



Government postpones release of academy short-list

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It looks like area residents will have to wait until next week to find out if Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark will make the U.S. government's "short list" of possible locations for an Air Force Introductory Flight Training (IFT) program.

According to Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring, government officials have postponed the release of the list,

which was due out Friday, May 6, until an unspecified time next week.

"The government contacted Boeing, and they contacted us with the information," said Sharp on Monday. "They're not saying when next week, so there's really no telling when the list will be released at this point."

While many area residents and officials are eyeing the list with big hopes for Big Spring, Sharp said the final decision of

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where the government school will be located is still several months away.

"Essentially it's a short list, but the Air Force calls it a competitive range," said Sharp. "All of the proposals that have been submitted for the project will be narrowed down to those that fall within a competitive range."

"The list is designed to weed out the offers that simply aren't competitive. I don't know how many have been submitted — information like that is being kept secret — so there's no way of knowing how long that

'short' list is going to be."

Sharp said the only way the Big Spring location will get a "final answer" with the list is if it's a negative one.

"If we don't make the short list then we're not in the running anymore," said Sharp. "However, I feel very confident we'll make the short list. The final decision is scheduled to be released on Oct. 3."

Efforts to bring the program

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Shattered dreams

Program shows students aftermath of drunk driving

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

The consequence of choice and the horrors of drunk driving punctuated Big Spring High School students' lives Monday and Tuesday through the Shattered Dreams program.

"If we can keep just one teen-ager from drinking and driving or just one teen-ager from letting their friend drink and drive, then we consider this program a success and that we have done our job," said Denise Hester, Victim Services coordinator.

Shattered Dreams, a community cooperative effort now in its fifth year in Howard County, presents a realistic look at drunk driving accidents, including students who became the "Living Dead" and a wall of honor at the high school office that pays tribute to and publishes a student's Living Dead obituary.

Also, a realistic accident scene brought all the junior and senior class students together Monday morning to witness the events that transpire with a fatal accident.

The program concluded



Big Spring High School junior and senior students observed David Cavins, left, Daniel Castillo, Craig Ferguson and Steve Davenport, all with the Big Spring Fire Department/EMS, transport Jessica Bravo from a mock drunk-driving accident involving five high school students Monday. The staged accident is part of the Shattered Dreams program, designed to bring awareness to high school students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

today with an assembly featuring guest speakers and a video of the entire program with scenes

ranging from the teenage drinking party to the incarceration of the convicted drunk driver/stu-

dent. "We're showing them the entire gamut of experiences related to drink-

ing and driving. The party shows how the

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Barraza, Lucio named top grads at Sands High School

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Marcelo Barraza and Aleticia Lucio have been named the top graduates for Sands High School's Class of 2005.

Class valedictorian Barraza is a three-year member of the National Honor Society, serving this year as NHS president for Sands. He also served as senior class vice president this year.

His other honors include being a state Universit, Interscholastic League academic meet qualifier in Lincoln-Douglas debate, Big Spring Optimist Club Award, highest GPA award, most outstanding Spanish student award, Who's Who, most athletic, best all-around and most likely to succeed.

In athletics, he competed at the varsity level in cross-country, track, basketball, football and tennis.

Class salutatorian Lucio is a three-



Barraza



Lucio

year member of the NHS, serving this year as chapter vice president. She was a four-year member of the student council and was president of that body

this year.

She was senior class president and was named to Who's Who, most likely to succeed and Miss Sands High School.

She is a four-year member of the basketball and cross-country teams and cheerleading squad. In addition, she competed on the track, golf and tennis teams.

Sands graduation ceremonies will be held at 8 p.m. May 20 in the school auditorium.

Commissioners court to speak for senior citizens center now

□ Court adopts amendments dealing with entity.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners adopted several amendments to the policies recently approved for the Spring City Senior Citizen Center, including a stern warning against dealing with media outlets operating outside Big Spring.

"Out-of-town media delight in creating sides. I don't see sides on this center. I see issues that



Lockhart

make a story, it does no good for the county court, the personnel or the board. This way, only the county court speaks for the county.

"We also want to recommend that to our employees on any type of issue. Let's work through this; let's improve the place.

must be addressed and corrected," said Bebe McCasland,

chairperson of the center's board of directors. "When you get outside

media trying to air in airing feelings that may not be representative of the (commissioner's) court."

Also approved by the commissioners was an amendment that requires the center's staff to provide the board with copies of health and safety inspections, which will be posted for the public to see at the facility.

"We would like, as a board, to receive copies of any health or safety inspections," McCasland told commissioners during Monday morning's

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RELAY FOR LIFE

The 11th Annual Howard/Glasscock Unit of Relay For Life will be held Friday and Saturday at Blankenship Field adjacent to Big Spring High School.

Last year, Relay For Life raised more than \$200,000 for cancer research. That amount ranked sixth in the nation per capita for events of its kind, organizers said.

The event begins Friday with the "survivors' lap" at 7 p.m. Children's activities, adult games, on-site fundraising and food booths will be among the many attractions at this year's event.

COSBY'S MESSAGE

(AP) - Actor and comedian Bill Cosby appeared at a town hall meeting in Dallas Monday and called on parents to get involved with their children's schooling.

"There's a revolution that needs to start," Cosby said. Cosby challenged the audience of 1,200 at the meeting in South Dallas to keep their children off the streets. He also urged parents to be more accountable. "Ladies and gentlemen, for goodness' sake, join together. There's nothing at risk about your child, except you."



AMERICAN PROFILE

If you love to drive, traveling the nation's parkways is a great way to take in some of the country's historic, natural and scenic treasures. The national park system has four national parkways — the Blue Ridge, George Washington Memorial, John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial and Natchez Trace — which contain more than 1,000 miles of roadway and 165,000 acres of protected corridor.



Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Would like to pay tribute to all nurses during National Nurses' Week.
Thank you for your compassion, dedication and support of our patients.

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Obituaries

Inez Salazar



Inez Salazar, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 9, 2005, in a San Angelo hospital. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today, May 10, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be said at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Big Spring with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 20, 1931, in Big Spring. In 1952, Inez started working with Dr. Wood and Dr. J.A. Fish, who were located in the Permian Building and was working for Dr. J.R. Fish up until her death. She had worked for them for 53 years. Inez was very involved with the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for more than 50 years. She was in the Auxiliary of the Legion of Mary, The Liturgy, Guadalupanas, Hijas de Maria, Festival Committee, CCD Teacher and CYO Director.

She also took care of the altar vestments and linens, making sure that everything would be ready for all the masses. Inez loved taking pictures of not only her family, but friends and their families.

Survivors include her sisters, Flora Salazar and Mary Salazar, both of Big Spring; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Ruth Salazar, Joe and Cruz Salazar and Gina Salazar, all of Big Spring; seven nieces and nephews who were like her children, Debbye Valverde of Big Spring, Brenda Nack of Baltimore, Md., Lisa Williams of Midland, David Salazar, Tony Salazar, Denise Salazar and John Salazar, all of Big Spring; her great-nieces and nephews; a special friend, Clara Hernandez; and many other friends who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Isabel Salazar, her father, Catarino Salazar, a sister, Juanita Salazar and a brother, Tim Salazar.

Pallbearers will be David Salazar, Tony Salazar, Joh Salazar, Larry Valverde, Marty Deanda and Mark Williams.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 N. Aylford, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Evette Emerson



Evette Emerson, 43, of Big Spring died at 7:12 a.m. Monday, May 09, 2005, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born July 7, 1961, in Houston. She grew up in Houston and Amarillo and graduated from Palo Duro High School in Amarillo. She came to Big Spring in 1982 from Amarillo. She was a Baptist and a veteran of the U. S. Army.

She is survived by her parents, Carolann and Bert Winbush of Big Spring; one sister, Gwen Hart of Big Spring; and one brother, Mickey Emerson of Big Spring.

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

Joni Lu Jones Hazlewood



Joni Lu Jones Hazlewood, 75, of Stanton died Sunday, May 8, 2005, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at the Belvue Church of Christ in Stanton with Bill Welsh, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

She was born Sept. 21, 1929, in Tarzan and married Robert "Bob" Hazlewood, April 16, 1948, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Sept. 4, 2000.

Joni Lu and her husband Bob farmed for many years and traveled through out the country as they were involved in craft shows. She was an artist and worked as a florist.

She was a member of Belvue Church of Christ. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Robbie and Mike Curry of Midland and Pam and Dennis McCampbell of Stanton; one brother, Don Jones of Dallas; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, J.A. and Bessie Jones, one brother, James Jones and one sister, Edna Cox.

The family suggests memorials to Belvue Church of Christ P.O. Box 575, Stanton 79782 or Home Hospice of Midland, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npWelch.com.

