

Big Spring students taking 'Picasso' to area competition in Snyder Saturday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Imagine Pablo Picasso matching wits with Albert Einstein. Steve Martin did.

Now, imagine the Big Spring High School drama department staging Martin's account of the meeting.

Tracie Lindsey did that, too — with award-winning results.

A few months ago, Lindsey, the drama department head at BSHS "kept coming back" to Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" when she was deciding

what the department would perform at this spring's District

The public is invited to a free performance of the award-winning play at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School auditorium.

One-Act Play Contest.

Her hunch that the play perfectly fit her actors paid off, as

Big Spring won last week's district contest, and now advances to Saturday's Area One-Act Play Contest in Snyder.

The public will get a chance to see Lindsey's charges in action at a free performance of the play at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium. Although there is no admission, donations to the department will be accepted.

Anyone familiar with Martin will not be surprised to learn

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

From left, Big Spring High School Drama Department students Erin Griffin, James Clark and Connor Phillips perform during a dress rehearsal of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

ANNUAL EVENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO AREA AGRICULTURE



Newton Jr., SNB earn top awards at ag exposition

Neugebauer staffer updates producers on agricultural issues. Page 3A.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A second-generation farmer and a business that has been "a cornerstone" for the local agricultural community for almost 100 years were the main honorees at the annual Howard County Ag Expo, held Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Marion Newton Jr.,

who farms about 3,000 acres in Howard and Martin counties, was named the 2004 Ag Producer of the Year, while State National Bank of Big Spring received the 2004 Agri-Business of the Year award.

The event, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is designed as a way to say thanks to county agriculture producers and businesses, said Ronnie Wood, a member of the chamber's agriculture committee.

Newton, a lifelong

Howard County resident, was lauded not only for his commitment to agriculture, but also for his devotion to family and the community.

"His love for children shows through not only his five grandchildren, but the way he loves to teach and help children," said Rob Haney, the previous year's honoree. "He has helped 4-H and FFA children with the show animals for 10 years. He also bred ewes for his friends' children so that they would have an ani-

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Hundreds of area residents filled the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday to say thanks to area farmers and ranchers during the annual West Texas Ag Expo and Agricultural Appreciation Luncheon. Clockwise from top left: Ag Producer of the Year Marion Newton Jr. accepts his plaque from Ronnie Wood, a member of the chamber's agriculture committee; State National Bank President Jim Purcell, right, and Chairman John Currie accept the Ag Business of the Year award from Wood and Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde; Jimmy Clark, chief of staff and district agriculture representative for Congressman Randy Neugebauer, talks about the current Farm Bill and efforts that are ongoing in Congress.

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Banding together: Fund-raiser set at Stampede

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

While the country and western music stage may be a far cry from the brass and woodwinds of a marching band, it seems they can work together for a common goal — to send the Forsan Band to Washington D.C.

The Forsan Band accepted an invitation to march in the 2005 Independence Day parade in Washington, D.C. However, there was a catch — a rather expensive catch. The band would have to come up with at least a majority of the \$145,000 needed to pay for the trip.

And while the band just recently found the halfway

mark to their goal, being \$70,000 short a little more than a month from the trip's "deadline" still presents an incredible hurdle.

However, as anyone in the music industry knows, musicians have to stick together.

Local country music legend Jody Nix will take to the stage at the Stampede Saturday

night, and while to most it may seem like your average toe-tapping and boot-stompin' night, for Nix it's a chance to help out his fellow musicians.

"I know some of the kids that are marching in the Forsan Band," said Nix, who will be playing a special benefit show Saturday with all proceeds going to the Forsan Band. "I

think it's important to be a part of the community and help out where you can.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these kids. I wanted to help out, and this benefit dance just seemed like the best way."

Aside from donating the pro-

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FUN WALK & RUN



It's not too early to register for the Master the Mountain Fun Walk & Fun Run, scheduled April 16 at Big Spring State Park. Registration forms are available at the state park and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Late registration will also be accepted at 8 a.m. on the day of the races, which begin at 9 a.m. Registration is \$10 and includes a T-shirt.

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INSIDE TODAY



as an RSVP volunteer with the assistance of Home Hospice volunteers. She will turn 100 on June 26.

Mamie Roberts, the oldest living Big Spring High School graduate, from the class of 1923, continues to provide love and support and support

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THIS WEEKEND

Cover Story: Flying a kite in a stiff breeze on a sunny day is a simple pleasure that can evoke pleasant childhood memories for adults and create new ones for children. Kay Buesing, curator of the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach, Wash., (pop. 1,283) has fond memories of her own.



Obituaries

Dorothy Dillon



Dorothy Dillon, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 3, 2005, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Michelle Byler of Odyssey Hospice officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 1, 1917, in Chilhowie, Va., to Elijah and Mahalia Blevins. She married Jess Odell Ashley in 1931. He preceded her in death June 7, 1963. She later married James P. Dillon, Aug. 5, 1966, in Harrisburg, Va.

Dorothy spent most of her life in Crab Orchard, W.Va. She had been a homemaker and also had served as Post Mistress at Affinity, W.Va. They moved to Big Spring in 1981 from Montana. She was of the Christian Faith.

She is survived by her husband, James P. Dillon of Big Spring; one daughter, Elaine Herndon of Big Spring; one son, Jessie "Bud" Ashley of Rock, W.Va.; two stepsons, James E. Dillon and David Dillon, both of St. George, Utah; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one infant daughter and one stepson, Danny Dillon.

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

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Blanche Morgan Shank



Blanche Morgan Shank, affectionately known as Mama Bear by her family and their friends, died the night of April 2, 2005.

She was born Oct. 21, 1910, as Linda Blanche to Marshal and Minnie Yerby Meek in Teague. She was the youngest of three sisters. At age 7, her mother died and her father married Evelyn Holder, a widow with three children. Their marriage produced three more children.

When Blanche Shank was age 9, the Meek family moved to Lamesa, where Blanche completed elementary and high school. She attended West Texas State College in Canyon. She became a teacher and taught school in Patricia.

On Dec. 25, 1933, Blanche married John Hardy Morgan, whom she had known since high school days. Blanche and John Hardy started married life on the Morgan ranch south of Big Spring. They lived and ranched in West Texas until 1945, when they moved to San Antonio and eventually to a ranch northwest of Hamilton.

Blanche and John Hardy Morgan had three children, John, Margaret and Hardy. At the age of 49, Blanche was widowed and in 1961 she married Ralph B. Shank, a widower with one daughter, Susan. Blanche moved to Dallas, where Ralph practiced law, but she maintained her ranching activities at Hamilton.

In November 1990, Blanche was widowed for a second time when Ralph Shank died. In August 1992, Blanche moved to Manor Park in Midland, where she volunteered at the library and Mabee Health Care Center for more than 10 years.

In addition to two husbands, Blanche Meek Morgan Shank was preceded in death by her parents, eight siblings and a two-year-old grandson, Daniel Morgan.

Blanche Meek Morgan Shank, (Mama Bear) is survived by her children, John Morgan and wife, Virginia of Grand Prairie, Margaret Purvis and husband, James of Midland, Dr. Hardy Morgan and wife, the Rev. Terri of Dallas and Susan Shank Mix and husband, Dean McKay of Idaho City, Calif.

She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, J.Rube Purvis and wife, Mitzi; Susannah Purvis Donaldson and husband, Briggs; Wendy Purvis and her husband, Jim Plucinski; Sara Purvis Sullivan and husband, Jim; Mike Morgan and wife, Dottie; Monica Morgan Williams and husband, Rod; Margaret Morgan Steele and husband, Jay; James Hardy and wife, Lindsey; Robert Morgan and wife, Jennifer; John Morgan; Thomas Morgan; Grant Morgan; Michelle and husband, Marc Supelana-Mix; Meredith Mix; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Blanche Morgan Shank worked hard, loved deeply, gave much and lived in abiding faith in God.

The family of Blanche Morgan Shank will receive family and friends at the home of James and Margaret Purvis, 3205 Maxwell Drive, Midland, Thursday, April 7, 2005, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2005, at Manor Park Chapel, 2208 N. Loop 250 W. Midland. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland.

Memorials may be directed to Manor Park Endowment Fund, the Salvation Army, First Presbyterian Church Midland or to the charity of one's choice.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- FRANCIS PEREZ, 40, of Austin, was arrested Tuesday and held for the Cameron County Sheriff's Office.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 500 block of Bell.

J.B. "Jack" Price



J.B. "Jack" Price, 82, died Monday, April 4, 2005, in Arlington. Funeral services are 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ in Arlington. Burial is Sunday, April 10, 2005, in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He served during World War II. He was preceded in death by his son, Mike Price.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Avalene; daughter, Chris Rzy and her husband, Jim; two grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mattie May Hawes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene 79605-4966.

Arrangements are under the direction of Moore Funeral Home-Bowen Chapel in Arlington. View and sign the guestbook at www.star-telegram.com/obituaries.

Theo Mae Bryans Barton



Theo Mae Bryans Barton, 91, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services are 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005, at the Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park, New Braunfels, with the Rev. Harold Sassman, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of New Braunfels, officiating.

She was born July 10, 1913, in Wichita Falls to Virgie Coleman Bryans and C.J. Bryans. She married Bonner T. Barton July 17, 1932, and he preceded her in death Feb. 15, 1969. She moved to the Carriage House May 29, 2001. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in New Braunfels.

