flee.

The opposition demonstrations in Osh and four other towns in Kyrgyzstan's impoverished south has increased pressure on Akayev, who has ruled this former Soviet republic in Central Asia for 15 years.

Deliberations in smuggling deaths case resume today

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors resumed deliberating today in the trial of a New York man who could be executed for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants during a smuggling attempt.

The jury began its deliberations Monday, working for seven hours before recessing for the day without a verdict in the trial of Tyrone Williams. He faces 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting illegal immigrants in the May 2003 smuggling attempt.

If the jury convicts him on any of the 20 counts eligible for the death penalty, it will hear more evidence against him in the punishment phase of the trial and then decide whether he should be executed.

If it finds Williams guilty only of counts not eligible for the death penalty, U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore will sentence him.

Douglas McNabb, a Houston federal criminal defense lawyer not involved in the case, said it may take awhile for the

jury to reach a verdict because jurors will have to unanimously agree on each of the 58 counts. "Unless it's really a slam dunk for the prosecutors ... it's going to take

some time to do," he said. Prosecutors told jurors that Williams ignored the immigrants' screams for help as he transported them from Harlingen to Houston.

The president sought to stem the protests Monday by ordering an investigation into the vote-rigging allegations, but the emboldened opposition vowed to press on to force him to leave office.

Akayev, 60, is prohibited from seeking another term, but the opposition has accused him of manipulating the parliamentary vote to gain a compliant legislature that would amend the constitution to allow a third term. Akayev has denied that.

Israel hands over Tulkarem to Palestinian control

TULKAREM, West Bank (AP) — Israel completed its handover of the West Bank town of Tulkarem to Palestinian security control Tuesday, ceremonially unlocking a gate that had blocked traffic between the town and main points in the West Bank.

Israeli and Palestinian commanders shook hands at the gate, which is to be removed at a later point. The transfer of control to Palestinian forces, which began Monday night, has nudged along a conciliation process that has proceeded fitfully since leaders announced an end to four years of bloodshed.

The transfer could help Palestinian officials carry out a new directive restricting weapons in the hands of militants, who insist they'll comply only if Israel withdraws from West Bank towns.

Tulkarem, located in a sensitive position on the line between Israel and the West Bank, is the second of five West Bank towns where Palestinian security forces are to assume responsibility. Its transfer had stalled over whether to include nearby villages and roads.

Similar issues, pitting Israeli security concerns against Palestinian suspicions of Israeli foot-dragging, had delayed the handover of the first town, Jericho, and are liable to re-emerge in negotiations on the other three.

Brazil, Germany India, Japan hope for U.N. Security Council seats

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Four countries seeking permanent seats on the U.N. Security Council — Brazil, Germany, India and Japan — want the General Assembly to adopt a resolution to that effect by this summer. But Pakistan, Italy and other mid-size countries are still pushing a rival plan to expand the U.N.'s most powerful body.

After 10 years of seemingly endless debate, Secretary-General Kofi Annan told U.N. member states Monday that he wants a decision on council expansion before September, when world leaders are due back in New York to consider restructuring the United Nations.

The proposed changes are the most sweeping in the 60-year history of the world body. And one of the boldest is the proposal to expand the Security Council to make it more representative of the world in the 21st century.

"This year, I sense a greater enthusiasm and interest on the part of member states," Annan told reporters after his presentation. "I would hope that the

member states ... will work hard to come to an agreement on this so that, when they come here, heads of state can bless it."

The Security Council, the primary U.N. organ, currently has 15 members, 10 of which are chosen for two-year terms. The other five — France, Britain, China, Russia and the United States — are permanent and wield veto power.

Annan supports two options to enlarge the Security Council, both proposed by a high-level panel in December. But the U.N. chief left open the possibility of other "viable proposals."

Michael Jackson late again but this time unpunished

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson, who is said to be suffering from back problems, trembled and wept in apparent pain at the counsel table during testimony in which an expert described symptoms of sexual abuse.

The testimony was delayed by Jackson's arriving several minutes late. Judge Rodney S. Melville took no apparent action, though he had threatened to arrest Jackson and revoke his bail on March 10 when the singer, wearing pajama bottoms, arrived more than an hour late complaining of a back problem.

The judge conferred in his chambers with Jackson's attorneys and doctor Monday as the singer sat waiting. The judge then took the bench and, with no explanation for Jackson's tardiness, ordered that testimony resume.

Monday's chief witness was a child abuse expert who was called by the prosecution to describe symptoms of sexual abuse that could relate to the charges against Jackson, who is accused of molesting a now-15-year-old boy at his Neverland ranch, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's

family captive in 2003.

Prosecution witness Anthony J. Urquiza, a child psychologist who has not interviewed Jackson's accuser, said children often delay reporting abuse. He also said boys assaulted by men are more hesitant to report abuse because they may be afraid of being labeled homosexual.

During cross-examination, defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. asked the psychologist whether Jackson's accuser may be lying. The defense has argued the allegations were made to extort money.

Urquiza replied that only 2 percent to 6 percent of molestation allegations turn out to be false according to research he has seen. He said he knew of no research concerning false molestation claims motivated by money, or in which the target of false allegations was a world famous celebrity who was known to be wealthy.

More than 200 artists produce portraits of 1,327 Americans killed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Row after row of photos in a newspaper, each the likeness of a U.S. soldier killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, were the inspiration for an artistic tribute to those who lost their lives in the conflicts.