Support groups

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

Police blotter

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

- TROY DEON MITCHELL, 24, transient, was arrested Monday on a Denton Police Department warrant.
- ELIZABETH LAREZ, 28, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- DANIEL JONES, 36, of 2507 Peach Street, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant and a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- DEANNE THOMPSON, 31, of 1600 Lancaster Apt. 41, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 500 block of FM 700.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 5600 block of N. County Road 19 at 9:33 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster at 11:19 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Holbert at 2:54 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor at 3:32 a.m. Monday. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. Sixth Street at 11:25 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy in the morning...Then partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 60.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Take note

ALL SCHOOL AWARDS BANQUET FOR SANDS HIGH SCHOOL is set for 7 p.m. today in the high school auditorium. Free admission.

HOWARD COLLEGE SUMMER REGISTRATION continues through Thursday until 4 p.m. in the Administration Building. May 16 the mini-semester begins; June 6 Summer I begins; July 11 - Summer II begins.

END OF SCHOOL PROGRAM AND OPEN HOUSE at Hillcrest Child Development Center, 2000 W. FM 700, is set for 7 p.m. Thursday. Call 267-8449 for more information.

LEAGUE OF LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS LULAC meeting set for 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring YMCA to begin plans for the 2005 Softball Tournament. Anyone interested in becoming a LULAC member is welcome to attend the meeting.

THE 10TH ANNUAL HOWARD-GLASSCOCK RELAY FOR LIFE at Blankenship Field is Friday and Saturday. Survivors call LaWanda at 263 7827. For other information call Diane Wood at 263-3382.

RECEPTION FOR JIM LEMONS CELEBRATING HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. May 15 in the First Baptist Church parlor. All family and friends are invited. Call 270-8485 for more information.

A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitches' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-19-32-36
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$36,725.
Winning tickets sold in: Telferner.
Matching four of five: 125. Prize: \$132.
Matching three of five: 3,146. Prize: \$13.
Matching two of five: 35,565. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-17-21. Bonus Ball: 19.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2.
Winning tickets sold in Austin and Princeton, each worth \$112,500.
Number matching four of four: 4. Prize: \$2,507.
Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 31. Prize: \$39.
Number matching three of four: 1,023. Prize: \$16.
Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 652. Prize: \$17.
Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,165. Prize: \$7.
Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,465. Prize: \$5.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-4

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tragedy started. Then there are scenes of the accident, where four classmates were killed and the drunk driver was arrested.

"The video also has the students' parents reactions when they received death notification and it views some of the obituaries of the Living Dead. The entire plea-bargaining process is shown and the video concludes with a shot of the drunk driver in a prison for 20 years," Hester said.

And while the entire program is a mock version — no one is actually injured, drunk or dead — Hester said the program strives to show the students that their decisions have a permanent, rippling effect on the lives of their family, friends and community.

"The emotions for the students and families is like a high and low roller coaster," Hester said.

Shattered Dreams continued throughout the day. Emergency medical service and fire department staff as well as Justice of the Peace Bennie Green and Department of Public Safety troopers worked the fake accident site as if it were a real wreck.

Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home employees drove a hearse to the scene and transported one "victim," junior Kristen Dutchover, in a green body bag to the funeral home.

One student, Jessi New,

was transported via Critical Air helicopter from the high school grounds after the traffic accident.

The Living Dead, a total of 18 junior and senior high students, were targeted with the advent of the Heart Beat throughout the school day.

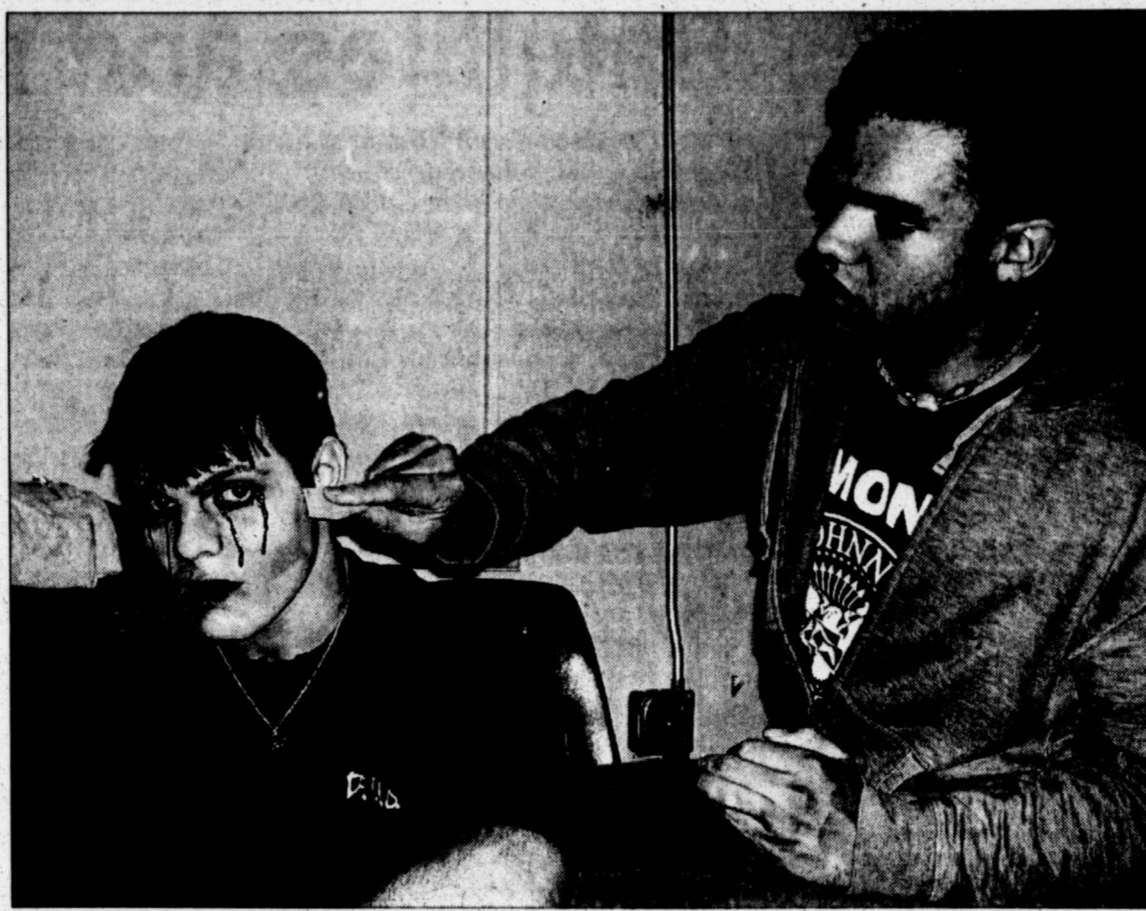
"Every 15 minutes a person is killed in a drinking-related accident, and we use the Heart Beat to represent those people. The Heart Beat is sounded over the school public address system, then the Grim Reaper walks into a classroom, places his hand on a student and takes his victim," Hester said.

Once the student was selected, theater students painted their faces ash gray and black, some with blood splatters. The student then donned a T-shirt with "Living Dead" emblazoned on it and returned to class.

For the remainder of the day, these students are not allowed to talk to anyone or show any signs of excitement or life, instead acting as if they are dead to the outside world.

After school, the Living Dead group was transported to the First Baptist Church, where they had an overnight retreat. They were not allowed to see their families until the assembly today.

"The parents' role in this is very important, crucial really," Hester said. "Students are selected to participate by the school administration and those students are then interviewed by law enforcement and Victim



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Big Spring High School theater student Tapley Holguin, right, applies the Living Dead make-up to Kyle Piercefield after the Grim Reaper removed Piercefield from class Monday following the Heart Beat presentation, all part of the Shattered Dreams program. Piercefield's obituary was read to his class as he was escorted to the teacher's lounge for his transformation into one of the Living Dead. Piercefield, along with 17 other Big Spring High School seniors and juniors, were not allowed to talk the rest of the school day and were secluded in a retreat Monday night.

Services. Their parents are then brought together for a briefing and they must grant consent for their child to participate, and they must agree to participate as well.

Parents are required to write their child's obituary for the honor wall at the school and they are also brought into a debriefing meeting after the day's events, she said. The honor wall is filled with posters of these students with the student's obituary as well as pho-

tographs of their lives, including family portraits and baby pictures.

"This is really hard on the parents and we want to give them a time to talk about their emotions and to offer suggestions to us about ways to improve this program," said Linda Perez, Victim Services assistant director.

"We also encourage the parents to talk to their kids about the dangers of alcohol and what alcohol use can lead to," Perez said.

Both Hester and Perez said Shattered Dreams requires a large support team to be effective.

The entire program is funded through private donations. The parents of the students involved assist with the fund-raising efforts as well.

Others involved in the event include the Big Spring Police Department, Big Spring Independent School District, James White with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission,

118th District Court Judge Robert Moore, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Mitchem & Sons, All-District Screen Printing, Crossroads Auto Sales and First Baptist Church.

Financial donations for this year's more than \$3,000 program were provided by the Big Spring Rotary Club, Parks Agency, Park Fuels, Robert Miller, Highland Animal hospital, Russ McEwen Agency, Bob Brock Ford-Lincoln-Mercury-Nissan, Big Spring Banking Center, Dr. John Farquhar, Robert P. Hayes, Don Richard, Jimmy Newsom, Joyce and Bill Crooker Jerry and Darla Kilgore, Barbara Tarpley, Craig and Carrie Dunnam, Dr. David L. Ward, Sheryl Gass, Simon and Mary Terrazas and Elfi and Danny Tucker, among others.

