



Power restored at elementary school

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It was business as usual this morning for students at Washington Elementary School, as Big Spring Independent School District personnel managed to return power to the facility after a problem with the school's main breaker panel left classes without

heat and lighting Monday morning and afternoon.

According to Howard Stewart, director of maintenance and transportation for BSISD, the problem was discovered early Monday.

"The food service workers discovered that there was no power shortly before 7 a.m. That's the first we knew about it," said Stewart.

The problem, according to

Stewart, was with a breaker box that malfunctioned over the weekend.

"The main breaker box is made by a company called Square-D," said Stewart. "Unfortunately, there's no one in this area that works on them. So we're having a new one shipped in from

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HERALD file photo
Lighted poinsettias like this one, displayed during the annual Festival of Lights, could become an endangered species in the Crossroads area as Big Spring Independent School District struggles with the liability issues surrounding the metal creations and the manufacturing program at Big Spring High School that creates and sells them.

Lights out?

High school poinsettia program may be scrapped because of liability factors

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The high school manufacturing program tops the Moore Development for Big Spring agenda Wednesday afternoon.

The program, which was introduced at Big Spring High School in 2005 and managed to manufacture a number of poinsettias made up of iron and Christmas lights, may be in trouble due to questions of liabilities, according to Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp.

"It appears as though the high school isn't going to be able to sell the poinsettias because they can't get comfortable with the liability issues involved," said Sharp. "For example, let's say the high school were to sell one of the poinsettias to the city of San Angelo, and it caught afire on one of their buildings, burning it down and killing someone. That's the worst possible situation. There's no doubt at that point someone is going to file a lawsuit."

Sharp said the lawsuit would most likely target

"We've worked with the school district's attorneys on this, and they just can't find a way to feel comfortable about the liability involved in the program."



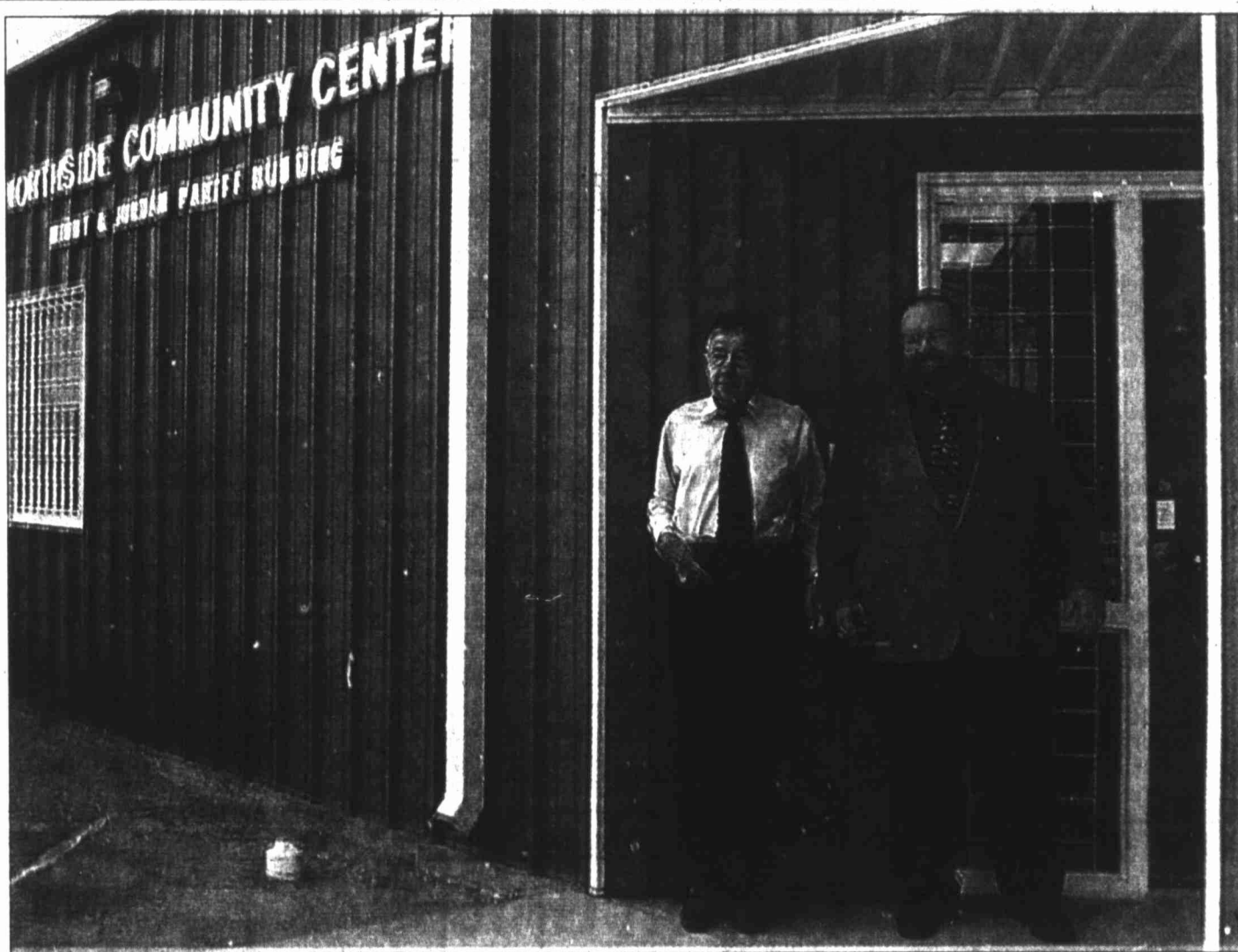
Kent Sharp

what many people see as the deepest pockets involved — the school district.

"The school districts are a lot like the cities and counties in a situation like this. They are viewed as having deep pockets," said Sharp. "So in this situation, Big Spring Independent School District would most likely be the target of the suit."

"We've worked with the school district's attorneys

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Herald photo/Andrea Medlin

The Mindy/Jordan Partee building will be the new home for the Northside Community Center, located at 108 NE Eighth St. Bobby Armstrong, right, will be assisting Executive Director Max Webb to help the less fortunate of Howard County.

New look for Northside CC

A ribbon cutting for the Mindy/Jordan Partee building has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, March 31.

By ANDREA MEDLIN

Staff Writer

The Northside Community Center has helped many of Howard County's less fortunate for many years. Until

recently, Executive Director Max Webb had to single-handedly operate the center in a cramped and less-than-accommodating atmosphere.

Thanks to generous donations from local philanthropists, Webb has reason to celebrate. The Mindy/Jordan Partee building is now the center's new home, located next door to the original

"We will help you if you are helping yourself. One of the first questions I ask is, 'If you are not looking for a job, why?'"



—Max Webb

site. The new building will comfortably accommodate those who seek help and, with Bobby Armstrong offering assis-

stance, Webb will have more time to work on helping clients meet their

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For goodness snakes, roundup returns to Big Spring

IN BRIEF

What: AMBUCS

Rattlesnake Roundup.

Where: Howard County Fairbarns.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: \$5 adults.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

OK, snakes — vacation's over.

After a year's absence, the American Business Clubs' Rattlesnake Roundup returns to the Howard County Fairbarns Saturday and Sunday, which is good news for supporters of the event, but definitely bad news for snakes.

The 43rd edition of the

roundup will feature all kinds of interesting and fun events, but it will also serve a very practical purpose, said event organizer Dennis Burns.

"Apparently, there are a lot of snakes out there," Burns said. "People have been complaining about them since last fall ... This is a good way to get rid of them."