"Faces of the Fallen," 1,327 individual portraits of the dead produced by 200 artists, opens to the public Wednesday at Arlington National Cemetery.

The images, each 6-by-8 inches, are mounted on plain steel rods that reach to near eye level. Each rod includes a label with the soldier's name, hometown and date of death.

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B.S. Girl's Softball Association holding signups in March

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming 2005 season. The league is open for girls and women ages four and above.

Signups will occur every Saturday throughout the month of March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. However, signups will also be accepted at All District Sports, located at 1005 East 11th Place.

There is a registration fee of \$30.

Tryouts for the league will take place April 2 and the league begins play April 25.

For more information, call Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo. The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

B.S. Little League Umpires Association sets final meetings

The Big Spring Little League Umpires Association has announced its final meeting before the new season begins.

The meeting will take place Saturday at the Courthouse, beginning at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Don Booth at 816-9748.

Big Spring C.C. sets three-person toumey

The Big Spring Country Club will host a three-person scramble April 2 and 3.

The entry fee is \$50 per player plus golf cart. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start each day.

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

Rose hurts former-team in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Malik Rose knocked down a pair of 18-foot jumpers to complete a 14-0 run to start the fourth quarter, getting a measure of revenge against the team that traded him last month as the Knicks defeated the Spurs, 88-75.

Rose had 18 points — his most since joining the Knicks 10 games ago — and seven rebounds against the team he spent the past 7 1/2 seasons with. Rose was making his first start for New York as Kurt Thomas was sidelined.

Stephon Marbury scored the Knicks' final 14 points of the third quarter and finished with 31 points and 10 assists.

Devin Brown scored 22 points for the Spurs, who were without Tim Duncan, who will miss the rest of the regular season with a sprained ankle.

Brown, Tuitt lead Lady Steers at Sandhills Relays

• Three relay teams grab silver medals

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

MONAHANS

Airianne Brown and Cycelye Tuitt grabbed two first place medals during individual competition at the 47th Annual Sandhills Relays in Monahans Saturday

and helped the Lady Steers track team finish second place overall.

Big Spring trailed Monahans by 11 points in

the final standings, but defeated district rival Lake View by 64.

Tuitt took home gold medals in the long jump and triple jump, while Brown was able to sprint to first in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Tuitt's winning long jump distance was 16-2.5 and her first place triple jump was 24-0.5. Brown ran the 100 meters in :12.21 and won the 200 meters with a time of :26.21.

Tuitt also grabbed second in two relays — the 4x200 and 4x400 — while Brown helped Big Spring take the silver in the 4x100 meter relay.

The 4x100 meter team, which crossed the line in :51.32, was made up of



Raegan Ritchey, Katy Abner, Elida Rodriguez and Brown.

The 4x200 meter team crossed the line in 1:50.15. That team consisted of Whitney Lewis, Tuitt, Abner and Esther Tobar. The 4x400 relay team — Rodriguez, Abner, Tuitt and Lewis — also took second place and finished in 4:21.10.

Big Spring's other first place finish was grabbed by Monica Fierro in the discus. Her winning

throw was 115-5.5. Amisha Vanderbilt and Abner also captured third place finishes in the field events competition. Vanderbilt finished third in both the shot put (36-11) and discus (112-5.75), while Abner grabbed the bronze medal in the pole vault (9-6).

Besides her second place finish in the 4x200 meter relay, Tobar was also able to grab third in the 800 meter run. She crossed the line in 2:35.72. Rodriguez — who finished second on two relay teams — came in fourth in the 300 meter hurdles after crossing the line in :50.68.

Chalesa Johnson and Tuitt finished fifth and

sixth, respectively, in the high jump, while Misty Aguilar rounded out the team scoring with a sixth place run in the 3,200 meters.

Big Spring will next run in the Tall City Relays in Midland Thursday.

Sandhills Relays

Final Girl's Standings

1. Monahans 147
2. Big Spring 136
3. Lake View 72
4. Midland Christian 62
5. Greenwood 60
6. Pecos 41
7. Kermit 40
8. Seminole 35
9. Presidio 12
10. Fort Stockton 1

B.S. boys dominate long distance events at Sandhills Relays

• Rodriguez, Garza lead Big Spring boys at Monahans meet

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

MONAHANS

The Big Spring boy's track team dominated the long distance events Saturday at the 47th Annual Sandhills Relays in Monahans, and the domination helped the Steers grab third place overall as a team.

Monahans and San Angelo Central finished first and second overall with 112 and 107 points, respectively. Big Spring scored 86 points, which was four points ahead of fourth place Fort Stockton.

The Steers finished first in two distance events, but dominated the runs all together.

Sophomore Michael Rodriguez won first place in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 10:07.34, while senior Daniel Garza captured the gold medal in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:01.84. Rodriguez also took second in the 1,600 meter and grabbed third. Rodriguez and Garza's mile times were recorded at 4:38.59 and 4:42.71, respectively.

The Steers also placed in the top-five five other



times among the three events. Chris Salazar grabbed third in the 3,200 meter run and fourth in the 1,600 meter run. Jacob Nichols finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:09.34 and Jessie Sanchez grabbed fifth. Zack Dawson also finished fifth in the 3,200 meter run after completing the race in 11:03.44.

Big Spring also captured four other top-five finishes in individual events.