Arcand Video Productions created the video shown today while Terry Chamness, Tom Arcand, Thad Thomas and Wayne Jones shot the footage. Food for the event was provided by Frito Lay, Phil Ervin, Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Wal-Mart and Whataburger.

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to Big Spring began in mid-2004, when Moore Development, the city of Big Spring and several other local agencies joined forces to bring the program to the McMahon-

Wrinkle Airpark.

The program is expected to involve initial flight screening of up to 1,300 aircrew training candidates each year, with screening of the initial class of students expected to begin in October of 2005. The initial contract has option periods extending out to 2015.

In mid-January, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen announced Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark was chosen by aero-engineering giant Boeing as the sight for a U.S. Air Force Introductory Flight Training (IFT) program.

If Boeing ultimately receives the government

contract, construction and renovations at the airpark could begin as early as mid-October, according to information previously released by the government.

Whether or not the recent delays will effect that timeline is currently unclear, according to Sharp.

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 Linda White Money, 50, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

USAFA deserves credit for actions in newest scandal

The Air Force Academy is under investigation again this time for intimidation of cadets on religious grounds. This intolerance harms the armed forces and offends the First Amendment. For the second time in two years, the Air Force Academy is under investigation for complaints that cadets regularly torment classmates. In 2003, as many as 150 women reported they had been sexually assaulted while at the academy and that superiors ignored their complaints. A Pentagon inquiry led to the ousting of the academy's top commanders. Last May, a student survey revealed cadets' concerns about widespread religious intolerance.

As the academy probed more, students spoke more openly: Classmates had plastered the walls with posters for the film *The Passion of the Christ*; chaplains had urged students to proselytize classmates who were not born again; some cadets harassed Jewish peers. The Rev. Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State called it the worst "series of religiously discriminatory acts I've seen in any federal government context," according to *The New York Times*.

It's to the Air Force's credit that it takes this deep dysfunction seriously. In March, the school began a mandatory 50-minute training called RSVP, or Respecting the Spiritual Values of all People. Now the Air Force has assembled a task force to study specifics such as the academy's religious climate and its impact on the Air Force.

A deep and broad study of these questions by the task force is essential. The accusations of religious intolerance reflect several complex trends that could infect the entire military. First, academy culture seems to permit targeting, even assault, of whole subgroups in its community, whether women or those who are not evangelical Christians. Second, the academy seems to tacitly accept that one religious culture 90 percent of cadets are Christian may tyrannize the others.

In a school designed to prepare Air Force leaders, such failures of discipline eventually may weaken the Air Force itself. Just as dangerous, when military leaders adopt deformed values sexual predation or its acceptance, contempt for women and aggression toward minorities they discredit the very society we ask our soldiers to defend.

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Satellites and playing hooky

Editors note: Roger Simon is on vacation. The following column was first published in March 2000.

I should be at work today. I should be writing profound things about Al Gore and George Bush. But I am not. I am at home, instead.

I am sick, I told my boss on the phone. A 24-hour thing. Not to worry. Back soon. Better than ever.

"It's the dish, isn't it," he said. "You finally got your satellite dish installed."

My boss can read me like a book. It's one of the reasons I worship him.

I am watching many fine, educational, public service broadcasts, I tell him. I am learning a great deal.

"You're watching Italian basketball, aren't you?" my boss says.

That's on in an hour, I say. Right now, I am watching "Shakespeare in Love" and "An American Werewolf in Paris."

"Both?" my boss says. "You're watching both?"

I am also watching "Cocoon: The Return" and "The Conversation," I tell him. I am switching among all of them.

"How many stations do you get?" my boss asks.

I have been waiting for someone to ask. I get 32 commercial-free, premium movie channels, I say. I get 31 sports channels. I get 37 music channels. I get 37 variety channels and 17 news/info channels. And for an extra \$6 a month, Brian Lamb will come to my home and cook me lasagna.

"I'm coming over!" my boss says.



ROGER SIMON

You can't come over! I say. You're the boss!

"I'm coming over, anyway," my boss says. "Who cares about George Bush and Al Gore?"

Not me, I say. Did you know there are seven HBOs?

"Seven!" my boss says. "I thought there was just one!"

Seven, I say. I get all of them.

"I am out the door!" my boss yells. "I am halfway there!"

I am sure that Bill Bradley and John McCain will always remember this week as one of the worst weeks in their lives.

I will always remember this week as one of my happiest. This is the week that my satellite dish got hooked up.

It took only a few minutes. The guy came out with a compass and found southwest. (Southwest is where the satellites live. I don't know why. But everybody in North America has to have their satellite dishes pointing southwest. If you ever get lost, just wander around until you see a satellite dish and you will know where southwest is. I am not sure that will save you, but at least you can see "Shakespeare in Love" before you wander off again.)

I have had cable for years. The picture was awful, and the service worse. If a cloud formed anywhere over the Appalachian Mountains, my cable went out and I had to call the company.

I am sure that where you live the cable company is wonderful and the service is great. That's the way all monopolies are, right?

But where I live, the cable service seems to be staffed by people in various stages of work release.

Um, my cable is out, I would say meekly into the phone.

"So?" the cable person would say.

So I was wondering if maybe somebody could come out and fix it? Not right away, I mean. Just

whenever it is convenient for you.

"What makes you so special?" the cable person would ask. "You think you're some kind of privileged character or something?"

No, not really.

"Then just put a cork in it!" the cable person would say. "Go read a book or something."

Thank you, I would say. That is certainly good advice.

For some reason, cable companies the nation over seem to have the same motto: "We're not happy until you're not happy."

So a few weeks ago, I took the plunge and bought a dish, even though the cable companies run commercials telling you how terrible satellite dishes are.

Having had satellite service for a few hours now, here is my candid opinion: It is wonderful. I love it. The picture and sound are so superior to cable that the comparison is not even close.

The dish and the receiver did not cost a lot of money — there are a lot of bargains out there if you just shop around a little — and the monthly service is cheap compared to cable, giving you much more for the dough.

The only drawback I have noticed is that there are far too many channels, which means it takes me a very long time to go through them all, which means I may never go back to work.

"Don't worry about it," my boss says when I open the door. "I hear telecommuting is the wave of the future. Just tell me how I get the Golf Channel and shut up."

My boss. I love this guy.

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The downing street memo

Meanwhile, back in Iraq. I was going to leave out of this column everything about how we got into Iraq, or whether it was wise, and or whether the infamous "they" knowingly lied to us. (Although I did plan to point out I would be nobly refraining from poking at that pus-riddled question.)

Since I believe one of our greatest strengths as Americans is shrewd practicality, I thought it was time we moved past the now unhelpful, "How did we get into his mess?" to the more utilitarian, "How the hell do we do now?"

However, I cannot let this astounding Downing Street memo go unmentioned.

On May 1, the Sunday Times of London printed a secret memo that went to the defense secretary, foreign secretary, attorney general and other high officials. It is the minutes of their meeting on Iraq with Tony Blair. The memo was written by Matthew Rycroft, a Downing Street foreign policy aide. It has been confirmed as legitimate and is dated July 23, 2002. I suppose the correct cliché is "smoking gun."

"C reported on his recent talks in Washington. There was a perceptible shift in attitude. Military action was now seen as inevitable. Bush wanted to remove Saddam, through military action, justified by the conjunction of terrorism and WMD. But the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy. (There it is.) The NSC (National Security Council) had no patience with the U.N. route, and no enthusiasm for publishing material on the Iraqi regime's record. There was little discussion in Washington of the aftermath

after military action."

After some paragraphs on tactical considerations, Rycroft reports, "No decisions had been taken, but he (British defense secretary) thought the most likely timing in U.S. minds for military action to begin was January, with the timeline beginning 30 days before the U.S. congressional elections.

"The foreign secretary said he would discuss this with Colin Powell this week. It seemed clear that Bush had made up his mind to take military action, even if the timing was not yet decided. But the case was thin. Saddam was not threatening his neighbors, and his WMD capability was less than that of Libya, North Korea or Iran. We should work up a plan for an ultimatum to allow back in the U.N. weapons inspectors. This would also help with the legal justification for the use of force.

"The attorney general said that the desire for regime change was not a legal base for military action. There were three possible legal bases: self-defense, humanitarian intervention or UNSC authorization. The first and second could not be the base in this case."

There is much more in the memo, which can be found easily online. What's difficult now is placing the memo in the time-frame. Can you remember how little you knew about a war with Iraq in July 2002? Most of us who opposed the war concluded some time ago this was the way it went down. There was plenty of evidence, though nothing this direct and cold. Think of the difference it would have made if we had known all this three years ago. Now? The memo was a huge story in Britain but is almost unreported here.

The memo does get us some forwarder. At least it finally settles this ridiculous debate about how Dear Leader Bush just wanted to bring democracy all along and we

did it all for George Washington.