Survivors include two sisters and one brother-in-law, Janett and Don Talley of Holiday and Janelle Dye of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters-in-law, as well as her parents.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Wallace Reid

Wallace Reid, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Sheriff's report

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

- KIMBERLY GAYE CAIN, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- BRENT NATHAN HENRY, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- TONYA ANN PARTON, 41, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment for driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- PATRICIA FRANCISCA ROBERSON, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment for assault of a public servant.
- KEVIN DUANE RUTLEDGE, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- KYLE MONROE HIGHFIELD, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance, bondsman off of bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a judgment/bond forfeiture for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- KRISHA NICOLE CASTILLO, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO for capias pro fines for issuance of a bad check.
- JORGE ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for robbery.
- MICHAEL EUGENE MENDEZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of Texas.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2400 block of Gatesville.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 1-19-21-27-29
 Number matching five of five: 1.
 Prize per winner: \$35,003.
 Winning tickets sold in: Livingston.
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-6

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- TODAY**
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
 - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
 - Home Hospice 10-year anniversary celebration from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
 - Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
 - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Weather

Tonight - Clear. Lows in the lower 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.
 Thursday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds around 10 mph.
 Thursday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.
 Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.
 Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.
 Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.
 Saturday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.
 Sunday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.
 Sunday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.
 Monday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

Fire/EMS

- The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Langley at 8:13 a.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama at 9:18 a.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Wright at 9:58 a.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street at 2:31 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported at the intersection of 18th Street and Gregg at 4:16 p.m. Tuesday. Service was refused.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Harding at 10:22 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of FM 700 at 7:13 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Birdwell Lane at 6:04 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of N. Scurry at 9:06 p.m. Tuesday. Service was refused.
 - GRASS FIRE was reported in the 4000 block of Highway 80 at 5:39 p.m. Tuesday. Fire was extinguished.
 - STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of State Street at 1:39 a.m. Tuesday. Fire was extinguished.

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Clark: Area ag interests are vital



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Jimmy Clark, staff member for U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, speaks to the crowd during the annual Ag Expo Tuesday afternoon at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Agriculture continues to be of utmost importance to Howard County's representative in Congress.

That was the message delivered by Jimmy Clark, agricultural staffer for U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas) to Howard County agricultural producers during Tuesday's annual Ag Expo at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Clark updated the audience on a variety of agriculture issues, ranging from disputes with Japan and the World Trade Organization, to concerns over rising fuel prices.

Clark discussed a recent dispute with the World Trade Organization, which sided with the Brazilian government's claim that the U.S. government's price supports for American cotton producers unfairly impedes Brazil's ability to compete in this market.

The WTO's appellate body recently upheld the decision, leaving the U.S. government with two choices: Full compliance with the WTO, or non-compliance, which could result in WTO sanctions against U.S. cotton producers.

Neugebauer expressed disappointment with the appellate body's decision, as he believes the U.S.

farm bill to be in full compliance with WTO directives, Clark said.

Another dispute the congressman is involved with concerns Japan's reluctance to re-open its borders to U.S. beef, citing concerns over "mad cow" disease.

"Congressman Neugebauer has just about had enough with (Japan's) rhetoric," Clark said. "Our beef is safer than theirs ... Japan needs to open its markets, or this administration will have to take punitive action."

Clark also spoke of the congressman's support of a bill that would allow agriculture producers to buy multiple crop insurance policies, in effect

"stacking" policies to provide more coverage per crop.

Also, in reference to skyrocketing fuel costs, Neugebauer believes this country must act quickly to lessen its dependence on foreign oil, Clark said.

"We are rapidly becoming a consumer nation," he said.

"When we become dependent on another country for our fuel, or our food, we're in serious trouble."

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mal to show."

In addition to tending to his farm, Newton also collects antiques — particu-

larly old tractors and horse-drawn equipment — and has been active in the local Farmer's Market.

In presenting the Agri-Business award to State National, Wood extolled the bank's steadfast sup-

port to local agriculture producers.

"(The bank) began operations in Big Spring almost 100 years ago, and has been a cornerstone of the local farming community ever since, helping Howard County and sur-

rounding area farmers in both good times and bad," Wood said.

"... This business continues to be locally owned and operated, and has been a constant in a sometimes often-changing, weather-dependent busi-

ness called farming in West Texas," Wood added.

Keynote speaker during the event was Jimmy Clark, staff member for U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas), who addressed several

agricultural issues of importance to the congressman.

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PLAY

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that "Picasso" is a comedy. But a note of warning: Those expecting to see flashes of Martin's "wild and crazy guy" persona on-stage are likely to be disappointed.

This is a kinder, gentler Martin. The humor is there, but it is of a quieter nature, as Picasso,

Einstein and other patrons of a turn-of-the-century Parisian bistro trade intellectual barbs.

"I think people tend to underestimate this play when they hear it's written by Steve Martin," said senior Tapley Holguin, who plays Picasso. "There's elements of (broad humor) in this, but there are lots of intellectual elements to the play, as well."

For senior James Clark, who plays Einstein, one of the toughest things to do in preparing for the part was developing an effective German accent. He obviously did very well, as he was named Best Actor at last week's district contest.

But getting the accent down pat was only part of the challenge, Clark said. Portraying a historical character also proved a bit daunting.

"We did a lot of research on the characters, but I still felt kind of edgy about it," Clark said. "I had no idea how (Einstein) would react in a social setting like this."

Fellow cast member Jessi New said the actors realized they were in for a challenge the first time they saw the script.

"We could tell it was going to be fun and exciting," she said. "It wasn't like anything we'd ever done before."

Other members of the cast are Connor Phillips, Corey Green, Erin

Griffin, Josh Acuff, LeaAnn Brumley and Nick Ross. Crew members are Kady Knox, Geoffrey Treece, Julian Garcia and Jessica Barker.

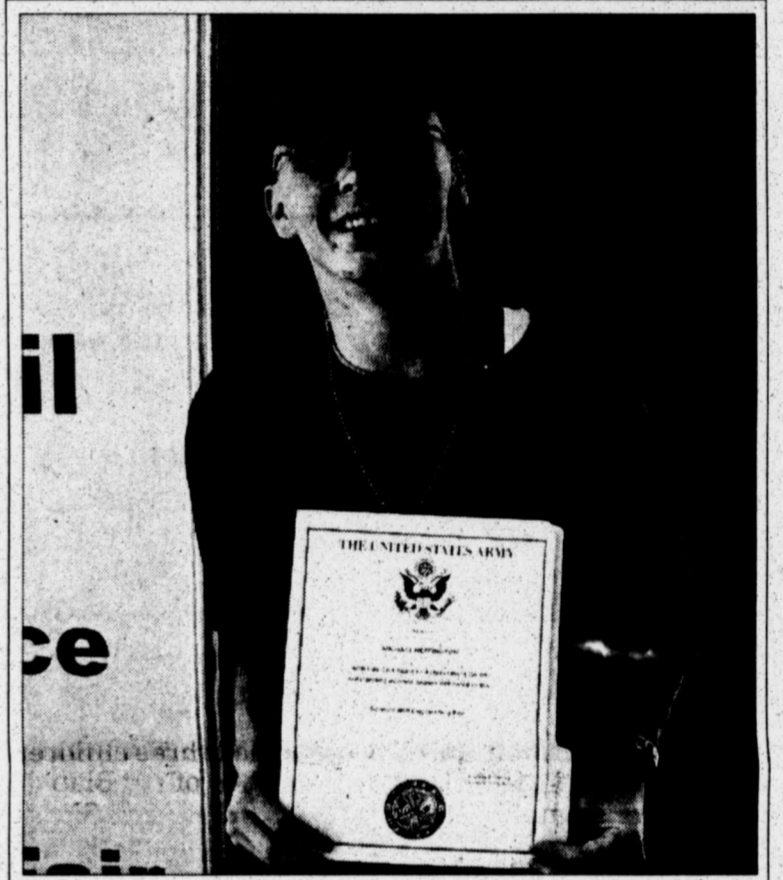
Lindsey said the play is very audience-friendly.

"There's a lot of witty dialogue; it's a very smart play," she said. "I think everyone will have a good time. It moves fast — the pacing is very quick."

In Snyder, BSHS will compete against five other schools — Wolforth Frenship, Canyon Randall, Aledo, Amarillo Palo Duro and Cleburne — for a chance to advance to the University Interscholastic League regional contest later this month.

Big Spring will perform last, at approximately 7 p.m. Saturday, at the Snyder High School auditorium.

For more information on Thursday's free performance, contact the high school at 264-3641.



Courtesy photo
Big Spring High School student Mike Heffington won the U.S. Army Science Special Award at the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair at the University of Texas at San Antonio last weekend. The award was presented to the top 15 science projects in the state, as judges by an Army representative. Twenty Big Spring Independent School District students competed.

PROPER PET CARE



Courtesy photo
A course on proper pet care will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Howard College. Melanie Gambrell, pet care specialist and certified animal control officer, pictured above, will teach the course, which is \$16 per person. To register, call (432) 264-5077. The class will be held in the Student Union Building. Interested participants should register in advance at the college admissions office, or call the above number.

BANDS

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ceeds to the Forsan Band, Nix said Saturday night will be like any other at the Stampede — full of good music, good times and good people.

"Tickets are \$10 at the door, just like always," said Nix. "The show starts at 9 p.m. and goes through midnight. For the most part, it's just like any other night at the Stampede. We want to invite everyone out to have a good time and to help support our community."

