INSIDE

Burgess named **WJCAC** Player of the Year

Page 1B

VOLUME 102, NUMBER 95

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

COPYRIGHT 2006

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

State official warns 96-bed jail too small

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A 96-bed jail facility will meet the immediate need of Howard County, but will fall well short of providing long-term answers to jail overcrowding.

That's the message Terry Julian, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, delivered to the Howard County Commissioner's Court Monday morning, urging

the county to look beyond the present needs of the county and consider the big picture.

"You need desperately to build a 96-bed facility," Julian told the court.

"The immediate need is for a 96-bed jail. However, that's with 5,000 warrants out there to be served and the county judge not having room to put inmates to serve county time. The day you open a 96-bed jail, it's going to be full and you'll find yourself back

"The day you open a 96-bed jail, it's going to be full and you'll find yourself back in the same shape as you are in today. I can promise you that."

> —Terry Julian TCJS executive director

are in today. I can promise you that. You're going to have to keep some inmates at Dickens County or wherever they

in the same shape as you have space to put them. However, those places may not have the space when you run out of

Julian said those future and build a 144-bed facili- See JAIL, Page 3A

needs — coupled with rising building costs — are what spurred him and the judge from Sweetwater, commission to make a said decreasing populaformal recommendation tions in West Texas may the county look toward a have some people think-144-bed facility.

"The reason I recomfor 144 beds is for future expansion," said Julian. "The costs are going up overall population is subeveryday. Right now, the interest rate is low and I think it would be a wise investment to go ahead

Julian, a former county ing smaller is better, but the number of inmates mended the architect plan clogging the county jail systems doesn't follow the same ups and downs that

> ject to. "Sweetwater has been shrinking all the time,

Coahoma contest crowded

Seven people file for three seats on school board

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

There may be only one school board election in this area come May 13, but it is shaping up to be a doozy.

Monday was the last day to get one's name on the May ballot, although interested persons still have until next Monday to file as a write-in candidate.

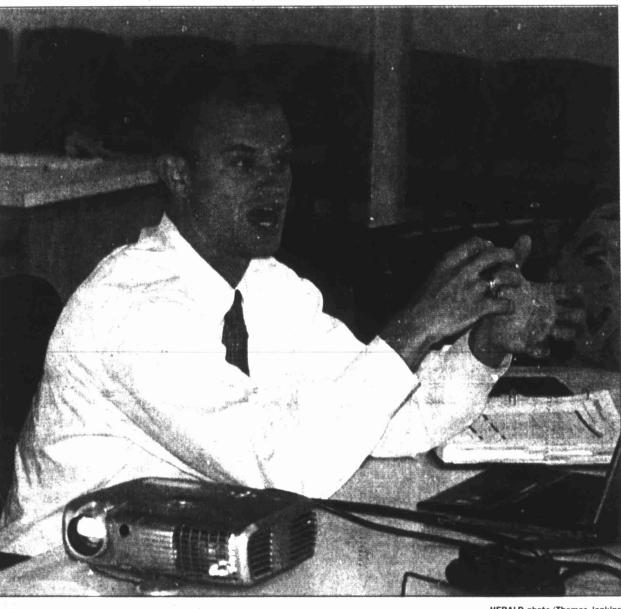
Alone among the area's school districts, Coahoma has had challengers place their names on the May ballots. In fact, it is shaping up to be quite a crowded affair, with seven candidates vying for three spots on the school board.

Incumbents Jody Reid, James White and John Wayne Metcalf have filed for re-election, and will be joined by challengers Alan Wright, James Gilbert, Jackie Hill and Lori Martinez.

Wright, 49, is a field supervisor for Key Energy, Gilbert, 40, is employed by the state transportation department, Hill, 32, is a pumper/mechanic and Martinez, 38, is an assistant vice president for First Bank of West

Texas. The three spots up for election in Coahoma are at-large positions and are all for three years, said Judy Dobbs, administra-

tive secretary. No other area districts, however, have contested elections, unless a writein candidate steps up to



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Siemens Account Executive Chad Nobles explains to members of the Big Spring City Council how a new energy conservation program could help the city fund more than \$5 million in improvements to the munic-Ipal infrastructure. The council is expected to hear first reading of a resolution that would give the go ahead for the project during tonight's council meeting.

Council seat draws three candidates for May election

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

the Big Spring City Council.

San Franciscan Bar and Grill,

Jumper declined to seek re- to unseat Baker. election this year.

A three-way race is shaping candidates to have their Ronnie Christian will face a up for the District 2 seat on names placed on the May 13 challenge from registered ballots. Persons interested in City officials said today that write-in candidacies have three candidates have filed for until Monday to file, officials

> In Stanton, two of four spots tested this year.

Mayor Lester Baker, a 14year incumbent, has drawn two opponents. Randy Koonce, have all filed for the District 2 a computer programmer, and Robert Teveni, an office man-District 2 incumbent Woody ager and paramedic, will seek See CITY, Page 3A

Also contested is the District Monday was the last day for 1 race, in which incumbent medical assistant Rosalinda Mindling.

Other incumbents who have filed for re-election are District 2's Jim Smith and District 3 council member James Earl Jenkins. Neither Smith or Jenkins have oppo-

nents, officials said. Three candidates have announced for three spots on

can save \$5.6 million

Report: City

Energy conservation program the answer

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Representatives with Siemens Building Technologies gave the city of Big Spring a resounding thumbs-up Monday evening, possibly paving the way for a conservation program that could save the city approximately \$5.6 million over

great to

the next 15 years. Siemens *Account Executive be able presented the results of the audit during a special council | things we meeting, saying the initial estimates that the program city millions presented to the council in

on the mark. "What you have in front fund it." of you is a

2005 was right

to go need to do in the city of Big Spring could save the and not have to go back to the taxpayers and tell them they have to

summary of what we call the energy conservation measures that are presenting themselves in Big Spring," said Nobles. "Looking at the end of the contract period, you will have \$160,409 in positive cash flow. That's just what the program is expected to generate that is yours and the city can put in its pocket

to use on whatever projects it wants to. "The biggest part of the savings will come from the improvements made to the city's water system, which includes the automatic meter reading system. Approximately 60° percent of the savings we've projected will come from this system at an annual rate of approximately \$397,000 a year. This is accomplished through more accurate meter reading."

Nobles said the remaining 40 percent of savings would come from an array of other energy conservation improvements, saving the city approximately

See ENERGY, Fage 3A

the three-year term on the said. Donna Gamboa, owner of the on the city council will be con-

Internet technology specialist Manuel Ramirez and healthcare professional Cindy Lopez place on the council.

March 31.

HEALTH FAIR BOOTHS

It's not too late to reserve booth space for "Don't Gamble With Your Health," the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce health fair scheduled April 8.

The annual event will be held from 8

a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Limited booth space is still available at \$80 with a deadline of 5 p.m. Friday. After the deadline, booths will be \$100 through

For more information, contact Nancy Newell at 263-7641 or e-mail nnewell@bigspringchamber.com or go by the chamber office on the corner of Gregg and Third Street.

AIRLINES INCREASE FARES

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines Co. led a broad fare increase across the airline industry, raising fares by up to \$10 for a one-way ticket as the company seeks to offset an expected \$600 million jump in its jet fuel costs.

By late Monday, most other major U.S. airlines had matched the move by Southwest, which over the years has used lower fares to bludgeon the established carriers. The Dallas-based airline also raised fares in January. Friday, it boosted rates again over about two-thirds of its network, ranging from \$2 on flights up to 400 miles to the \$10 increase, to \$309, for its most expensive walk-up fares.

Boys Next Door'

Howard College Theatre will present "The Boy's Next Door" Thursday through Tuesday, March 21, in the Practical Arts building. All shows will begin at 8 p.m. except for a Sunday matinee, which will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The story revolves around four adult men living in an apartment. Two of them are mentally retarded, one is depressed. and the other suffers from schizophrenia. The play is about how they deal life's challenges.

"Our students have worked hard." said Clay Grizzle, associate professor of the-

"Come, and encourage your friends."

the plate in the next few See ISD, Page 3A INDEX Classified **Features Obituaries** 2A Find us online at: **Opinion** www.bigspringherald.com Sports To reach us:

Please call 263-7331. Office hours are 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you miss your paper, please call (432)

263-7335 before 7 p.m. weekdays and

noon Sunday.

Obituaries

Ronnie William Ward

Ronnie William Ward, 59, of Midland died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at his residence. No services are planned.

He was born Oct. 30, 1946, in Gorman.

He graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Howard County Junior College and Texas Tech. He owned and operated the Respond First Aid Systems in Midland for 16 years.

Prior to this, he was a real estate agent and broker in Odessa for many years. He served in the United States Marine Corps.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Shane and Karen Ward of Big Spring; his parents, Bill and Margie Ward of Big Spring; an aunt, Anna Smith; and one granddaughter, Stevi Ward of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Jennie McEvers

Jennie McEvers, 90, of Fort Worth died Monday, March 13, 2006, in a Fort Worth hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support groups

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

· RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

· AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Police blotter

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

• MARCUS BREAT HILT, 23, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 204, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

 POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 1200 block of Seventh Street.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 2600 block of Hunter. - in the 1400 block of Austin.

· BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

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

• HEATHER MARIE GRANADOS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on a highway.

· JOHN MARIANO GRANADOS JR., 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on a highway.

• PAUL VIERA JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• JESSE ACOSTA TARIN, 45, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of

· ROY LEE METCALF JR., 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• BRIGITTE SUE FERGUSON, 21, was arrested Monday by DPS on a bench warrant from El Dorado

• CARL CURRIE, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on two Coldwell County warrants for surety affidavit for release on a charge of aggravated kidnapping.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

· MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Northwest Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the area of South Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of East

Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC. · AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 200 block of Second Street.

Take note

Food Distribution

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209

Wright, has free food for the area needy.

noon every Thursday.

BEGINS MONDAY through March 25 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. These individuals assist victims of domestic crime as well as sexual assault. Volunteers carry pagers and work with law enforcement. For more information, call Victim Services at 263-3312.

• MISS FLAMING BOMB SOCIETY, a community service club honoring World War II in the tradition of the Red Hat Society, has an initial meeting noon Wednesday in the Hangar 25 briefing room. Light

lunch will be served and the 2006 calendar will be created. Annual registration is \$25, with proceeds to be used for events and projects. For more information, call Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

 AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY begins at noon Saturday. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Saturday. Dine in or carry out available. \$7 per plate. The legion is located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• UNITED WAY ANNUAL MEETING is 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center. New officers and board members will be installed. RSVP by March 14 tp 264-5201.

 AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION for 21-monthold Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.

• CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY, a community-wide memorial service, is set for noon until 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at Comanche Trail Lake, presented by Odyssey Healthcare. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Old Settler's Pavilion. Call 263-5999 for more information.

• LIFE AFTER LOSS, presented by Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., continues today and is scheduled for the next five weeks from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. each recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you Monday. The workshop is free. Call 264-7599 for more information.

soms at the Spring City Senior Center Thursday, sponsored by Mountain View Lodge. Call 267-1628 to enroll.

 LIMITED BOOTH SPACE FOR THE ANNUAL **HEALTH FAIR**, with this year's theme, "Don't Gamble on Your Health" is available now until Friday for \$80. From Monday until March 31, booths are \$100. For more information or to reserve a booth, call Nancy

VICTIM SERVICES VOLUNTEER TRAINING Newell at 264-7641 or e-mail nnewell@bigspringcham-

 AARP TAX PREPARATION FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION is at the Senior Center Monday from 8 a.m. until noon. The AARP program will wrapup for the year April 10. Electronic filing will be available. For more information on the program, contact Gloria Hopkins at 267-6733.

• BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986

20th REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-

 FORSAN EX-STU-DENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to REUNION is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes

> are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.

> HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

> HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

 ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

 THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the SPRING CRAFTING creating mini spring blos-American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

> • CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

WEDNESDAY

· Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

· Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42960 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard

College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-· Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels. American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call

263-2084 for more information. · Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building,

309 S. Main St. • Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

 Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the mid

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Highs in the

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-20-23-37.

Number matching five of five: 2.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-15-22-23. Bonus Ball: 11. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-0

www.BigSpringHerald.com

Big Sky, Big Heart, Big Spring 432-263-7331 Missed Your Paper:

(Main Switchboard) 432-264-7205 (Fax)

432-263-7335 (Mon.-Fri. 8a.m.-7p.m. Sun. 8a.m.-noon) Publisher/Adv. Manager... Ext. 250

Susanne Reed John A. Moseley Duane McCollum Tony Hernandez Dianne Marquez

Circulation Manager... Ext. 244 Production Manager... Ext. 256 Business Office Manager... Ext. 255 The Big Spring Herald is a member of The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Texas Press Association, West Texas

Managing Editor... Ext. 230

Press Association, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, The Associated Press. Published afternoons Mon. thru Fri. and Sunday mornings, except Christmas Day. All materials copyrighted.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Periodicals postage paid at Big Spring, Texas. USPS 0055-940

ISSN 0746-6811 USPS 1431-48 BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY: \$8.65 monthly; \$93.42 yearly (includes 10% discount). MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$12.50 monthly Howard & Martin Counties; \$13.25 elsewhere.

Fire dea fires par

BIG SPRING HERAI

Tuesday, March

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press W BORGER — Firefi claimed some progr the battle against fires ravaging the Panhandle, but any news was tempered rising death toll as distress of eva returning to cl homes.

Authorities Monday they had to contain some wind-blown fires burned more than square miles acro Panhandle and Plains since Sunda

The fires are blan 11 deaths, nine fire injuries and the d tion of numerous tures. Flare-ups Pampa late Monda noon raised the al possible overnight.

Fire evacuee Je Orand returned M to find her doub mobile home in th munity of Texroy to the ground.

"I just started c said Orand, 27, wh with her hu Shannon, about 40 northeast of An "You hear all th that people think never happen to never thought I'd s myself."

After a deadly

Parents 1 over moi in state's

DALLAS (AP) North Texas cou filed a complaint i district court cl si le's ma

moment of silence lic schools is unc tional. David and S

Croft say in the co that one of their c was told by an tary school tead keep quiet becar minute is a "ti prayer." The complaint f

week names Go Perry and the Car Farmers Independent

District, which the

three children at

the suburbs of Da David Croft, a old computer p mer, said there is ular reason for a of silence.

"This is just a get prayer in scho out calling it pr school," he said. any study sho moment of silene education?"

the moment of si allows childre "reflect, pray, me engage in any oth

A 2003 law esta

ISD

Continued from Pag days.

Howard College bents Harold (District 3) ar McKinney (Dist appear to be coa new six-year tern board. At Big Sprin

board members Padilla (District Tony Kennedy (D have no announc sition, said McFarland, business manage Other area scl

and

include: Forsan Incumbents Lewi and Misty Rhote

announced ca

tricts

Fire death toll rises; fires partly contained

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer BORGER — Firefighters claimed some progress in the battle against wildfires ravaging the Texas Panhandle, but any good news was tempered by a rising death toll and the distress of evacuees returning to charred homes.