Hunters can begin bringing in snakes at noon Friday. The

event will open to the public from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and noon until 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under, Burns said.

The roundup was canceled last year because of the sudden death of long-time handler/purchaser Monty Staulcup. This year's handler will be Jackie Bilby of Fort Worth.

Burns said Bilby is a world-renowned handler who has appeared on national television and holds several Guinness world records.

Ken Darnell will show the proper way to "milk" a snake — how to safely extract its venom, in other words. In addition, there will be snake races and other demonstrations, includ-

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ER SPEEDS IT UP

CHESTERFIELD, Va. (AP) — A hospital is promising emergency room patients they'll be seen by a doctor in 30 minutes or less — or else receive an apology and free movie tickets.

Shortening emergency room waiting times is part of a hospital-wide initiative aimed at improving patient care, said Pam Hash, administrative director of emergency services at the newly opened St. Francis Medical Center. The free movie tickets were the marketing department's idea.

"One of the big dissatisfiers for patients is the wait time they spend in the emergency department," Hash said.

AWARDS POSTPONED

Big Spring State Hospital has postponed Wednesday's awards ceremony until the following Wednesday, March 29.

The ceremony, which recognizes the highest-achieving employees of 2005, will be held at 1:15 p.m. in the hospital's Allred Building Auditorium.

Commendation award winners are selected on their work performance, attendance and supervisor evaluations.

CEO Ed Moughon and Assistant CEO Jok Simons will hand out award certificates to employees based on longevity. Employees who have been awarded recognition in their particular fields during the past year also will be recognized.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Southern Maid Donuts & KaleidoScoops will host Business After Hours from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Business After Hours is a program of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and is designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

The public is invited to come and learn more about the business, visit and enjoy some refreshments. There is no charge to attend.

The event is a come-and-go function, and business owners are encouraged to exchange ideas and business cards.

Southern Maid Donuts & KaleidoScoops is located at 1103 E. 11th Place.

Lottery

Diana Lee Jewett

Diana Lee Jewett, 51, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at her residence. A memorial service is 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at the West Highway 80 Church of Christ with Ian Nickerson, minister, officiating.

She was born Oct. 22, 1954, in North Platte, Neb., and married William Ruben Jewett July 13, 1990, in Greeley, Colo. He preceded her in death Sept. 4, 2004.

She was a member of West Highway 80 Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Glenda Jewett.

Survivors include four sons and two daughters-in-law, Travis and Sarah Burch of Big Spring, Luke and Sherry Jewett of Louisiana, and Pat Jewett and Ross Jewett, both of Colorado; three daughters and a son-in-law, Renea and Butch Hopkins of Wyoming, Kim Brown and partner, Misty of Big Spring and Teresa Jewett of Illinois; her parents, Glenn and Viola Burch of Loveland, Colo.; and two brothers, Ivan Burch of Fort Collins, Colo., and Dwight Burch of South Dakota.

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

Annette Campbell

Annette Campbell, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, March 20, 2006, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Ohio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Pine. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Ohio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Gregg Street. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Connally. Patient report not provided.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5200 block of Sterling. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of 16th Street. Patient report not provided.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Andrews. One person was transported to SMMC.

Police blotter

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

- ZACHARY PAUL SMITH, 21, of Colorado City, was arrested Monday on charges of terroristic threats and resisting arrest.
- SHANNON BOUDREAUX, 35, of 1317 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on a Galveston County warrant.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 41, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY, 27, of 1105 Mulberry, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- JEREMY KENT PRITCHETT, 19, of Pampa, was arrested Monday on a local citation.
- KYLE ROSS EARHART, 19, of Stanton, was arrested Monday on a local citation.
- STONEY LEE TILLISON, 18, of Henderson, was arrested Monday on a local citation.
- DUSTIN GRANT LEWIS, 18, of Amarillo, was arrested Monday on a local citation.
- BRYAN JOSEPH GILES, 22, of 903 S. Runnels, was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant and two local warrants.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- TERRORISTIC THREATS was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry.

Sheriff's report

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

- COLBY ROSS THURMAN, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of disregarding an official traffic control device.
- JOSE ANTHONY NIETO, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of parole violation.
- RANDY HERNANDEZ, 19, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- MICHAEL DEWAYNE GRIFFIN, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance and failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of Andrews Lane.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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.

Take Note

• SECOND ANNUAL BIG SPRING POWWOW is 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is \$2 with children under 12 free.

• BIG SPRING 42nd ANNUAL RATTLESNAKE ROUNDUP is 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday and noon until 5 p.m. Sunday in the Howard County Fairbarns. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 4-11.

• RELY FOR LIFE DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Goliad gym. \$5 per person to play; four men and four women to a team. Sponsored by the Yellow Dogs. For more information, call 264-4108.

• VICTIM SERVICES VOLUNTEER TRAINING POSTPONED TO MONDAY, March 27 through March 31 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and concludes April 1 from 9 a.m. until 1 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 and an application, call Victim Services at 263-3312.

• AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION for 21-month-old 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.

• LIMITED BOOTH SPACE FOR THE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR, with this year's theme, "Don't Gamble on Your Health" is available until March 31

for \$100. For more information or to reserve a booth, call Nancy Newell at 264-7641 or e-mail nnewell@bigspringchamber.com.

• AARP TAX PREPARATION FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION is at the Senior Center Monday from 8 a.m. until noon. The AARP program will wrap-up 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 816-4540.

• FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS 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.

• KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL FLEA MARKET is 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 6 in the Big Spring Mall parking lot and booth space is available. Applications are available at the mall office or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 263-9231.

• 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.

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.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at First and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 87 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY fourth

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- 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.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 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.
- 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.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 50. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 60s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-13-16-21-32.
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-8-22-25. Bonus Ball: 3.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-1-8

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BSHS takes

By CLINT ADAMS

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring School Examination team of Logan and Will Shipman good showing by sixth at the UIL Interscholastic Class 4A State Meet weekend in Austin.

The team defeated strong Bay City to advance to the quarter final round, then defeated eventual state champions, also from Bay City.

"Placing sixth some," senior Wright said. "I even qualify to state last year, so this far was an accomplishment."

"I am so proud boys and what the representing Speech and Coach Jennifer said. "Our previous at Cross Exam Debate at UIL State 14th place five ago."

DNA cleared convicted

DALLAS (AP) — who spent 18 behind bars for a breaking into a house and attacking a woman was released after DNA testing cleared him as a suspect.

Gregory Wallis, 29-year-old Dallas warehouse worker he was convicted of burglary with intent to commit sexual assault and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Wallis maintained innocence, but remained closed until a 2004 request for a conviction DNA analysis to tests that sent him from the scene.

"I don't know apologize. I don't where to start, start with me a sorry," District John Creuzot Monday as he Wallis, now 47, on personal recognition.

Creuzot was involved in the 1990 Wallis' attorney they will not pursue legal process to have officially declared innocent and pardoned.

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"I don't know I picked me," said

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ing how to skin a Also, fried rat — which tastes ingly like chicken be offered, Burns. Aside from help property of the dead snakes, the event provides a number of cal benefits. The venom e

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BSHS debate team takes sixth at state

By CLINT ADAMS

Special to the Herald
The Big Spring High School Cross Examination Debate team of Logan Wright and Will Shipman had a good showing by placing sixth at the University Interscholastic League Class 4A State Meet last weekend in Austin. The team defeated a strong Bay City team to advance to the quarterfinal round, then faced the eventual state champions, also from Bay City. "Placing sixth is awesome," senior Logan Wright said. "I didn't even qualify to go to state last year, so getting this far was a great accomplishment."
"I am so proud of our boys and what they did representing BSHS," Speech and Debate Coach Jennifer Adams said. "Our previous best at Cross Examination Debate at UIL State was 14th place five years ago."