Debra Wallace, one of

many proud parents currently supporting the band through band boosters, said Nix's offer to do a benefit show was overwhelming.

"Jody had the chance to see the band during the annual Christmas performance, and was very impressed with their discipline and dedication," said Wallace. "He approached us and asked how he could help, and here we are."

Despite the help from Nix, the band isn't easing its fund-raising efforts, either. Forsan Band Director Jim Rhodes said the group has plans to host a golf tournament at

Big Spring Country Club on April 30, and hopes to raise additional funds by selling baked goods and washing cars at Wal-Mart in the near future.

If all goes to plan, the band will spend the July 4 weekend in the Washington area. The group will spend three days in Alexandria, Va., seeing the sights and placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The highlight of their visit will be participation in the Independence Day Parade on Constitution Avenue.

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Senate rejects life without parole House panel approves CPS reform

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate on Tuesday rejected a bill that would have given juries the power to sentence capital murderers to life in prison without parole.

Texas juries have only two options after reaching a guilty verdict in capital murder cases: execution by lethal injection or life in prison with the possibility of parole after 40 years.

The bill by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, had the support of most senators but failed to garner the two-thirds support required by Senate rules to bring it up for debate. By a 19-12 decision the bill failed by two votes.

All 12 "no" votes were cast by Republicans.

Lucio has pushed for the third option for several years. The bill failed in 2003 when it was one vote short.

After the bill failed again Tuesday, Lucio was conferring with several lawmakers in an attempt to resurrect it.

Lucio said his bill would give juries a critical option in dealing with juveniles who commit murder. The U.S. Supreme Court last month banned the execution of those who commit crimes while younger than 18. In 2002, the court also struck down executions of mentally retarded inmates.

Critics of the bill, including some prosecu-

tors and victims' rights advocates, have argued that a life-without-parole option would weaken capital punishment by giving jurors a middle ground to avoid agreeing on the death penalty.

"Life without parole does not weaken the death penalty. It is tough on crime," said Lucio, who supports the 'death penalty. "It provides certainty to the families of the victims because they know those individuals would never walk the streets again."

Lucio had faced some pressure to change his bill to eliminate the life sentence that allowed parole after 40 years, which he refuses to do.

"I'm against eliminating options," Lucio said.

AUSTIN (AP) — A House panel approved its version of state Child Protective Services reform Tuesday, passing a bill that would require better employee training and would hand some of the agency's duties off to the private sector.

The bill now goes to the full House.

CPS reform has been a top issue for lawmakers this session following recent high-profile cases of child homicides that occurred after agency caseworkers had investigated for possible neglect or abuse at home and decided the children were safe to remain with their parents.

One of the main problems with the system, some say, is that case-

workers are saddled with too many cases. House budget writers have approved enough money for CPS to hire an additional 1,828 employees, including 848 new investigators, by 2007. Under the House budget plan, caseloads would fall from an average of 74 a month per caseworker to 45, a 40 percent reduction.

The bill approved Tuesday by the House Human Services Committee provides sweeping changes to how the agency operates, said committee chairwoman Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas.

For example, the bill requires the revamping of the state Department of Family and Protective Services licensing divi-

sion to make higher and more uniform standards across all agencies. The bill also requires coordination between state agencies to develop outreach programs targeted toward foster children.

Rep. Carlos Uresti, who has worked on the issue, said an important part of the bill calls for improved training and continuing education for employees. A lack of training, he said, has lent itself to some of the problems that CPS has faced.

"We had caseworkers that not only were overworked and overwhelmed with caseloads, but didn't have the proper training to deal with the issues that they were encountering," said Uresti, D-San Antonio.

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Senate committee rolls out plan to change Texas schools

□ A separate revenue bill, which will probably raise a variety of taxes, is expected later this month.

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate took another step toward answering the state's school funding dilemma Tuesday, rolling out the first part of its package to change public education.

The plan, proposed in the Senate Education Committee, would give all teachers an immediate \$1,000 salary increase and restore a \$1,000 health care stipend that the Legislature cut in half two years ago.

"We believe it is essential,"

said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, who authored the bill. "We want desperately for our teachers to be at or above the national average."

Unlike the House plan approved last month, the Senate measure would institute a statewide property tax, which would largely eliminate disparities in property wealth between school districts. The tax would be slashed by one-third, to \$1 per \$100 of assessed property value.

A statewide property tax, which has been unpopular in the House, would require approval by two-thirds of both legislative chambers and a public vote.

The plan, which would put about \$1.6 billion more into public schools per year, does not specify where that money would come from. A separate

revenue bill, which will probably raise a variety of taxes to pay for the proposals, is expected later this month. At least \$5.4 billion a year would be necessary just to pay for the property tax reduction.

"It's a good bill and I know that through your deliberations that you're going to make it better," Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst told the committee. "We are determined in the Senate to put more resources into public education, say thank you to our teachers and help them do what they do best and that's teach. At the same time we've got to do everything that we can to make sure that the classroom is the focal point and continues to improve public education."

Each district would have the option of raising the property tax by 15 cents over the next six

years. The state would equalize disparities in funding to the 90 percent level, leaving the top 10 percent of the wealthiest districts to keep millions that poorer districts wouldn't have access to.

"It's important that everybody's in the same boat," said Dick Lavine, a senior analyst with the Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates for low-income Texans. "This stretches the string that holds everybody together."

The Senate plan also updates the cost of education but does not change current funding formulas.

Funding would be increased to address the costs of educating bilingual students.

Current textbook orders would be funded, but money for future instructional materials would be rolled in with technol-

ogy funding, giving schools the opportunity to use online or digital materials.

Other provisions in the Senate measure include electronic student records to better track transfers and dropout rates, funding for college entrance exams and incentive money for teachers.

Fifty percent of incentive funding would be used for programs designed by each school district, and up to 50 percent would be used on statewide incentives.

The Senate plan also provides tuition exemptions at state colleges and universities for children of teachers who have taught for 15 years or more.

Like the House plan, school districts that are rated exemplary would be freed from state mandates, unless they fall behind.



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By MARSHA ST

Features Editor Mamie Roberts, oldest living Big Spring High School graduate, continues to provide support and assistance as a volunteer at Home Hospice.

"I really love Mamie and I have admiration for her. Whenever I'm little down, I see Mamie and cheer me right up. Home Hospice. Margie Myers.

Myers, also a fellow Home Hospice volunteer. The works with several hours a week as her secretaries.

Turning 100 young June 2 continues to provide comfort encouragement residents of View Lodge, lives.

"God really provides with everything," Roberts said.

Each week, aided by P. Myers, writes notes and mails cards to the residents.

She gets an upcoming birthday her church built Baptist Church she has been there for 60 years.

Roberts gets from the nursing news letter. anyone ill, Roberts get well cards. their busiest time is at Christmas. dozens of Christmas are mailed.

Sherry volunteer bereavement for Home Hospice volunteers, as of Roberts, an example of how volunteers work. "Our aide called and said M concentrating getting her card wouldn't do else. So I needed a sec that's how volunteers work."

"Theda is our first volunteer. Home Hospice to me five years. Margie came after that. I blessed with volunteers. The reasons Theda good volunteer she is so committed. Hodnett said.

Perez was vocational nursing retiring, continues to provide to her family. came to Big Spring several years performed line tap dancing hula dancing home resident had a knee in.

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OUR VIEWS

Ag producers, businesses deserve thanks

Local farmers, ranchers and other agribusiness interests received a thorough briefing on a number of fronts during remarks by Jimmy Clark, an agricultural staffer for U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer during Tuesday's AgExpo and Appreciation Luncheon.

However, the real highlight of the day came with announcement of the Ag Producer of the Year and Ag Business Person of the Year.

As usual the Ag Producer of the Year for 2004, Marion Newton Jr., was as surprised as anyone when his name was announced.

Newton farms around 3,000 acres in Howard and Martin counties. A second-generation producer and lifelong resident of Howard County, he was lauded by Rob Haney, the previous year's honoree, for his devotion to young people and commitment to 4-H and FFA programs.

The Agri-Business award went to State National Bank, an institution which has truly been a cornerstone for the local agricultural community for almost a century.

So today we want to add the Herald's voice to the chorus saluting not only Newton and the State National Bank family, but all those involved with agriculture in Howard County.

Your efforts and contributions do not go unnoticed and, as always, are greatly appreciated.

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Dallas develops the Trinity river

Dallas is in the beginning stages of its largest public works project since the construction of the DFW airport. This time the city is looking at the Trinity River. The \$1.2 billion dollar investment by the citizens of Dallas along with state and federal governments will create one of the world's largest urban parks. It will contain downtown lakes with a whitewater run and the country's largest urban hardwood forest. The project will be 10 times the size of Central Park in New York City.

Private individuals and city, state and federal governments are funding two futuristic bridges, designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava. Work on one of the bridges starts in November of this year.



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The Trinity project, due for completion in 2011, encompasses seven miles of river and 6,000 acres of forest. The river will be able to accommodate small sailboats and paddle boats. A reverse-flow lake is planned with a 17 feet drop, creating rapids. In August, Fort Worth opened its whitewater course on the Trinity and it is already a big hit. The Fort Worth park's popularity sets an example of how Dallas citizens will respond to recreational opportunities on the river.