Authorities said Monday they had begun to contain some of the wind-blown fires that burned more than 1,000 square miles across the Panhandle and South Plains since Sunday.

The fires are blamed for 11 deaths, nine firefighter injuries and the destruction of numerous structures. Flare-ups near Pampa late Monday afternoon raised the alert for possible activity overnight.

Fire evacuee Jennifer Orand returned Monday to find her double-wide mobile home in the community of Texroy burned to the ground.

"I just started crying," said Orand, 27, who lives her husband, Shannon, about 40 miles northeast of Amarillo. "You hear all the time that people think it will never happen to you. I never thought I'd say that myself."

After a deadly Sunday

in which four people died in a crash on a smokeshrouded highway and three people died in fires Borger, Department of Public Safety late Monday attributed four more deaths to the fires.

The Sunday crash victims were identified as Louise Susan Schumacher,

Lawrence Schumacher, 56; Alexis Burroughs, 14. all of Grove, Okla., and Karen Lachelle DeWeese, 46, of Wagoner, Okla. The names of the

Borger-area victims had not been released. Two died while trying to escape a fire that destroyed a home.

"That fire just engulfed (the home), trapped them in there," said Don Rice, a photographer who volunteers with County Hutchinson **Emergency** Operations Center. "It was fast, fast moving.

Daniel Trooper Hawthorne said the four bodies found late Monday were discovered near a car in a ravine north of Miami in Roberts County. Authorities were investigating the deaths, but Hawthorne said they appeared to result from a large grass fire in Roberts

Firefighters battled sev-

JAIL

Continued from Page 1A

and still, there are more people in jail today than there has ever been," said Julian. "The cost of keeping inmates out of Howard County could go up. If he (the sheriff) has 5,000 warrants out there to serve and he runs a warrant sweep, could fill this jail."

In the end, according to Julian, the tight restraints on space have an influence on how local law enforcement can operate.

"You're hamstringing your local law enforcement," said Julian. "You're limiting what they can do by not having adequate space in your jail. I think it's something all of you can look at and put a pencil to... It just goes to reason that the jail is going to be full at 96 beds.'

And while the jail population has seen a decrease thanks to the implement of a new pre-trial bonding program, Julian said it's not a long-term solution.

"Some folks that are there, you just can't let out. The courts, working together, can create some additional space, but there's only a limited amount," said Julian. "If you take them through the court time after time, what good is it going to do you to let them out if you know they aren't going to pay or report? It's a good process, but it only helps to an extent."

Julian did deliver some good news for the county during the meeting, offering to extend at least one variance in return for a solid game plan from the commissioners.

"The county was granted a six-bed variance some years ago to be set aside for federal prisoners," said Julian, "If the commissioners can agree to build a new jail facility and to have plans for the facility ready within the year, the commission is willing to extend that a jail at all if it's cheaper variance."

Local resident Frank Parker, who along with a number of other county residents was in attendance Monday, asked Julian how a 144-bed facility made fiscal sense when — by his calculations — housing inmates out of county is cheaper than building a new jail facility.

Dickens County and other counties right now cheaper than we're going to be able to house them in this jail," said Parker, pointing to a set of preliminary plans. "They are at \$37 or something like that. That one (pointing to plans for 144-bed facility) is going to cost \$80 to \$90 a day, including debt service and electricity.'

Julian didn't agree with Parker's assessment of the costs, adding that the overall availability of beds in out-of-county facilities is anything but a sure thing.

"I don't believe that to be true," said Julian sternly. "I don't know why Dicke County hasn't already filled up with everyone that has the numbers that you have. I can't see anyone building to just keep the inmates there. However, what's going to happen is they are going to fill up and then they are going to go up on your rates.'

Sheriff Dale Walker confirmed Julian's predic-

"We have had an occasion where Dickens County is full," said Walker. "We're not guar-"We can send them to anteed a certain number

of beds. We do them on availability. We have had that occur just last year, where we didn't have anywhere to put anybody."

Consideration of a new jail facility began more than a year ago when Howard County commissioners identified jail overcrowding and noncompliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

Commissioners tabled the jail issue in July 2005 following several meetings with Furqueron and **Project** consultant Edward Spooner, justice director for the HOK Group — to concentrate on the county's budget and tax rate.

Discussions remained closed for several months, having reopened following a recent meeting between commissioners and TCJS officials that left the county with 90 days to present the commission with a detailed plan for correcting the items currently out of compliance.

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

jects, and they are also

guaranteeing the savings.

They are telling us what

the savings are and how

we can pay for it, and

they are taking it a step

further and guaranteeing

The council is expected

to hear the first reading

ing the mayor o execute

a performance contract-

ing agreement with

Siemens Technology dur-

ing this evening's city

council meeting. The

meeting will get under

way at 5:30 p.m. in the

City Council Chambers,

located at 307 E. Fourth

of a resolution auth

the savings."

ENERGY

Continued from Page 1A

\$5.6 million over the course of 15 years through the energy savings expected to be gener-

"An automated system would allow you to control temperatures at the city's major buildings, which includes city hall, the theater, Polly Mays Annex and the Dora Community Roberts Center," said Nobles. "The lighting in virtually every city building would be upgraded. Also, the traffic signals the city controls would LED lighting, which is what TxDOT is now using. There would also be a number of changes in your water fixtures, changing them to lowflow devices, making sure they are all up to code."

Nobles said the use of the automated meter reading system would also eliminate the need for two city employees, a point council member Gloria McDonald was quick to point out would not end with employees

losing their jobs. "I just want to make sure it's understood that these positions will be moved to another department," said McDonald. "No one is going to lose their job as a result of this.'

The council gave the go ahead for the audit which is designed to determine if a city can benefit from the program - in November.

And while the project may seem too good to be true, Public Works Director Todd Darden said the upgrades made to the city's water system may leave some customers less than pleased at least at first.

"I've talked with cities that have put this type of system in, and they said the only complaint they get is from people whose meters weren't being read or weren't reporting correctly, and now they have to pay for what they are actually using," said Darden. "However, in the end their bills will average out and be more steady because they will be read every time." Mayor Russ McEwen

said he's excited with the project and what it could mean for the city.

"It's great to be able to go into things we need to do in the city of Big Spring and not have to go back to the taxpayers and tell them they have to fund it," said McEwen. "We're going to be able to fund these projects through savings and increase revenues that we should have been collect-

"Some of the main projects include upgrades to lighting," McEwen. "We're also looking at upgrading heating and air conditioning and having central controls for those that are all energy efficient. We would also be replacing all of the water meters that are obsolete with the new meters, and have them on a radio-control type reading system so

you don't have to read them individually."

In the end, McEwen said he believes the project could help the city accomplish several longterm goals that have eluded the city in the past due to cost.

"You're going to have a more efficient city government, and at no cost to the taxpayers," said McEwen. "That's really the beauty of the project. Someone who is out there and says, 'So what, you're going to upgrade your lighting,' the 'so what' is in the energy efficiency.

"If we tried to do this by ourselves, without this particular program, then we have the funding question. And it's hard to come up with the dollars. Through this Siemens project, they are going to be able to fund those pro-

MYERS & SMITH & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Fred Castillo, Sr., 59, died Sunday. Funeral Mass was as 11:00 AM Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Airgas You'll find it with as." Industrial, Medical & Specialty Gases Safety & Welding Supplies

3210 E. 11th Place (432) 267-2332 www.airgas.com

Subscription Price News Stand Price One Year ***93.42** \$195.00 Six Months *51.90 **\$97.50** Three Months *25.95 \$48.75 One Month *8.65 *15.00 Call for Senior Citizen and Mail Delivery Prices

Enclosed is \$	·			
Name:	,			
Address:				
City	,			
State Zip	V V V	, ,		
Telephone				
HE 710 Scurry			81	13008
Big Spring, TX 797				\$ 5-5
Card #				
Exp. Date:				
Signature				5

YES! Start my subscription for ____ months.

Parents file complaint over moment of silence in state's public schools

filed a complaint in federdistrict court charging

si le's mandated moment of silence in pubtional. David and Shannon they wish.

Croft say in the complaint that one of their children review mentally to get was told by an elementary school teacher to keep quiet because the minute is a "time for prayer."

The complaint filed last week names Gov. Rick Perry and the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District, which the Croft's three children attend in the suburbs of Dallas.

David Croft, a 37-yearold computer programmer, said there is no secular reason for a moment of silence.

"This is just a ruse to get prayer in school without calling it prayer in school," he said. "Is there any study showing a moment of silence helps education?"

A 2003 law established stopping students from the moment of silence. It "reflect, pray, meditate or need for this accommodaengage in any other silent tion."

DALLAS (AP) — A activities" for one minute North Texas couple has after the American and Texas pledges at the beginning of each school

spokeswoman lic schools is unconstitu- Kathy Walt said children changed over from the can use the minute as incandescent bulbs to

> "If the student wants to ready for a test or pray silently, they can," she said. "The law does not set it up specifically as a moment for prayer.'

> A school district spokeswoman declined comment because the district had not received a copy of the complaint.

> Dean Cook, a lawyer for the Crofts, said a precedent was established when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1985 that a moment of silence in Alabama public schools was unconstitutional. He said the moment violates the establishment clause and church-state separation.

"This is an issue of trying to impose religion,' he said. "There's nothing silently praying during children to the day, so there's no

CITY

Continued from Page 1A

Coahoma City Council. Incumbents Ronnie Dodson and Paulette Lindsey will be

newcomer Shelburne, officials said. Attempts to contact Forsan City officials for information concerning the election were unsuccessful as of mid-morn-

joined on the ballot by

NORMAN HARRIS, M.D. **OBSTETRICS-GYNECOLOGY**

ing.

Board Certified PPO PROVIDER FOR: HEALTH SMART · UNITED HEALTHCARE · PRONET

CHAMPUS · BCBS · AETNA · HUMANA · BEECH STREET **ACCEPTS MEDICAID Obstetrical Care at Midland Memorial Hospital** & Odessa

Morning Appointments New Available! 267-8226 1-888-729-BABY 616 GREGG STREET

Serving Big Spring 16 Years **NEXT CLINIC VISIT 3-16-06**

ISD

Continued from Page 1A

days.

Howard College incumbents Harold Davis (District 3) and Don McKinney (District 4), appear to be coasting to new six-year terms on the

At Big Spring ISD, board members Maria Padilla (District 2) and Tony Kennedy (District 4) have no announced oppo-James sition, said McFarland, assistant business manager.

Other area school distheir and tricts announced candidates include:

Forsan ISD and Misty Rhoten are the only candidates who filed for the election, officials said.

• Stanton ISD — Incumbents Pinky Jones, Danny Ireton and Ramiro Reyes have filed for reelection.

 Glasscock ISD — Incumbents Carl Hoelscher, Andy Wheeler and Douglas Schaefer have filed for the election.

Sands CISD Incumbents Tommy Staggs, Steve Blagrave and Amy Parker are the only candidates for election.

Grady ISD -Incumbents Roy Cooper and Jody Yates have filed for re-election.

If no challengers file, school districts likely will Incumbents Lewis Boeker cancel their May 13 elecDEBRA

BIG SPRING HERA

Monday, March

He was nice, sl He gave her a box and offered to let his nightclub for f said, if she han fliers for him.

Santangelo, th eighth-grader at Heart School, ha been in a ni before. So she g some fliers in the days, threw out and showed up club. The man le she said.

The two ex phone numbers meeting frequen soon were in a ship that Santang ended in 2004, months after h birthday. She we police several later.

Their secret lo involved sex abo a week, Santang detectives in a statement. She relationship was ated by five pre four abortic miscarriage — a on, countless fig led to a hostile by Joseph Picolli Rutherford, N. arrested and late ed on charges of

sexual relations an underage g indictment also him with having a friend of San when she, too, w faces up to 10 prison if convid trial that is sch begin April 17. Santangelo, no on probation for

session, a ha blames on her adolescence. Her ship with her

strained, if not s Although she she once loved P said she feels

betrayed. "I wish I'd n him," she said. me from an inr year-old into w today. I was sti

with dolls at 13. had me brains was in his w couldn't get out. The Record withholds the id alleged sex crim

In this case, Santangelo agr on-the-record in "What I ha through, I don't

to happen to girl," she said. The crime Pic

accused of is r monly known as rape, a "consen tionship between and a child und of consent. Although man show that teen

ing sex at a yo than before older men - a say such cases reported because tionships usu involve force of

"They come attention on someone is about their re or the parents about it, or calls us when

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated

John A. Mosele Managing Editor Bill McClellan **News Editor**

OUR VIEWS

Norton didn't see both sides of the picture

he was, according to President Bush, "a strong advocate for the wise use and protection of our nation's natural resources." The Natural Resources Defense Council, by contrast, said she had led "an unprecedented assault on the very lands the Interior Department is charged to protect." The pro-business Partnership for the West said her tenure had been "very strong." The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance gave her "two thumbs down.'

Given that range of assessments, the truest thing that can be said about Gale A. Norton, who resigned last week as interior secretary — a job that gave her oversight of national parks, federal lands, and the Indian tribes, oil producers and hikers who use them — is that she did not manage to bridge the deep gap between the mining and drilling companies that view America's federal lands as an untapped source of mineral resources and the environmentalists who see them as pristine wilderness that must be preserved for future generations. During her tenure these bitterly opposed constituencies fought about whether roads could be built across empty swaths of Utah; whether there could be oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; whether snowmobiles could be driven across national parkland in the winter; and whether logging companies would have easier access to federal forests.

On none of these issues did the secretary successfully broker a compromise. Down the line, she chose to support the business argument. She gave out more permits to drill and mine on federal lands. effectively placed more federal lands in line for development, and came down, not unexpectedly, on the side of the snowmobilers. Not all of these decisions were wrong: In a meeting with *Post* editors last year, she made a persuasive case for the fact that not all federal lands are scenic, pristine or otherwise environmentally significant — and there is a great national need for oil and gas. Nevertheless. she made little attempt to create a broader constituency for her policies, little attempt to see both sides of the picture. She leaves behind even more bitterness and division than she inherited.

-THE WASHINGTON POST

YOUR VIEWS

Going the extra mile

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in reference to Susanne Reed, publisher for the *Herald*.

I live in Florida and am planning a move to Big Spring within the next six months. I had

Susanne. She offered me information on many things there, and even included a complimentary online subscription so I could continue to watch the

I just wanted to say how much I appreciate what she has done and how much it means to ple like Susanne there.

move on planning to after all the help from

an out-of-stater.

Thank You Susanne. EVAN MARTIN BRADENTON, FLA.