Jacob Cortez took home the silver medal in the pole vault competition after recording a vault of 12-6. Raymond Porter leaped to a third place finish in the triple jump with a 40-5 and Jordan Kinnear grabbed fifth in the discus with a throw of 129-8. Also grabbing a top-five finish was Curtis Osburn. Osburn finished fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of :11.52.

Like the girl's track team, the Big Spring boy's will next compete in Midland at the Tall City Relays Thursday.

Sandhills Relays

Final Boy's Standings

1. Monahans 112
2. San Angelo Central 102
3. Big Spring 86
4. Fort Stockton 82
5. Seminole 64
6. Greenwood 57
7. Pecos 51
8. Kermit 36.83
9. Midland Christian 21.33
10. Presidio 14.33



KRT photo/Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal
Paul Silas, left, argues with referee Leroy Jordan in a game in December 2004. Silas was fired as the head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers Monday.

Silas removed in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Cavaliers weren't looking for this kind of madness in March.

They entered the month a virtual lock to make the playoffs. Three weeks later, they have a new coach, a new owner and are a few losses from falling out of contention — despite the efforts of LeBron James.

The Cavaliers' recent slide prompted the firing of Paul Silas Monday with 18 games left and the team clinging to the fifth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"I've got to do what's best for the team," said owner Dan Gilbert, who took over March 1 and has wasted no time making changes.

Gilbert and general manager Jim Paxson believe the Cavaliers will improve behind longtime NBA assistant Brendan Malone, who was appointed interim coach. Malone will make his debut Tuesday night at home against Detroit.

"It's going to put us in a better position to go into the playoffs and do well in the playoffs," Gilbert said.

Silas told The Associated Press he was informed of his release at a morning meeting with Paxson and Gilbert. Silas' son, assistant Stephen Silas, also was fired.

"They didn't think the team was performing as well as it should be and they wanted to make a change," Paul Silas said.

Despite James and fellow All-Star Zydrunas Ilgauskas, the Cavaliers have slumped since the All-Star break. They have lost nine of 12, and

nine straight road games. Included was a 105-98 loss Sunday to Toronto, when the 20-year-old James scored 56, becoming the youngest NBA player to reach 50 or more points.

"We didn't feel this team, based on how we were playing over the last 15 to 20 games, was going to be a team that was going to be able to get into the playoffs," Paxson said. "We feel we have the players and believe the players could be playing at a better level. Ultimately, that falls on the head coach."

Gilbert's first move after buying the Cavaliers for \$375 million was to take James out to dinner and get his thoughts on the team's future.

Gilbert insisted though that James was not consulted on the decision to fire Silas.

"I don't make decisions like this," James said. "I'm a player on this team, but I'm not ahead of anybody. I'm just like anybody else. It was a situation where it happened before I knew."

James didn't seem surprised by the firing, though. He said he's focused on getting the team back on track.

"You never want to see anyone get fired, but we've got to get through this," James said. "Right now, we're in shape not to make the playoffs, but that's not our mind-frame. It's up to the players now."

The Cavaliers entered the All-Star break at 30-21, a record that included four wins apiece against weak opponents Charlotte and Atlanta. The schedule got tougher in the second half of the

season and the Cavaliers failed to respond.

"Expectations were high. People thought we were a better team than we were," James said.

Cleveland's decline has been marked by personnel issues.

The trouble might have culminated Sunday when Silas benched starting guard Jeff McInnis for Eric Snow, who didn't score. McInnis did not play.

Earlier this season, Silas threw Snow off the bench after they exchanged words in Detroit, a move that stunned the team because Snow is a leader.

Last week, Silas was fined \$10,000 by the team for a derogatory comment about Utah forward Carlos Boozer, who left the team as a free agent last summer. Gilbert said that had no bearing on the firing.

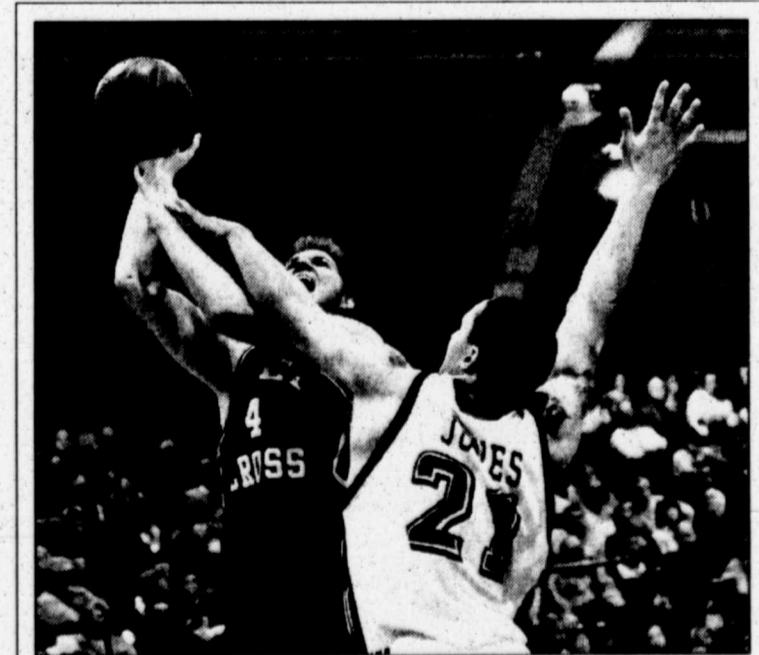
The Cavaliers are the ninth team — nearly one-third of the league — to make a coaching change since the start of the season.