To qualify for the state meet, Wright and Shipman had to place at district.
"Only two teams from district qualify to go to state, this year we placed first at district," Adams said.
Then the students had to compete in four rounds against other 4A debate teams from around the state. Sixty-four teams competed, but only 16 teams qualified to move on. Wright and Shipman advanced with a 3-1 record.
"I felt avenged," Shipman chimed in. "We advanced further than the one team that defeated us in prelims."
When the breaks from prelims to the octa-final rounds were announced, BSHS was the only West Texas representative in either the 4A or 5A classifications.
Borden County High School team of Rowdy Clay and Rachel Wilson took second place in the Class 1A division.



Courtesy photo
The Forsan High School Math Team competed in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association state meet in San Antonio Sunday. Team members include, from left, top row, Jonathan Purcell, Eric Ellis, Vince Penik, Jeremy Robbins, Seth Johnson and Tim Ballard; and bottom row, Charlene Stanley, Sandi Golleher, Audrey Montgomery, Haylie Burleson and Courtney Holdampf.

Forsan brings home TMSCA honors

By BOB FISHBACK

Special to the Herald
The Forsan High School Math Team took home some awards from the TMSCA (Texas Math and Science Coaches Association) state meet in San Antonio March 19. Competing against 31 other Class 1A schools from across Texas, the

Forsan team won a plaque for the second place Number Sense team. It was awarded for the scores of Audrey Montgomery, first place, Jonathan Purcell, third place, and Courtney Holdampf and Vince Penik fifth place.
The calculator team won fourth place with Charlene Stanley third, Eric Ellis ninth, Seth Johnson

10th, Jeremy Robbins, 11th and Tim Ballard 13th.
Audrey Montgomery was sixth in the "Top Gun" ranking of seniors because of her number sense score and a third place in the mathematics contest.
This ranking resulted in her receiving a TMSCA scholarship.

DNA clears man of rape conviction after 18 years

DALLAS (AP) — A man who spent 18 years behind bars for allegedly breaking into a woman's house and attacking her was released after modern DNA testing excluded him as a suspect.
Gregory Wallis was a 29-year-old Dallas County warehouse worker when he was convicted in 1988 of burglary with intent to commit sexual assault and sentenced to 50 years in prison.

who had previous robbery convictions at the time. "I was sitting at home, and they came and arrested me. The next thing I know, I'm standing in a trial."
Wallis' 1988 trial did not incorporate DNA testing, which was not as sensitive as current methods. An expert testified that authorities could not extract any DNA evidence to test, and the trial relied on the victim's testimony.

Wallis maintained his innocence, but the case remained closed until his 2004 request for post-conviction DNA analysis led to tests that separated him from the crime scene.
"I don't know how to apologize. I don't know where to start, but I'll start with me and I'm sorry," District Judge John Creuzot said Monday as he released Wallis, now 47, on a personal recognizance bond.
Creuzot was not involved in the 1988 trial. Wallis' attorneys said they will not pursue a legal process to have him officially declared innocent and pardoned.

Wallis' request for post-conviction testing spurred investigators to track down new DNA samples from the victim, her former boyfriend and original DNA evidence from the attack.
An initial test released in December could not entirely exclude Wallis as a suspect. His lawyer, public defender Michelle Moore, then asked the court to allow a newer and more sophisticated test.
The second test found no match with Wallis' DNA. It also showed that whoever smoked a cigarette found at the crime scene was the same person who sexually assaulted the woman.

The victim of the attack picked Wallis' photo out of a lineup after police received an anonymous tip that he was involved. The attacker had spent several hours in the house, and the victim described the rapist as having a tattoo similar to one Wallis had.
"I don't know how she picked me," said Wallis,

He said he's eager to move forward with his life.

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objectives.
"Hopefully, I can screen people before they see Max," said Armstrong. "This way he can concentrate on his job, doing research, writing grants and his other paperwork."
The center will continue to offer help with rent and bills for those who qualify, including utilities, food, prescription medications, gas, education — and in some cases, money for job supplies such as hard hats, tool belts and identification badges.
"We try to do whatever it takes to improve human life," said Webb.
However, these services should not be considered

free handouts.
"We will help you if you are helping yourself," he said. "One of the first questions I ask is, 'If you are not looking for a job, why?'"
If an individual is seeking job qualification, help is available for those who are eligible and the center can theoretically follow them from the ground up. Once eligibility is established, a person can attain their GED in coordination with Howard College. Two certified nurses aid scholarships are available per quarter and the scholarship pays for the exam.
However, if a student drops out or quits, reimbursement is required.
Free legal service will continue to be offered, which assists those with

legal needs who can't afford an attorney. This service is offered the first and third Wednesday of each month and appointments are strongly encouraged.
"They want to know what to prepare for and how many are going to be here," said Webb.
A children's after school reading program is currently in the works and will be announced in the near future. This program will include tutoring and reading to children after school.
Although Webb hasn't had a raise in 12 years, he still enjoys his job, which often proves to be daunting.
"I love my job," said Webb. "It's very rewarding."
With the new building,

an assistant and comfortable accommodations, Webb has plenty to smile about. A grand opening will be held March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by In Home Care and a tour of the new facility with board members in attendance will be available.
New hours for Northside Community Center, located at 108 North East Eighth Street, will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center will be closed from noon to 1 p.m..
For more information, call Webb or Armstrong at 263-2673.
To contact Andrea Medlin, call the Herald at 263-7331 or e-mail newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

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Pennsylvania.
"The problem's really very strange. It's not the smaller breaker boxes that control the different parts of the school that are tripping. It's just the main breaker. We're able to run the office, which is about 70 amps, but when we tried to turn on the

lights in the cafeteria — another 100 amps — for the kids to eat, it tripped again. And that main breaker is rated to carry over 2,000 amps."
Stewart said he's not sure if the problem is an internal malfunction of the main breaker itself, or is a result of the lightning the area experienced over the weekend.
Despite plans to house the children at two local

churches if the power wasn't returned in time for classes today, Washington Elementary officials said power — along with much needed heating — was back on line late Monday afternoon, with classes continuing as scheduled.
The new breaker system is estimated to cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000, according to Stewart.
For more information

on classes, contact the school at 264-4126.
Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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on this, and they just can't find a way to feel comfortable about the liability involved in the program. We've looked at creating a separate entity for the sale of the poinsettias, and we still have some other legal avenues to explore, but right now this is where we are on it."
Lighted poinsettias manufactured by the high

school program found their way onto the Settles Hotel and other area landmarks during the Christmas holiday, drawing comments from local officials that Big Spring had become the poinsettia capitol of Texas.
Also on Wednesday's agenda, board members are expected to consider financial and investment reports for the month of February, as well as any public comments or comments from the board.
The meeting is set for

5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

ROUNDUP

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ing how to skin a rattler. Also, fried rattlesnake — which tastes surprisingly like chicken — will be offered, Burns said.
Aside from helping rid property of the dangerous snakes, the event provides a number of practical benefits.
The venom extracted

from snakes is bought for medical research purposes, and the hides and rattlers are used to make a variety of objects, including boots, wallets and key chains.
Proceeds from the roundup go toward funding AMBUCS charitable activities.
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YOUR VIEWS

Thanks, Hawks fans!