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

By fax at 264-7205

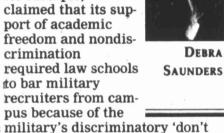
 By e-mail Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or News Editor Bill McClellan

at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com. By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

Concerning the wisdom of Solomon

aw schools that challenged the Solomon Amendment, a federal law passed in 1994 that eliminates federal funding to universities that deny

equal access to military recruiters, tried to hide behind noble motives. The Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, for example, claimed that its support of academic freedom and nondiscrimination required law schools to bar military



ask, don't tell' policy on gays. This week, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the lawsuit unanimously. As the opinion written by Chief Justice John Roberts noted, the Solomon Amendment doesn't, in any way, limit universities' rights to protest 'don't ask, don't tell.' If universities cannot abide by the policy, Roberts wrote, they are 'free to decline the federal

But you see, this lawsuit was all about letting academia have it both ways. Clearly the law-school litigants believe they have a constitutional right to thumb their nose at military policies, while burning through tax dollars paid by voters who, as a rule, hold those who serve in the military in high esteem — and no doubt respect soldiers more than they respect lawyers.

It's so, well, lawyer-like for acad-

emics to argue that they have deeply held convictions — but that doesn't mean they should have to pay any consequences for them.

Besides, where is the academic freedom in barring recruiters from campus? Freedom should mean that military recruiters have their platform. Students are free to enlist, if they so choose, or not enlist if they do not. Critics are free to protest against Pentagon practices. It's called a free exchange of ideas.

(This may be a good place to mention that I think 'don't ask, don't tell' is a foolish policy. I believe the military should welcome gays, that it is wrong-headed to assume gay officers will misbehave and that existing rules can address any wrongful actions of any gay or straight officers or enlistees.)

Think about it. If the Bushies wanted to bar Muslim recruiting on campus, academics would be hollering — despite Islam's hostility toward homosexuality. The big dif here is that fellow academics have decided who cannot speak freely on campus.

Pentagon rules discriminate against women by barring all women from serving in certain combat positions. I wondered: If ivory-tower elites truly oppose discrimination, why didn't they challenge the Solomon Amendment on military policies that discriminate against all women?

Plaintiff Michael Rooke-Ley, a law prof at Santa Clara University, answered that military recruiters will interview females, but they won't interview gay students. I reply that the military

will interview gay law students who don't announce that they are homosexual. Rooke-Ley believes no institution should expect applicants to deny a fundamental fact about themselves. You can't argue that it is acceptable to discriminate against Jews because someone can deny being Jewish, he said. The same goes for homosexu-

Rooke-Ley sees the lawsuit as a way to fight 'hypocrisy on campus' — that law schools can't preach against discrimination, then allow recruiters that discrim-

I see the suit itself as the height of hypocrisy. In a truly free academic environment, students would accept the presence of those with whom they disagree, while exercising their right to speak against them. In barring the military, law students and faculty are working to marginalize not only recruits, but also any students who support military policy. It's not enough to protest recruiters. Only a solid ban will do to let students interested in military service understand that, in the university, they are the freaks.

They don't care that, to the extent that this is a free country, you can thank the military.

E-mail Debra J. Saunders at dsaunders@sfchronicle.com. To find out more about Debra J. Saunders, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

COPYRIGHT 2006 CREATORS SYNDICATE INC.

ADDRESSES

• GEORGE W. BUSH President The White House

Washington, D.C. 20500

JOHN CORNYN

U.S. Senator Washington, DC 20510-

Phone: 202-224-2934 RANDY NEUGEBAUER U.S. Representative (19th Cong. District) 1510 Scurry

Phone: (432) 264-0722 RICK PERRY Governor

P.O. Box 12428

State Capitol, Room 2S.1

Austin, 78711 Phone: (512) 463-2000

 KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON U.S. Senator 703 Hart Office Building Washington, 20510 Phone: 202-224-5922

 PETE LANEY State Representative Texas 85th District P.O. Box 2910 Austin, 78768 Phone: (512) 463-0604

•KEL SELIGER State Senator 401 Austin, suite 101 Big Spring, 79720 (432) 268-9909

BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL

RUSS MCEWEN, MAYOR -Home: 263-0907; Work (Russ McEwen Insurance): 267-1413.

GREG BIDDISON — Home: 267-6009; Work (Greg's Grill): 267-7121 W.A. "WOODY" JUMPER -Home: 263-0782; Work

(BSSH): 267-8216. STEPHANIE HORTON -Home: 264-0306; Work (VA Medical Center): 263-7361..

JoAnn Staulcup — Home: 263-4980. GLORIA MCDONALD -

Home: 263-4835. JOANN KNOX — Home: 816-9083; Work (BSISD):

264-3635

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE — 264-2200

BEN LOCKHART, COUNTY

Judge - Home: 263-4155: Office: 264-2202.

EMMA, BROWN — Home: 267-2649 JERRY KILGORE — 263-

0724; Work (Jerry's Barbers): 267-5471 BILL CROOKER — Home:

263-2566. GARY SIMER — Home: 263-0269; Work (Ponderosa Nursery): 263-4441

'Reasonable' is whatever he says

enate Republicans should be embarrassed about the ludicrous proposal they're selling as a compromise with the White House to give their seal of approval for the first time to warrantless spying on American soil. The deal they've cut is intended to solidify the president's legal position on what he's done in the past, while providing what amounts to a fig leaf's worth of protection for the future.

The executive is allowed to eavesdrop for 45 days where one party is outside the United States without getting a warrant. Better yet, it gets to renew those 45-day periods indefinitely. It's supposed to have probable cause for believing one party is working in support of a terrorist organization, but no one ever has to review that. If this sounds pretty much like just what they've been doing, you're right. That's the whole

Of course, this is not the summary you'll hear from the Republicans. They'll emphasize the fact that the statute provides that after 45 days, the attorney general is required to stop eavesdropping or to go to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (remember FISA?) or explain to TWO new subcommittees of Congress (don't laugh now, we're talking top-top secret stuff, presumably) why he hasn't. But as all the experts have pointed out, it also allows the attorney general to keep renewing the 45-day period, which is the easiest alternative in that group.

In fairness, this is the fault of the White House more than the senators. According to Sen. Pat Roberts, the Kansas Republican

who is chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, the White House was "resistant" to the senators' proposals for regulation. "They firmly believed they have the constitutional authority."

It's back to Attorney General Gonzales, and his non-answer answers to the questions of what

limits presidential authority to conduct wiretapping. This is the real answer, in black-and-white. In insisting on

authority to conduct searches without warrants, the president is doing more than hold-Susan ing his ground in a

ESTRICH legislative battle. He is staking out constitutional turf in the fight about the powers of the president.

Here, what is at stake is nothing less than the Fourth Amendment. As it has long been understood, the Fourth Amendment's most basic protection against unreasonable searches and seizures is the disinterested magistrate, who issues a warrant. Much of the caseload of a course in criminal procedure, which I taught for many years, is devoted to the judge-made law of when exceptions will be granted from this requirement.

The president's approach, adopted here by Congress, renders that entire exercise a relic which becomes simply inapplicable to the broad area of searches that are terrorist-related activity, where unitary power would seem to henceforth lie in the executive. He decides what counts as probable cause, he decides he has it, he executes the search. What's "reasonable" is whatever he says.

This is no small category, even in its narrowest conception. The statute speaks in terms of conversations in which "one party is ... working in support of a terrorist group or organization." As the definitions of terrorist organizations and terrorists expand to include Arab charities, Muslim newsletters and controversial speakers, so does the area of discretion. If you speak to a controversial speaker, you're in the net.

Moreover, the government's the ory is not limited to eavesdropping. If the president in times of war defines reasonableness for purposes of the Fourth Amendment's protections of search and seizure, why not the fairness of a trial, the process that is due, the protection from torture? In fact, the administration has been asserting power in all of those areas, and questions as to the power of the executive, as well as the role of Congress, will all end up in the Supreme Court.

By legislatively endorsing the presidential prerogative here. what the Senate Republicans would have Congress do is add positive law as justification for a result that, while it will technically only apply prospectively to defined cases, will almost certainly be understood as endorsing both past practice in this area and future expansions in others.

To find out more about Susan Estrich, and read features by other *Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

COPYRIGHT 2006 CREATORS SYNDICATE INC.

left a note on a message board and the very first response I got was from

Spring. know that you have peo-

I feel I made a good come to Big Spring, and Susanne, I know I made the right choice.

Hats off to Susanne for going that extra mile to

happenings of Big

How To Contact Us

• In person at 710 Scurry St. By telephone at 263-7331

Under guise of love, statutory rape can steal innocence

HACKENSACK, N.J. -Jennifer Santangelo of Lyndhurst, N.J., was walking home from school one day, wearing her blue and white uniform, when a 31-year-old man said hello and began chatting with her.

He was nice, she said. He gave her a box of pens and offered to let her into his nightclub for free, she said, if she handed out fliers for him.

Santangelo, then an eighth-grader at Sacred Heart School, had never been in a nightclub before. So she gave out some fliers in the coming days, threw out the rest and showed up at the club. The man let her in, she said.

The two exchanged phone numbers, began meeting frequently and soon were in a relationship that Santangelo said ended in 2004, a few months after her 18th birthday. She went to the police several months later.

Their secret love affair involved sex about twice a week, Santangelo told detectives in a sworn statement. She said the relationship was punctuated by five pregnancies four abortions, one

miscarriage — and, later on, countless fights that led to a hostile breakup. Joseph Picolli, 38, of Rutherford, N.J., was arrested and later indict-

ed on charges of having a sexual relationship with an underage girl. The indictment also charges him with having sex with a friend of Santangelo's when she, too, was 13. He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted at a trial that is scheduled to begin April 17.

Santangelo, now 20, is on probation for drug possession, a habit she blames on her troubled adolescence. Her relationship with her family is strained, if not shattered.

Although she believes she once loved Picolli, she said she feels used and betrayed.

"I wish I'd never met him," she said. "He took me from an innocent 13vear-old into what I am today. I was still playing with dolls at 13. He totally had me brainwashed. was in his web and I couldn't get out."

The Record ordinarily withholds the identities of alleged sex crime victims. In this case, however, Santangelo agreed to an on-the-record interview.

"What I had to go through, I don't want that to happen to another girl," she said.

The crime Picolli stands accused of is more commonly known as statutory rape, a "consensual" relationship between an adult and a child under the age of consent.

Although many studies show that teens are having sex at a younger age than before — often with older men — authorities say such cases are rarely reported because the relationships usually don't involve force or coercion.

"They come to our attention only when someone is bragging about their relationship or the parents find out about it, or a hospital calls us when a teenager



Statutory rape is at least

as old as 1275, when com-

mon law in England out-

lawed sex with anyone

younger than 12. At dif-

ferent times in subse-

quent centuries, the age

of consent in America

When the New Jersey

criminal code was drafted

in the late 1970s, some

proposed 13 as the age of

consent. Public senti-

ment, however, was resis-

"The people ... were

shocked by the fact that

the criminal code allowed

women to consent to sex-

ual activity at the age of

13," reads a note in the

state criminal code

explaining the law's histo-

A balance was then

struck, setting the bar at

16 but also allowing 13- to

16-year-olds to be sexually

involved with a partner

less than four years older.

More than half of the

states today have settled

on 16 as the age of con-

"Virtually every com-

munity on the planet has

the notion that a certain

portion of the population

duct," Oberman said.

some experts say.

operations.

offenders.

agreed.

Younger partners can be

"Any time you have this

kind of relationship, you

are always going to find

damage to victims," said

William Plantier, director

of the state Department of

Corrections' division of

"It could be fear of men,

lack of trust for adults or

inability to enjoy normal

sexual relationships,"

said Plantier, who for 10

years administered the

Adult Diagnostic and

Treatment Center, the

state's prison for sex

Paul Robinson, a profes-

sor at the University of

Pennsylvania and a lead-

ing criminal law scholar,

"A 13-year-old may well

believe the older partner

is in love with her, not

knowing he is only inter-

ested in sex," he said.

"When she realizes after-

ward that she had been

used and manipulated,

that discovery itself can

Others say that is not

Nebraska was 21 when he

began a relationship with

a 13-year-old girl. She

gave birth to a baby girl

ried in Kansas. In a case

Koso

be very damaging."

always true.

Matthew

extremely traumatized,

tant.

fluctuated from 10 to 21.

Jennifer Santangelo, 20, is photographed in court at the sexual assault trial of Joseph Picolli, 38, in Hackensack, N.J. Santangelo had a sexual relationship with Picolli starting when she was 13-years-old.

is delivering a baby," emotional and sexual mis-Baglivi said. "Otherwise, match." these kids are not coming forward on their own."

Most states, including New Jersey, allow 13- to 16-year-olds to have sex with partners less than four years older. Perhaps in an attempt not to interfere with high-school dating, the law allows a 17year-old boy, for instance, to have sex with a 13-yearold girl, in effect, condoning the younger teen's exposure to sex.

However, the same activity, if conducted a day after the male's 18th birthday, becomes a second-degree crime that carries a prison term of up to 10 years, lifelong parole under Megan's Law and civil liability for personal

Such a distinction is not meant to protect teens from sex, but, rather, from exploitative sexual relationships with older partners, legal scholars say. What the law does, they say, is enforce societal norms condemning sexual relations where the age disparity is, as one put it, "just not

"It's the law's way of saying, 'Pick someone must be off limits to sexuyour size'," said Michelle al activity, under the Oberman, a law professor premise that they are not at Santa Clara University capable of making deciin Santa Clara, Calif., sions about sexual conwho has written extensively on statutory rape laws.

Prosecutors sometimes refrain from aggressive enforcement, saying the law could subject undeserving defendants, a 20year-old college sophomore, for instance, who went to bed with a 15year-old girl thinking she was a year older, to harsh punishment.

"I don't think the law was intended for such defendants," Baglivi said.

Prosecutors prefer to resolve such cases through plea agreements, offering deals with no jail time when the age disparity is not that great and the defendant doesn't

seem predatory. "Sometimes we don't even charge in such cases," said Del Russo. "If we do charge, our plea offers are going to be

benevolent.' In the case of older defendants, however, the pick-someone-your-size

rule kicks in. "When the defendants are in their 30s and 40s, that almost always entails a prison term," Baglivi

Del Russo agrees. "Depending on the quality of proof, that would be dealt with harshly," he said. "I think there is a last year, a few months consensus that with older after the couple was marpartners, there is clearly a mismatch, a social, that drew national atten-

with aggravated, sexual assault and pleaded guilty late last year.

At his sentencing last month, Koso's wife implored the judge to set her husband free.

"I don't understand what this (punishment) is supposed to do," said Crystal Koso, now 15.

The judge sentenced him to 18 to 30 months in prison.

Conversely, Superior Court Judge Bruce Gaeta in Hackensack, N.J., said he saw no serious harm in the relationship between a former Clifton, N.J., school teacher and a 13-year-old boy, describing it as "just something between two people that clicked beyond the student-teacher relationship." He sentenced the teacher. 40-year-old Pamela Diehl-Moore, to probation.

The judge's remarks ignited such public uproar that the sentence was reversed and Diehl-Moore was given three years in prison. Gaeta, meanwhile, was reassigned to another bench.

But the judge wasn't without supporters. "This is a crime only because the law presumes

that a 13-year-old cannot

consent to sexual rela-

contradiction here?" attorney George Orthmann of Ridgewood, ting repeat offenses." N.J., wrote in a letter to the editor after the September 2002 sentencing. "On other questions of great human consequence, custody, for

example, the wishes of 13weight."