The Trinity gives companies and people a reason to stop moving north. Eventually, residential and commercial development will fill the space between downtown and the river. The most visible benefit will be Oak Cliff, which will have easy access to downtown, great views and direct entry into the country's largest urban park, home to more than 1,300 species of plants and animals.

In May of 1998, the largest bond

package in Dallas history passed and the Trinity River proposition won by a bare margin: 51.6 percent to 48.4 percent. It was in August of last year that the first work on the project began. It consisted of removing sheet metal from a long-abandoned shed.

The great Trinity Forest is mostly ash, oaks, elms and cottonwoods. The ten square mile tract was largely neglected and grew up over the past 45 years. It is home to raccoons and bobcats. Poachers sneak in to hunt deer.

An interpretive and equestrian center is planned in an area of southeast Dallas that used to be a trash dump. Antoine Predock, known for his "green" buildings, is designing it. Tourists from around the country and the world will go there to hike, watch birds and enjoy the outdoors.

For years the river was ignored in Dallas unless it threatened residents. That's not the case now.

Inside report: Threat of the auditors

Ask nearly any business executive to name the biggest menace facing corporate America, and the answer is apt to be a number:

"404." That refers to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which requires massive reporting by publicly held companies to prevent recurrences of WorldCom, Enron, Tyco and other scandals. For honest corporate officers, this is classic governmental over-regulation — a dagger aimed at the heart of the U.S. economy.

The implementation of 404 by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has created painful demands that drain corporations, large and small, of funds. This is springtime for auditors, with requirements for more of their number to perform the investigations. The most dangerous aspect of this regulatory overkill is a further inclination by corporations to hold onto money rather than put it into productive investment, thereby threatening to stifle economic growth.

This is a peculiar state of affairs to be brought about by a government under Republican control. William H. Donaldson, the Bush-picked SEC chairman, sides with his commission's Democratic members in tightening the screws on business. There are Bush administration officials alarmed over 404, but not enough to ask Congress to bail out business. Rep. Michael Oxley of Ohio, the Republican chairman of the House Financial Services Committee,

bristles when anybody speaks harshly about the law that bears his name. The rest of Congress ignores this worsening situation.

In 2002, when Congress was under pressure to move quickly against corporate corruption, the Senate was under Democratic control and the House was Republican. That produced the odd couple of Democratic Senate Banking Committee Chairman Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, a fierce liberal, and conservative Republican Oxley.

Their collaborative product roared through a panicky Congress (passed 99 to 0 by the Senate and 423 to 3 by the House), which hardly gave a second glance at Section 404. It seemed innocuous, directing the SEC to order annual financial reports from corporations. But it imposed unimaginable new burdens on American business.

Seldom has there been a major national problem that has received so little attention from the news media (other than financial publications) or the political world. Yet, for more than a year, CEOs and CFOs have been telling me that 404 is a costly nightmare.

Non-government estimates put the cost for publicly traded companies at \$35 billion with a \$4.4 million average per enterprise. Beyond the cost is the climate of fear, with executives warned by auditors that inadvertent mistakes could mean a 25-year prison sentence. Financial analysts see this as the principal reason American corporations are hoarding cash, afraid to invest.

Until the advent of the corporate scandals, Mike Oxley was a low-profile Republican with friendly ties to banking in particular and business in general. But he has

been infected with something like the Stockholm Syndrome, adopting the mindset of the business-bashing Democrat Sarbanes. They have become joined at the hip, appearing together at business seminars to harangue executives about the value of their legislation.

When the Wall Street Journal editorialized that the conviction of WorldCom's Bernard Ebbers signaled the government should prosecute the guilty and not harass the innocent, Oxley responded with a letter of rage to the editor. In a tone that sounded more like Sarbanes than Oxley, he defended their creation as necessary to prevent "massive fraud" but did not address the unnecessary burden it imposes on American business.

The same edition of the newspaper published a more reasoned essay by SEC Chairman Donaldson, acknowledging that Section 404 "has required significant outlays of time and expense." However, Donaldson tried to reassure executives that "resources now being devoted to Section 404 will, in the long run, prove to be money well spent."

If Oxley's letter read as though it had been dictated at the top of his voice, Donaldson's essay had all the earmarks of being staff-prepared. Indeed, the word in Washington is that, as often is the case with regulators, the chairman has been co-opted by the committee's staff in making life difficult for corporations. That puts him in good company with the rest of the Republican-controlled government.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I was 10 years old when my family joined his church. He was a jolly older gentleman and not very tall in stature but to me, he seemed larger than life. He was originally from England, having come to the United States as an adult, so his accent never really went away. That certainly didn't bother anybody. It only seemed to help his delivery when he preached.

And he could preach. He was the pastor of the only church in a tiny little community called Forsan, located just outside of Big Spring. He was always lively and always in seemingly good humor but when he got behind the pulpit, he really came alive. You could see and hear his passion for Jesus and his love for the community.

It was a community that he never intended to be a part of. He often talked about the scripture in the

book of Acts where God tells Philip to "go to Gaza, which is desert." He would say that God did the same with him when He said "Go to Forsan." He would tell how he had stood up in the pulpit so long ago to tell the congregation that his answer was "no" to their invitation to him to come as pastor. He would say that somehow God changed his mind even as he was standing there speaking and he found himself saying "yes".

And there are countless people that are glad he did.

There are people who turned their lives around because of his influence. There are children and adults that he baptized, married and buried. He was there during their happy moments to rejoice. And he was there to lend a shoulder during times of sadness and tragedy.

He was, to me, an exam-

ple of what a pastor should be. He didn't just reach out to the community. For many years, he made himself part of it. His members became more like family to him and the feeling was reciprocated. I think it's safe to say that he had four great loves in his life: Jesus; his wife, Gean; his family; and Forsan.

His health would decline in later years but he wouldn't let it stop him. He just kept preaching. He loved the Bible and he loved sharing it with others.

I had not seen him in several years though we did speak by phone from time to time. He was always interested in what I was doing and always had an encouraging word. He was very instrumental in my calling to ministry and I never stopped looking up to him. I never forgot the impact he made on my life.

Even now, though I'm

35 years old and pastoring my own growing congregation, I still often imagine what he would do in a given situation. I still look to him as one of my models for ministry.

Late Sunday evening, I got a phone call I knew would one day come (though I didn't imagine it would be anytime soon). Brother Jack Clinkscales, my friend and father in the ministry, had been called home to Heaven.

I rejoice to know that he is where he most wanted to be.

But I also know his family will miss him.

Forsan will miss him.

And I will miss him. So long, Brother Jack, I'll see you in Glory someday.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You help us see the humor in a misunderstanding or a snafu.

Amen

Volunteers helping a volunteer

Mamie Roberts - volunteer extraordinaire

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

Mamie Roberts, the oldest living Big Spring High School graduate, from the class of 1923, continues to provide love and support as an RSVP volunteer with the assistance of Home Hospice volunteers.

"I really look up to Mamie and I have great admiration for her. Whenever I'm feeling a little down, I can come see Mamie and she will cheer me right up," said Home Hospice volunteer Margie Myers.

Myers, along with fellow Home Hospice volunteer Theda Perez, works with Roberts several hours each week, as her volunteer secretaries.

Turning 100 years young June 26, Roberts continues to provide comfort and encouragement to the residents of Mountain View Lodge, where she lives.

"God really provides me with everything I need," Roberts said.

Each week, Roberts, aided by Perez and Myers, writes personal notes and mails birthday cards to the community residents.

She gets a list of upcoming birthdays from her church bulletin, First Baptist Church, where she has been a member for 60 years.

Roberts gets names from the nursing home news letter. And for anyone ill, Roberts sends get well cards. Perez said their busiest time of year is at Christmas, when dozens of Christmas cards are mailed.

Sherry Hodnett, volunteer and bereavement coordinator for Home Hospice, said volunteers assisting volunteers, as in the case of Roberts, became an example of how hospice volunteers work.

"Our aide came to me and said Mamie was concentrating so much on getting her cards out she wouldn't do anything else. So I realized she needed a secretary and that's how we placed volunteers with her.

"Theda is one of our first volunteers with Home Hospice. She came to me five years ago, and Margie came to us shortly after that. I have been blessed with the best volunteers. One of the reasons Theda is such a good volunteer is because she is so compassionate," Hodnett said.

Perez was a licensed vocational nurse before retiring, and she continues to provide care to her family. Myers came to Big Spring several years ago and performed line dancing, tap dancing and even hula dancing for nursing home residents until she had a knee injury.

"When I retired I wondered, 'what do retired people do?' Well, they travel, but I couldn't

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"And I had the same boss 21 of those 23 years," she said.

Today her heart and hands extend to anyone in need, as she maneuvers her wheel chair around Mountain View Lodge, offering a kind work of encouragement to other residents. She also reaches out and touches some of her friends, offering comfort.

"I go into some of the rooms, with some people who can't see and can't hear, but when I touch them, they know I'm there. I believe sharing is much more important than giving," Roberts said.

Perez said she gets great satisfaction out of helping others.

"We are supposed to be a caring nation, which means we care about our fellow man," she said.

And Myers said she also believes volunteering gives to her community as well as the individuals she works with.

"I was always taught to leave something better than you found it," she said.

A special 10-year anniversary celebration at Home Hospice from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Thursday will provide a chance to meet these women as well as other Home Hospice employees and volunteers.

The open house is free to the public, tours will be provided and a social worker will be available to answer questions about advanced directives and living wills. Refreshments are offered and door prizes will be awarded.