TO THE EDITOR:
Dear friends and fans of Hawk basketball,

On behalf of our basketball team, we would like to thank all of you for your support this season. A special thanks to Harold Davis, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Terry Hansen, Stan Feaster and Betty Reed for your assistance in making this a very special basketball season.

The encouraging words from Mayor Russ McEwen, President Sparks, and all of you have made this an experience that our team will cherish for a life time.

We feel very blessed to be able to take the first team to the National Basketball Tournament in 37 years! We are very excited to have the opportunity to represent Howard College and Big Spring in Hutchinson, Kan.

We hope to see you this week when we play Sheridan, Wyo., Wednesday at 1 p.m. If you can't make the game, we appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Lord Bless,
COACH ADAMS, COACH SAUTTER, COACH RAINES AND THE HAWKS

Finally, just the plain facts

TO THE EDITOR,
Thank goodness, at last an outsider with knowledge and experience and who knows what he's talking about, has no hidden agenda, has told the county, city officials and the public the plain facts about the controversial

jail issue.

They need to use their heads and listen to him.

The city and county people should work together — not fight each other.

The area next to the court building needs to be made into a parking area only.

Just the idea of building a jail in the middle of downtown presents a terrible picture and it would devalue all the property for blocks around.

That 5.5 million dollar figure they came up with is only a fraction of what the real cost would be to build an inadequate facility. Cost of acquiring all that property, demolition, clean up and several other things have to be considered.

So why don't those guys act like adult men instead of boys and get together and accomplish something badly needed before the state shuts the present jail down or even worse, some catastrophe that is just waiting to happen occurs?

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A great big thanks!

TO THE EDITOR:
The middies class at Coahoma Methodist Church would like to give a great big thank you to Fred Green at KC Steak House. The generous potato donation helped us to raise close to \$300 for our youth who are going to participate in Spirit Wind this summer. We couldn't have done with out you.

Thanks again,
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are feeling heaviness or worry, You help us, Lord, when we bring our burdens to You.

Amen

'Da Vinci Code' trial intrigue

LONDON — "Just a publicity stunt," scoffed a gent in the lobby outside Courtroom 61, tucked at the end of a labyrinth in the Royal Court of Justice — now home of the plagiarism trial of "Da Vinci Code" author Dan Brown. Two of the three authors of the 1982 (sort of) nonfiction book "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail" are suing Brown for copyright infringement on the dubious grounds that Brown nicked 15 central points from their book.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

The two plaintiffs, Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh, now refer to "HBHG" — as the wigs in the courthouse call it — as "historical conjecture," a term that paves their twisted claim of ownership not of prose, but of rumor and innuendo. Woo betide any other scribe who repeats it.

"HBHG" claims that Jesus survived crucifixion and sired children with Mary Magdalene, and that their progeny are the true Holy Grail. Brown readily "acknowledges that he read 'HBHG.'" Robert Langdon, the Brown-esque hero of the "Da Vinci Code," even makes reference to the book in the hit thriller. "So what?" argues Brown's legal team. Brown can cite five other books that run along the same line, so where do these two wannabes get off accusing Brown of stealing ideas?

The general reaction of Londoners outside the Royal Court has been to dismiss the suit as nonsense — a ruse to sell books.

In a city of readers, locals know, as the *London Independent* reported, the "Da Vinci Code" is "flying off the shelves." "HBHG" saw a tenfold rise in sales in a week. Random House is the publisher for both books. You don't have to be a French cryptologist — similar to Langdon's love interest in the book — to see a link.

Yet inside these halls of justice grinds the ancient machinery that all societies erect to bring down the self-made man. There are writers who see a cheeky American talking about books as if they were a business enterprise, with his wife, Blythe, acting as chief financial officer, organizer and researcher. Court hangers-on like Don Stewart, who hands me a slip of paper that boasts his specialty in "economics, history, archaeology, Middle Eastern affairs and Egyptology," struggle in anonymity.

During lunch break, Stewart assured me that he can prove that Mary was a Phoenician. How it must grate on Baigent and Leigh to watch Brown testify that his wife took too many notes, which he often skimmed or ignored, because he was focusing on working with the least information possible needed "to create a thriller."

The stylized-court traditions accentuate the gulf between American bestseller and British sensibilities. The judge (a.k.a. "your lordship") and the barristers wear white wigs, capes and neckwear so dated that I had to ask four barristers before one could tell me what they're called ("bands"). Tuesday, the claimants' barrister (a.k.a. the "queen's counsel" or the lawyer for the plaintiffs), Jonathan Rayner James, had to back off from a line of questioning because, as his lordship pointed out, the barrister didn't under-

stand what the word-processing software WordPerfect was. In Rayner James' most heated moment, he confronted the best-selling author without reserve, saying, "Oh, come, Mr. Brown."

Clad in a navy jacket, red tie and chinos on Tuesday, Brown told Rayner James that his wife could not have written a set of research notes because she would never spell behavior with a "u." Besides, she was always gathering material and pushing it at him at the breakfast table. A big-picture guy, Brown felt no need to read all that "incredibly dense" material compiled by his wife. His goal is not to enlighten, but to entertain.

Not that any of the above should matter. If the Royal Court finds against Brown, the publishing biz is in for a rough ride. Everyone will lose — except for the lawyers.

Already, Brown's image has suffered. His "Da Vinci Code" alter-ego, Langdon, was single — a set-up for romance, and that's good for book sales. Brown comes across as very married. Langdon is an academic with encyclopedic knowledge and a love for detail. Brown skims over his wife's research during coffee.

Wags keep whispering: Where's Blythe? If French cryptologist Sophie Neveu is the Holy Grail, is Blythe the real author of the "Da Vinci Code"?

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What do Democrats stand for?

As it turns out, George Clooney didn't pen the blog entry in the Huffington Post attacking Democrats for failing to stand up against Bush on the war, and Sen. Russ Feingold's move to censure the president may have done more to unite Republicans than Democrats.

But with the president's approval rating down to the immediate family because of the Iraq war, the question remains: Exactly what is the opposition party opposed to? Or, to put it in the affirmative, what do Democrats stand for? A better America — the theme of the "talking points" I get every day — is not an answer. It's just political words, and old and tired ones at that.

This morning's e-mail brings the latest version of these words from Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid's office: It's his statement on the debt ceiling. Yes, the debt ceiling. As if anyone outside the Beltway actually cares. Come on, Harry, is that the best you can do?

The Iraq war has entered its fourth year, and even conservatives like George Will have turned on the president's war. If conservatives aren't afraid to tell the president he's wrong, and they aren't, why are Democrats? But the other party still can't get its act together to figure out how to oppose the president.

George Clooney may not have written the piece, but someone needs to. Censure is not the answer, but there needs to be one. What are Democrats so afraid of?

The answer, of course, is the fear that they will be labeled as soft on defense or, worse yet, as capital L liberals. Heaven forbid. Starting a war for the wrong reason, misleading the American people, going it alone, at a cost of thousands of lives — these are apparently forgettable sins. But the "L" word? No way.

Isn't it time to face history?

Thirty years and then some have passed since George McGovern ran for president and got buried for being soft on communism and weak on defense. And yet Democrats are still fighting last century's wars, still paralyzed by fears of being thought "weak," to the point that they are behind the rest of the country in dealing with the most pressing issue on the national agenda. They'd rather support incompetence than risk being called liberal — so they stand for nothing.

That isn't true of all Democrats, of course, but the ones who are willing to address the war have a tendency to go too far in blaming Bush and personalizing the issue, tagging him as a liar rather than simply incompetent — and losing the majority they could have in the process.