Statutory rape laws were meant centuries ago to protect the virginity of girls to ensure their chances of marrying decent husbands. After several evolutions, the same laws are now cited, in part, as a weapon to combat teen pregnancy and reduce the number of unwed young mothers surviving on welfare.

A 1981 U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding California's statutory rape laws noted that "the prevention of illegitimate pregnancy is at least one of the purposes of the statute.'

More recently, a major welfare reform law adopted by Congress in 1996 declared, "States and local jurisdictions should aggressively enforce statutory rape laws." The law also mandates that U.S.

Justice Department study "the linkage between statutory Somewhere far.'

tion, Koso was charged tions. Isn't that a legal rape and teenage pregnancy, particularly by predatory older men commit-

Several experts doubt that statutory rape laws meet their stated goals.

"These laws have little to do with the problem of teen pregnancy," said Oberman, of Santa Clara year-olds are given great University. "I think the laws work best simply as protectors of vulnerable populations."

Picolli, who now works as a barber, is married with a child. He and his attorney, John Bruno, would not discuss the

"Regardless of the outcome, there will be no winners," the lawyer said. "This is a very sad case for both sides. My client's reputation in the community is already ruined.'

Santangelo said she has remained drug-free for more than six months. She attends psychological counseling once a month. "My life is on hold until

this is over," she said. After that, she said, she's going away to col-

lege. "My friends are disgusted with my experience. I just want to go someplace where no one knows me start afresh.

FULLMOON, INC. ROOFING



- Commercial
- Residential
- Industrial
- Insured
- Bonded
- Three Million General Liability



Dakota Wolf Future Of Roofing

SAVE UP TO 30%

(No Fear)

FREE ESTIMATES! CALL (432) 267-5478 **BIG SPRING, TEXAS HENRY BACKES**



1st Presbyterian Church Snyder, TX.

Senior Circle Scenic Mountain Medical Center Chapter

Invites you to join our.

March 2006 Activities

- March 14 * Tuesday Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
- Supper Club "Red Mesa" 5:30 PM
- March 15 * Wednesday
- Sit & Be Fit 10:30 AM
- Senior Appreciation Day 11:30 AM
- March 16 * Thursday
- Mall Walking 8:00 AM • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 AM
- "BUNKO" 5:00-6:30 PM
- March 1,7 * Friday • St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck & Bingo 11:30 - 2:00 PM
- March 20 * Monday • NO Stretch & Tone TODAY
- New Mexico Casino Trip 9:00 AM

March 21 * Tuesday Mall Walking - 8:00 AM Supper Club "KC Steakhouse" - 5:30 PM

- March 29 * Wednesday Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 AM

March 22 * Wednesday

Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am

March 23 * Thursday

March 27 * Monday

March 28 * Tuesday

· Mall Walking - 8.00 AM

· Coffee @ Gale's - 10.00 AM

Stretch & Tone - 10:30 AM

• Games - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

• Mall Walking - 8:00 AM

• Senior Appreciation Day - !1 30 AM

LUNCH-N-LEARN - 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM March 30 * Thursday

Supper Club "Cowboy's" - 5:30 PM

· Mall Walking - 8:00 AM · Coffee @ Gale's 10:00 AM

National Merchant Discounts National Car Rental - Members eligible for an introductory

discount coupon & special rate Script Save- Mail order pharmacies

Senior Circle Advisor / Volunteer Director

Tartan Books - hardcover books at less than paperback prices

Anita Cline 268-4721



Coronado Hills Apartments

1 Bedroom · \$375 • 2 Bedroom · \$475 • 3 Bedroom · \$575

801 W. Marcy • 432-267-6500

Big Spring, Texas 79720

Pool, Private Patios, Covered Parking & Washer - Dryer Conn. 2-3 Bedroom



This weekend I did about six or seven loads of laundry. I don't know how many Ron did. He did a few as well.

I've read the cute emails that encourage women not to worry about cooking and cleaning.

That's all nice in theory, but when I start needing scuba diving gear to find my kitchen, I know something has to happen.

I'm much better than I once was. I don't clean

ince I work, I talk with toothpicks, toothbrushes or Q-tips anymore. But, I

> it go. After work, it's taxi time. Picking up here, dropoff ping there, running over hill and

trekking

can't just let

CHRISTY ALTON

over dell. Once at home, I literally feel like dropping into the

But, there are the piles. Laundry and dishes and unmade beds. Shoes and clothing and homework,

BEBE

McCasland

too. Even with help, it seems overwhelming.

Sometimes, it's not so bad. I'll pick up after myself and the kids will make their beds before school.

Usually, however, we are in such a mad rush that clothes, sneakers and papers are flying while we attempt getting into the car for a 7:30 a.m. carpool time.

Meals can be a challenge. Takeout is tempting and sometimes a necessity, but everytime I go that route, I end up feeling guilty.

-I feel like I've just thrown my money away. I've started using my

crockpot more and more. It's nice to know we'll arrive at home and food

will be ready. Another thing about cooking is that the counter has to be clean. It is so weird, but I have

a difficult time preparing meals if I see unwashed dishes. A messy environment

puts me in a fowl disposi-

What kind of response a person gets to any situation depends on the condition of the dining room

table. Before asking for a favor, it's always a good idea to check out how many dishes are in the

sink. Lots of dishes? Don't favorable expect a

response. Unmade beds? No can do...whatever the request may be.

Piles of dirty clothes? Family's totally out of

I have a cardinal rule: I can't go out of town if my house is a wreck.

I refuse to get in the car until everything in the house is in order. On the weekends, I won't go to the superstore until all items are picked up.

It has sometimes been 3 in the afternoon before we got to poke our heads outside the door.

It's hard to squeeze everything in when a job is thrown into the mix.

I'm not where the forwarded e-mails tell me I should be.

I can't 'let it all go and enjoy life' unless my spaces are uncluttered.

Until I figure out how to get to that point, I'll be donning my oxygen tank, putting on my fins and swimming through the maze called housework. I know I won't be alone.

Christy Alton is married to her park ranger, Ron and they have two children., She is a full-time student and

now works as a tutor for a

local elementary school.

Bird Poop

fter a stop for coffee in Sterling City, the Department of Public Safety officers drove north to patrol the lonely, dark stretch of road to

Big Spring. When they were nearly five miles from town, their headlights illuminated a car parked in the grass beside the

Nearing the vehicle, one officer relayed the license num-

ber while the other parked behind the faded Camero. It appeared the only occupant of the car was the driver, who had slumped forward on to the steering wheel.

Leaving their cruiser, the DPS officers cautiously approached the

The first officer's flashlight wandered upon a young man in his

Noticing that both windows were down on the driver's side, the officer was concerned about how unprotected the driver was.

Several steps behind, and on the other side of the car, his partner noted that the back window was down. As he reached the door and his flashlight ting in the front seat of an automobile shone on the front passenger seat, he was the most comical situation we had

gasped as he quickly stepped backward. Hearing his partner's voice, the first officer saw his reaction.

Suddenly the still night air was pierced with laughter.

In the front seat and looking from one officer to the other, a turkey vulture had turned apprehension into uncontrol-

Roused by the chuckling of the officers, the young man awoke. When asked about his passenger, he told them he had found the bird by the side of the road as he left San Antonio.

When he discovered it could not fly, he put it in his car rather than leave it to be hit. Sitting quietly beside him, the vulture had seemed to enjoy the ride and had used the floor mat for his drop-

Since the man was obviously weary from his long drive, the officers suggested they follow him into town.

They also informed him that the vulture was state and federally protected; they would notify the game warden so as to locate the nearest rehabilitation facility.

When our phone rang at 10:45 p.m., we told the officers we could meet them in five minutes, since they were parked at the old Wal-Mart.

To see the red-headed bird of prey sit-



With keen eyesight and a well-developed sense of smell, the turkey vulture is graceful in flight and efficient in keeping a clean environment.

had with vultures.

Assuring the young man and the officers that the bird would receive care, and thanking all involved in the bird's journey, we took this carrion-eater

After examining a wing that had an old break with much calcification, we put the vulture in a carrier in our den for the night.

At the other end of the house, I soon learned why the young man had lowered licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

three of four windows in his car. The aroma of regurgitated skunk filled the

Accustomed to being outdoors, the vulture spent the rest of the night outside.

Although non-releasable, the vulture would live to spend its days as an educational specimen of nature's method of recycling.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state

Your Tax Refund Right At Your Fingertips

Leave the paperwork to these professionals to get you the best possible return!

It's Tax Time... Don't Be Scared We Can Help Get Your Money* In 24 - 48 Hours

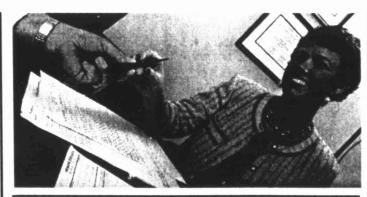


forld Acceptance Corporation

World-Class Loans & Tax Service

Over 600 Tax Offices Nationwide To Serve You!

121 E. 3rd • Big Spring, Tx 79720 432-263-4962



THE TAX SHOP

207 W. 10th St. 264-7563 BEHIND THE MEDICINE SHOPPE

ROD LEWIS

JEANINE HUSKEY

TAX PREP E-FILE RAPID REFUNDS

COMPARE OUR RATES



Instant Refund Up To \$1,688 With RAL Approval

FREE ESTIMATES



Branch Manager



Diane Viera 110 West 3rd

& Tax Service

Big Spring 263-1138

Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30 Sat. 8:00-12:00

"Se Habla Espanol" **Evening Hours Vary**

FAST CASH Tax Refund Loan Within 24 Hrs*

> e · file Tax Associates

Sam Castro - 15 Yrs. Experience

· BIG SPRING · 406 Runnels

· MIDLAND · 1015 Midkiff, Suite D

432-689-3787 **132-264-6134**

Se Habla Espanol



tax, mortgage and financial services

1512 S. Gregg Big Spring, TX 79720 Tel 432-263-1931 Fax 432-263-1402

irichmond@hrblock.com

www.hrblock.com



1011 Gregg St. • Big Spring, TX

263-6914

Joann Palacios

Manager

e file

FREE Electronic Filing with Paid Tax Pro

INCOME TAX REFUND LOANS

ADVANCE LOAN within seconds upon approva

UP TO \$1000.00

beginning January 2nd

*Restrictions Apply

√Tax preparation available √Open year round

/No cash needed

/10 yrs in the Electronic **Tax Filing Business**

/Certified Tax Specialist

shotgun start For more in tion, call 267-53 Lady Steer Bo

meeting anno

B.S. Country

to host scram

Country Club

host a three-scramble April

The fee is \$

there will be a

The Big

The Lady Booster Club meet Monday, 20, in the A Training (ATC) at 6 pm. All parents of involved in vol basketball, s track, cheerl and trainers

encouraged to For more in tion, contact Policky at 3800. Big Spring So

Association s

date for signu The Big Sprin Softball Asso will be h signups to regi the upcoming each through Mar from 10 a.m. to at the Big

Mall. The league girls and wome 4 and up. The tration fee is there is a \$5 di for a second ch For more in tion, contact

Umpires need B.S. softball s

Shafer at 432-21

The Big Girl's Association is l for umpires f upcoming seas If interested, Luci Ramirez 466-3670.

Coahoma sets for alumni cor

The Bulldogs will b ing their fir alumni basebal Saturday at 12: at the Coahom ball field.

The softball alumni game w be that day beg at 3 p.m. For more in

tion or to play baseball game tact Donna Ma at 394-453 or Barr at 965-3408 Contact Coahoma coach Dickenson to

Coahoma sets for softball sign The

softball at 517-0

United Girls S Association wil registration f divisions in s and T-ball That the Co Community from 6 p.m. to 8 The signups also take place and then again 21 and March each day will b

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more inf tact Pat Robin 393-5622.

B.S. Country Club to host scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will host a three-person scramble April 1-2. The fee is \$60 and there will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start both

For more information, call 267-5354.

Lady Steer Booster meeting announced

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Monday, March 20, in the Athletic Training . Center (ATC) at 6 pm.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, cheerleading and trainers are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Carol Policky at 432-466-

Big Spring Softball Association sets date for signups

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming season Saturday through March 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

The league is for girls and women ages 4 and up. The registration fee is \$30 and there is a \$5 discount for a second child.

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

Umpires needed for B.S. softball season

The Big Spring Softball Girl's Association is looking for umpires for the upcoming season.

If interested, contact Luci Ramirez at 432-466-3670.

Coahoma sets date for alumni contest

The Coahoma Bulldogs will be hosting their first-ever alumni baseball game Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the Coahoma baseball field.

The softball team's alumni game will also be that day beginning at 3 p.m.

For more information or to play in the baseball game, contact Donna Mansfield at 394-453 or Dutch Barr at 965-3408.

Contact head softball Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson to play softball at 517-0604.

Coahoma sets dates for softball signups

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will begin registration for all divisions in softball and T-ball Thursday at the Coahoma Community Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The signups will also take place Friday and then again March 21 and March 23 and

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info, contact Pat Robinson at 393-5622.

each day will be from

BSHS lands five to all-District 4-4A squads

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Big Spring junior Ryan Tannehill and senior Raegan Ritchey were both named to the District 4-4A basketball first team this season for their efforts on the hardwood.

The Steers also landed junior Scott Fankhauser on the second team, while Lady Steer senior Carmen

Davis and junior Mallory members.

Dunn were also second-team

Danny Wrenn was named

4-4A Coach of the Year on

Plainview TANNEHILL head coach

the girl's side, while Lubbock Estacado head man Tim Thomas was voted top coach after his Matadors took home the district title.

Andrews' Diandra Marquez was voted as the Player of the Year even though her Lady Mustangs failed to make the playoffs.

The Newcomer of the



Rice. Plainview won the district. T h e Player of

the Year on RITCHEY the boy's side in 4-4A was junior LeCarl Willard Estacado. The

Year was Offensive Player of the Year was Kenon Uddley of Plainview and the Defensive Players of the Year were Jamar Wall of Plainview and Trey Merchant of Frenship. The Newcomers of the Year were Brandon Borum of Plainview, Davouyea Johnson of **Estacado** and Hanslik of Frenship.

Burgess, Adams win big in WJCAC

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Fresh off their NJCAA Tournament-clinching win against Midland College, the Hawks, who

went 32-1 this season on their way to the conference and regional championships, took home lots of post-



ADAMS season awards this year as the all-conference and allregion teams announced Monday.

Sophomore Charles Burgess, who was "Mr. Howard's Everything" this year, was voted as the WJCAC Player of the Year, while Howard head coach Mark Adams won Coach of the

Howard's leading scorer See HAWKS, Page 28

freshman Benny Valentine - earned a spot on the conference's first team and also made the all-region team, while sophomore Richard Forbes was placed on the first team and sophomores Dezmon Harris and Louis Rodgers were both honorable mention selections.