Malone, in his first season with the Cavaliers, was the first coach of the expansion Toronto Raptors, spending one season with the team. He's been an assistant with New York, Indiana, Seattle and Detroit in 19 years of NBA coaching.

Malone said he would use the same starting lineup Silas did against Toronto, but didn't say if McInnis would play.

The Cavaliers started this season by staying in first place for most of the first two months.

Then, injuries and inconsistency led to losses.



KRT photo/John Costello, Philadelphia Inquirer
St. Joe's Dwayne Jones (21) tries to block a shot by Holy Cross center Nate Lufkin in the second half of their second round NIT game in Philadelphia, Penn. Monday.

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Texas Tech women reach familiar place in National Tourney

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer
DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech is heading back to familiar tournament territory by advancing to the NCAA's round of 16. Texas will spend the rest of the postseason watching instead of playing.

The third-seeded Longhorns couldn't make it past the second round for the first time in four seasons, falling to sixth-seeded Georgia 70-68 Monday night in Dallas.

"I haven't been in too many locker rooms that were as depressed and despondent as this one," Texas coach Jody Conradt said.

Had the Longhorns' last shot gone in, the atmosphere would have been completely different. Heather Schreiber had a clean look with her 3-pointer at the buzzer — but the shot bounced harmlessly off the side of the rim.

The loss dealt Texas (22-9) its earliest tournament exit since falling in the first round in 2001.

After failing to advance to the round of 16 for the first time in five years last season, fourth-seeded Texas Tech is going back after beating No. 12 seed Middle Tennessee 80-69.

Texas Tech (24-7) made sure Middle Tennessee didn't make NCAA tournament history. Alesha Robertson took advantage of openings outside, while Christi Greenwalt (19 points) and LaToya Davis (11 points and 16 rebounds) dominated inside.

When she got free, Robertson waved her arms begging for the ball. The sophomore made 10-of-18 shots with five 3-pointers for her fifth 20-point game this season — her first in two months.

"Usually I haven't been

seeing those open shots," said Robertson, a target for opposing defenses in the Big 12. "They did concentrate on post play. That gave me a lot of looks."

After pulling off a first-round upset for the second straight year, Middle Tennessee (24-9) missed becoming just the second No. 12 seed to win twice in the tournament.

"This is harder to swallow than 12 months ago," coach Stephany Smith said. "We felt like we were prepared ... for whatever reason in the first half, we weren't as aggressive as we had been all season."

Patrice Holmes, who hit the game-winning jumper with 1.6 seconds left Saturday for the 60-58 upset of North Carolina State, scored 25 points.

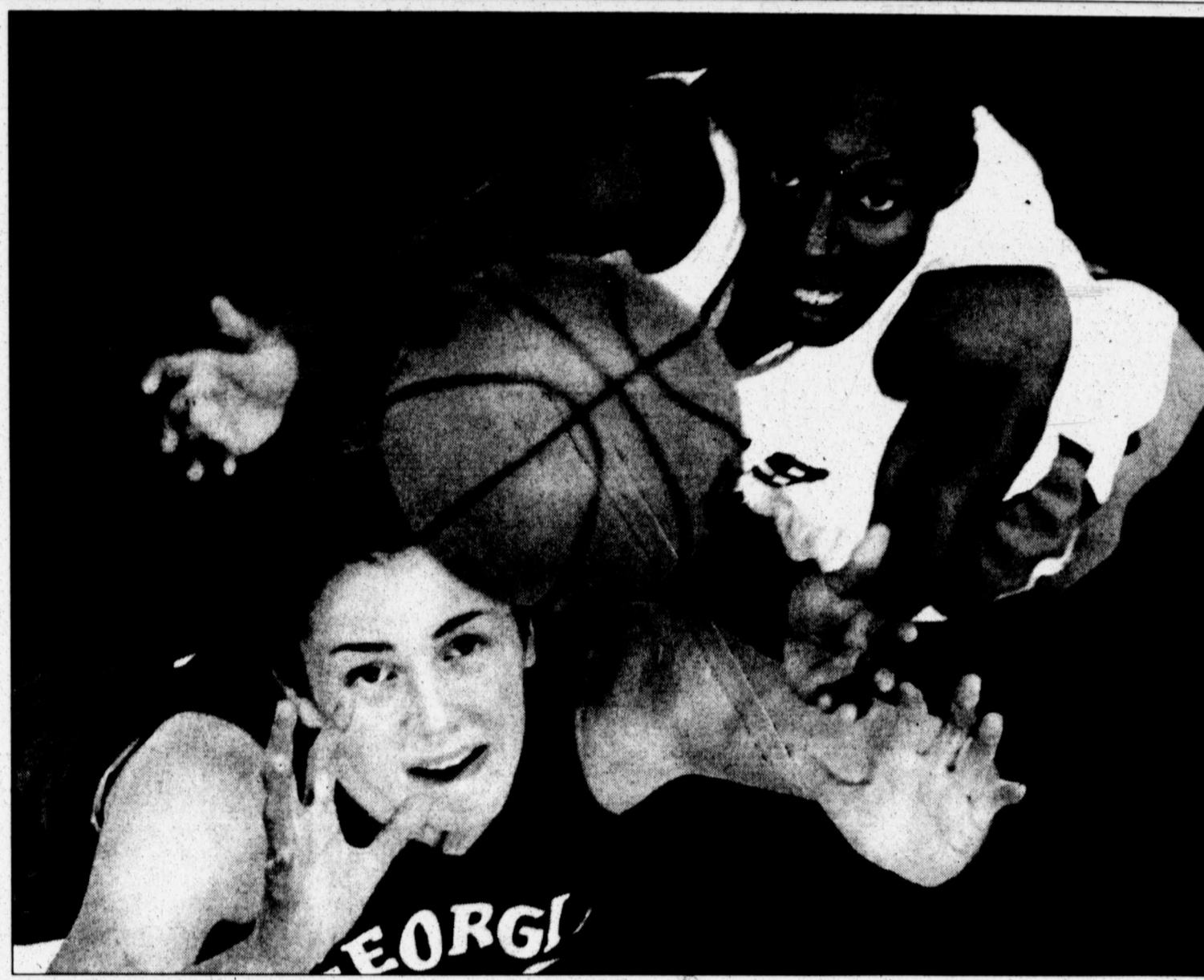
Georgia will face the winner of Tuesday night's Duke-Boston College game Saturday in the Chattanooga Regional semifinals.