As for the rest, you can get lost in the double-speak. Did someone say John Kerry? Where is the leadership? Impeachment is over

the top, but so is me-tooism. Democrats inside of Washington don't know when to stop screaming, and those outside of Washington have nothing to stand up for.

Is this any way to prepare for midterm elections? The president is floundering, and for all intents and purposes, there is no opposition. What good is an opposition party when it's afraid to oppose the administration on the most important issue facing the country?

So what does that leave the Democrats with? Precious little. They blew the Supreme Court confirmation hearings. The debt ceiling? Do they really think they can take the deficit to the voters in the fall and expect them to trust Democrats to spend less than Republicans? Make me laugh. What should be the Democrats' top issue is, because of their own timidity, barely an issue at all.

Maybe it's time for George Clooney to start blogging after all. The entry may not have been real, but the frustration it expressed is genuine, and it isn't just Oscar winners who are feeling it. If Democrats don't tap into that, they may find no coalition for themselves to tap into come November.

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As soon as it was light, the crew started to dismantle the pump jack.

Hopefully they would finish before suffering through another hot summer day.

After the crane had hoisted the horse head and beam on to the flat bed trailer, it lowered the base to sit beside it. The rest of the jack was secured.

The driver was glad to begin his long journey toward the yard.

By the middle of the afternoon, the semi had reached its destination. A crew was waiting in the yard and ready to unload the trailer.

Opening the cab door, the driver noticed the extreme difference between his air-conditioned truck and the West Texas afternoon. Once the cargo was unloaded, his day would be finished.

While the top of the jack was being lowered, a burly foreman thought he heard something.

Waving his arm to stop the crane operator, he signaled for everyone to be quiet.

No sound.

As he motioned to start their efforts again, the sound seemed closer and louder. He allowed the "steel horse" to touch the ground, then signaled again for all to stop and be quiet.

A broad grin and a surprised look appeared on his weathered face.

Quietly he walked the length of the unit. He stopped and listened.

There was no doubt now as to what he had heard. Nearing a part of the structure, he noticed an opening where bits of grass were barely exposed.

As he looked inside, the sounds of four baby western

kingbirds greeted him. With hands that resembled old baseball mitts, he carefully reached inside and pulled the nest from the pump jack.

Before proceeding to move anything else, the crew waited until we arrived.

Their discovery was a new one for all of us.

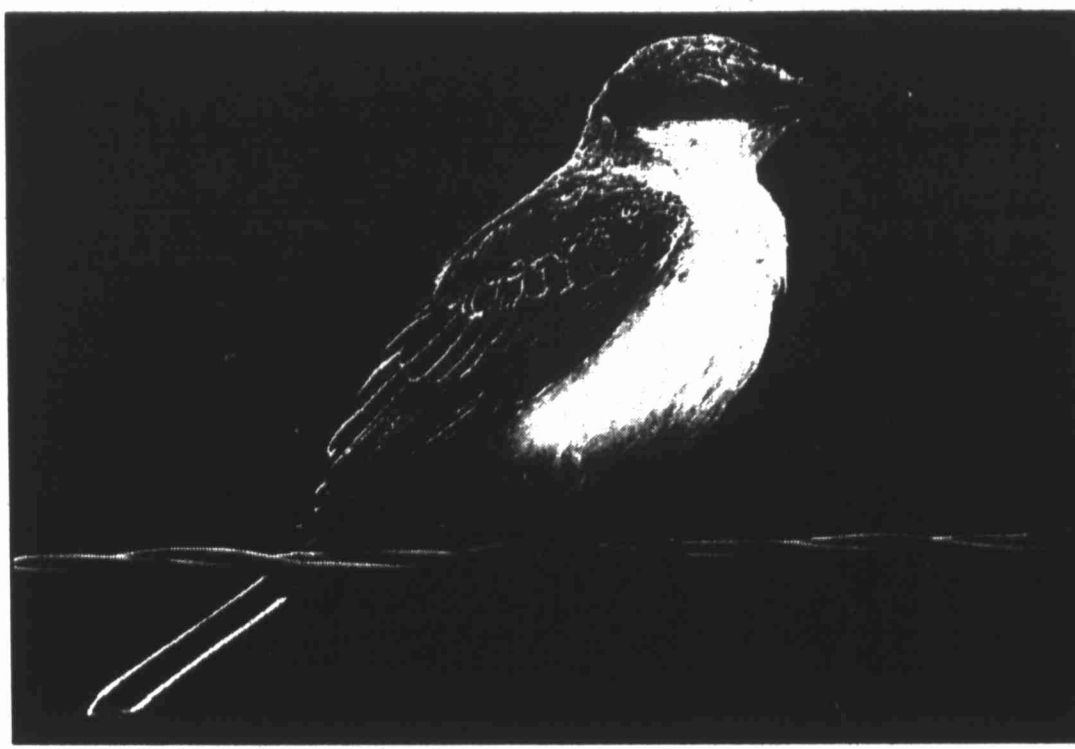
Normally, kingbirds raise their young in trees. They have been known to use telephone poles and even church steeples if trees were not in the landscape.

For the parents to build their nest inside a pump jack, and for the baby birds to survive the long, hot journey was unbelievable, because the temperature when they arrived was a staggering 113 degrees.

Thanking the men for being so thoughtful of the nestlings, we headed home to begin the process of raising them.

Since kingbirds are members of the Tyrant Flycatcher family, we knew insects were their primary diet.

This was not difficult to duplicate, since we had crickets and mealworms on hand. These peeping babies, with their insatiable appetite, would grow up



Akin to the scissor-tail, the western kingbird has a noticeable yellow on its breast and a black tail with white sides.

Courtesy photo

to epitomize the tyrant classification. Their aggressive behavior as adults toward humans, dogs and other birds would insure the safety of their young. And as flycatchers, they would demonstrate their abilities to catch insects in flight.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.



Bebe McCasland

Christy's Quill

I'm not very hip, I suppose.

Someone told me that a little girl got a pink Razor and I couldn't believe she'd already started shaving.

CHRISTY ALTON

Silly me. They were talking about her new cell phone.

We don't have cable or watch anything but DVDs, so I am so out of the loop when it comes to shows about idol singing and bachelor matchmaking.

I can't discuss who mar-

ried whom, who sang what or who dressed how.

The good news is that I don't have cable or watch anything but DVDs.

At a hotel, my children and I are zombified. We can hardly make it to the pool because we are hanging over the edge of a family sitcom.

After watching television for an embarrassing amount of hours, I feel like I'm drugged. I'm more worn out than I was while riding in the car.

I was sitting in an eighth grade English class once, and everyone was up in arms over Pink Floyd.

I literally thought they were speaking of the Pink Panther. (I'm one of his biggest fans. The music.

The lack of dialogue. Academy Award stuff.)

When the kids found out that I had no idea who one of the biggest rock groups on the planet was, they were hysterical.

Both of my grandmothers are more loop-less than I am. Neither have ever watched an "I Love Lucy" episode or have a clue who Lucille Ball is.

They don't know George Clooney, Cary Grant, or any other powerhouse star.

But, with all this deprivation, I have found that not having a gazillion channels has had a positive effect on our household.

Homework gets done, even mine.

Deadlines get met. My kids get lots of playdates. We have time to exercise and jump on the trampoline.

Ron and the kids go on lots of camping adventures and frequent skate parks.

My grandmothers have no form of television. It's amazing, but they're never bored.

One has a beautiful yard full of brilliant plants and shrubs.

One keeps lots of family entertained with her always having something to do.