Enough said. What to do? Now that we're there, at least we're on the right side, not even withstanding the disgusting Ahmed Chalabi as oil minister. Unfortunately, our very support for the good guys is making it much harder for them.

A tactical Catch-22. I was impressed by the premise of Reza Aslan's new book, "No God but God," which is that all of Islam is undergoing a struggle between the modernists and the traditionalists, between reformers and reactionaries.

But in Iraq, which already had a secular state, we have the additional complication of sectarian/ethnic divisions — your Sunnis, your Shiites, your Kurds — not to mention, the tribalism within those divisions. (Am I bitter enough to point out once again that Paul Wolfowitz said under oath, "There is no history ethnic strife in Iraq"? You bet your ass I am.)

Our most basic problem in-country is that having the U.S. of A. on your side automatically makes you about as popular as a socialist in the Texas Legislature: We are working against the guys we want to win by supporting them. This requires some serious skulking but is not, in politics, all that unusual a pickle.

There is a political solution. Like all politics, it requires a deal. What about letting the interim government make a deal with the Sunnis for us to withdraw — as in, "You cooperate with us, and we'll get the Americans out of here for you." We can't make that deal, but the Iraqis can.

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Sharing happy childhood memories

Although Mother's Day has already passed, I started thinking about my childhood this weekend and I would like to share it with my fans.

I had a fantastic, happy young life. I enjoyed my youth to the fullest.

My mom loved holidays. We always got a new outfit for the event, too. We didn't get new clothes every week like kids do today (including mine.)

So, when we went shopping for a new dress, it was a treat and a half. Christmas, Easter and birthdays were top on the list and mom made sure we spiffed up pretty shiny for those special times.

Pink rollers (which I've already described in previous writings) were donned, bodies were scrubbed and pantyhose were ripped over skinned, tan, bony legs.

On these momentous occasions, my mom would go all out and buy us unbelievable gifts.

She still buys the best presents ever. I remember learning to drive.

My dad had about as much patience with my inability to maneuver a

car as a snapping turtle.

So, one day, against dad's orders, mom took me out into the country and let me loose on the road. I learned more in that afternoon than all the other times combined.

Did my mom ever lose her patience with us three kids? She sure did!

When we crossed the line, we knew it. Middle names were yelled out and we knew it was time to face the consequences.

She never let us tell a lie, never let us be unkind and never let us disrespect adults. PERIOD.

Those were her standards. Still are.

My mom was never afraid to work like a man, especially after my beautiful father was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at age 39.

Our old home had a swamp cooler. A swamp cooler works very much like a sauna. It causes lots of soggy humidity to flow through the house and burns up its occupants in the process.

Many times, she would be on the roof when I got home from school, putting in a new pump or hauling a hose on up there to water the pads.

Since Parkinson's affects the muscles, she was left with doing the jobs dad had normally done. She'd mow the lawn, be sick for days, then get right out there and do it again.

Did she gripe? Not where anyone could hear. And, still, she took care of three kids and my dad. She is still taking care of him, after 39 years of marriage, without complaint.

She let us dig huge holes in the backyard. To make a swimming pool of course. We always gave up — maybe that's why she'd give in to our begging.

If we didn't want her to tell off a kid who was bothering us, we had to keep our mouth shut. She's very territorial about who bothers her cubs.

And pray? Like no one else. Anything and everything was taken to God and she taught us to do the same.

She asks me and my sister pretty regularly if we are passing that on to our kids. We are happy to be able to tell her the absolute truth — yes!

Did I have the "perfect" childhood?

No. But, all the hard knocks, the downsides and the unfortunate incidents only made me stronger.

And right there beside me, the whole time, was the woman I admire and am proud to know as my Mom.

Christy Alton works full time, has two children and is married to her park ranger, Ron. Her column appears in the Tuesday edition of the Big Spring Herald.



CHRISTY ALTON



Shannon Eason, left, and Frances Rice, both nurses at Family Medical Center, sign in for a free lunch at Hunan Restaurant Monday afternoon with Home Hospice Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Hodnett. Home Hospice's observation of National Nurses Week included inviting nearly 200 Howard County nurses to lunch Monday.

Briefly

Health screenings for women offered

The Department of State Health Services offers cholesterol screening for women from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the offices, 501 S. Birdwell Lane, Suite 28b.

The lipid panel includes total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides and costs \$8.10.

The test requires no food or drink 12 hours

prior to testing. Blood pressure checks will also be available. Additional information relating specifically to women's health will be offered as well.

Call 263-9775 for more information.

Coahoma Choir Kids present concert

The Coahoma Choir Kids present their annual spring concert at 7 p.m.

Thursday at the elementary school.

The choir is composed of fourth, fifth and sixth grade students who will sing a variety of music including classical, folk-songs, spiritual and popular songs.

The public is invited and there is no charge to attend the concert.

Call Coahoma Elementary at 394-4323 for more information.

Class of 1965 seeks classmates

Big Spring High School Class of 1965 is seeking classmates to contact for an upcoming reunion.

If you have information on these people call Nancy Thomas Allan at 432-714-4390 or Ann Howard Duncan at 432-263-4887 or email them at nancy@teach.edb.utexas.edu.

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WORLD NEWS

Hundreds of U.S. troops fight insurgents near Iraq's border with Syria

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces backed by helicopter gunships and warplanes swept through a large area of western Iraq near the Syrian border for a third day Tuesday, raiding desert outposts and safe houses belonging to insurgents, the U.S. military said.

In Baghdad, two car bombs exploded during morning rush hour Tuesday, killing as many as seven and wounding 19, including three American soldiers, officials said.

As many as 100 militants have been killed since Operation Matador, one of the largest American military offensives in Iraq in six months, began Saturday night in the border town of Qaim, 200 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

At least three U.S. Marines have been killed in the offensive, which was hunting for followers of Iraq's most wanted terrorist, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, said U.S. officials.

A fourth U.S. Marine died Monday, but it was not immediately clear if that happened during the offensive, the military said.

A Los Angeles Times reporter embedded with the offensive said 20 U.S. troops also were wounded, but the U.S. military could not immediately confirm that.

Blix says U.S. actions suggest it's not committed to nuclear 'bargain'

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Washington isn't taking "the common bargain" of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty as seriously as it once did, and that's dimming global support for the U.S. campaign to shut down the North Korean and Iranian nuclear programs, the former chief U.N. weapons inspector said.

Undersecretary of State John R. Bolton, by questioning the value of treaties and international law, has also damaged the U.S. position, Hans Blix said.

"There is a feeling the common edifice of the international community is being dismantled," the Swedish arms expert said.

Blix, now chairman of the Swedish government-sponsored Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission, spoke with reporters in the second week of a month-long conference to review the 1970 nonproliferation treaty.

Under the 188-nation pact, nations without nuclear weapons pledge not to pursue them, in exchange for a commitment by five nuclear-weapons states — the United States, Britain, France and China — to negotiate toward nuclear disarmament.

The review conference has been stalled, without an agenda, because of a dispute over agenda language dealing with the very dissatisfaction Blix spoke of: the complaints by which the nuclear-weapons states are moving too slowly toward disarmament.

A last-minute objection by Egypt last Friday scuttled an apparent agreement on the agenda. The Egyptians wanted language that focused more on assessing how well the nuclear powers have done in taking specific steps toward disarmament, under commitments they made in 2000 at the last of these twice-a-decade conferences.

Police have no solid leads in deaths of two girls found stabbed to death in Illinois park

ZION, Ill. (AP) — The news that two girls out on a Mother's Day bicycle ride were stabbed multiple times and left to die near a bike path has shaken the residents of this small city near the Wisconsin line.

Now the search is on for those responsible, but Police Chief Doug Malcolm said Monday that authorities have had not identified any suspects and there were no solid leads.

"It was a crime not only against those kids but against all of us," Malcolm said Monday.

The girls, Laura Hobbs, 8, and Krystal Tobias, 9, were best friends in the same second grade class at Beulah Park Elementary, about four blocks from the park. Their bodies were discovered shortly after dawn Monday, although police said no weapons were found and there was no evidence of sexual assault. A girl's bicycle was found nearby.

Police visited the Hobbs' home and took clothing worn by family members Sunday, the day the girls disappeared.

Differing brain response found in homosexual, heterosexual men

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sexual area of a gay man's brain works a lot like that of a woman when exposed to a particular stimulus, researchers say.

In an experiment, men and heterosexual women sniffed a chemical from the male hormone testosterone. The homosexual men's brains responded differently from those of heterosexual males, and in a similar way to the women's brains.

"It is one more piece of evidence ... that is showing that sexual orientation is not all learned," said Sandra Witelson, an expert on brain anatomy and sexual orientation at the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada.

Witelson, who was not part of the research team, said the findings clearly show a biological involvement in sexual orientation.

The study was done by researchers at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.

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meeting. "That keeps the board aware of any needs the center might have. And we feel posting copies of those reports at the center will show anyone who uses the center our improvements.