Georgia (24-9) heads to the round of 16 for the 15th time in 21 tournament appearances, all under head coach Andy Landers.

Landers was his signature animated self in front of the Georgia bench, at one point putting one of his players in a headlock to better illustrate his point to officials about the physical play inside.

He had good cause to be concerned — the game was being decided under the basket.

The game had a much different ending than when Texas and Georgia met in November. Back then, the Longhorns were ranked No. 2 and were a Final Four favorite, but the Bulldogs grounded Texas by rallying from a 15-point before cruising to a 78-64 victory.



Texas' Anissa Hastings, top, battles Georgia's Rebecca Rowsey for a rebound during the second half of their second round NCAA women's basketball tournament game in Dallas Monday. Sixth-seeded Georgia defeated No. 3 seed Texas, 70-68, to advance to the Sweet 16.

Worse than expected: Spurs put Duncan on IL

• All-star forward could miss rest of regular season

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Duncan was only joking when he called his old backup and made a death threat.

Malik Rose shrugged it off as another tasteless yet personal salvo in their friendship grown distant, then gave the Spurs one more close look at what they let go at the trading deadline.

On the day San Antonio learned Duncan might miss the rest of the regular season, Rose — Duncan's backup for 7 1/2 years — knocked down a

pair of 18-foot jumpers Monday night to complete a 14-0 run to start the fourth quarter as the New York Knicks defeated the Spurs 88-75.

Only once in 67 games had the Spurs been held to such a low point total.

Duncan, the Spurs' leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker, crumpled to the floor in the opening minutes of a loss to Detroit on Sunday after coming down on Rasheed Wallace's foot.

San Antonio placed the two-time MVP on the injured list Monday following an MRI exam and said he'd be out 2-4 weeks. Duncan flew home to begin treatment while the rest of the team went to New York.

Duncan missed two games earlier this month with a sprained right ankle.

"It's the same ankle he hurt previously, and he really did a number on this one," coach Gregg Popovich said. "It's not broken, but he can't walk on it or anything right now. Two weeks minimum, I'm sure."

Robert Horry started in Duncan's place against the Knicks and had 10 points, but the Spurs relied too much on the 3-point shot (5-for-22) and were at a loss to find any offense when the Knicks made their surge.

San Antonio (50-17) has 15 more games before the playoffs start, still contending with Miami and

Phoenix for home-court advantage throughout the postseason.

The Spurs are 1-4 without Duncan this season.

"If he's ready to play, we'll play him. If he isn't, we won't," Popovich said. "He won't allow me to let him sit there if he's healthy and ready to go. If he doesn't play any more regular-season games, it'll be because his ankle's not ready and he's not able."

Duncan's old backup, Rose, avoided eye contact with Popovich — except to glance over to see which play was being called, then announcing it to his new teammates.

When the final buzzer sounded, Rose walked over to Popovich and the two exchanged hugs.

Bedtime Stories

IT'S RAINING

Mary had a flower garden. In the garden, she had roses. Some of the roses were red. Some were white, and all of them were beautiful. Mary loved to look at the roses, because they were so pretty.

Mary loved to smell the roses, because they smelled so wonderful. Mary had other flowers in her garden, too. She loved them all!

Mary had big trees in her yard. Mary had small trees in her yard. She loved to sit under the shade of the big trees on a hot summer day. She loved to watch the little trees growing, for she knew that every day, the little trees were slowly inching their way upwards. The little trees could not wait until the day when they would become big trees. Mary loved them all, also!

Mary had soft grass in her yard. She loved to take her shoes off and walk in the soft, wonderful grass. It seemed to tickle her toes as she walked. Mary loved the color of the grass in the summertime. It would be so green. Mary loved her grass!

One cloudy day, Mary decided to go outside and smell her flowers and look at their

beauty. She wanted to see if the little trees were growing, too. She wanted to do all of this while walking barefoot on the green grass. But Mary quickly had to come back inside! It was raining! It was raining very hard!

"I don't like the rain," Mary said. "I wish it would stop raining and never rain again!" Little did Mary know that her

daddy like you to bring them a glass of water when they were thirsty. Mr. Rain had always given them all the water they would ever need, until Mary had hurt his feelings and he had gone away!

The little trees had stopped growing into big trees because Mr. Rain had stopped bringing them their water, and they became very thirsty, for they did not have a mommy or daddy to bring them water, especially at night when they wanted the water the most. Poor little trees!