"We really want to thank our volunteers. We would not be where we are today if it were not for them," Hodnett said.

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Mamie Roberts, above, works with her volunteer secretaries, Theda Perez, left and Margie Myers, to arrange on a special covered bulletin board the birthday and get well soon cards she will mail this month. Roberts mails dozens of cards each month, using her church bulletin and the Mountain View Nursing Home newsletter to learn birth dates as well as anyone who is ill. In the bottom photo, Roberts sits patiently while Home Hospice volunteer and bereavement coordinator Sherry Hodnett styles her hair after applying her makeup in preparation for her photograph. Roberts, who turns 100 in June, continues to work as an RSVP volunteer, with the assistance of Home Hospice volunteers. She is a resident of Mountain View Nursing Home. Home Hospice celebrates 10 years of business in Big Spring, Midland and Odessa with an open house Thursday from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at 111 E. Seventh St.



afford that and I'm not a good traveler anyway. I thought I could paint, but that's just boring to me. So I realized what I had done all my life was take care of people, that makes me feel needed and satisfied and useful, so now I volunteer," Myers said.

Perez also cooks for her church, Baptist Temple and both women have several other individuals they visit each week, along with Roberts.

Mamie Josephine Padgett was born in 1905 in Paris, Texas. She moved with her family from Silvertown to the Knott Community in 1916. Describing herself as a bashful child, when she was 6, Roberts and her family traveled around Texas in a covered wagon, going to different job sites for her father, a building contractor.

"We went where the boom was," she said.

Her volunteerism began early, she said, when she learned the value of sharing from her parents. She said her father offered her and her brother a special treat one day, and because he spoke up first, he received the gift.

"I learned then how important it is to share," she said.

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Library News

Lean close to the paper. I am going to whisper a secret to you.

I read (gasp) Harlequin romances.

I also like Regency Romances, lawyer books, women's history, westerns, contemporary fiction and the classics. There are millions of people like us out there who will read anything, including the kitchen sink (provided it has writing on it).

A new imprint (publisher) has been established by the Harlequin group called Red Dress Ink.

These books are, according to USA Today, "sassy and stylish." If you have read Sophie Kinsella, Ann Ross, Olivia Goldsmith or Emma McLaughlin you will enjoy reading "It's Not You It's Me," by Allison Rushby; "The Year of Living Famously," by Laura Caldwell; "Dating Without Novocaine," by Lisa Cach and "Tales of a Drama Queen," by Lee Nichols.

These are cute, light-hearted and they sometimes jab you with unexpected insights. Avon Trade is an imprint of Harper Collins and is similar to Red Dress. A couple of their books are

Saralee Rosenberg's "Claire Voyant" and "Kissing in Technicolor," by Jane Mendle.

While they are not suspenseful page-turners, all of these books are a fun read. Look for all these books on the fiction shelves.

A couple of interesting science fiction books have come in: "Powersat," by Ben Bova and Book 2 of the Crucible Series, "The Wounded Hawk," by Sara Douglass. Bova's book is about trying to use geosynchronous geostatic satellites to harness the energy of the sun for use on Earth.

When Dan Randolph's experimental device is sabotaged, he must find out who and why.

This is a most interesting premise, especially in light of the price of energy today. Douglass' book is a struggle between good and evil during the 12th Century. You probably would want to read Book 1: "The Nameless Day" before delving into Book 2.

Vanessa Bush has written an excellent review of "My Jim," by Nancy Rawles in Booklist. I have seen this book mentioned extensively in the press and would not be surprised if Oprah Winfrey does not select it for her book club.

This novel, evocative of slave narratives, explores what life must have been like for Jim, the slave who escapes down the Mississippi River with Huck Finn. But Jim's

flight to freedom is only a backdrop to a story that is more about his wife, Sadie and her fierce determination to survive the cruelties of slavery and to pass on the hopefulness of love to the next generation.

When her granddaughter, Marianne is frightened of leaving Louisiana in 1884 to make a new life in the West, Sadie recalls the family's history as she makes a quilt for the young woman to take with her.

Speaking in first-person dialect, Sadie recalls the loss of mother, children and husband but also recalls the struggle to hold on to bits and pieces of family that she weaves into her story and the quilt.

She recalls her talent for healing, her defiance of the master that eventually provoked her sale and her abiding love for Jim.

This is a moving novel of American slavery and enduring love.

You would think that it is all sweetness and light at Disney Entertainment.

You would be wrong. In November 2003, Roy Disney, chairman of Walt Disney Animation (and Walt's nephew) abruptly resigned and declared war on Michael Eisner.

"DisneyWar," (384.809 STE J) by James B. Stewart is the story of that war. He draws upon some unprecedented access to both Eisner and Disney, memos, letters, transcripts and other

documents, to paint an imperfect view of Walt's world.

This is probably much like the movie "Barbarians at the Gate" when Nabisco Foods were forced into a leveraged buyout in the 80s.

A couple of biographies are in: Bacall and Brown. Lauren Bacall was/is a leading lady of classic movies. Hollywood does not have many roles for older women (only older men) and yet she was able to attain superstar status.

On the silver anniversary of her first biography, she has written another: "By Myself and Then Some" is the story of life before and after Bogie's (Humphrey Bogart) death.

It looks to be a most interesting book and one that I hope to read sometime soon.

"OOO I feel good, just like I know I should" — now are you in a James Brown frame of mind?

This is the story of a man who grew up in the segregated South of white America and whose strength of conviction and force of will propelled him upward in a musical career that transcends genre.

"I Feel Good: A Memoir of a Life of Soul" (B BRO J) is the story of James Brown.

Some new audio books on CD: "Missionary Stew," "Voodoo, Ltd.," "Out on the Rim," "Chinaman's Chance," "Briarpatch" and "Ah Treachery" are mysteries

written by Ross Thomas. "Gorky Park," by Martin Cruz Smith; "Cat's Eye," by Margaret Atwood and "Unnatural Causes," by P.D. James have also come in.

These were purchased by the Friends of the Library for your reading enjoyment.

If you would like a copy of the Texas Statutory Advance Medical Directive, the library has made available copies of it for 40 cents.

It is designed to help you communicate your wishes about medical treatment at some time in the future when you are unable to do so or make your wishes known.

Please understand that you should consult an attorney or lawyer to fully understand what you are signing.

Also available are Medical Power of Attorney and the Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate Order. All of these should be discussed with your doctor, family, guardians, lawyers and hospital representatives.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier than the library and is closed Saturdays from noon until 1 p.m.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; the phone number is 264-2260; the Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.



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Area interests

Lamesa Community Players set performance

The Lamesa Community Players next production will be "Saving Grace," a comedy written by Jack Sharkey. The directors are Bob Smith and Bob Force. Productions are scheduled for April 28-30 and May 5-7, all at 8 p.m. at Lamesa Community Playhouse, 214 N. Austin in Lamesa. Tickets are \$7. Reservations can be made by calling 806-872-2705 from 2-6 p.m. starting April 25.

Art workshop scheduled

A workshop featuring water soluble pencils and crayons, known as "Caran d'ache" presented by Warren Taylor is set for 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. April 29 at the Palette Club in Midland, 907 W. Wadley. For more information, call 432-685-4651.

American Legion 19th District convention set

The two-day Spring Convention for the American Legion 19th District is set for April 16-17 at Post 575, 6628 W. 66th St. in Lubbock. The guest speaker is Ed Simpson of Waco, who will present a program on veterans benefits. All members of the American Legion are invited to attend.

April 16 the convention begins at noon. April 17, the times are set for 9:30 a.m. until noon. There will be a dinner and a dance with a live band the night of April 16.

The American Legion is made up of veterans who continue their service to America by serving their communities. For more information, call Eldon L. Erickson at 806-761-4465.

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Cornell Co announces tournament

Cornell Co is sponsoring softball tournament benefiting Life.

The tournament will take place April 23 at Cottonwood inside Comanche Park.

The cost of the tournament is \$10 per player and \$20 for the line to ride on Friday, April 23.

Concession stands will be available during the tournament, call 267-2004 at 267-2004 at night.

Howard County sets crawfish

The Howard County rodeo team is sponsoring its annual crawfish boil April 15 at the H.C. Expo during College's annual

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Concession stands will be available during the tournament, call 267-2004 at 267-2004 at night.

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Couples scramble set up at C

A summer couples scramble tournament has been set up at Comanche Course.

The tournament will start Thursday, April 23, and will take place on Thursday through Saturday, April 25-27, sometime in the afternoon.

The tournament consists of nine holes and the tee time is 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Russell at 352-2004.

Johnson agrees extension

DALLAS — A few weeks ago, over as coach of Dallas

Avery Johnson agreed to that keeps charge the seasons.

The deal, which was finalized of the weekend speculation more change team own

Cuban hire Johnson else or Johnson his lack of a seek another leverage to salary.

Johnson, Don Nelson

A&M star senior year

COLLEGE TEXAS Swingman Wright plays his senior Texas A&M declared for draft.

Wright, a Big 12 ho averaging and six re season. H Aggies to postseason more than and two v NIT.

Wright has an agent, who open the possibility of the draft at Texas A&M until June draw. The

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IN BRIEF

Cornell Corrections announces softball tournament at Mize

Cornell Corrections is sponsoring a co-ed softball tournament benefiting Relay For Life.

The tournament will take place April 22 and 23 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

The cost is \$10 per player and the deadline to register is Friday, April 15.