Burgess averaged 15.8 points per game this year, but turned on his scoring during Howard's conference championship run. He led the team in assists with 158 and averaged 5.8 rebounds per game from his combo guard position. Burgess was a 75 percent free throw shooter and he made 50 percent of his shots from the field, including an improved 36 percent from beyond the **3-point line**. He was also second on the team in

Fairley lands spot on all-WJCAC team

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

For the second straight year, Latoya Fairley, a sophomore

HowardCollege's women's basketball team, earned a spot on the Western



Junior FAIRLEY

College Conference's Athletic first-team and was also voted to the all-region team Monday as postseason honors were handed

out. Also making the all-conference team on the women's side were honorable mention selections Jennifer Pena and Kim

Gilyard, a sophomore and freshman, respectively.

Fairley led this year's Hawks team in scoring. rebounding, block shots and field goal percentage. She averaged a little more than 16 points per game and was 43rd in the nation with an 8.8 rebound per game average. She also had 30 blocks in 30 games and made 48 percent of her shots from the floor. Fairley scored 30 points against nationally-ranked Trinity Valley and pulled down 14 rebounds against No. 3 Odessa College.

Pena shot 82.5 percent from the free throw line this year, which was good for 26th in the nation. She also averaged just under

See HOWARD, Page 2B

Headley leads Hawks rodeo team in opener

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor WEATHERFORD

The Howard College rodeo team put on a pretty good show in first round action Weatherford College this past weekend as the spring rodeo season got underway.

The problem for the Hawks came in the short round where several participants got no times and failed to place in the overall average.

Shelly Combs won her first round run in the breakaway roping as she was clocked at 2.6 seconds, but her no time in the short round put her in sixth overall when the concluded rodeo Saturday.

Jed Headley scored times of 5.5 and 6.5 in his two runs in the steer wrestling competition. He wound up in fifth place after the short round and was fifth in the overall average.

The only other Howard Hawk to place in the overall average was Clay Hale and his brother Trev Hale, who graduated from Howard and is currently Angelo University. The brother duo competed in the team roping competition and, like Headley, placed fifth in the short go and fifth in the average. The team scored a 7.4 in the first

Cody Heiner participated in steer wrestling and

See RODEO, Page 2B

WJCAC rival Frank Phillips

Howard College's Scott Stephen tries to pick off a runner at first base during a recent

game at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks split four games with Frank Phillips this week-

Hawks split two more with

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor BORGER The Hawks found the bats Saturday just in time to save a split in conference play against Frank Phillips. Howard got just six hits at the plate in the first game and lost, 6-2, but recovered nicely in Game 2 with a 30-hit, 25-run perfor-

end to begin the conference season.

mance. Frank Phillips scored two runs in the first inning of Game 1 to take the early lead and then added four more runs in the fifth inning.

Bobby Gonsoulin pitched 5.1 innings and took the loss, dropping to 1-3 on the season. He gave up six earned runs on 10 hits and walked

three. Sophomore Daman Aaron continued to swing a hot bat as he went two-for-two with two RBIs and one run. Both RBIs came off a

home run. Aaron would not be the only star at the plate in the second game, but the sophomore did enough damage to beat Frank Phillips himself quite possibly.

The Hawks got down 9-0 after one inning in Game 2, but recovered Darby Brown added four ning at 1 p.m.



to score three or more runs in six of the nine innings and won, 25-18.

Howard got on the board in the second inning with five runs and then took its first lead with six runs in the fourth inning. Frank Phillips came back to tie the score in its half of the fourth inning, but the Hawks scored three in the sixth and took the lead back for good. They added five runs in the seventh and three apiece in the eighth and

ninth. The Hawks had seven errors in the field, but their 30 hits at the plate

made up for it. Aaron went six-for-six in the game. He scored three runs and had two RBIs and also improved his team-leading batting

four RBIs and three

runs, while sophomore

average to .533. Sophomore Jeff Storms had five hits,

hits, four runs and two RBIs. Freshmen Gabe Marchant, who returned weekend from injury, and David Fonseca each had three hits, including one home run apiece. Marchant scored four runs and had five RBIs, while Fonseca added two runs and three RBIs.

Sophomore Basom had three hits, four RBIs and three runs. Jacob Bordeau and Dustin Dallas each had two hits as well.

Scott Stephen improved to 1-1 with the win, but gave up 11 earned runs on 11 hits and only struck out three in five innings. Adrian Bermudez allowed four earned runs in his 3.2 innings and Lance Brown recorded the final out of the game.

The split pushes Howard's overall record to 12-8 and it is now 2-2 in the conference.

The Hawks will play four wooden bat games this weekend at Jack Barber Field. They host Trinidad Friday for a doubleheader at noon before taking McCook Saturday begin-

Billalba takes fourth in S.A.

 Miller leads Lady **Steers in Andrews**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor SAN ANGELO - The Big Spring boy's golf team finished 17th out of 24 teams this weekend in San Angelo.

Senior Chance Cain was in the hunt after Day 1, but a second-round 83 was not good enough as he finished with a 159. Fellow senior Tommy Billalba shot a first-round 79, but got himself into the top 10 Saturday after shooting a 72. He finished with a 151 and took fourth place overall.

Brian Hale was third on BSHS' team with a 181. Blaze Carroll shot a 202 after a second-round 98, while Josh Rodriguez finished with a 208 and Dan Painter fired a 236.

Lady Steers at Andrews The Lady Steers finished the Andrews Girls Golf Tournament in 13th out of 23 teams as Big Spring was led by Amber Miller for the second straight week. She fired a second-round 91 and finished with a 190.

Cassie Guinn recovered from her first-round 104 to shoot a 90 Saturday and finished second on



Big Spring senior Tommy Billalba gets ready for another shot at the San Angelo Boys Golf Tournament this past weekend. Billalba finished fourth overall after a strong second round.

rounds and grabbed third 230.

the team with a 194. on the squad with a 199. Megan McCormick fired Joy Seay shot a 211 and a 98 and 101 in her two Porscha Knowlton fired a

HOWARD

Continued from Page 1B

10 points per game and led Howard in assists with 118 and was first on

the squad in 3-point percentage as she hit a long range shot 38 percent of the time. Pena's biggest scoring

PENA game of the year was her 18-point effort against Clarendon

hustle plays for Howard this year, while averaging nearly four rebounds per game and scóring 169 points. She also had 60 assists and shot 41 percent from the field. Her season-high in points was against Mesa Community College.

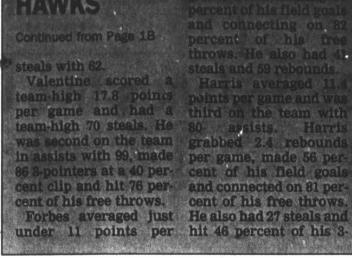
The WJCAC Player of the Year was Helen Roden of No. 3 Odessa College, Piterniece and Ladesha which just advanced to Stoudemire also made the the NJCAA Tournament top conference team this weekend after winning Region 5. The Coach from Odessa College.

other Lady Three



Jones was an all-region member and Dina

The other all-region members from the of the Year - Nate WJCAC were Dominic Altenhofen - was also Seals of South Plains, Rachel Brazell of Midland and Maggie Smith-



80 assists Harris grabbed 2.4 rebounds per game, made 56 per-cent of his field goals and connected on 81 percent of his free throws.

points per game when he was in the lineup. He also pulled down 5.4 The other WJCAC allregion players were Timmy Crowell of Midland, Steve Harley of South Plains, Ed Millard of New Mexico Junior College and Nemanja Calasan of Midland.

RODEO

Continued from Page 1B

scored a fourth place finish in the first round after a 4.8, but scored a no time in the short round and did not place in the average. Shelly Combs was also fourth after the first round in barrel racing, but she hit a barrel in the short round and did not place in the over-

all average. She scored a 17.33 in the first round. Laramie Hall and Chris

Hise tied for seventh in the first round of the Alcazar and Sloan Smallwood's team was in fourth after scoring a 6.7. Neither team was able to place in the average, however.

really well," said Howard appreciate the support head coach Greg Kernick. "We just have to fix some community."

HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring Junior Katy Abner approaches home plate

earlier this year during a scrimmage in Big Spring. The

things for the short go. If we can put two runs together we'll get some points."

The Hawks are off this team roping and Juan week and will travel to Odessa March 23-25. The hometown rodeo will take place April 27-29.

"We are wrapping our sponsorships for the hometown rodeo in "The first rounds went April," said Kernick. "We and sponsorship from the

Upcoming Area Events

Tonight

- Coahoma tennis vs Westbrook, 3:30 p.m. Forsan baseball vs. McCamey, 4:30 p.m.

- Forsan softball @Crane, 5 p.m. - Big Spring softball

@Coahoma, 7 p.m. Coahoma baseball vs. Crane, 7 p.m.

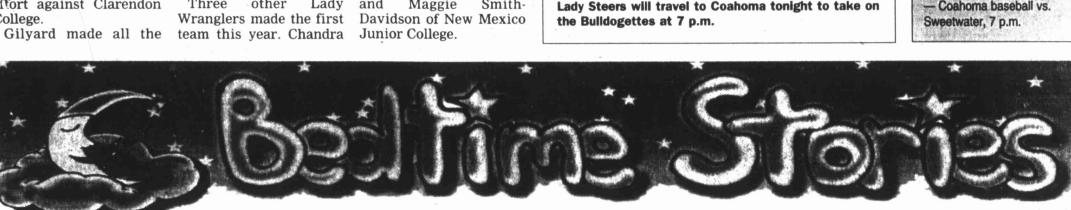
Thursday - Big Spring baseball

@Odessa Permian, 4 p.m. - Coahoma host track meet, TBA

Friday - HC baseball vs. Trinidad State, DH starts at noon HC softball vs. Western

Texas, DH starts at 2 p.m. - Big Spring softball vs. Lake View, 4 p.m. - Coahoma softball

@Clyde, 5 p.m. Coahoma baseball vs.



MAMIE DOG

amie Dog sounds like funny name for a little dog, doesn't it? It is a funny name for a little dog! But everything else about Mamie Dog is not funny! She was the very best little dog you could ever want as a friend. She was little! She wasn't even very thought that she might pretty to most of my friends. But, she was pretty to my brothers and me, and she was my best friend for a long, long time! And all of my brothers said that noth-Mamie Dog was their i n g best friend, too!

Do you have a little about puppy? What is your Mamie a friend? Do you have

fish? If you have a little but never forgotten! dog, kitten, goldfish, or even a hamster, they are called pets. Do you have a pet?

Back to my story about Mamie Dog. She was a little black dog, with a white spot between her eyes. The first time I saw her, I be just a little bit ugly. I was going to learn very

quickly that there ugly

puppy's name? Do you Remember, this haphave a little kitten? pened a very long time What do you call your ago when I was a little little kitten? Do you boy. I am an old man have a little goldfish for now, and Mamie Dog has been gone for a was Mamie.



263-7316

The way that I remember her now is how beautiful she really

This is not a sad story, but a very happy one! She made my brothers and me very happy for many years. She was our pet. She was our loved to play in the best friend! This story is for you, Mamie Dog!

been with us for only a few days when we decided to give her a dad said that we should name her after the pres-

a name for your gold-very long time, gone, thought and thought net, or a bow for our about that name for a make believe arrows. long time and my little Mamie Dog seemed to brother said that was know just what kind of the perfect name for agreed. From that day her part, too! She long ago until now, her could be a soldier, she name, was forever could be a cowboy, or Mamie Dog! My brothers and I



playmate. She was our nearby woods every day. We played every game that a child could The little dog had ever think of while we were in those woods. We made toys from small tree branches name. My mom and and everything else we could find that would let our imaginations ident's wife. Her name change that tree branch We into a sword, or a bayo-

games we were playing, an Indian. She could be anything she wanted to be, but what she best friend.

food when we were hungry. She protected us from danger many times. She spent her



whole life loving us. And her love was returned. All of us loved her, too! We still

miss her! Most of all, we still love her even after all these years!

So, you see, this is not a sad story, but a very her. All of my brothers and she always played happy one. One little almost ugly dog gave my brothers and me many long years of happiness. If she was around right now, she would still be protectchose was to be our ing my brothers and me, and barking to let She helped us find us know that she was outside, near our front porch, waiting for us to come out and play yet another day. If Mamie Dog was still around, I would love to do just that!

If she was your dog, she would be telling you something very important right now. She would be saying, "I love you," and "GOOD NIGHT.

Announceme

BIG SPRING HERA

Tuesday, March



GUN CLASS SATURDAY, March 18, 2006 CONTACT TOMMY S (432)394-4492.

Business Oppo NEXT GENERATION Off Line Marketing. F

dustry. Call (877)246-0 The Big Spring Hera need dependable ca various routes. Must surance and reliable

Apply in pers **Contact Duane Mc** 710 Scurry

SPRING HERA

THIS NEWSPAPER sponsible for the spe tent of the National ads. Before investing a business/employme tunity with which you miliar, please call the Better Business B 703-276-0100 www.bbb.org



AUTO PA



Hrs. 8 a.m.-5:30 Wk/day 8

1511 Hwy 350 • (43 **DIRT WO**

DECKER'S FARM & NURSERY

We do Dirt Work, Brush Hog, Backhoe, Bulldozing,

Small Grubbin and Will Clea 432-756-3

HOME IMPROV

RS HOME REI Custom Wood Remodel, Carp Painting, Plun

Minor Electi FREE ESTIM Garage door re Appliances ins

816-303

ROOFIN JOHNNY FI ROOFIN

Shingles, Hot Tar All type of re Work Guara Specializing in Ho Doctor of Re

Free Estima Big Spring & Surrou 267-11

710 Scurry

263-7331

www.bigspringherald.com

Announcements



CONCEALED HAND GUN CLASS SATURDAY, March 18, 2006 CONTACT TOMMY SCOTT, (432)394-4492.

Business Opportunity

NEXT GENERATION On Line/ Off Line Marketing. Proven Industry. Call (877)246-0766.

The Big Spring Herald always need dependable carriers for various routes. Must have insurance and reliable transportation.

Apply in person. Contact Duane McCollum (432)263-7331 710 Scurry

SPRING HERALD

THIS NEWSPAPER is not responsible for the specific content of the National Classified ads. Before investing money in a business/employment opportunity with which you are unfamiliar, please call the National Better Business Bureau at 703-276-0100 visit or www.bbb.org

Cemetery Lots

2 LOTS at Trinity Memorial Park (Garden of Meditation). Lot 3 Spaces 1 & 2. Make Offer. Call (936)348-5295 or (396)348-1904.

CEMETERY LOT at Trinity Memorial Park, Garden of Sharon. \$900.00. Call Bobby Thurman toll-free (866)608-9302.

Help Wanted

BUSY MEDICAL Office seeking high energy Billing Collection Specialist with multi. tasking skills and a self starter. Loves working with patient's and has a caring attitude. Come by 1707 Lancaster, Warren Chiropractic.

COOK/CHEF NEEDED: Parkplace Retirement living is a full service retirement community. We're looking for an addition to our team. The position is a guaranteed 40 hours per week, 8 hour shifts, and days may vary. Some cooking experience is preferred, but not required. Must be patient and enjoy working with elderly. Please apply in person at 501 W. 17th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

DRIVERS BE HOME DAILY. Coastal Transport is a leader in transport of LPG Asphalt & Petroleum Products. Coastal serves high profile accounts & needs dedicated professionals to join our growing team in Big Spring. Qualify 23 with class A & One year driving experience.