Mary's pretty flowers did not look so pretty anymore. They did not even smell nice! "My flowers used to be so pretty," she said. "What is wrong with you?" she asked her roses. You and I

know that the roses can't talk and tell Mary — what was wrong, don't we? Or can they?

Mary saw that her big trees had no leaves on them anymore. Remember how Mary loved to sit under the big trees on a hot summer day? Now, without leaves, there is no shade to sit under! "What is wrong with you?"

Mary realized what a terrible mistake she had made when she wanted Mr. Rain to go away. Now, she knows that neither you nor I, nor the big trees, nor the little trees, nor the flowers, nor anything on earth can live without Mr. Rain!

Mary looked up into the bright sunny sky and said, "Mr. Rain, I am sorry if I hurt your feelings. I know now that I need you. All of the birds and animals

need you. All of the flowers and plants need you. Will you please come back?%

Mr. Rain heard Mary that day. He knew that she was telling the truth. He knew that she really wanted him to come back. The very next day, it became very cloudy over Mary's house, and then the thunder came! Then some lightning! Then came the rain!

It rained very hard. It rained all day long! Mary couldn't go outside to smell her flowers, but she would be able to soon, for Mr. Rain had come and now the flowers will grow once again! She couldn't wait to smell the roses again! The big trees started growing new leaves and one day soon, the shade from them would make a nice place for Mary to hide from the hot sun once again! The little trees grew even faster than before, making their way upwards towards the sky, in hopes of someday being a big tree!

The next time it is raining at your home and you want to go outside and play, but can't, what will you do? Will you ask the rain to go away and never come back? Or, will you sit by your window and look outside at the beautiful flowers, or look at the great big trees, and the little trees, and a ll of the birds and animals that live with them?

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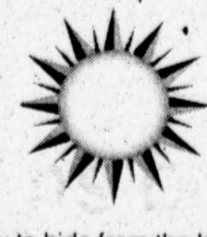
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Love planet Venus

dances into Aries with a fanciful "Ta DA!" Some of you, get the feeling you have arrived for the first time at love's gate and it opens wide. All the ways you've loved before now seem like puppy stuff. Try not to make rash promises. This too shall pass! Tonight, the moon enters Virgo, bringing our feet slightly closer to the Earth.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're attracted to danger. Someone you like, though very gorgeous, is nonetheless messed up in the head. As the 1980s Poison song goes, "Every rose has its thorn." Decide up front what you can deal with these days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know what it feels like to be close to someone in proximity and be miles apart on the inside. Instead of living with uncomfortable feelings, now is the time to bring them into the open. You're well received.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the one who brings culture to the ignorant, good manners to the barbarians and taste to the yahoos. Accept your role, and take it seriously. Also take it humorously, fancifully and exuberantly!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Why should one person suffer poverty while the world caters to another person's every whim? The injustice of the world strikes a chord deep in your soul, and you are moved to action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's heroism in your actions. You're in a position to protect those you love -- and those you hardly know, too -- from some plundering person who is used to taking things by force.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're offered the cream of the crop and should not feel one ounce of guilt about this. Take it! It's not every day you can eat your dessert first! Perhaps you can even forgo the vegetables altogether!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're so used to putting others first, at no small cost to yourself, that you could now find out you've been storing up resentful feelings. You matter. Stand up, and be counted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are some things about your quirky personality that are difficult to explain. Perhaps a loved one will never understand your emotional attachment to a certain object, but ask for respect and tolerance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Getting just the right mix of people together makes the difference between successful endeavor and a waste of time. Beware of a hypersensitive person who could change the dynamic of the whole group.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Open to a little excitement? That's why you'll be sent off on some misadventure while others diligently slog away at the same old, same old. For all your trouble, you'll have the best dinner-table story.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get rid of that habit you have that serves no purpose except to kill time. You've outgrown it! As far as friends who can make you feel terrific about yourself, a Capricorn or Aries is just what the doctor ordered!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Events this afternoon are almost burlesque in tone. Something silly may be treated with the utmost seriousness, or something serious is mocked with ridiculous levity. Either way, it's lively entertainment.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have written before about my husband and his situation. You helped me at least be able to handle some of the problems, and I am very grateful. Now, I have a situation. I was notified via a standard form letter that on April 10 my luck is supposed to change. I'm a Gemini born on June 9, 1952, at 11:30 p.m. I have enough knowledge to know when I need a second opinion. Could you give me some advice about this? Because of my husband's situation, we have not completely gotten through the mess, but I do feel like we have turned a corner. What is so special about April 10 in regards to my life?"

Gemini, it's time for you to empower yourself! Take the information in this form letter, and turn it around so you are in charge. Instead of wondering what is going to happen to you on April 10, decide what you want to happen, and then, be open to "this or something better." You are wiser than you know. Building a reliance on outside sources may get you through this mess, but you'll lose the lesson in the process. Yourself is to trust yourself! I believe in you!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Matthew Broderick's nice-guy persona doesn't exactly scream "player," but before settling in with wife Sarah Jessica Parker, he dated some of the hottest actresses in Hollywood! Venus-in-Aquarius people like Broderick enjoy instant rapport with the opposite sex, but once a true meeting of the minds occurs, they are very loyal to one partner. I predict this new father will go for baby No. 2 this year.