Concessions will also be available.

For more information, call 267-1911 ext. 214 during the day and 267-2004 at night.

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.

Couples scramble set up at Comanche

A summer long couples scramble tournament has been set at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will start Thursday and will take place every Thursday throughout the summer, ending sometime in October.

The tournament consists of nine holes and the tee time each day is 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Sue Russell at 398-5452.

Johnson agrees to extension with Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — A few weeks after taking over as coach of the Dallas Mavericks, Avery Johnson has agreed to a contract that keeps him in charge of the next four seasons.

The deal, expected to be finalized by the end of the week, should end speculation of more changes — either team owner Mark Cuban hiring someone else or Johnson using his lack of a contract to seek another job or as leverage to get a higher salary.

Johnson replaced Don Nelson March 19.

A&M star to forgo senior year for NBA

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Swingman Antoine Wright plans to forgo his senior year at Texas A&M, and declared for the NBA draft.

Wright earned All-Big 12 honors after averaging 17.8 points and six rebounds this season. He led the Aggies to their first postseason berth in more than a decade and two wins in the NIT.

Wright has not hired an agent, which leaves open the possibility he could withdraw from the draft and return to Texas A&M. He has until June 21 to withdraw. The draft is June 28.

Baylor claims title after easy rout

• Lady Bears roll to victory as four score in double figures

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A giddy victory celebration, an astonishing worst-to-first story, the second-biggest rout in women's NCAA championship history.

Yes, it took Baylor a long time to win a national title. But when the Lady Bears finally claimed it Tuesday night, man, they did it up right.

They played suffocating defense, dominated on the boards and once they got rolling, scored pretty

much whenever they wanted. The final: Baylor 84, Michigan State 62. And it didn't seem that close.

"I really think we put our eyes on the prize in the beginning, saying this is what we want to do," Baylor's Steffanie Blackmon said. "We set goals and we reached every single one of them."

One of those goals was to become a shining light for a university that had been stained by scandal and needed something to applaud. In the end, they were brilliant, the culmination of an incredibly fast ride to the top.

Five years ago, Baylor (33-3) went 7-20 and finished last in the Big 12.

Then, coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson arrived from Louisiana Tech and immediately injected the program with the fiery disposition that had made her such a success as a player.

"Look up at these fans," Mulkey-Robertson said while being cheered by thousands who wore the Baylor green. "That's how we changed the Waco community. We're a positive in Waco and at Baylor University. There's a lot of good there, there's great programs, great coaches, and this is one of many more to come."

There's also some pretty good talent, starting with Sophia Young, voted the

Final Four's most outstanding player.

Young scored 18 of her 26 points in the second half and added nine rebounds and four assists. Blackmon scored 14 in the second half to finish with 22 and grabbed seven rebounds. Emily Niemann hit five 3-pointers in the first half to help Baylor seize control early and wound up with 19 points.

"Basically, that's the story of the game — three players for them really doing outstanding work," Michigan State coach Joanne P. McCallie said.

McCallie also engineered a five-year turnaround, taking the Spartans from mediocrity

to a Big Ten championship and earning a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. Michigan State (33-4) reached the title game with unselfish play that epitomized team basketball, but guards Kristin Haynie and Lindsay Bowen had to do it almost by themselves in this one — and that was asking too much.

Bowen scored 20 points and Haynie 17, but Baylor negated Michigan State's two powerful inside players. Kelli Roehrig scored only 8 points and Liz Shimek had 7. Baylor also owned the boards, outrebounding Michigan State 45-22.

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Big Spring junior Krista Chesworth tosses the base to first base during the Lady Steers' rout of new District 4-4A rival Plainview Tuesday in Big Spring. The Lady Steers won the game, 16-0, in five innings and improved to 20-2 overall and 5-0 in district play.

Lady Steers make easy work of new District 4 member

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

12 straight wins and counting now for the Big Spring softball team as the Lady Steers had no problems with new District 4-4A rival Plainview Tuesday at home.

The Lady Steers won the game, 16-0, and improved to 18-2 on the year. They are now 5-0 after the first round of district play and are undefeated since coach Phillip Pearce took over the team.

"We got a little relaxed, but it is hard to get excited for a game like this," said Pearce, who improved to 11-0 as head coach. "I am worried about back-to-back games like this because they can get too relaxed."

Senior Chelsea Abner improved to 7-1 this season as she gave up just one hit and one walk on the mound in five innings. She also struck out eight.

"Chelsea hit her spots

and threw well despite battling a strong wind," said Pearce.

Big Spring scored six runs in the first inning, then added two in the second, five in the third and three in the fourth.

Seniors Heather Vassar and Alex Watkins each had two hits at the plate to lead Big Spring. Vassar had an RBI double and scored three runs, while Watkins had two doubles, three runs and three RBIs.

Sophomore Katy Abner, senior Neisha Heinis and juniors Krista Chesworth and Courtney Rodriguez all scored twice, while sophomore Bretina Phernetton added a two-RBI double in the first inning.

Big Spring will travel to Lake View Friday and will host arch rival Andrews Tuesday.

"We have two days of practice before Lake View and I am going to work the girls hard and get us focused," said Pearce.

Cain, Billalba push Steers to fourth after second round

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH

Juniors Tommy Billalba and Chance Cain each shot an 81 and 82, respectively, in the second round of the District 4-4A golf meet, which took place at Frenship, and their efforts pushed the Steers into fourth place as a team.

Billalba had the second best score of the day and is currently in fourth place after two rounds. Cain is in fourth place after two rounds, but finished in a tie for third place in round two.

Landon Waters of Frenship was the best shooter in round two as he shot a 77 and his effort moved him into first place overall after two rounds. Andrews' Dylan Dockery, who entered round two one shot off the lead, is still in second after shooting an 82 Tuesday. Plainview's Bryston Jimenez won the first round, but suffered a 92 in round two.

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Coahoma senior Orrin Mansfield connects on a pitch during district action this year. The Bulldogs dominated Hawley Tuesday night, winning 14-2 in five innings. Coahoma is now 3-1 after the first round of District 4-2A action.

Bulldogettes get dominating victory

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

HAWLEY

Kali Roberts' dominance on the mound and Coahoma's ability to finally start swinging the bats led to another district victory for the Bulldogettes Tuesday in Hawley.

No. 11 Coahoma started slow, but got 15 hits at the



plate and defeated the Lady Bearcats 8-3, which pushed its District 4-2A record to 4-0 after the first round.

"We started slow, but got going after the first inning," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson. "We hit the ball extremely well after kind of being in a hitting slump."

Hawley led 2-1 after the first inning, but Coahoma battled back to tie the game in the third and eventually take the lead

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'Dogs take out Hawley with 10-run mercy rule

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Another mercy-rule victory has the Coahoma baseball team in a tie for first place after round one of District 4-2A action. The Bulldogs made easy work of rival Hawley Tuesday, winning 14-2 in five innings and improving their district record to 3-1.

"The game went well, and for the first time this season everyone hit and we hit with guys on base," said Coahoma coach Brad Harmon.

Coahoma scored two runs in the opening inning and then followed that up with three in the second, two in the third and seven in the fourth. Hawley scored one run in the fourth and one run in the fifth.

Lance Roberts got the complete game win on the mound. He allowed one earned run on four hits — all singles — and struck out eight, while

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walking one. He also got out of two jams with guys on base in the second and third innings.

"Lance pitched well," said Harmon. "He battled and competed well."

Cody Griffith went two-for-four with two doubles, three runs and six RBIs at the plate to lead Coahoma.

Tad White was two-for-two with three runs and Adrian Abrego added two RBIs.

"The attitude the guys have is starting to pay off for us," said Harmon.

Coahoma travels to Midland Friday and Saturday for games against Midland Trinity and Midland Christian, respectively.

The Bulldogs return to district action next Tuesday at home against Stamford.

BAYLOR

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"Lindsay held her own. Kristin held her own. They did unbelievable, everything they could," Roehrig said. "There was a lack in the post area. We really didn't hold our own."

The margin was the second biggest in an NCAA championship game, trailing only Tennessee's 67-44 victory over Louisiana Tech in 1987. It reached that point because the Lady Bears kept attacking. They attacked because Mulkey-Robertson — the first woman to win a championship both as a player and a coach — demanded it.

Her players certainly couldn't miss her. She practically glowed in a bold aqua-blue pant suit as she stormed back and forth in front of the bench, calling plays, pleading for calls from the officials and cajoling her players to keep pressing — even with a 20-point lead.

Mulkey-Robertson was mindful of Michigan State's rally from a 16-point deficit in the second

half of its victory over Tennessee two nights earlier. She wasn't going to let that happen to her team.

"She doesn't accept anything but the best from her players," Blackmon said. "She's just hard on you, but it pays off, 'cause hey, we're here and we won the big thing right now."