Call Jay at 888-527-7221. **ENVELOPE STUFFERS** Earn Serious Money Working at Home. Call our 24hrs Hot Line for Details (972)504-2690.

Help Wanted

DRIVERS NEEDED Big Spring bases Drivers wanted. Must have 2 years experience over the road. Must have class A and Tank Endorsements. To apply call Jack Murphy at Andrews Transport Inc. 800-364-2018 Lubbock, Texas, Call between

EVENING CAREGIVER. Full or part-time. Apply in person at Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan. Prior applicants, please reapply. No phone calls please.

9am and 5pm Monday thru Fri-

FULL TIME RN We are looking for caring and dependable RNs to cover the Big Spring, Midland and Odessa Area. We Offer competitive salaries and benefits. Contact Beckie (817)360-4354 or send resume via email to: hinzeb@fms-regional.com. You can also come by our office at 810 N. Dixie Ste 202A,

Odessa, Tx to fill out an application, or call (432)335-5699. Sign-On Bonus Available for Qualified Candidates. It is an Honor to

serve our patients. H.E.B. IS taking applications for the position of Part time Overnight Bakery Fryer for the Big Spring store. Stop by 2000 South Gregg for an application. No phone calls, please.

HIRING FOR 2006! AVERAGE POSTAL EMPLOYEE EARNS \$57,000/YR. Minimum starting pay \$18.00/hr. benefits/paid training and vacations. No experience needed. 1-800-584-1775 ref#P6901.

Help Wanted

IF YOU enjoy a teamwork approach to nursing & have a passion to ensure high quality care to the elderly, we want to meet vou!

Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Now Hiring for Charge Nurse position. Please apply in person at 3200 Parkway.

Lamun- Lusk -Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home 1809 N. Hwy 87 Big Spring, Tx 79720 (432)268-8387 (432)268-1987 fax **COME JOIN OUR TEAM!** RN SUPERVISOR

(Full-Time/PRN) Salary commensurate on Experience Oversee the operations of facility Long Term Experience Preferred

LVN'/C.N.A.'s Part-time/PRN (All Shifts) **Equal Opportunity Employer** Competitive Wages, Health

Insurance & Benefits

LIKE WORKING with Seniors? Looking for flexibility in your schedule? We are a small home-like Assisted Living looking for an RN to work 15 to 20 hours as our Wellness Director. Responsibilities include coordinating the health care needs of our residents, training staff, communicating with families, MDs and discharge planners. To learn more about this unique, exciting opportunity, please call 432-268-9041 or

fax resume to 432-268-9092.

Help Wanted MARKETING DIRECTOR for

Caring Hearts Home Health. If you are self-motivated, outgoing, energetic, and have good time management skills apply at 1510 Scurry, Ste C. Must have good transportation. No experience is necessary.

MARTIN CO. Hospital Home Health is looking for a full-time RN and a PRN to join their energetic staff. Must be willing to travel to surrounding areas. Bilingual preferred and salary DOE. Interested parties may call Allison @ (432)756-3259 fax resume (432)756-4510.

MIDWAY BAPTIST Church is seeking a part time secretary. Telephone and Computer skills are essential. You may apply in person thru March 24th. 6200 Service Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00

MIDWESTERN SERVICES, Inc.

Tank Cleaners needed. In & out of state travel & work 60+ hrs. per week. Transportation to and from job site. Hotel paid & \$175 a week per diem. Hourly wage & bonuses. 100% drug free. EOE. Apply at 749 South County Rd. 221, Snyder,

PARKVIEW NURSING & Rehabilitation We are now increasing our Certified Nurse Aid staff. Qualified person will be a friendly and compassionate team player. If this sounds like you, please apply in person at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation, 3200 Parkway.

Help Wanted

NATIONAL FOOD Service Company seeking associates. Hourly and salary positions available, experience preferred. Great starting wage, benefits available. Will be taking applications & interviewing Thursday March 9 & Tuesday March 14 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Holiday Inn Express, Big Spring, Breakfast Room.

NEED A maid for one day a week. Basic cleaning duties. Trusting and caring person. Please fax resume to (440)232-1384

NEED EXPERIENCE drillers & roughnecks for Big Spring oil company. Must be able to pass drug test. Call (432)238-3832.

NEED IMMEDIATELY Lead Counter Person. Experience a Plus, Apply at NAPA Auto Parts 1905 35th Street, Snyder Texas or call (325)573-1841 ask for David.

NEED MATURE person for part time. Must work evenings & weekends. Experience helpful. No Phone Calls! Apply in person, O'Reilly Auto Parts. 2003 S. Grega.

NURSES UNLIMITED, INC. Needs Attendants to assist with personal care, meal prep. and light housekeeping. Part time basis. Please call Maria M-F; 8A-5P E.O.E. 1-800-458-3257

PIZZA INN

Drive for the Best. Our Delivery Drivers earn \$10-\$12 per hour Up to \$100 hiring bonus. Must be 18 yrs. old with clean driving record. Apply in person at 1702

\$1.89 Per Day; 6-Month Contract \$1.58 Per Day

Call 263-7331 to place your ad today!!





CONCRETE

AUTO PARTS



Hrs. 8 a.m.-5:30 Wk/day 8 a.m.-12 p.m. SAT 1511 Hwy 350 • (432) 263-5000

CARPET

CARPET SALES and Construction Management **Draw Plans & Estimates**

Kenny Thompson 270-0548

COMPUTER

The Specialist Matthew Grayson All your computer needs, commercial residential - on site.

15 Yrs. Experience 263-3885

267-8997

CONCRETE

All Sorts Of Concrete Work, Stucco, And Repair Jobs

FREE ESTIMATES **Call David Home - 264-6706** Cell - 213-0263

CONCRETE

MARQUEZ FENCE CO. All types

of fences & repairs. oncrete work, carports.

All work guaranteed. Free Estimates Benny Marquez-Owner 267-5714

HOME IMPROVEMENT

DOORS/

GARAGE

J. T. Builders Remodeling . Drywall

Ceramic Tile • Electrical Plumbing • Roofing Brick & Concrete Work Driveways . Sidewalks Fireplaces • Stucco Swimming Pool Decks

·Renovation

Repairs

Quality Work

·Maintenance

You Can Trust

Satisfaction Guaranteed

NO JOB IS TOO SMALL!

Russ Crain (owner) 432-270-2585

JOHNNY TALAMANTEZ (432) 213 0882 Cell (432) 263 ∠110 Res. 108 E. 11th PLACE BIG SPRING, TX. 79720

HOME IMPROVEMENT

AFFORDABLE HOME

MAINTENANCE

18-3

DIRT WORK

DECKER'S FARM SUPPLY & NURSERY We do Dirt

Work, Brush Hog, Backhoe. Bulldozing,

Small Grubbing Jobs and Will Clear Lots. 432-756-3444

FENCES

AGEVEDO'S Pipe Fencing - Wire Fencing - Fencing Welding - Dozer Work Buy and Sell Pipe

SANTIAGO ACEVEDO Loraine, Texas

> Cell: 325/242-2097 Home: 325/737-2361 Cell: 325/242-0578

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Gibbs Remodeling

New home Construction •

Room Additions

Dry Wall Hanging &Finishing

Ceramic Tile • Installation &

Repair

All Remodel Needs Of Any

Room In Your Home.

Call 263-8285

FENCES

Quality Fence Co. Jimmy Marquez-Owner

Finest In Fencing Wood & Chainlink

Free Estimates 432-270-7508

FENCES CHAINLINK



METAL • CEDAR DOG KENNELS ORNAMENTAL

B & M Fence Co. COMMERCIAL . RESIDENTIAL GET OUR PRICE & COMPARE

FREE ESTIMATES ROBERT MARQUEZ 1-800-525-1389

SOUTHWESTERN A-1 PEST CONTROL

Since 1954

PEST CONTROL

432-263-6514 2008 Birdwell Lane Max F. Moore

www.swalpc.com

mm@swalpc.com

YOUR AD

PUT YOUR AD HERE

CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds

SPRING HERALD

DOORS/OPENERS Home Repair • Carpentry Sheet Work Repaired/Replaced Kitchen & Bath

BOB'S CUSTOM WOODWORK

409 E. 3RD 267-5811

RENTALS

VENTURA COMPANY 432-267-2655

Houses • Storages Commercial Buildings 1003, 07, 11 E. 11th Pl. For rent/sale 204 11th Plac

TREE TRIMMING

More than 20 years of experience. Stump grinder available. For Tree Trimming and removal.

Lupe Villalpando 432-268-6406

ROOFING

PALACIOS ROOFING & HOME IMPROVEMENT Roofs, Room Additions, Ceramic Tile, Fences, Painting Insured & Bonded

> Home Phone# 432-263-5430 Cell# 432-213-0363

WROUGHT IRON

Westex Iron Works

(325) 236-6110 Decorative Fences, Wrought-Iron Gates, Entrances, Bolt-Up &

Sierra Security Systems (325) 235-5445 All Your Security Needs

Key Pads, etc.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

RS **HOME REPAIR**

Custom Wood Decks. Remodel, Carpenter, Painting, Plumbing, Minor Electrical FREE ESTIMATES

Garage door repair. Appliances installed 816-3036

ROOFING JOHNNY FLORES ROOFING Shingles, Hot Tar & Gravel.

All type of repairs!

Work Guaranteed.

Specializing in Hot Tar Roofs **Doctor of Repairs!** Free Estimates!! Big Spring & Surrounding Areas

267-1110

STORAGE

AAA Mini-Storage

Now Have Large or Small Units Available, We Store It All!! New Accepting Visa & Maste 3301 E. FM 700 263-0732

LAWN SERVICE

MOWING • ALLEYS HAULING • TILLING TREE TRIMMING

STUMP REMOVAL CALL 432-267-5460 **CELL**

816-6150

FAST CASH On Income Tax Refund Refund Loan Within 24 Hrs.

> TAX ASSOCIATES 406 Runnels CALL

(432) 264-6134

With RAL Approva

TAX SERVICES

LUPE'S TREE TRIMMING

Call

Weld-Up Building of all sizes!

Cameras, Remote Controls,

East 4th.

(432)935-1124.

TUESDAY

7 :30

8 30

9 :30

WFAA(2) KMID

Daughten

Nightline

Dalles

News (CC)

Ent. Tonight

According-Jin

According-Jim

Daughters Daughters Boston Legal

Ent. Tonight

DENNIS THE M

"IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY

JUST FIVE YEARS OL

OK, STUDENTS, WHO

THE AUTOMATIC MILKIN

SKOOL

BC

Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)

(CC)

10 :PM News (CC) Nightline

12 :30 News (CC)

Help Wanted

PIZZA INN Now Hiring wait Staff Must be hard working. Apply in person at 1702 Gregg

St. No phone calls. Pollard Chevrolet is seeking an ACCOUNTING CLERK. Accounting experience required. Pay based on experience and ability. Apply in person at 1501

RESPONSIBLE PERSON willing to learn installation of gasoline dispensing equipment, computerized cash registers, electronic card systems, mechanical background, electrical, and plumbing experience helpful. Drug free, high school diploma, good driving record, background Call check.

MEDICARE RN/LVN Manager/AD.O,N. needed for long term care facility. Some charge nurse duties, also weekend RN coverage. Apply Lamesa Healthcare Center, 1818 N. 7th, Lamesa.

ROUTE SALESPERSON Ab-Tex Beverage Ltd. requires individual to complete a drug screen and work assessment test. Possess or able to obtain a Class A CDL. Beverage sales experience a plus. Comprehensive benefit program. Please apply in person: Ab-Tex Beverage Ltd. 3611 Hwy 87 North

EEO/AA Employer SHELL STAR STOP looking for new team members. Full and part time cashiers, Assistant Managers. Apply in person at any Shell Star Stop in Big Spring. Drug Free Environment.

Big Spring, Tx 79720

SNYDER OAK Care Center in Snyder, Texas is now taking applications for Director of Nursing. Call Ray Turner, (325)573-9377 or apply in person at 210 East 37th St. Must be an RN. Some long term care experience is preferred. but will train the right person.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT Fun Valley Family Resort in South Fork, Colorado. Needs students to work all types of jobs. Housekeeping, dining room, horse wrangler, kitchen and maintenance. Salary, room, board & bonus. For information and application write Personal Director, 6315 Westover Dr., Granbury, Tx. 76049.

TRUCK DRIVER

Helena Chemical Company, a national agricultural-chemical company, has an immediate opening for an experienced truck driver. This position will make deliveries, load and unload product, utilize, a forklift, and perform general warehouse duties. Requires high school diploma or equivalent, CDL with HAZMAT endorsement. We offer an excellent working environment and outstanding compensation and benefits package. For consideration, please apply in person: Helena Chemical Company

100 S. St. Peter Stanton, Tx 79782 Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F/V/H

TUBING TESTER operator/ derrick person. Must pass drug test. Good wages. Call Jesse, (432)213-0739 after 7:00 p.m. only!

WAITRESSES NEEDED Split Shift Must be 18 Monday-Saturday Apply in person, Red Mesa Grill

2401 Gregg WANTED; RETIREES with own RV for summer employment at Fun Valley Family Re-

sort, South Fork, Colorado for office, housekeeping, cooks, maintenance and RV parks. Write Personnel Director, 6315 Westover Dr., Granbury, TX 76049. WAREHOUSE/

DELIVERY Wanted for local Rental Store. Benefits include paid vacation, retirement & health insurance. Requirements are back ground check, drug screening, good driving record and be at least 21 years old. Apply in person, Credit World, 1611 Gregg.

Items for Sale

BarB Que equipment for Sale. Commercia! 6' cooker, 8' rotisserie cabinet, 6' walk in refrigerated meat locker. All or any. (432)336-6529, (432)559-8585 Ft. Stockton.

HUGE SAVINGS on Furniture, Electronics and Appliances. Come by 501 E. Birdwell Lane (432)935-1263 #14 or call (432)263-0076. 935-1273.

Items for Sale

PULASKI ROUND Oak Dining table, leaf, 4 chairs, 2 bar stools. Excellent Quality. Call Bill Brooks (432)263-2900.

SLIGHT DAMAGE - 12'x16' Barn. (432)563-3108.

SPECIAL! MUST sell 12'x24' Will Barn. (432)563-3108.

Miscellaneous

14X14 OFFICE Bldg. with bathroom or excellent storage shed to be moved. Priced to Sell. 1210 E. 4th. Bill Chrane (432)213-0426.

3 PIECE brand new king mattress in original plastic. Factory warranty. \$295 takes 3 piece set. 806-549-3110.

3 REMAINING 8'x8' Display Storage Buildings. \$28.00 a Delivery/Financing. month. (432)563-3108.

BASEBALL BATTING cages equipment- 3 machines, nethelmets. Office Bldg. ting, 14x14. Pipe & fencing. Priced to Sell. Make Offer. 1210 E. 4th. Bill Chrane (432)213-0426.