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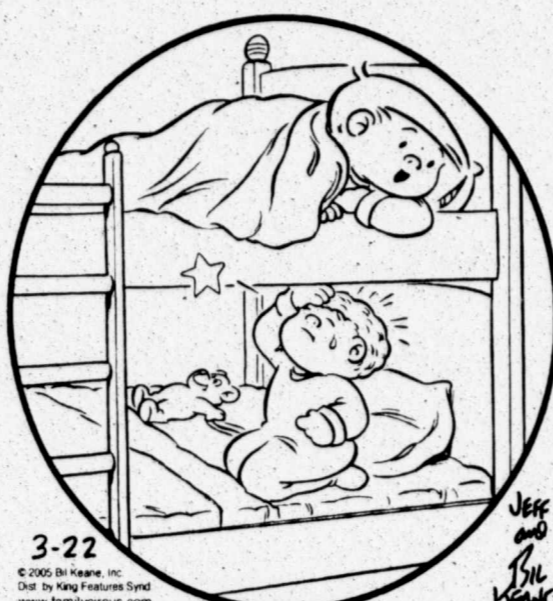
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

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By BETTY DEBNAM

At the National Museum of the American Indian ...

"We Are Still Here"



Lorisa Qumawunu is a member of the Hopi tribe from northern Arizona. After college, she worked for the Park Service at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. She is now in Washington, D.C.

Meet Lorisa Qumawunu

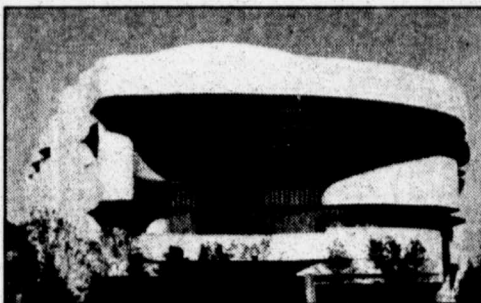
Lorisa Qumawunu is a cultural interpreter at the National Museum of the American Indian.

"It's my job to educate people about who we are. We want to break away from the stereotypes (usual ways) some people might have about Native Americans. We do not wear buckskin clothes or feathers in our hair, except on very special occasions."

Lorisa went to Indian schools on a reservation. Her father is a well-known silversmith. As a child, she learned her role as a Hopi girl. Her mother taught her how to cook traditional foods. She took part in traditional Hopi ceremonies. She watched TV and played sports like other American girls.

Lorisa has always liked adventure and meeting new people. Someday she plans to return to her Hopi Reservation.

All photos courtesy of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.



The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian is in Washington, D.C. It is on the National Mall, a long park that has museums on either side. The U.S. Capitol is at one end and the Washington Monument is at the other. The museum's entrance faces east, a custom that is important in Native American traditions. It looks toward the U.S. Capitol.

The Museum

There's a new museum in our nation's capital where American Indians tell their own stories about their histories, their beliefs, and their ways of life today.

Native Americans had an important voice in saying how the building would look and what the exhibitions would be.

The museum was built to look like a natural place that has been shaped by wind and water in a rocky canyon in the West.

The exhibits, programs, and the restaurant with its native foods remind us that the American Indians are still here after thousands of years.



Dee Pretty On Top is a member of the Crow tribe from Montana. He is a college graduate who used to work at an Indian school on the Crow Reservation.

Meet Dee Pretty On Top

Dee Pretty On Top is very proud of his Crow Indian name.

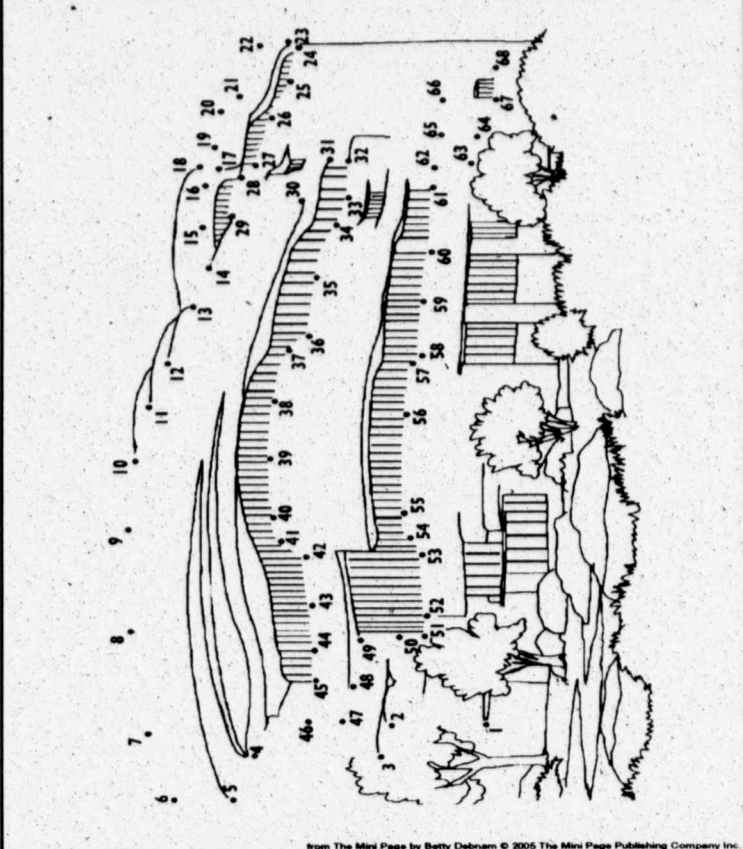
Dee is also a cultural interpreter at the National Museum of the American Indian.

"I would like for kids to know that Native Americans are humorous, athletic, and like everybody else in the world. We also still participate in our cultural activities."