"Right now the reports aren't good, and people know about it through the media. But I feel like our next inspections and future inspections will give the public a comparison and they can see the center is improving — that the commissioner's court, the board and the center are addressing their problems. It gets it all out in the open."

McCasland also asked commissioners for the board to have a "voice" when it came to personnel matters at the center.

"We would like to be able to provide input to this court regarding the hiring, reprimand or dismissal of personnel at the center," said McCasland. "If we know of a problem, we can make you aware of it. But at the same time, we might want to come to you to defend an employee. So we simply ask for that voice. We don't hire, we don't fire. But we would like to be a part of the process."

McCasland also requested the court to create a vice chairperson position on the board.

County Judge Ben Lockhart said he supported the amendments as long as board members understood where their responsibility ended, and

the commissioners' began.

"As long as the board understands that the final say-so on everything rests with the commissioner's court," said Lockhart, "I don't have a problem with these items."

The board was created by the commissioners earlier this year after problems at the center began to surface, including numerous state health and safety violations. In a recent report issued by Perry J. Williams, inspector with the Texas Department of State Health Services, questionable food temperatures for both prepared and stored foods came under fire, as well as a sink that was draining into an open pit and lack of hot water in food preparation areas and rest rooms.

The presence of "numerous fresh rodent excreta pellets in storage areas" was also addressed in the report.

McCasland said amendments such as these may be common for some time, as the board sorts out the policies and responsibilities necessary to run the center.

"We started from scratch, literally, in trying to create policy and procedure," said McCasland. "There are a few omissions that we'll find, so we may bring you a few amendments occasionally. We're trying to fine tune it."

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Deputy credited with helping woman escape

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A Texas woman who said she was held against her will by her estranged husband was freed after surreptitiously getting the attention of a deputy sheriff near here, authorities said Monday.

Yellowstone County Sheriff Chuck Maxwell said Deputy Cliff Mahoney saw a man and a woman outside a truck in a parking lot of a business east of Billings on Saturday. The woman appeared to be trying to get the deputy's attention without the man noticing, Maxwell said.

Mahoney ran a check of the truck's Texas license and learned authorities in that state were looking for the vehicle in connection with a missing person, the sheriff said. The deputy called for assistance and confronted the two people.

Maxwell said the woman, identified as Christina Terrazas, 32, of Irving, Texas, told authorities that her husband, Ruben Terrazas, 34, of Hurst, Texas, had been holding her against her will since April 21. The two apparently were in the process of divorcing.

Ruben Terrazas was charged Monday with aggravated kidnapping and ordered held in the Yellowstone County jail on \$200,000 bail with a District Court appearance scheduled Friday.

Open meetings charges dropped

ALPINE (AP) — A visiting El Paso state judge has upheld the dismissal of open meetings violation charges against an Alpine City Council member.

A hearing is scheduled for Friday in Alpine on the dismissal of a similar charge against another Alpine council member.

Avinash Rangra and Katie Elms-Lawrence were accused in indictments of bypassing open meetings laws by conducting city business via e-mail. The charges were dismissed May 3. On Monday, Visiting Judge Peter Peca upheld the dismissal against Rangra, signing a new order Monday.

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Big Spring Club announces couples tournament
The Big Spring Country Club is sponsoring a two-person couples tournament for Saturday, May 14. The tournament cost \$130 per cart fee, carts are provided. A practice take place while begins at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call 263-7331.

BSISD has chance to athletic program
The Big Spring Independent School District is offering the opportunity for an athletic program in the district through 1999. Physical given at Auditorium May 21 at seventh grade. Start at 10:15 a.m. for current students to be graded. Physical given at 10:15 a.m. for all students.

Coahoma all-sports
Coahoma announced sports activities to be held at the school cafeteria on May 17. Tickets are \$5.00 and they are available at the school office at 301 N. 1st St.

Lady Steers for sports
The Big Spring Steers sports will be held at 6 p.m. in the Spring Junction Cafeteria. General tickets are \$5.00. Tickets are available at Kay Cook Spring Training Center. Faye's Dakota's the Heritage. For more information, call 263-0022 at 263-0022. Rodriguez.

Chicano Association monthly tournament
The Chicano Association monthly tournament for Sunday, May 15. The tournament will be a 12-player contest and a shotgun a.m. Registration for the event will be on the day of the tournament. For more information, call 263-7331. Mendoza.

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club announces couples tournament

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a two-day two-person couples scramble for Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament will cost \$130 per team plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

A practice round will take place May 13, while registration begins at 11:30 a.m. May 14 and a shotgun start begins at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 267-5354.

BSISD has set up chance to get athletic physicals

The BSISD athletic department is offering the opportunity to get an athletic physical for anyone in grades six through 11 (7-12 next year).

Physicals will be given at the BSHS Auditorium Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. for seventh graders (current sixth graders), 10:15 a.m. for ninth graders (current eighth graders) and 10:30 a.m. for current high school students through 11th grade. Physicals will end promptly at 11:30 a.m. for all.

Coahoma announces all-sports banquet

Coahoma has announced that its all-sports banquet will take place Tuesday, May 17, at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets for non-athletes and parents are \$6 and they can be purchased that night.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Coahoma High School Office at 394-4536.

Lady Steers set date for sports banquet

The Big Spring Lady Steers sports banquet will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

General admission tickets can be purchased for \$10 through Kay Cook at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center or at Faye's Flowers, Dakota's Flowers or the Heritage Museum.

For more information, call Janet Abner at 263-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez at 263-6100.

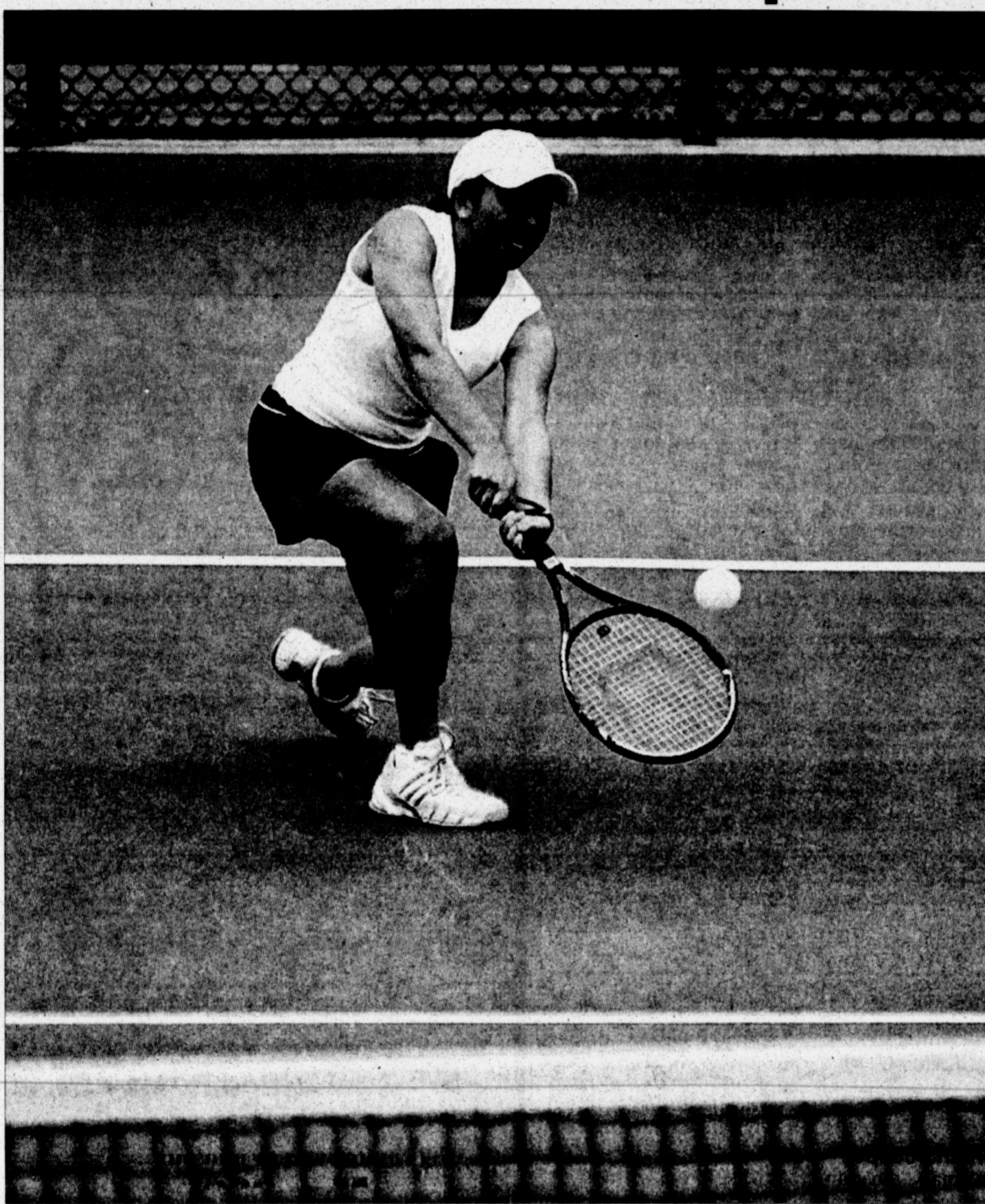
Chicano Golf Association sets up monthly tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has set its monthly tournament for Sunday.