CAKES: Wedding, Anniversaries, Quinceanarious. Arches, Candelabras and florals. FREE DELIVERY. Call Grishams (432)267-8191.

FREE PALLETS. Good for do it yourself wood projects. Pick up behind the Big Spring Herald's office at 710 Scurry.

JUNQUE MART Thift Store 600 Lamesa (432)264-0544

Mon -Sat. 10:00-5:00 100's of movies, also records,

furniture, clothes, electronics, collectible knives of Hollywood Cheap Prices!

NEW QUEEN Pillowtop Mattress and Foundation. Original plastic never opened. Warranty, Sell fast! \$195. Call (806)549-3110.

REDUCED TO Sell! 2 Remaining Hot-Tubs 2005 Models \$79.00 a month. Delivery/Financing. (432)563-3108.

WHY PAY Rent? 10'x16' Storage Building \$59.00 a month. Delivery/Financing. (432)563-3108.

National Ads

NEW BLACK Iron Canopy Bed, Never Opened Box, SAC-RIFICE \$159. 806-549-3110.

Pets

CKC TEACUP Chihuahua puppies. Assorted colors. Ready now. Call (432)263-1701 or 466-3999.

Real Estate for Rent

1516 WOOD Large Three bedroom, one bath. \$350. month. deposit.

(432)264-6611.

South Plains **Apartments** 432-714-4840

Efficiency Apt. • *175* One Bedroom • *225* Two Bedroom • *300*

> w/6 Mo. Lease (*\$300 Deposit

All Utilities Except Electric Paid Free High Speed Wireless Internet On-Site Manager

Security System In Place

Laundry & Vending Facility

Housing Assistance Accepted 3304 W. Hwy 80

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Homes. Pool. 24 hour maintenance. Central Heat and Air, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, furnished. Washer/ dryer connections. (432)263-3461 -Tom.

4001 DIXON. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642.

611 GREGG. Office building for lease. Large storage building. \$800. month. References required. Call (432)213-2319.

BEAUTY SHOP for rent. Ideal for 2 operators. Lots of traffic. fixtures. (432)213-0816.

BUILDING for LEASE for retail or_office. 1712 Gregg. Approximately 5,000 sq. ft. \$600. month +deposit. Call WESTEX Auto Parts (432)263-5000.

CAFE FOR Lease. Great Location. Ready to go with all the equipment. \$600.00. Per month. Must have good Credit.

BARCELONA APARTMENTS

Choose Your Own Monthly Rent Options *299 MOVE IN SPECIAL + APPLICATION & SECURITY DEP. 263-12 Such As ALL BILLS PAID

263-1252

Real Estate for Rent

FOR LEASE 1515 Hwy. 350. Building with overhead door. On one acre of fenced fand. \$350. Month, \$350. deposit. Call (432)263-5000.

HEIGHTS APARTMENTS 1 Bedroom - \$400. month \$200. deposit. All Bills Paid 403 East 8th

Call (432)267-2771

NEWLY REMODELED 2 Bedroom, 1 bath house. CH/A, gafenced backyard and washer/dryer connections. Appliances on request. \$375. Month, \$250. deposit. Call (432)267-9442.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT. 408 E. FM 700 \$500.00 Mon. Elec, gas, and water paid. 650 square feet. For more info call (432) 267-9455

SEVERAL OFFICES available Call (432)263-6514, 517-0038, (432)770-5656.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, fenced yard. \$350 \$125. deposit. Call (432)267-4536, (417)276-8083.

Real Estate for Sale

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Brick Homes. No Down Payment. Owner Financing. Bad Credit OK. 6 Month warranty. Call Maria (432)263-3461.



EXTRA CLEAN 2 Bedroom, 2 bath Brick Home near College. Den w/fireplace, util. room, single garage, new carpet. Call (432)263-6887 or 270-1743.

(817)312-6322.

Vehicles

Several New 2005 Fords, Lincolns, Nissans Available At Huge Savings Bob Brock Ford 500 W. 4th 267-7424

TexSCAN Week of

March 12, 2006

Note: It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOP-

TION? Talk with caring people specializing

in matching birthmothers with families nation

One True Gift Adoptions, 1-866-413-6292.

AUCTIONS

1971 CUTLASS 455 Convertible to be auctioned

at the 25th Annual Cox Collector Car Auction,

Branson, Missouri April 21-22-23. Consign-

ment or bidding information: 1-800-335-3063,

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

ALL CASH CANDY Route. Do you earn \$800 in

and candy. All for \$9,995. 1-888-625-5481, Multi

RETAIL STORE OWNERS - Very high profit

margins. Low overhead, increased traffic, no added

space. Making donuts for 50 years...Dreesens

Famous Donuts. Financing available. Call toll free, 24 hour, 1-877-DONUT4U.

SIGN FRANCHISE RATED #1 expanding

locally. Turn-key operation. Financing available. Call 1-800-286-8671 or www.signarama.com

DRIVER

DRIVER-CDL DRIVERS - Run Southern half

of U.S. Better hometime. Better equipment. Texas

based Knight Terminals. Phone interviews avail-

able. 1-888-446-5289, 7 days/week. CDL Class-A,

DRIVER - SIGN-ON BONUSES! \$2,000

-Regional Solos. \$5,000-OTR Teams. \$1,000-Con-

tractors. Great home time. Health insurance and

401(k). Class-A CDL required. 1-888-253-1872.

DRIVER: TAKE CARE of your family. Join

ours. Swift offers excellent miles, compensation,

CDL training. OTR, regional, dedicated runs.

www.SwiftTruckingJobs.com 1-866-333-8801.

DRIVERS - CDL-A FLATBED! New pay! Ben-

efits, miles, freight and more. Minimum 23, 1 year

OTR. 1-800-247-8040, www.smxc.com. EOE.

DRIVERS - CDL/A. Special Orientation

Pay for experienced drivers. Home week-

ends. Create your own lanes. Great pay

and benefits. Cypress Truck Lines, Inc.,

DRIVERS / DRIVING SCHOOL graduates

wanted. Tuition reimbursement. No waiting for

trainers. Passenger policy. No NYC. Guaranteed

nometime. Dedicated and regional available. USA

DRIVERS HIRING dedicated, Regional and

OTR drivers. Earn the nation's highest cpm rates!

Or buy your own truck- low monthly payments

and just \$300 down! Full voluntary benefits and

regular home-time. 3 mos. CDL exp. req. Call

DRIVERS - OTR \$4,000 Sign-on Bonus. Experi-

enced Drivers, 1 yr. OTR. We are F.F.E.! Good miles,

1-800-569-9232. Students welcome

od money, strong benefit package. No Hazmat.

www.cypresstruck.com, 1-888-808-5846.

US Xpress, www.xpressdriver.com.

Vend, LLC

6 months experience.

Ref #250. EOE.

Truck, 1-866-483-3413.

1-800-2JB-HUNT.

wide. Expenses paid. Toll free 24/7. Abby's

medical and legal expenses in Texas adoption.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Today brings a full moon and lunar eclipse in ¥irgo. Blustery emotional

or physical weather is forecasted. A certain percentage of the popula-(espetion cially Aries n d Sagittarius people)

HOLIDAY is attracted to **MATHIS** the heart of

storm, the wanting to observe and be a part of it. Others head the opposite direction and turn on the TV. Which are you?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The Seal song declares, "In a world full of people, only some want to fly. Isn't that crazy?" You're among the ones who want to fly today. Find a counterpart who can give you a push.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The person you think is at the root of a problem is, in reality, nowhere near the root. This whole confusing business is probably a communica-

Vehicles

AUCTION PUBLIC AUTO AUCTION REPOSSESSION SALE LIVE BIDDING SALE MARCH 18......10:00 AM **RICK FAULKS AUCTIONEER** Tx. 00012368

PH. (806)777-6370 Sale to satisfy lienholders interest, inexpensive cars, trucks, vans, suvs. Bring cash or approved check. 6145 E. Hwy 80 Odessa, Texas

call for info (432)337-3344 **AUTOS YES** is now open In Fort Stockton to provide inexpensive transportation to drivers in the surrounding West Texas area.

> WE FINANCE. 2603 W. Dickinson (432)336-6529 (432559-8585

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

DRIVERS OTR, REGIONAL and Dedicated

Benefits worth 9.5 cents/mile, plenty of freight,

comfort zones get you home, 38 terminals in 27

states. Swift Transportation, 1-800-669-7943,

DRIVERS - PAY INCREASE! \$1,000 sign-on for

experienced OTR. Dedicated and Regional avail-

able also. Owner/Operators, Teams & CDL grads

DRIVERS WITH CDL-A Experienced teams

wanted: Huge pay and benefits. Must have: 2 years

T/T OTR experience, HazMat, No felonies, Clean

MVR, Capable of obtaining security clearance.

TRANSFER DRIVERS - NEED 20 CDL A or

B OTR Drivers to transfer motor homes, straight

trucks, tractors and buses. Year round work. Mamo

"POSTAL EXAMS" The Average Postal

Employee earns \$57,000/year. Minimum starting

pay \$18 00/hr. Benefits/paid training and vacations

1-800-584-1775. Ref. #P4701. Fee required. (Not

HELP WANTED

A FAST TRACK to a sales career. Travel the USA

as you develop skills in Outside Sales. Paid train-

Express Sales, Inc. today. 1-877-646-5050.

ing, transportation, lodging furnished. Call Success

APPLY FOR WACO POLICE Recruits until

noon 4/7/2006. Starting salary \$16.48/hr.

Contact Waco Police Personnel Office, 1-

800-299-JOBS(5627), www.waco-texas.com;

email: police-personnel@ci.waco.tx.us

DEFEND OUR HOMELAND and provide

disaster relief in the Texas Army National Guard!

Up to \$20K enlistment bonus, paid career training

for valuable job skills. 100% tuition assistance and

college student loan repayments. Accepting high

school juniors and seniors, college students and graduates. Call today, 1-800-GO-GUARD, or visit

FINANCIAL SERVICES

IMMEDIATE CASH!! US Pension Funding pays

cash now for 8 years of your future pension pay

gation estimate. www.uspensionfunding.com

ments. Call 1-800-586-1325 for a FREE, no-obli

TOO MUCH DEBT? Don't choose the wrong

way out. Our services have helped millions. Stick

to a plan, get out of debt and save thousands. Free

consultation. 1-866-866-9912. CareOne Credit

FOR SALE

SAWMILLS FROM ONLY \$2,795.00. Convert

your logs to valuable lumber with your Norwood

portable band sawmill. Log skidders also avail-

able. www.norwoodindustries.com - free informa-

WOLFF TANNING BEDS. Buy direct and

save. Full body units from \$22 a month. FREE

color catalog. Call today. 1-800-842-1305,

HUNTING

HUNT DEER, TURKEY, Quail. Semi-guided

hunts 5 days, room included. Book 5 hunts, get 1 FREE. Oklahoma bordering Kansas. Approxi-

mately 6,000 acres. Call Sid at Woolfolk Ranch

tion: 1-800-578-1363, Ext. 300 N.

www.np.etstan.com

welcome. USA Truck, 1-866-483-3413

1-800-846-8768/www.tsmco.com.

Transportation, 1-800-501-3783.

affiliated with the USPS.)

www.TXARNG.com

Counseling.

www.SwiftTruckingJobs.com

tion error and, ultimately, nobody's fault.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's fine to let someone else take the lead at work. Your contribution is important but not as a driver right now. A supporting role is necessary in order to allow everyone involved to shine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The playful man in your life is a lucky person to be around today. Seek him out, and if it's not possible to be close to him, emulate his carefree, childlike ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Of course, the trustworthy are more likely to trust others. Be skeptical of the person who is paranoid. You're dynamic and influential in the workplace. The stars indicate growth in the areas of self-realization friendship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Are you up to the task before you? Usually you say "No problem," but the mega-force you're up against now is intimidating. Be like the martial artist who doesn't resist the opposition but redirects its force instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The time is right to take a leap of faith toward your secret desire. Hard work comes naturally because your potential results are so juicy! Scorpio and Virgo people are perfect allies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The exciting developments in your personal life energize your whole day. Try to keep it to yourself or between you and a close friend. Too much chatter only diffuses your focus when you need it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone is secretly either bored or annoyed by the perfec-

HUNT ELK. RED STAG, Whitetail, Buffalo

Wild Boar, Our season: now-3/31/06. Guaranteed

license, \$5.00 - trophy in two days. No-Game/

No-Pay policy. Days 1-314-209-9800; evenings

MISCELLANEOUS

AIRLINE MECHANIC - Rapid training for

high paying Aviation career. FAA predicts severe

shortage. Financial aid if qualify - job placement assistance. Call AIM 1-888-349-5387.

EARN DEGREE ONLINE from home. Medi-

cal, Business, Paralegal, Computers, Criminal

Justice. Job placement. Computer provided.

Financial aid if qualify. 1-866-858-2121,

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

CIRCUIT RIDER RECORDS. Everything

about Country Gospel Music. Top 80 chart

in US Gospel New to 100,000 Country

Gospel Web Radio. Looking for a new artist.

REAL ESTATE

A BARGAIN - 75 Acres - \$44,900. Rolling

hills, good brush, rock outcroppings. Trophy

deer habitat. Good highway access. Easy

terms. Perfect for hunting retreat. Texas Land

AFFORDABLE HILL COUNTRY hunting

property. Why lease when you can own

1-800-876-9720. www.ranchenterprisesltd

NEW TO MARKET - 100 Acres - HUNTING

Big buck area, plus turkey, dove, quail and

more. Very private with/EZ highway access.

130+/- ACRES, Paint Mare Ranch, 100 miles west

of Del Rio, whitetail, deer, dove, quail, and javelina.

\$295 per acre, with 5% down. 1-830-885-4578.

STEEL BUILDINGS

BUILDING SALE! "Beat Next Increase" 20x26

now \$4200, 25x30 \$5800, 30x40 \$9,200, 40x60

\$14,900. Extensive range of sizes and models

VACATION RENTALS

DESTIN, FL - EDGEWATER Beach Condos.

1,2 & 3 bedroom beachfront, 2 large pools, spa,

fitness room. FREE beach umbrella and 2 chairs!

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN!

299 Newspapers, 1 Million+ Circulation

100 Newspapers, 320,814 Circulation

99 Newspapers, 449,964 Circulation

West Region Only...... \$195

100 Newspapers, 246,648 Circulation

.. \$195

... \$195

Edgewaterbeach.com, 1-800-822-4929.

North Region Only......

South Region Only

Statewide Ad

Front end optional. Pioneer 1-800-668-5422.

\$59,900 w/financing. 1-866-899-5263

www.ranchenterprisesltd.com

www.onlinetidewatertech.com

www.countrygospelguild.com

& Ranches, 1-877-542-6642.