Do I enjoy cable? Sure. Do I want it? Not for the most part. If I was better at time management, I might consid-

er it. As it is, I have a hard time squeezing everything in without 99 channels.

Back when I was young, our TV experienced technical difficulties.

My parents had it fixed. It went out again.

They had it re-fixed. It went out a third time.

My dad said, "No more. We just won't have it."

We almost died the first few days. Then, slowly, we adjusted to all that free time on our hands.

My parents would have a family over at least once a month after church for lunch or dinner. Mom would play board games with us. Dad would take us for Sunday drives.

Suddenly, we could see better because our eyes weren't glazed over. My sister and brother and I actually played outside!

On bikes and everything. I admit I love movies. I watch them on DVD, after every chore is done and everyone is asleep.

For my children, it's mostly a black screen until the weekends.

That's okay. They've learned to make up games, play with beans and talk to each other.

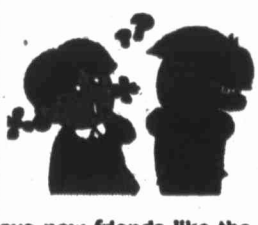
I'll take the void.

Christy Alton is married to her park ranger, Ron and they have two children, Autumn and Aaron. She is a full-time student and works as a tutor for a local elementary school.

Realtime Stories

I DON'T WANT TO MOVE AWAY

This is a story about two little children who had to move away from the place where they had lived all of their lives. They didn't want to move away. All of their friends lived there. They went to school there. They were afraid that they would never have new friends like the friends they had now. Have you ever moved from a city or town to a different place? Moving wasn't very much fun, was it? But this story will show you that moving to a new place can be fun and that there is nothing to be afraid of.



Nicolas and Heather were both very young when their mom and dad told them that they were moving to a new city. Neither Nicolas nor Heather wanted to move away. They were afraid of never seeing their friends again. They

were afraid they would miss their home. They were afraid they would miss their teachers, their playgrounds, and their

streets and all the people that lived there. They did not want to move away!

Both their mom and dad tried to tell Nicolas and Heather they would make new friends, have a new home, and new teachers, schools, and playgrounds, but Nicolas and Heather were so afraid! They liked their old friends. They liked their teachers. They liked their old streets and playgrounds.

When the day came for them to finally move, poor little Nicolas and Heather were feeling so sad. Too sad to even tell all their friends "Goodbye." All they could do was just wave to their friends from inside their car as they drove down their street for the last time! This story is getting sad, isn't it?

Nicolas and Heather, and their mom and dad drove all that day, getting farther and farther from



their old home, but closer and closer to their new home! Nicolas and Heather were missing their old friends already. They remembered all the fun things they would do with their friends. They remembered their teachers, and playgrounds. They remembered their streets. Oh, how they would miss all

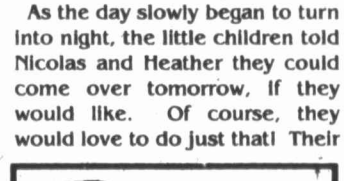
these things! Then, all of a sudden, there it was! "There is our new home," Nicolas and Heather's mom



said, "Isn't it pretty?" "I love it," said their dad. Nicolas and Heather thought it was very nice, too! But, they also thought it would never be a home to them like their old house! They missed their old home so much! "Look at this beautiful street," said the dad. "Our old street never had so many pretty trees and sidewalks, and bikepaths." Then their mom said to them all, "Look at the way all of the people are waving to us. They are all smiling. They will be good neighbors! This is a friendly town."

As Nicolas and Heather walked into their new home, they thought to themselves, "This is a pretty home. I wonder where my bedroom will be." As they went back outside to unpack their car, the neighbors from next door called to them. "May we help you? And welcome to the neighborhood!" Nicolas and Heather's mom and dad had already made new friends! Nicolas and Heather were about to make new friends, too! They heard little children's

voices coming from across the street. The little children asked them if they wanted to come over and play in their swimming pool, or their own playground, or any of the many toys they had. The little children were so nice in this town, too! Nicolas and Heather made new friends that very day, the first day they were in their new city!



As the day slowly began to turn into night, the little children told Nicolas and Heather they could come over tomorrow, if they would like. Of course, they would love to do just that! Their

new friends were called Ricky and Jeanette.

After Nicolas and Heather had their baths, and brushed their teeth, they asked their mom where their new bedrooms would be. "You may have this bedroom, Nicolas," their mom said. "And you may have this bedroom, Heather." Both Nicolas and Heather loved their new bedrooms. The rooms were so big and roomy. There were lots of places for all of Nicolas' toys in his room. There were lots of places for Heather to put all her pretty dolls in her room. Neither of them had this much space in their old house! Their

old house! Neither of them had thought about their old house at all!

After sleeping so peacefully all night long, Heather and Nicolas woke up to the sounds of the birds in those big trees that were so close to their bedroom win-

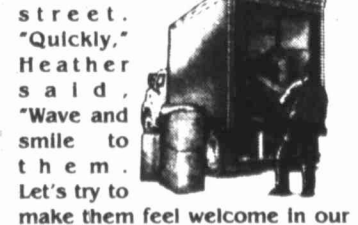


dows. What a nice sound the birds made! They both walked downstairs towards their new living room, but their phone rang before they made it to the bottom of the stairs. It was Ricky and Jeanette, wanting them to come out and play and meet all of the children in their new neighborhood.

The night before, as Nicolas and Heather were getting ready for bed, Ricky and Jeanette had called all of their friends from the neighborhood and invited them to come meet the new children on the block. And what a big bunch of kids that was! All of them wanted to meet their new friends from a different city! One of the new friends said to Nicolas and Heather, "We must go to school next Monday, so please go with me and I will help you meet our teachers, and show you our playgrounds."

Nicolas and Heather went to the new school on Monday, met the teachers, saw the playgrounds, met even more kids, and loved every minute of it! They loved this new place!

After Nicolas and Heather had lived in their new town for a long time, they almost forgot about their old town, but they never did forget their old friends! One day, as Nicolas and Heather were playing in their own yard, they noticed a strange car coming up the street. They had never seen that car before. It was a new family, moving in just down the street.



"Quickly," Heather said, "Wave and smile to them. Let's try to make them feel welcome in our neighborhood. Someone did that for you and me once, when we were afraid of coming to this new city. Remember how much that helped you and me, and we weren't afraid anymore?"

"Yes, I do remember," Nicolas said to Heather, as he started waving and smiling to his soon to be new friends! All of the kids in the friendly neighborhood said to tell you. "Good Night!"

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Nation/World at a glance

Bush says Iraqis holding tough against attacks by insurgents

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today there will be "more tough fighting ahead" in Iraq, but denied claims that the nation is in the grips of a civil war three years after the U.S.-led invasion.

Acknowledging the public's growing unease with the war in Iraq — and election-year skittishness among fellow Republicans — the president nonetheless vowed to keep U.S. soldiers in the fight.

"If I didn't believe we could succeed, I wouldn't be there. I wouldn't put those kids there," Bush declared.

He also stood by embattled Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"I don't believe he should resign. He's done a fine job. Every war plan looks good on paper until you meet the enemy," he said.

In his second full blown news conference of the year, Bush confronted his political problems by addressing them directly.

"Nobody likes war. It creates a sense of uncertainty in the country," he said. "War creates trauma."

When asked about his failed Social Security plan, Bush simply said: "I didn't get done." But he defiantly defended his warrantless eavesdropping program, and baited Democrats who suggest that he broke the law.

Calling a censure resolution "needless partisanship," Bush challenged Democrats to go into the November midterm elections in opposition to eavesdropping on suspected terrorists. "They ought to stand up and say, 'The tools we're using to protect the American people should not be used,'" Bush said.