The tournament will be a 12-player low-ball contest and it will have a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration for the event must take place before 9:45 a.m. on the day of the tournament.

For more information, contact Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Villarreal falls in opening round



Big Spring's Veronica Villarreal strokes a backhand return during her state tournament quarterfinals match against Highland Park's Rebecca Lange on Monday. Villarreal suffered a 2-6, 6-7 loss.

Rocky start too much to overcome

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

AUSTIN — Big Spring senior Veronica Villarreal's first trip to the UIL state tennis tournament did not go exactly as she planned as a valiant effort resulted in an opening match loss in the quarterfinal round in Austin at the Penick-Allison tennis courts on the campus of the University of Texas.

Villarreal battled Rebecca Lange of Dallas Highland Park and lost in straight sets 2-6 and 6-7 (5). The Lady Steer senior got down early in the opening set and couldn't recover, but had several chances to force a third and decisive set during set two action, but was unable to come away with any breaks.

"We weren't patient in Game 1 and we tried to go for the point when it wasn't there yet," said Big Spring coach Sarah Corse. "Things just weren't working for her in the opener."

"She played a great second set and gave herself a chance to get back into the match, but just couldn't take advantage of her chances," said Corse.

In other area action, Grady sent one player the second round as freshman Amanda Cooper won her first round Class 1A girls' singles match over Samantha Jones of Wolfe City 6-1 and 6-3. Cooper eventually lost in the semifinals to Isa Marie Perez of San Antonio Stacey 1-6 and 0-6, but left state with a third place finish. Garden City's sophomore duo of Taylor Niehues and Alex Halfmann also reached the semifinals in the Class 1A boys' doubles portion of

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Laurikkala is an impressive 5th after Day 1

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — An impressive first round 89 has Coahoma girl's golfer Sini Laurikkala in fifth place after the first day of the UIL Class 2A golf tournament in Austin at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course.

The good news is Laurikkala has generally gotten better during the second day of action all season. And she plans to continue that trend Tuesday.

"She's already talking about improving tomorrow," said Coahoma coach Kim Nichols. "She struggled to putt and had quite of few three putts but I think she will play better tomorrow."

Laurikkala sits just two shots off fourth place and four strokes off third place as the competition featured 48 individual competitors.

Whitley of Wall leads the field after shooting a first round 81. Cierra Greer of Jacksboro is second with an 82, while Jessica Howard of Teague is third with an 85. Morgan German of Jacksboro shot an 87 and is in fourth.

"Sini got into some tree trouble on more than one hole, but managed to work her way out of it each

time," said Nichols. Laurikkala began second round play Tuesday at 8:10 a.m., but results were unavailable at press time.

Jacksboro leads the overall girl's Class 2A team competition.

Sports Editor Troy Hyde can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com.



Coahoma's Sini Laurikkala smiles following a par putt on the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin Monday. She posted an opening round of 89 at the UIL Class 2A girls' golf championships and heads into the second day of competition in fifth place.

Suns blow out Mavs in first game of series

By BOB BAUM
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — At 22 years old, Amare Stoudemire is just getting started with his NBA career.

His powerful performance in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals indicated that he might have big things in store.

Stoudemire had career playoff highs of 40 points and 16 rebounds, leading the way in the

Phoenix Suns' 127-102 rout of the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night.

"Defensively and offensively, that's one of his best (games) — if not the best," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said. "He was awesome at both ends."

The Suns hadn't played since wrapping up a four-game first-round sweep of Memphis eight days earlier. Dallas had just one day off after beating Houston by

40 in Game 7 of their series. The Suns looked rested and ready, the Mavericks tired and unmotivated.

"I guarantee you that we'll have a better effort come Game 2," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "I feel it's my responsibility to have this team ready to play, so I didn't do my job. So you can put this one on me."

He has just one day to work on

repairs. Game 2 is Wednesday night.

Stoudemire had plenty of help. Joe Johnson had 25 points and Shawn Marion 23 points and 11 rebounds in a game the Suns never trailed.

The night began with NBA commissioner David Stern presenting Steve Nash with the league's MVP award. It was a fitting start to the series since the

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Robertson's pitching too much for Rangers; Tigers post shutout win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Nate Robertson finally got a victory to show for his good pitching, even after being matched zero-for-zero by his counterpart. Robertson, who led Detroit with 12 wins last season, got his first victory in 12 starts since August, throwing eight

strong innings in the Tigers' 2-0 win over the Texas Rangers on Monday night. "It's just a big one so I can get on the board with a win," said Robertson, who had allowed just two earned runs in his previous two starts without getting a win. "He's pitched well enough to win at least one other, maybe a couple of

other games," manager Alan Trammell said. "You can talk about doing things, but the best way is to get a positive result. For a pitcher, that means a win." Chris Young pitched eight shutout innings for Texas before Francisco Cordero (0-1), the AL saves leader, took over and got the first two outs of the ninth.

Robertson (1-2), who had lost five straight decisions since beating Kansas City on Aug. 30, allowed six hits and walked one. He got plenty of help from several former Rangers. After Dmitri Young drew a two-out walk, Craig Monroe tripled. He then scored on a single by Carlos Pena, who made his major league debut for

Texas in 2001. "Pena and I, we like to say they gave up on us," said Monroe, who made his major league debut for the Rangers in 2001. "Detroit saw fit to give us an opportunity. To come back and beat your former team feels good." Especially with more than 100 family and friends from his hometown of Texarkana,

Texas, in the stands. After Hank Blalock led off the Rangers ninth with a single off Jamie Walker, Ugueth Urbina — who pitched in Texas the first half of 2003 — came on for his second save in three chances to complete the Tigers' first shutout of the season. Troy Percival, the regular Detroit closer, wasn't available.

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the tournament. They defeated Diego Coronado and Robert Ortiz of Rocksprings in straight sets before losing their semifinal match Monday afternoon in straight sets against the brother duo of Kris and Kyler Roach. They finished third overall.

Grady's other competitors in Class 1A was the girls' doubles team of Brianna Pribyla and Ericka Medina. The duo lost their opening round match in straight sets to Jenna Acke and Jamie Birkenfeld of Nazareth. The Nazareth team faced another team from Nazareth in the finals Tuesday morning.

Villarreal got down 0-4 early in the first set before eventually losing 2-6.

The second set was a much different story, though.

Although she lost the set 6-7 (5) in a tiebreaker,

Villarreal played Lange point for point throughout.

"I was better and more into the match in the second set," said Villarreal. "I did not feel like I came out playing like I should have. Then I got going and began to play better. I wanted to go for it and not play safe because I knew I would never get to state again. I was close, but I couldn't pull it out."

Villarreal got up 2-1 and 4-2 in the second set before Lange came back to tie the score at 4-4. The Big Spring senior also tied the score up at 5-5 and then forced a tiebreaker at 6-6 after trailing by one game on two different occasions.

"I have to give her credit because she was a good tennis player," said Villarreal. "But I did not play my best tennis."

Villarreal got up 3-0 to start the tiebreaker game, but like she did all day, Lange battled back to tie the game at 3-3 after scoring two straight points on two very long rallies.

Villarreal continued to control the match, but Lange didn't let her get too far ahead.

Villarreal led 4-3 and 5-4, but the tiebreaking game was also tied at 4-4 and 5-5 before Lange took the lead for good at 5-6.

"I knew what to expect here because I remember watching my sisters play," said Villarreal. "I knew it was going to be tough. I was glad to be here but I just wish I would have done better."

Corse added, "We were here and there are a lot of people that weren't. We were one of the best eight in Class 4A that's for sure."

Westbrook sent two players to the championship round, as well. Both senior Trey Chavez (Class 1A boys' singles) and freshman Linsey Chavez (Class 1A girls' singles) will represent their school and family in the state title match Tuesday. Both Chavez members breezed through their first two matches Monday.

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story line is Nash going against his former team — the one he left after six seasons when owner Mark Cuban failed to come close to the five-year, \$65 million the Suns offered.

Phoenix scored the first eight points, led by as many as 18 in the second quarter and was up by 26 after three.

The Suns even played

some defense, forcing 17 turnovers and converting them to 26 points.

"It's not great defense," D'Antoni said, "but it's pretty good."

D'Antoni will receive the NBA coach of the year award Tuesday, but said such honors are just a sidebar to the real story of the Suns.