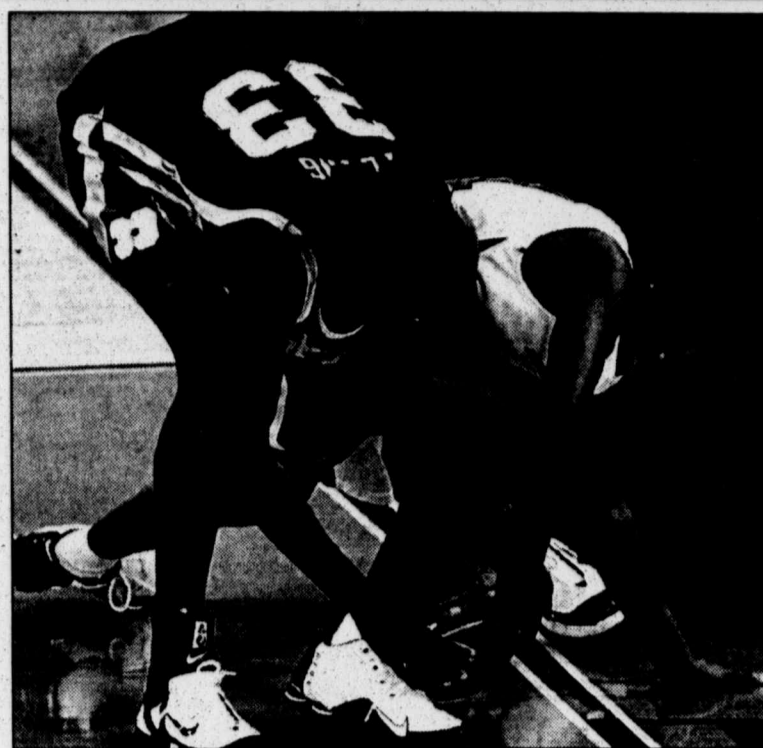
More than that, they helped erase a blemish on a university rocked two years ago by a scandal that was uncovered in the men's basketball program after a former player was accused of killing a teammate.

It was just the second national championship for the school in a team sport. Baylor won the men's tennis title last year.

Back on campus, hundreds of students danced in the street and on the student center lawn, while others cheered and popped firecrackers. Some drove by hanging out their windows and honking their horns.

"It's dedication and hard work. It's blood and guts," Blackmon said.

Baylor and Michigan



KRT photo/Rob Goebel, Indianapolis Star
Baylor's Sophia Young (33) and Michigan State's Victoria Lucas-Perry struggle over a ball during the first half their NCAA Women's championship game in Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday. Baylor won the game and claimed its first-ever national championship.

State both played in the title game for the first time, perhaps signaling the start of a new stage of competitiveness in the women's game.

As for Baylor, the Lady Bears might just be getting started.

Blackmon is a senior, but Young and Niemann

both return, as do guards Chameka Scott and Latoya Wyatt and forward Abiola Wabara.

"We have got a returning nucleus of players that aren't going to go away," Mulkey-Robertson said, "and they sure did like the way it felt when that buzzer went off."

STEERS



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Frenship shot a 336 as a team in round two and moved into first place in the team standings, while Andrews dropped to second after firing a 345. Plainview shot a 349 Tuesday and is in third place, while Big Spring's 352 kept the Steers in fourth place. Lake View is in fifth after shooting a 364.

Wesley Parks and Collin Carroll each shot below 100 in round two, as well.

Parks finished with a 91, while Carroll fired a 98. Brian Hale scored a 105.

Big Spring's second team was led by Ryan Tannehill's 101. Taylor Parks shot a 103, while Seve Watson scored a 104.

Tyler Dunn and Blaze Carroll shot 108 and 114, respectively, as well.

Logan Pierce led the Big Spring medalists with a 101.

COAHOMA

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for gold in the fourth. The Bulldogettes scored three runs in the fourth to go up 5-3 and then three insurance runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Roberts, a junior, got another win on the mound as she gave up two earned runs on three hits

and struck out 13, while walking one.

"(Hawley) put the ball in play against Kali, but we made some pretty good plays in the field after the first inning," said Dickenson. "We pretty much gave them the three runs."

Four hitters led Coahoma at the plate. Roberts, sophomore Ami Martinez, senior Ruby Garcia and junior Ashle New all got three hits

each and scored a combined six runs: Roberts added two RBI, while New got one RBI.

Junior Liz Conley had two hits, a run and an RBI, as well.

"It was a good team effort," said Dickenson, whose team improved to 13-7 on the year.

The Bulldogettes host Midland Christian Friday before returning to district action Tuesday at home against Stamford.

Laurikkala grabs first round lead

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

HAWLEY — Sini

Laurikkala of Coahoma took a huge step toward a district title Monday after shooting a first round 86 at the District 4-2A golf tournament in Hawley.

She has a 10 shot lead over the next closest competitor.

Stanton's top girl's squad leads the team

competition, while Colorado City leads the boy's side.

Megan Cook's 105 (third place) leads the Stanton 'A' team as the Lady Buffaloes shot a 445. They have a 34 shot lead heading into round two Monday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Savanah Smith of Stanton is in fifth after shooting a 111.

Matthew Ruiz shot a first round 93 to lead Stanton's No. 1 team to a third place finish, while Coahoma's No. 1 team — led by Taylor Earhart's 94 — sits in sixth place. Stanton and Coahoma's No. 2 boy's teams are eighth and ninth, respectively, while the Lady Buffaloes second team finished fourth.

The final round will be in Big Spring Monday.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Tina Louise Curry, Deceased, were issued on March 23, 2005, in Cause No. P-13255, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Jack Curry.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: **Representative, Estate of Tina Louise Curry**
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DATED the 23 day of March, 2005.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

It's not enough to show up where you're supposed to be and do what you're supposed to do in the amount of time you're supposed to do it, because Aries stars overhead demand great passion — without it, results are meager. When energy is low this evening (the moon is void), act as you would under the influence of natural enthusiasm.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you're taking a stand, chances are there are people who stand with you and against you. Don't back down, and don't proceed in an overly cautious manner. However, do know the nature of your enemy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your need for sensory stimulation is highlighted. If it tastes delicious, feels luxurious and looks like a million bucks, you've gotta have it! Meaningful words are exchanged between loved ones tonight.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stresses of your morning are short-lived, so hang in there! Losing your cool will only cause friction in a relationship. Don't worry about being right. Let maturity carry you along the high road.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What's good for others is not the same thing that's good for you. Get to know your body more thoroughly. The healthy habits you establish today contribute to your longevity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Partnerships bring obligations — they are well worth it though, especially with a Libra. Loved ones care and now may be ready to make big concessions for the sake of the relationship. Are you willing to compromise, too?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't let the past hold you back. Old decisions no longer reflect the way you feel. Luckily, you'll get a chance to change your mind. Stay on top of money, budgeting and finances to improve economic security.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have compassion for people of all ages and all walks of life. Because you avoid making assump-

tions, you're let in on a profitable situation. A delicious spirit of discovery visits relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you play the "servant," you'll have lots of jobs heaped on you. Act like a leader, and you'll be one. There's a person close to you who needs your approval. Don't withhold it for petty reasons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The bird's-eye view of the world reveals all kinds of shortcuts. So try and rise above the situation you're in. New relationships are rosy. Try not to neglect people in your life who have been around longer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Bring the best minds around you together to work on the thing that's been plaguing you. If you explain well, others will not only understand, they'll also solve your problem for you. Friends in high and low places can help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You express yourself beautifully. A perfect stranger could ask to buy your work and ideas. You might also be asked to make a speech, introduction or sales pitch. Romance is better when

the bills are paid. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you think will happen does, so think positively. Your big break is on the way, but you're not quite ready to take advantage of it yet. Make sure you know what you'll do when it comes.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Leo born July 28, 1958, Cancer rising. I've been single for a long time and am the mother of two challenging and extraordinary daughters. An Aries born April 6, 1950 has come into my life, and I can see that he'll ask me to marry him. I adore his company, but still hesitate to match his love. What do you see in our stars?"

Aries and Leo are a passionate match in general, but the two of you are more pragmatic when you get together than most Aries/Leo couples. This is not such a bad thing because you'll be able to use reason in your relationship instead of relying on changing emotions. The Leo mother is fiercely protective of her lion cubs, and you probably feel that your daughters' opinion of this Aries should weigh in equally alongside your own. And

it's not a bad way to go. Because if there are problems in the relationship, they are likely to spring from familial sources. You need to get the whole family in on this union for it to really work. Start a dialogue with your girls and encourage them to be honest. In the end, the question is not whether you can "match" his love (that would be impossible), but whether you believe you can build something meaningful together.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: David Blaine performed his first magic trick at the age of 4, but devoted his entire life to magic at 21 years old when the single mother who raised him died of ovarian cancer. Aries people are passionate about their hobbies, but have a tendency to lose focus after awhile ... unless there is a compelling event (and often these events are tragic) to drive them toward mastery and greatness.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail.

Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 12-year-old boy, and I read your column every day. I am dating a girl who asked me out in late October. I am always afraid of hurting people, so I said yes. Don't get me wrong. I like "Alison," but just as a friend. A really close friend. Another thing, no one knows we're going out, and everyone thinks I dumped her a long time ago. (I did, but we got back together. I can't say no.)

I want to be single again, but I don't want to hurt Alison's feelings. The other problem is, there is a girl who likes me and thinks I'm single. I like "Cyndi" only as a friend, too.

So what do I do with Alison, whom I want to dump (but definitely stay tight friends with) and Cyndi, who wants me as a boyfriend? Please work your magic. — Broken Down in Brockville

Dear Brockville: We sent our wand to the repair shop, but we'll give it a try the old-fashioned way. Apparently, you are pretty popular with the ladies, so you might as well learn how to extricate yourself from such tricky situations, because they are sure to come up in the future.