Dee says that growing up on a reservation is very much like growing up anywhere else in the country. Dee's grandfather was a cowboy, and his father is a social worker. His mom is a schoolteacher.

Dee and his wife have two young sons. Someday he plans to return to the reservation. He hopes his sons will play basketball at the same high school as he did.

Go dot to dot and color this new museum in Washington, D.C.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Bannock

This bread is served with soup or stew and jam or jelly. Traditionally a staple of the Metis diet, a meal wasn't considered complete without it.

You'll need:

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- 1 cup water, lukewarm

What to do:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- Combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a bowl.
- Cut in shortening with a fork or pastry blender until dough forms fine crumbs.
- Slowly add water and stir.
- Transfer dough to a lightly floured surface and knead for about 2 minutes or until smooth and slightly sticky.
- Shape into a circle 1 to 2 inches thick.
- Put the dough on a cookie sheet and prick several places with a fork.
- Bake for 12 to 15 minutes until dough is risen and golden brown. Cool and enjoy! Makes one 10-inch loaf.

Recipe of Dolores Couit (Metis), Saint Laurent, Manitoba, Canada.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Notah Begay

Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 9-14-72
Weight: 195 Hometown: Albuquerque, N.M.

Notah Begay is enjoying life these days on the pro golf tour. He has won four PGA tournaments since 1999 and is the most noted Native American playing the game.

But Begay also knows what life is like in the rough. As a poor 10-year-old, he asked to work at a club in New Mexico just for the chance to play on the course. With dedication and natural talent, Notah earned a scholarship to Stanford University, where he excelled in golf and earned a degree in economics.

Begay, a member of the Navajo Nation, wants to do more than make birdies, however. He wants to make a difference. He strives to be a good role model and does much to aid Native Americans, which includes helping other youth have an opportunity to play golf.

Meet Adam Beach

Adam Beach, 32, is a Native American actor. He grew up in Manitoba on the Dog Creek Indian Reserve and in Winnipeg. He is a member of the Saulteaux tribe.

Adam first started acting in his high school drama club. He also performed at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People.

Adam has been on television and in some movies. He plays the part of Officer Jim Chee in a PBS series based on books by Tony Hillerman, a well-known American mystery writer whose books are set on the Navajo Reservation. Adam won the First Americans in the Arts Best Actor Award in 1995 for his role in the film "My Indian Summer."

Adam hopes to be a positive role model for Native American young people. He speaks to high school students about what it was like growing up and the issues that affect Native Americans today.

He has two young sons and currently lives in Los Angeles.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

Susan: What direction is a sneeze usually aimed?
Samuel: At-choo!

Simon: Where's the best place to catch a cold?
Sylvia: On a-choo-choo train!

Solomon: What did the cold say after passing the exam?
Shelley: "It was sneezy!"

"We Are Still Here"

Items from the museum's three main exhibits: Our Universes, Our Peoples and Our Lives

Our Universes

Our Universes is the exhibit that explains the importance of the sun, moon and stars, how they came to be, and how the Earth's seasons influence our daily lives.

American Indians use stories to explain the universe and also to teach children important values that make them better people.

One of the best-known stories is "How the Raven Stole the Sun." It teaches kids not to be greedy.

This piece of glass artwork was done by an American Indian, Preston Singletary, a member of the Tlingit tribe. The title is Raven Steals the Sun.

"A long time ago, the world lived in darkness. A greedy chief kept the sun, moon and stars locked in a box. Raven, a bird with white feathers, wanted to bring light back into the world. He disguised himself as a small pine needle and fell into a cup of water that the chief's daughter drank.

"Several months later, the chief's daughter gave birth to a little boy — really the Raven in disguise. The boy begged and begged to have the box holding the sun, moon and stars. The chief loved his grandson and finally gave it to him. When the boy opened the box, the sun, moon and stars went up into the sky. The chief was so angry that he locked up his grandson, who turned back into the Raven and escaped through a dirty smoke hole in the roof. That is why we have the sun, moon and stars, and why Raven has black feathers today."

Chiriqui gold bell, from Pueblo Viejo Bugabita, Chiriqui, Panama, A.D. 1000-1500.

Basset Brown The News Hound's American Indian TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of the National Museum of the American Indian are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: CONTACT, FESTIVALS, UNIVERSE, TRADITION, TRIBES, LANGUAGES, GOLD, SILVER, STARS, SUN, RESERVATION, RAVEN, NATIVE, PROGRAMS, MOON, NATIONAL, MUSEUM, AMERICAN, INDIAN.

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Our Peoples

Our Peoples is an exhibit in which American Indians tell their own story about their history since their contact with Europeans in the 1400s.

Our Peoples is about the challenges native communities faced when they came into contact with people from other lands. It is about how they survived. There are more than 400 objects featured in a "wall of gold" exhibit. These gold objects were made by native people from Central and South America. They were made to be worn or used in important rituals.

The quest for gold, silver and land brought many explorers to North and South America.

Europeans also brought new diseases that killed many native people.

Our Lives

Our Lives is about the American Indian's life today. It is about issues that are important to native people in today's world, such as their families and communities, their traditional languages and places they live.

For the last several hundred years, it has been difficult for American Indians to maintain their languages and traditions. Some have been lost forever, but for those who still have them it is important to keep them alive and pass them on to the next generation. So, today members of tribes teach traditional languages in schools and encourage kids to take part in the culture.

Textbooks used to teach the Kanien'kéha (Mohawk) language.

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