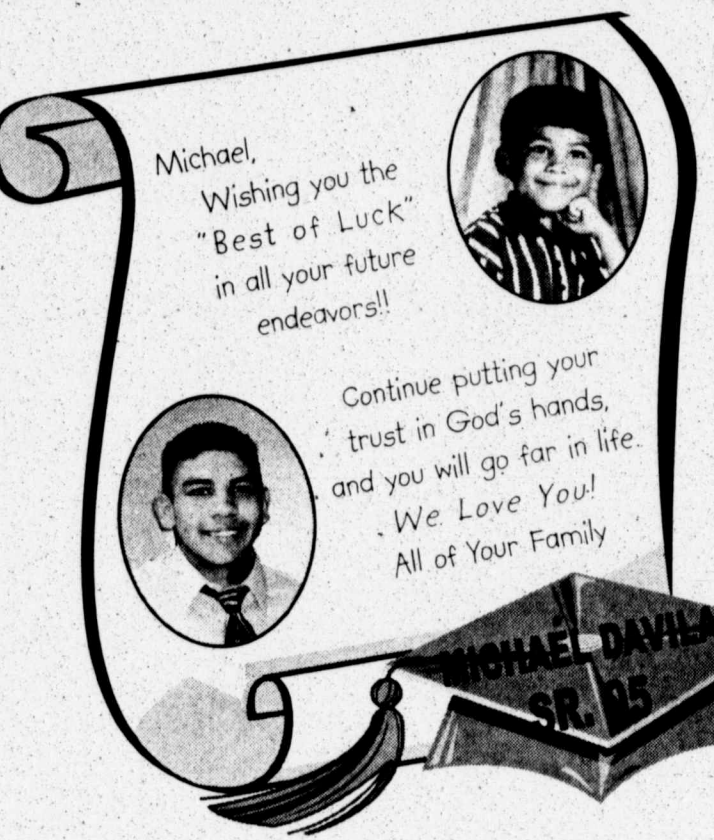
"Individual awards, somebody has to get them, because that's the way society is set up," he said. "But it is a team sport, and I'm telling you

what, that's a pretty good team."

Avery Johnson wasn't around to watch the final quarter, drawing two quick technicals after complaining vehemently that Dirk Nowitzki was fouled on a turnover. Johnson was tossed with 3:20 left in the third quarter and his team down 89-68.

Nash had 11 points and 13 assists and Quentin Richardson added 12 as Phoenix improved to 5-0 in the playoffs.

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Bedtime Stories

SAMUEL L. FISH AND THE CHOCOLATE SAILOR

Some people said that he was a shark. Some people said that he was a red snapper. Some even said that he was a jellyfish! But, this story happened a very long time ago and somehow, exactly what kind of fish he was just really doesn't matter, anymore. He was a good fish, and that is all that matters, isn't it? Even today, his name is still well known among sailors. Are you a sailor? Have you ever heard of Samuel L. Fish? You haven't? When this story is over and you are ready to go to sleep, then you will know who Samuel L. Fish was. Are you all tucked in and ready for bed? Ok!



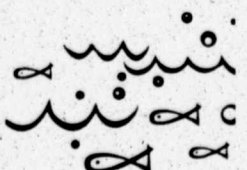
Samuel L. Fish grew up in the Caribbean Sea. Do you know where the Caribbean Sea is located? Can you find Samuel's home on a map? Tomorrow, after you wake up, eat breakfast, brush your teeth, and get ready for school, or play, look on a map and find his home and then show your mommy. Samuel loved the warm water

of his hometown in the Caribbean. So did a lot of other sea creatures. And so did sailors! It seemed like everytime that Samuel looked up towards the top of the water, there was another sailing ship, just above his head. But the sailors were nice and sometimes, they even threw food to him as they passed by. Samuel loved it when they threw chocolate to him. Are you laughing? Do you like chocolate? Then why can't Samuel like chocolate, too?

There was one sailor that came by Samuel's home many times and he always threw some chocolate bars to Samuel. The sailor always remembered to do that, each time, and he always had a great big smile on his face when he tossed that chocolate to Samuel. After many years had passed by, Samuel started just calling him the chocolate sailor! Samuel always wished that he could do something nice for that sailor, but what could a little fish do? You and I, and that sailor, and Samuel are just about to find out!

It happened one day near

where Samuel lived. The big ship that the chocolate sailor was always on ran into trouble! It had run into a big sandbar and became stuck in that sand. It couldn't move forward, it couldn't move backward, either! It couldn't move at all! The smile left that chocolate sailor's face. He seemed frightened and wor-



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That smile seemed to come back to the sailor's face as he sat down and started writing a note. He threw the note into the water near Samuel and said, "Somehow, I know that you can understand me, please take this note to the nearest island where there are people and they can come help me!" Samuel doesn't talk people talk, but he somehow knew what the sailor was saying. He put a smile on his face, just to let the sailor know that everything would be all right and away he swam, just as fast as a fish can swim, with a note in his

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mouth! Pretty soon, Samuel saw an island with big boats, little boats, and people! But how was he going to get that note to the people? He certainly couldn't get out of the water! Oh, what a little fish, with an important note in his mouth, to do! Maybe it would have been better if we had Samuel pull that boat to safety! Now, I'm getting silly, too! Samuel thought and thought about what to do. Finally, he

saw the answer. A man was standing on a dock, with some kind of a string dangling down into the water. And that line had some kind of worm dangling from it! Samuel didn't know what he was doing. (Do you think we should tell Samuel?) Samuel swam right up to that line and it seemed to even have a hook on it just so he could stick the note on it. What luck, huh? Then Samuel tugged on the line, just to let the man know that he needed to pull the line up out of the water. Nothing happened! This time, he really tugged on the line and that did it! The line, note, and almost Samuel, went flying up to the man.



Samuel swam off just far enough so that he could see what was going to happen. He saw the man read the note. He then saw the man running about as if to get more men together. Then he saw what made him feel really good! All of the men got into a big boat and started heading for the

chocolate sailor's boat. Samuel followed, just to be sure they found him, and they did! They tied a big rope to the sailor's boat and then with the big boat pulling just as hard as it could, finally pulled the chocolate sailor's boat from the sand! Now everyone was safe, once again.

The chocolate sailor was so happy that everywhere he went, he told of the little fish that saved him. And then they told their children about Samuel. Then, they told their children about Samuel, and those children told their children about Samuel. It just went on and on, from one generation to the next, telling about Samuel L. Fish. They just forgot what kind of fish he really was, but like I said before, that doesn't really matter, does it?

And from that day on, every time a sailor that had heard of Samuel came by his home, they would toss him blueberries! Just kidding, of course they tossed him chocolate! In fish talk — Glurb, Glurb, which of course means

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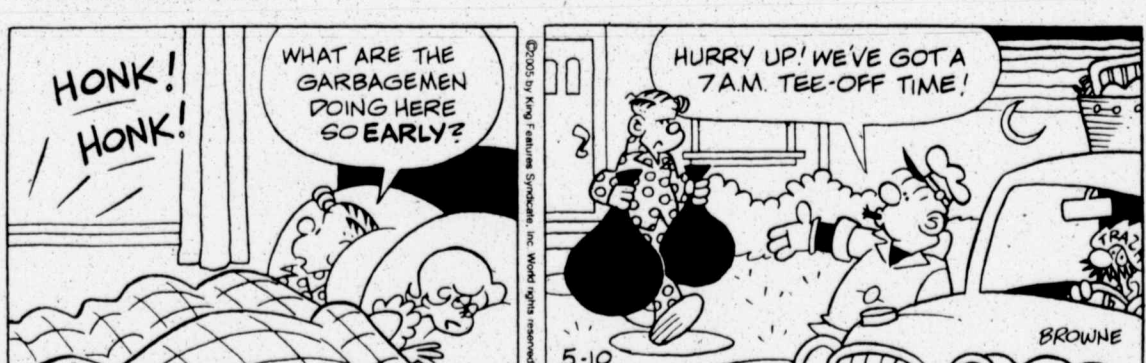
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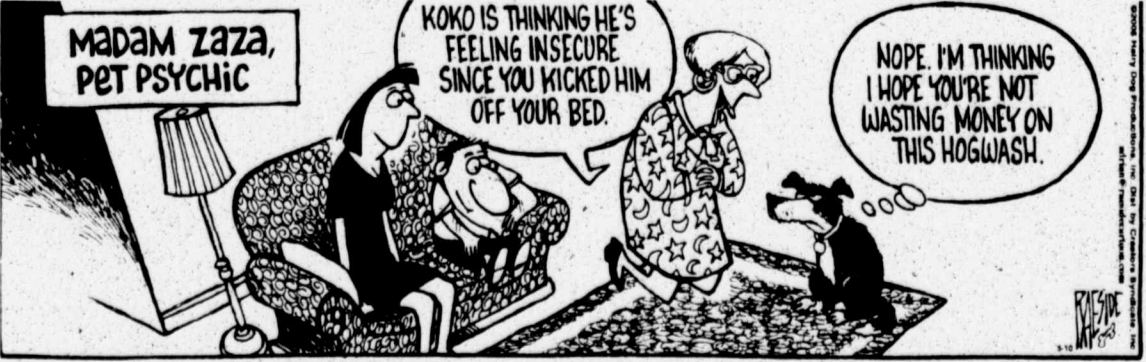
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 10, 1869, a golden spike was driven at Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.
On this date:
In 1774, Louis XVI ascended the throne of France.
In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y.
In 1865, Union forces captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Irwinville, Ga.
In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was given the job of FBI director.
In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in