The news conference marked a new push by Bush to confront doubts about his strategy in Iraq. A day earlier, he acknowledged to a sometimes skeptical audience that there was dwindling support for his Iraq policy and that he understood why people were disheartened.

"The terrorists haven't given up. They're tough-minded. They like to kill," he said today. "There will be more tough fighting ahead."

The president said he did not agree with former interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who told the British Broadcasting Corporation Sunday, "If this

is not civil war, then God knows what civil war is."

Bush said others inside and outside Iraq think the nation has stopped short of civil war. "There are other voices coming out of Iraq, by the way, other than Mr. Allawi, who I know by the way — like. A good fellow."

"We all recognize that there is violence, that there is sectarian violence. But the way I look at the situation is the Iraqis looked and decided not to go into civil war."

Insurgents kill 17 Iraqi police officers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents stormed a jail about dawn today in the Sunni Muslim heartland north of Baghdad, killing at least 17 policemen and a courthouse guard. Authorities said all 33 prisoners in the lockup were freed and 10 attackers were killed in the battle.

As many as 100 insurgent fighters — armed with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades — stormed the judicial compound in Muqadiyah, about 60 miles northeast of the capital. The assault began after the attackers fired a mortar round into the police and court complex, said police Brig. Ali al-Jabouri.

After burning the police station, the insurgents detonated a string of roadside bombs as they fled, taking the bodies of many of their dead comrades with them, police said. At least 13 policemen and civilians and 15 gunmen were wounded in the attack.

Five other police were wounded in two separate roadside bomb attacks targeting patrols in northern and southern Baghdad early today, police said.

Five deaths blamed on Midwest snowstorm

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A powerful storm dumped more than a foot of snow in the Plains, closing schools and roads and forcing residents to man shovels during the first day of spring.

Hundreds of schools were closed in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and South Dakota, and at least five deaths were blamed on the storm Monday.

Myron Williams, who raises livestock near Wall, was busy shoveling a foot of snow from gates and feedlots on his property. The rancher said the work was hard but the precipitation was welcome.

"We're glad to have the moisture," Williams said.

"Nothing's free, so you've got to pay for everything."

Twenty-five inches of snow was reported in central Nebraska, parts of South Dakota had up to 18 inches, northeast Colorado had at least a foot, northwest Kansas had up to 10 inches and parts of the Oklahoma Panhandle got half a foot.

Diplomats fail to reach deal on Iran issue

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Britain's strategy for getting Iran to give up its nuclear ambitions would be to try to get Russia and China, key Tehran allies, to impose sanctions that could be enforced militarily if diplomacy fails, according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

But Britain and its Western allies — the United States, France and Germany — face an uphill struggle in getting Moscow and Beijing even to agree on a U.N. Security Council statement calling on Iran to comply with demands by the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, to suspend uranium enrichment.

U.S. Ambassador John Bolton had expressed hope that the statement could be adopted after council discussions Tuesday afternoon. But U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns told reporters Monday night after a 4 1/2-hour meeting of senior diplomats from the six countries that more time was needed for negotiations.

"We remain convinced that we will achieve a presidential statement," Burns said. "It may take a little bit of time, but it's going to be worth the time because when we do achieve that statement, it will be yet another clear unified message by the international community that Iran has to heed the words of both the IAEA and the U.N. Security Council."

He reiterated that the six countries oppose Iran seeking a nuclear weapons capability and agree that Tehran is not complying with its international commitments and "is now traveling down a road toward enrichment and reprocessing which will be fundamentally detrimental to the interests of the world of nonproliferation and of peace and security."

Texas briefs

New Mexico woman killed in roof collapse at Lubbock restaurant

LUBBOCK (AP) — A New Mexico woman was killed and nine people were injured when the roof of a Lubbock restaurant collapsed during the lunch hour, officials said.

Lubbock Fire Department spokesman Mark Ethridge said the cause of the collapse was not determined, but strong winds, including gusts up to 61 mph, were thought to be a factor.

Tara Wilson, 23, of Roswell, N.M., died in the Monday collapse at the Little Panda restaurant, officials said. Wilson, who was at the restaurant as a customer, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Eric Garza, 20, said he had pulled up to the restaurant to pick up some food when he saw the roof fall in.

"It all happened so fast and so slow at the same time," he said. "I wanted to help, but what can I do?"

Four killed in plane crash

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — A twin-engine plane crashed in the heart of this resort town, killing two couples from Lubbock, and setting fire to a building near the main drag of tourist nightclubs, theaters and music halls.

The Piper Seneca crashed Monday into a self-storage complex, about 200 feet from the busy street, near a Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum, a pair of motels and a string of musical theaters bearing the names of such entertainers as Andy Williams and Bobby Vinton.

The plane, with its fuel tanks filled just before takeoff, struck the corner of a building of 32 storage units and quickly caught fire, destroying the building.

The victims were identified as Paul Johnson, 71, a Lubbock dentist who was believed to be flying the plane, his wife, Marcia Johnson, 71, and another Lubbock couple, Betty Roach, 80, and her husband, Bill Roach, for whom no age was available. Taney County Coroner Kevin Tweedy said the two couples had been vacationing in the area.

Murder suspect arrested in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A multistate murder suspect whose street name is "B-Stupid" has been jailed after a raid on a suburban apartment where police found a cache of weapons and drugs, authorities said.

Ivory Harris, 20, was arrested early Monday and jailed in New Orleans. He is suspected of murders in New Orleans and Houston.

New Orleans police had made hunting Harris a top priority in recent weeks, claiming he was involved in three Houston homicides, in addition to the city's only recorded killing on Mardi Gras.

Harris was booked with second-degree murder in the Fat Tuesday slaying of Jermain Wise.

Police said Harris was a member of the "Dooney Boys," a gang that operated out of public housing development in New Orleans. Murder charges in two previous cases were dropped, including one a week before Hurricane Katrina hit the city.

After evacuating to Houston, police said, Harris was a common denominator in a wave of bloodshed that involved 11 evacuees suspected of murder. In each case, his name somehow surfaced, said Lt. Humberto Lopez of the Houston Police Department.

Two on Texas death row win appeals for new trials

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Texas death row inmates will get new trials after the U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to consider appeals from the state.

Howard Paul Guidry, 29 and Martin Allen Draughon, 42, were both convicted in Harris County. Guidry was sentenced to death for his role in a murder-for-hire scheme and Draughon for the fatal shooting of a man who was chasing him after a robbery. Federal judges and appeals courts ruled both men deserved new trials.