1-314-293-0610. High Adventure Ranch.

tionist. So why try to be that? Your mistakes make you human and thus relatable to other humans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Get outside opinions on your work project. Get written directions to your destination. Ask where a relationship is headed. When you don't know where you're going, you travel a greater distance to get there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Truth is stranger than fiction. You're the fly-on-the-wall observer, and it's best to remain as such. Getting involved in the madness takes all the fun out of it!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The talent you've mastered has been neglected of late — get back to it! You're happier and more fulfilled when you're practicing your "thing," and everyone around you will benefit.

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: William H. Macy is an actor's actor – respected by his peers, adored by his fans and now paid big bucks by the production companies who hire him. Pisces character actors have unique opportunities to become unlikely leading men, which is what Macy will do once more in the year to come. He could also appear in a project directed by his wife, Felicity Huffman of "Desperate Housewives."

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. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators .com.

WIZARD OF II



AGNES



HI AND LOIS

HOW PO YOU LIKE MY NEW WHEELS?

THE OTHER C





BEETLE BAII



NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 1-800-62 I-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop Extend your advertising reach with TexSCAN, your Statewide Classified Ad Network

WFAA(2) KMID (3) UNI (4) KPEJ (5) KOSA(7) KTLE (8)

Noticiero Univ.

La Hora de la

NCIS (CC)

Late Show

Late Late

TUESDAY

6 :30

8

10

:PM :30

:PM :30

ws (CC)

According-Jim

According

Daughters

Boston Legal

lews (CC)

Ent. Tonight

(CC)

(DVS)

The Hour o

Joe McGee

Minds (CC)

MAR. 14 KWES (9) WTBS (11) KMLM (12) KOCV (13) DISC 20 AMC (21) SPIKE (22) TNT (23) BET (26) DISN (27) ESPN2 ESPN 29 SCIFI 64 Black Ent. hil of Future hat's-Raven World Class of the Damned lovie: Air Bud Second Round -- Teams TBA NCAA Touman

Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS) CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS) Carmen: A Hip CSI: Crime Law & Order Scene Invstgtn. (CC) (DVS) Ging of Vegas The Closer American Drgn NBA Coast-to il Kim Lock Sister Sister NIT First (CC) ollege Hill Coast (CC) Amazing Video Cold Case n Living Color Zack & Cody Round Tennis: Pacific That's-Raven SportsCenter (CC) In Living Color Blood (CC) CSI: Crime The X-Files Phil of Future Life Open --Jamie Foxx Kim Possible Early Rounds izzie McGuire (CC) Real TV (CC) The X-Files SportsCenter | Blind Date (CC) That's-Raven

DENNIS THE MENACE

According-Jim

According-Jim

Daughten

Daughters

Jimmy Kimm

Live (CC)

(CC)



"IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY I WAS JUST FIVE YEARS OLD.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

Al Rojo Vivo-

Scrubs (CC)

Tonight Show

Seinfeld (CC) Richie Rich

Sex and-City

Angels in the Outfield (CC)



"Barfy's an acrobat! Over by that tree he showed how he could balance on three legs!"

HAGAR

tunt Junkie

Catch (CC)

WythBusten

Dirty Jobs



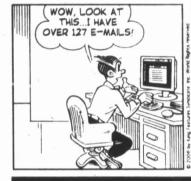
Spike TV

Law & Order

CSI: Crime

YOU'VE BECOME WITH THIS MARRIAGE

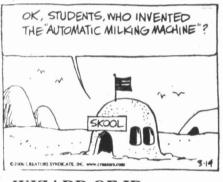
BLONDIE



I JUST WISH I WOULDN'T GET SO MUCH SPAM ALL



BC





OK, WE'LL TAKE LESS!



THE IRS?



YEAH, WHAT THE HECK?

YOU CAN'T GET MUCH

CLOSER THAN THAT!

AGNES







HI AND LOIS

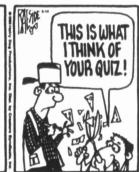


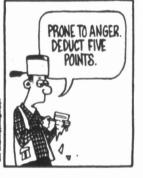


THE OTHER COAST









WIFOUT A FIST FIGHT

BREAKIN' OUT !!



OTTO! STOP

SURFING THE

CHANNELS!







This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2006. There are 292 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History: On March 14, 1743, the

first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston. On this date:

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry. In 1900, Congress ratified

the Gold Standard Act. In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax

report. In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for

Nazi occupation. In 1943. Aaron orchestral work "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy. In 1965, Israel's cabinet

formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany. In 1980, a Polish airliner

crashed while making an emergency landing near Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team. In 1991, a British court

reversed the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released. One year ago: A judge in

San Francisco ruled that California's ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional. Today's Birthdays: Former

astronaut Frank Borman is 78. Singer Phil Phillips is 75. Actor Michael Caine is 73. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 73. Former astro naut Eugene Cernan is 72. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 65. Country singer Michael Martin Murphey is 61. Rock musi

Walt Parazaider cian (Chicago) is 61. Actor Steve Kanaly is 60. Comedian Billy Crystal is 58. Country singer Jann Browne is 52. Actor Adrian Zmed is 52. Prince Albert of Monaco is 48. Actress Tamara Tunie is 47. Producer-director-writer Kevin Williamson is 41. Actress Megan Follows is 38. Rock musician Derrick (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 34. Actor Chris Klein is 27. Actress Kate Maberly is 24. Singer-musician Taylor Hanson (Hanson) is 23.

Thought for Today: "There are only two kinds of people in the world that really count. One kind's wheat and the other kind's emeralds."— Edna Ferher Ferber, American author (1887-1968). 2006 The Associated Press.

Answer to previous puzzle



Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Conclude 4 Music disks
- 7 Cat sounds 12 Shake out of
- slumber
- 17 Preface,
- for short 18 Tic- -toe
- panied
- 23 Fireplace
- 25 Ancient
- creatures:
- illegally
- 39 Respectful
- 42 Betray
- 46 Before, in
- 52 Fam. member
- 55 Pie flavor
- 63 Sad song

64 Unconfirmed

report

67 Kick out

stats.

à mi.

68 Quarterback

69 Fractions of

DOWN

3 Pie flavor

romaine

Fitzgerald

65 Zero

- before CDs
- 15 Wide shoe
- 16 Any '50s tune
- 19 Unaccom-
- 20 Pie flavor
- residue
- **24** Plaintiffs
- Mexican 28 Sci-fi
- Abbr. 30 Bikini part
- 33 Calmed 36 Obtained
- 38 Himalayan nation
- title 41 Halt, at sea
- 44 Pays no
- attention to
- poems 47 After taxes
- 49 Store
- employee Antoinette
- 61 Caribbean island 62 Ecology agcy.

Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com 40 Music 9 Limburger

- feature 10 Kite mover
- **66** Actress Sophia **11** Get the
 - point of
 - 13 Sign of a
 - hit show 14 Very long time
 - 21 Puts to work
 - fliers: Abbr.
- 1 Author Jong 26 Enthusiasm 2 They're taboo 27 Eagle claw
- 29 No longer 4 Iceberg and fresh
 - 30 Pie flavor
- 5 United Nations 31 Take a break goal
- 6 Make safe insects
- 7 Castle surrounder 8 Singer
- **32** Colonizing
- 33 Poker starter
- 34 Jury member
 - 35 Noise 37 Higher than

students' performances

EASY AS PIE by Sally R. Stein

- 43 Jules Verne
- captain 45 Happiness
- 48 Special skill
- 51 Quick 53 Acted angry
- 22 Former Mach 2 54 Signs of the future
 - 55 Main point 56 Camel feature
 - 57 Woodwind instrument
 - 58 Poet
 - Sandburg **59** 450, in
 - old Rome
 - 60 River, to
 - Ricardo
 - 61 " we there yet?"



12 17 20 33 34 38 42 CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2006 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS @ AOL.COM 3/14/06

Wacky Facts

When a hippopotamus yawns, it doesn't mean it's ready for a nap. That wide mouth is actually a warning to stay away! And it's a good idea to do so. Hippos are very protective of their turf and their young.

 Hippopotamuses kill more people in Africa than any other wild animal. - World Almanac for Kids



Chatter Box

The first time I shot the hook, I was in fourth grade, and I was about 5 feet 8 inches tall. I put the ball up and felt totally at ease with the shot. I was completely confident it would go in. I've been shooting it ever since."

- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, on internationalbasketball.com

The Scoop



Knight Ridder Newspapers

he Big Dance." "March Madness." "Welcome to Bracketville."

All this and more describes the hoopla that erupts in March when tourney time begins for the NCAA basketball championship.

The men's tournament, which kicked off March 14, has been going strong for almost 70 years. Sixty-five teams play in the opening round, and then the field is narrowed to 32. After that, the field becomes the Sweet 16, as teams from coast to coast vie for the national title and "one shining moment." From there, teams are narrowed to the Elite Eight and then the Final Four.

Tournament teams are divided into four regions of the country. This year, the regional rounds are being played in Atlanta; Oakland, Calif.; Washington; and

With office betting pools and Cinderella teams galore, the college tournament provides a mix of furor and heartbreak, stemming in large part from the once-and-done playoffs: If a team loses once — it's out.

The men's Final Four will face off April 1 and 3 in Indianapolis. The women's Final Four meets April 2 and 4 in Boston.

HOW ARE TOURNAMENT TEAMS DETERMINED?

The NCAA tournament selection committees use several factors when selecting teams, including won-loss records, strength of schedule and how teams did in their final 10 games of the season.

In 2005, for the first time, the committees also used a weighted RPI (ratings percentage index) system that rewards teams more for road victories and penalizes them for home losses.

Once teams are chosen, they are seeded and placed in the tournament bracket.

SOURCES: WWW.SPORTS LINE.COM: MSNBC.MSN NEWS.COM ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS NET: WWW STATS.COM

WHEN DID THE MEN'S TOURNAMENT BEGIN?

The NCAA took over the tournament in 1940 from the National Association of Basketball Coaches. One team was chosen from each of the eight NCAA districts. Four competed in a western tournament and four

Most NCAA bask	etball	championships WOMEN'S
UCLA	11	Tennessee 6
Kentucky	7	Connecticut 5
Indiana	5	STATE
North Carolina	4	
Duke	3	
Cincinnati	2	400
Connecticut	2	The Carlo
Kansas	2	Charles
Louisville	2	S (2) 2
North Carolina State	2	Baylor's Sophia
Oklahoma State	2	Young was named
San Francisco	2	the most outstand-
Michigan State	2	ing player in 2005.



UNC's Sean May, right, battles under the basket as the North Carolina Tar Heels beat the Illinois Fighting Illini in the 2005 men's NCAA championship game. May earned the 2005 Outstanding Player Award.

in an eastern tournament. The western and eastern champions then played for the title. This system continued until 1950.

In 1951, the championship was expanded to 16 teams, with 10 conference champions automatically qualifying and six atlarge teams selected. The "Final Four" was born in 1952, when the number of regional tournaments increased from two to four.

WHEN DID THE WOMEN'S **TOURNAMENT BEGIN?**

The Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) held the first national women's college basketball tournament in 1972. The NCAA assumed the women's championship in the 1981-1982

Old Dominion hosted the first NCAA Division I Women's Final Four in Norfolk, Va., where Louisiana Tech beat Cheyney (Pa.) State 76-62 for the title.

DO SCHOOLS SCORE BIG FINANCIALLY BY BEING IN THE TOURNAMENT?

The NCAA operates a money distribution system that rewards conferences with participating teams in the tournament. That means, the more teams a conference has in the tournament, the more money is paid to that conference.

Here's how it works: The NCAA awards conferences one unit for each game in which its member teams participate except the championship final, which has no financial incentive. Conferences then add the units earned that season to those they received in the previous five tournaments. Payouts are based on the total units from the six-tournament span.

is spent, although the NCAA has urged that conferences divide the basketball fund revenue equally among their member schools. However, this is not a require

Conferences determine how the money

Celebrate National Bubble Week

Bubble fans, get blowing! The week of March 20-27 is all about enjoying these enchanting soapy spheres. For bubbles with maximum staying power, try this simple recipe: Stir together six parts water, two parts Joy or Dawn dishwashing liquid (these

brands work best) and ³/₄ part corn syrup. Then create enormous, glistening bubbles by pouring some solution into a large, flat pan (a large roasting pan works well) and using a plastic hanger as a wand. - FamilyFun magazine

In The News

A kid's-eye view of 'Nurse Matilda'

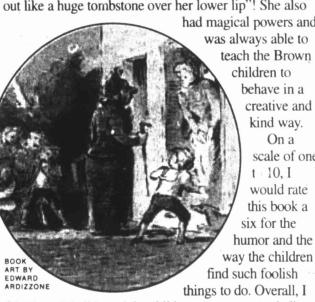
By now, you've probably had a chance to see the movie "Nanny McPhee," based on "The Collected Tales of Nurse Matilda," a book by Christianna Brand. But if you liked the movie, is it worth checking out the book? Time For Kids asked kid reporter Aminah Sallam to review the book. Here's her take:

Can you imagine having more than 20 children? Well, Mr. and Mrs. Brown can! "The Collected Tales of Nurse **Matilda**" is a 384-page children's fiction book by Christianna Brand.

The story is about sweet Mrs. Brown and truthful Mr. Brown and their terribly, terribly naughty children. The family had had several governesses, nurses and nannies, but no one was able to keep the kids in line until Nurse Matilda.

TEACHING MANNERS

To some, Nurse Matilda was ugly, but to others she was lovely, except for that "hideous front tooth sticking out like a huge tombstone over her lower lip"! She also had magical powers and



felt Nurse Matilda and the children were not very believable characters, but they were funny. The Brown children's mischievous antics will definitely make you laugh.

This book, though charming in many ways, has its pros and cons. I would recommend it for families who like to read stories out-loud together because of all the witty dialogue. At the same time, American readers might have some difficulty with the vocabulary in the book because it is written in British English. For example, did you know that "nappy" is a diaper?

behave in a

creative and

kind way.

t 10, I

would rate

this book a

On a

scale of one

© 2006 Time Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Thank you to our Newspapers In Education sponsors:

ALONUSA

The Big Spring Refinery

Big Spring Farm Supply





Surety Title Company

Rotary Club

Big Spring

VOLUME 102, NUI

What he

On the hurrica survivors...

"We were rea them, and the is impossible can't be don we did it."

On the jail iss

"My hope is can all take a back, put per ties aside an sure we're de what is best taxpayers of County."

On citizen responsibility.

"I close toda asking each every one o what are yo to do to mai Spring all it be?"

Dev

By STEVE RE Staff Writer The only do

erwise upbea address was t that a Calif developer ha pursue ren

Cou with

By THOMAS JE Staff Writer

The Big SI Council appr reading of a that will e municipality to an energy cc agreement wit giant Siemen Technologies, could save the than \$5 million

The counci District 1 Cou Stephanie Hor sent - voted 1 ly to author Russ McEwen a performanc ing agreem Siemens Tech council also ga mous nod to a authorizing th and delivery lease agree escrow agree related instru

INDEX

Classified ' 3-**Features**

Obituaries Opinion

Sports

To reach u Please call 26

a.m. to 5 p.m If you miss yo 263-7335 bef noon Sunday