Germany.
In 1940, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.
In 1968, preliminary Vietnam peace talks began in Paris.
In 1978, Britain's Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon announced they were divorcing after 18 years of marriage.
In 1994, the state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy for the murders of 33 young men and boys.
In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office to become South Africa's first black president.
One year ago: President Bush reacted with "deep disgust and disbelief" during a Pentagon visit as he examined new photos and video clips of American soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners. Citigroup agreed to pay \$2.65 billion to settle a

lawsuit brought by WorldCom investors who'd lost billions when the company went bankrupt in an accounting scandal.
Today's Birthdays:
Sportscaster Pat Summerall is 75.
R&B singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 67. TV and radio personality Gary Owens is 66. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 61. Singer Donovan is 59. Singer Dave Mason is 59.
R&B singer Ron Banks (The Dramatics) is 54. Rock singer Bono (U2) is 45.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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 - 5 Rock singer Turner
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 - 15 Change for a five
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 - 17 Help with the dishes
 - 18 Ship's pole
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 - 21 Car-radiator additive
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 - 26 NASA's moon-landing project
 - 29 Raggedy doll
 - 31 Letters on an invitation
 - 35 The full range
 - 36 Vote in
 - 38 Corp. leader
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 - 48 Free-for-alls
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 - 4 School singing group
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 - 12 The full range
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 - 26 Golden ___ (senior citizens)
 - 27 Check recipient letter
 - 28 Last Greek
 - 29 Church platform
 - 30 Cronkite concern
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 - 33 Brink
 - 34 Does modeling work
 - 36 Water pitcher
 - 37 Snicker sound
 - 40 Keyboard instrument
 - 41 A lot
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Wacky Facts

■ Scientists define work as a force moving an object. Scientifically speaking, throwing a ball is work, but studying for a test isn't.
■ The formal or medical name for a stomach growl is borborygmus (bor-buh-RIG-mus).
— World Almanac for Kids

KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"I get 10 bags of M&M's and spill them on a table. Then, I sort them out into little piles of all the same color. It takes a while but it does the trick!"
— Usher, on his backstage ritual to calm his nerves, in J-14 magazine.



In The News

Getting to know Mo

A clever pigeon just wants a chance to drive a bus or eat a hot dog. Will he succeed? A young girl loses her favorite toy at the Laundromat. What will she do? These are just a few of the questions raised in the books of award-winning author Mo Willems.



His picture books "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" and the more recent "Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale" have been named Caldecott Honor books.

Before diving into books, Willems spent many years writing for television. He is now the head writer for Cartoon Network's "Codename: Kids Next Door." Time For Kids asked Willems about his writing and how kids inspire him.

TFK: What is the big deal about driving a bus? Why can't the pigeon just drive the bus?



WILLEMS: The pigeon can't drive the bus because of insurance premiums, primarily. That's the major stumbling block. Kids have answered that question. Some kids have said, "Because he doesn't have a license," "his legs aren't long enough" or "because he's a bird."

TFK: What makes for a great picture book that attracts readers of all ages?

WILLEMS: The difference between adults and kids is that kids are shorter. They are exactly the same. They don't like being talked down to. They don't like being lectured to.

TFK: What, in children's entertainment, makes you laugh?

WILLEMS: SpongeBob (SquarePants) is the gold standard. That makes me laugh.

TFK: Your daughter inspired your latest picture book, "Knuffle Bunny." How did that story come together?



WILLEMS: There are three types of stories in the world: Stories of things that happened to you, stories of things that happened to somebody else and things you make up. Up until now, I had never written a story of something that had happened to me. And this story is basically true. The core of it is true, which is that my daughter would get frustrated if she couldn't be understood.

TFK: What question do you get asked a lot?

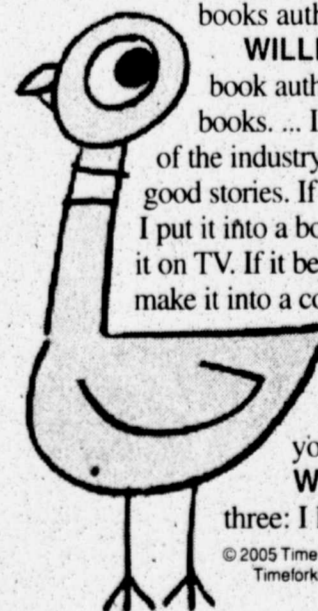
WILLEMS: The question I get most often for pigeon is, "why a pigeon," and I usually say "because a hippopotamus wouldn't fit on the page." With "Knuffle Bunny," the coolest thing is that I got a bunch of students, fourth-grade students, to write their own books about what happened with "Knuffle Bunny" when it was in the laundry and they illustrated it. ... My favorite was that as long as "Knuffle Bunny" was in the laundry, he tried on all the clothes, and they were fabulous.

TFK: Who are some of your favorite children's books authors?

WILLEMS: My favorite children's book authors are children writing books. ... I'm trying to stay as ignorant of the industry as I can. I'm trying to tell good stories. If that story belongs in a book, I put it into a book. If it belongs on TV, I put it on TV. If it belongs in a comic book, I make it into a comic book. I don't want to follow the trends.

TFK: What five words would you use to describe yourself?

WILLEMS: I can do it in three: I like fun. — Dina El Nabil



BY EMILIE LE BEAU
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The kid next to Blair G. wouldn't stop drumming with his pencil during a history test. "It wasn't very relaxing for me and I had a hard time concentrating," says Blair, 15. "I tapped him with my pen and said, 'Can you stop?'"

The drumming eased up and Blair was able to take the rest of his test without distraction. He says he does better on tests when he is relaxed and able to focus.

Feeling at ease during a test is important, and math teacher Kelly Shereyk says the wrong attitude can mean bad grades. "If you feel a test is a negative thing, then you will go into that test feeling stressed out," she says.

Sometimes feeling relaxed is about being ready. Shereyk owns a learning center in Bourbonnais, Ill. She says good study skills include being organized and preparing well in advance for a test.

Salsabila, B., for example, started studying weeks before a spelling bee at her school.

"Each day I asked my mom to give me a word to spell," says Salsabila, 11. "I kept getting new words each day until I started getting each word right."

Salsabila finished third in her spelling bee. She says she doesn't worry about tests because she studies at least a week before. "It's not a big task," she says. "If I can keep up my study habits, I can do well."

Study habits can vary. Some kids do well by reviewing their textbooks, while others need to hear information to understand it. Jamie S., 15, says flash cards help her memorize Spanish vocabulary words or dates for history tests. "The ones you don't know you put off to the side and keep going over them," she says.

Reviewing old tests is helpful for Blair. He says he reviews the mistakes on old math tests to keep from making them again.

But there's a big difference between a quick review on the day of the test and trying to study at the last minute. Cramming won't help, Jamie says. She recommends leaving enough time so you can take breaks while studying.

Some mistakes come before the big test and others happen during it. Salsabila says she used to make the error of rushing through her tests.

"I used to skip questions and be like, 'I'm done!'" she says. "Now I look over my test two or three times."

Some students feel rushed when they see classmates turning in their tests. A quick test-takers might make a struggling student feel even more stressed.

Salsabila says she reminds herself that "it doesn't matter who finishes first." She says she'd rather focus on the grade and take the time to check her work.

Checking your work can spare you from wrong answers. Students also can avoid points off by making sure they answer every question.

Shereyk recommends looking through the test before you start so you can figure out how much time you'll need. Answer the questions you know first and then come back to the harder questions. If the test is almost over and you still have multiple-choice questions left, Shereyk says it's better to guess than to leave it blank.

BIG EXAM GOT YOU NERVOUS? HERE'S HOW TO TEST YOUR BEST



WHAT KIND OF QUIZ IS IT?

Here are some ways you can deal with different types of tests.

Reading: Most reading tests have follow-up questions asking who, what, where, when and why. Underline the answers to these questions while you're reading, says math teacher Kelly Shereyk.

Writing: Make an outline before you start writing. "It gets your thoughts in order so you're not throwing around a bunch of ideas," says Blair G. of Winnetka, Ill.

True or false: Go with your gut instinct and look for key words that give away the answer. Shereyk says words like "never" or "always" usually mean the sentence is false.

Multiple choice: Start by eliminating the answers that are obviously wrong. Blair recommends cutting choices that having nothing to do with the question.

Math: Use scratch paper so you can check your work and "make sure the answer you're giving makes the most sense," Shereyk says.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO

There are a few things you can do to help make sure you do your best on every test — even a standardized test that you can't study for:

Eat breakfast. No food means no focus. Research shows that students who eat breakfast close to test time score higher than students who ate hours earlier or not at all. Make sure you get a smart start by having healthy foods like cereals, juice or milk.

Sleep well. To do your best, make sure to get your rest. If you always head to bed late, turning in early the night before a big test won't mean your body is ready for sleep. Reset your body's clock by setting a new bedtime days before your test. Not sure how many winks to catch? The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recommends nine hours a night for kids.

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