First, be honest. Tell Alison you think she's a terrific friend, but you aren't interested in her as a girlfriend. We know you don't want to hurt her, but if you keep pretend-



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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It's not enough to show up where you're supposed to be and do what you're supposed to do in the amount of time you're supposed to do it, because Aries stars overhead demand great passion — without it, results are meager. When energy is low this evening (the moon is void), act as you would under the influence of natural enthusiasm.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you're taking a stand, chances are there are people who stand with you and against you. Don't back down, and don't proceed in an overly cautious manner. However, do know the nature of your enemy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your need for sensory stimulation is highlighted. If it tastes delicious, feels luxurious and looks like a million bucks, you've gotta have it! Meaningful words are exchanged between loved ones tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stresses of your morning are short-lived, so hang in there! Losing your cool will only cause friction in a relationship. Don't worry about being right. Let maturity carry you along the high road.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What's good for others is not the same thing that's good for you. Get to know your body more thoroughly. The healthy habits you establish today contribute to your longevity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Partnerships bring obligations — they are well worth it though, especially with a Libra. Loved ones care and now may be ready to make big concessions for the sake of the relationship. Are you willing to compromise, too?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't let the past hold you back. Old decisions no longer reflect the way you feel. Luckily, you'll get a chance to change your mind. Stay on top of money, budgeting and finances to improve economic security.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have compassion for people of all ages and all walks of life. Because you avoid making assumptions,

you're let in on a profitable situation. A delicious spirit of discovery visits relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you play the "servant," you'll have lots of jobs heaped on you. Act like a leader, and you'll be one. There's a person close to you who needs your approval. Don't withhold it for petty reasons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The bird's-eye view of the world reveals all kinds of shortcuts. So try and rise above the situation you're in. New relationships are rosy. Try not to neglect people in your life who have been around longer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Bring the best minds around you together to work on the thing that's been plaguing you. If you explain well, others will not only understand, they'll also solve your problem for you. Friends in high and low places can help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You express yourself beautifully. A perfect stranger could ask to buy your work and ideas. You might also be asked to make a speech, introduction or sales pitch. Romance is better when

the bills are paid. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you think will happen does, so think positively. Your big break is on the way, but you're not quite ready to take advantage of it yet. Make sure you know what you'll do when it comes.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Leo born July 28, 1958, Cancer rising. I've been single for a long time and am the mother of two challenging and extraordinary daughters. An Aries born April 6, 1950 has come into my life, and I can see that he'll ask me to marry him. I adore his company, but still hesitate to match his love. What do you see in our stars?"

Aries and Leo are a passionate match in general, but the two of you are more pragmatic when you get together than most Aries/Leo couples. This is not such a bad thing because you'll be able to use reason in your relationship instead of relying on changing emotions. The Leo mother is fiercely protective of her lion cubs, and you probably feel that your daughter's opinion of this Aries should weigh in equally alongside your own. And

it's not a bad way to go. Because if there are problems in the relationship, they are likely to spring from familial sources. You need to get the whole family in on this union for it to really work. Start a dialogue with your girls and encourage them to be honest. In the end, the question is not whether you can "match" his love (that would be impossible), but whether you believe you can build something meaningful together.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: David Blaine performed his first magic trick at the age of 4, but devoted his entire life to magic at 21 years old when the single mother who raised him died of ovarian cancer. Aries people are passionate about their hobbies, but have a tendency to lose focus after awhile... unless there is a compelling event (and often these events are tragic) to drive them toward mastery and greatness.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need



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Dear Annie: I am a 12-year-old boy, and I read your column every day. I am dating a girl who asked me out in late October. I am always afraid of hurting people, so I said yes. Don't get me wrong, I like "Alison," but just as a friend. A really close friend. Another thing, no one knows we're going out, and everyone thinks I dumped her a long time ago. (I did, but we got back together. I can't say no.)

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So what do I do with Alison, whom I want to dump (but definitely stay tight friends with) and Cyndi, who wants me as a boyfriend? Please work your magic. — Broken Down in Brockville

Dear Brockville: We sent our wand to the repair shop, but we'll give it a try the old-fashioned way. Apparently, you are pretty popular with the ladies, so you might as well learn how to extricate yourself from such tricky situations, because they are sure to come up in the future.

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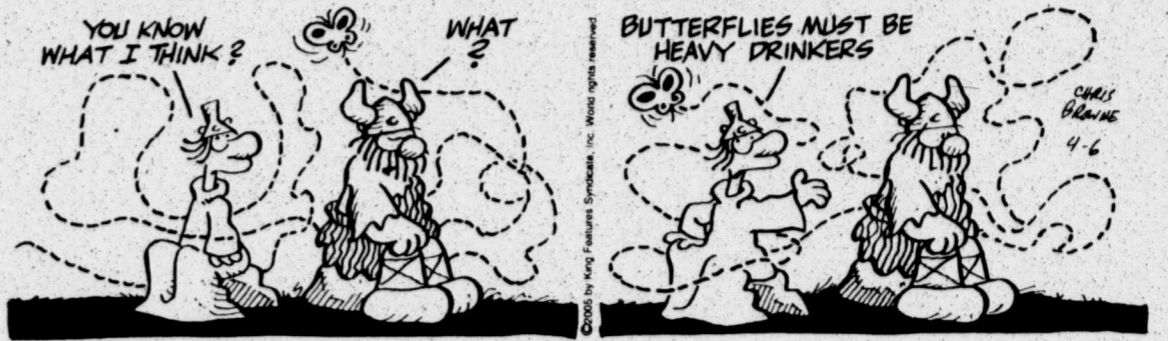
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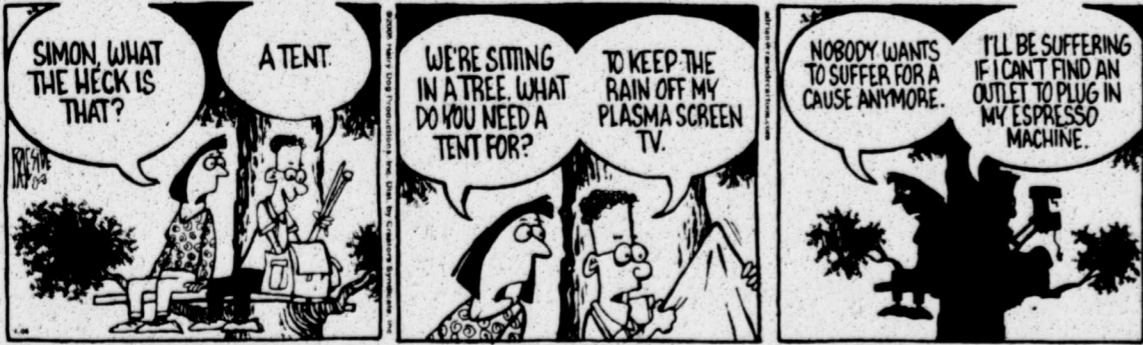
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In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee.

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1917, Congress

approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1945, during World War II, the Japanese warship "Yamato" and nine other vessels sailed on a suicide mission to attack the U.S. fleet off Okinawa; the fleet was intercepted the next day.

In 1965, the United States launched the "Early Bird" communications satellite.

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky died in New York City.

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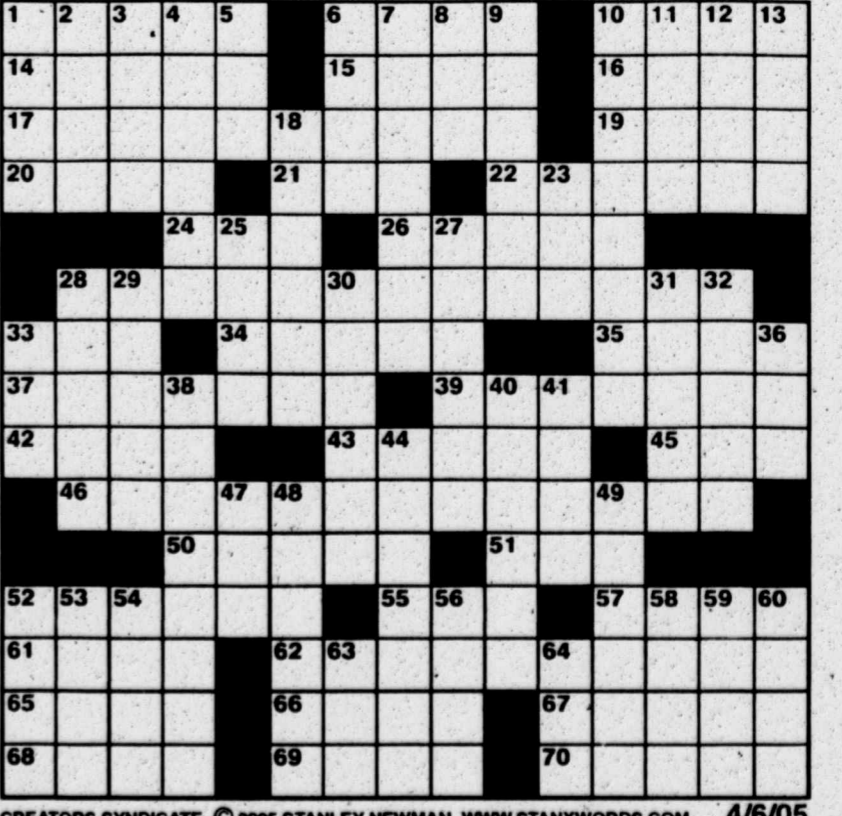
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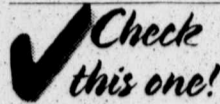
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