Prosecutors will likely retry both men,

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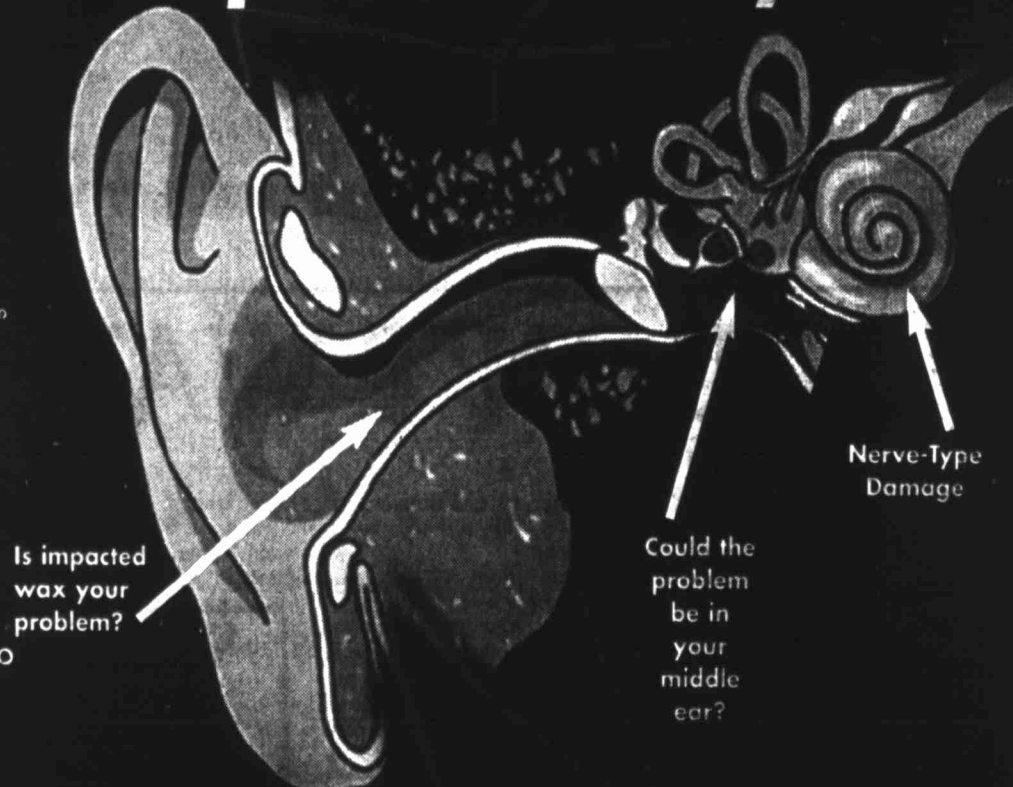
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BSHS baseball sets date for the Steers

The Big Spring ball team "Meet the night Wednes the high school ball field from 6:30 p.m.

Besides the school baseball being introduced area little teams will also organized. There a hamburger including chip drink for \$5.

KBSB golf tournament announced for month of April

Keep Big Beautiful will be ing a golf tournament April 22 at the Spring Country

The tournament start at 9 a.m. cost \$60 per person scramble

For more information, contact the try club at 267-5

Relay For Life dodgeball tournament

The Relay For Life has scheduled a ball tournament Saturday at Goliad Gym ning at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$5 and a team consist of four and four girls

The tournament be sponsored by Yellow Dogs a more information contact Angel 264-4108.

Mickey Owen dates announced

The Mickey Baseball School announced this camp dates.

The camp will place at the Little League Saturday

The clinic for two different sessions. The first session run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The camp players age 6-12. The cost for session is \$35, but participants can get sessions for \$55.

For more information or to register contact the Mickey Owen Baseball at 1-800-999-8369.

Clippers take Rockets, move games over 5

HOUSTON (AP) Clippers guard Cassell scored 20 points and the Angeles franchise moved to 13 over .500 for the time since the season after down Houston Monday

Corey Miller added 20 points for the Clippers.

Yao Ming had 12 points and rebounds for the double-double. Houston lost its straight game.

The Clippers outscored Houston 2 in a span of the fourth quarter take an 89-80 with 5:16 to play.

IN BRIEF

BSHS baseball team sets date for "Meet the Steers" night

The Big Spring baseball team will have "Meet the Steers" night Wednesday at the high school baseball field from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Besides the high school baseball team being introduced, the area little league teams will also be recognized. There will be a hamburger supper including chips and drink for \$5.

KBSB golf touney announced for month of April

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be hosting a golf tournament April 22 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will start at 9 a.m. and cost \$60 per person. The touney is a four-person scramble.

For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

Relay For Life sets dodgeball touney

The Relay For Life has scheduled a dodgeball tournament for Saturday at the Goliad Gym beginning at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$5 to play and a team needs to consist of four guys and four girls.

The tournament will be sponsored by Yellow Dogs and for more information, contact Angel Sosa at 264-4108.

Mickey Owen camp dates announced

The Mickey Owen Baseball School has announced this year's camp dates.

The camp will take place at the National Little League Field Saturday.

The clinic features two different sessions. The first session will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon, while the second session goes from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The camp is for players, age 6 to 12. The cost for one session is \$35, but participants can get both sessions for \$55.

For more information or to register, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-999-8369.

Clippers take down Rockets, move 13 games over .500

HOUSTON (AP) — Clippers guard Sam Cassell scored 24 points and the Los Angeles franchise moved to 13 games over .500 for the first time since the 1975-76 season after taking down Houston, 99-91, Monday.

Corey Maggette added 20 points for the Clippers.

Yao Ming had 25 points and 17 rebounds for his 37th double-double as Houston lost its fifth straight game.

The Clippers outscored Houston 12-2 in a span of 4:15 in the fourth quarter to take an 89-80 lead with 5:16 to play.

Howard to meet 'best shooting team' in opener

• No. 1 Hawks keeping things normal in Hutch

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The No. 1 ranked Howard College men's basketball team has some pretty good 3-pointers and the team typically prides themselves on being able to hit the long ball, but head coach Mark Adams said it is their team's first round opponent in the National Junior College

Athletic Association Tournament that shoots it the best among the 16 qualifying teams.

"Sheridan is the best 3-point shooting team here," said Adams. "They do it extremely well and they also rebound well. They have good balance with their scoring."

Howard (32-1) and Sheridan College (30-4) will face off Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. in Hutchinson, Kan., during first round action of the



national tournament.

Sheridan advanced to the tourney by beating Northeast Colorado, 107-100, in double overtime of its regional final game.

"Sheridan gets up and

down the floor but are not quite as athletic as we are," said Adams. "It should be a pretty good battle."

The Generals are not ranked, but are in the "receiving votes" category. Of the 16 teams playing in the national tournament, 15 at least received votes and 10 of the teams are ranked in the top 20. Every team has been to the tournament at least once, as well.

"All of the teams (at the

tourney) have been here before and everyone knows how to win," said Adams.

The Hawks left for Hutchinson Sunday morning after a 9 a.m. sendoff in front of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. They have had a few days of practice at the tournament, and got to shoot Monday in the main gym, according to

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Bulldogettes start District 4 with win, rout rival Stamford

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It took awhile to get going, but once the Bulldogettes got their timing they wore out the plate at home against district rival Stamford.

Coahoma pounded out 21 hits and scored just as many runs on a cold Monday night in the District 4-2A opener as it took down the Lady Bulldogs, 21-0. The victory improves the Bulldogettes to 13-4-2 overall and 1-0 in the league.

"It was timing," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "After we saw her once we adjusted at the plate and then blew the game open the next time around. I wasn't surprised we took a little while to get going because that is what we did last year."

Coahoma left the bases loaded in the first two innings and had only two runs to show for its efforts.

Senior Ashle New walked with two outs in the first inning and seniors Kali Roberts and Liz Conley each singled after that. However, the Bulldogettes failed to score.



Freshman Laci Sterling reached on an error to start the second inning and senior Sarah Dunn walked. Two outs later, sophomore Janice Gonzales delivered the first big hit of the game as she drove both Sterling and Dunn around with a two-RBI single. New later singled and Roberts walked to load the bases, but Conley flew out to deep centerfield to end the threat with just two runs.

The Bulldogettes finally got going in the third inning as they scored 11 runs. The first four batters reached base and scored. Sophomore Christie Rich singled, Sterling reached on another error and Dunn was hit by a pitch. Senior Drew Wells knocked them all home later with a bases-clearing double to the fence.

The runs did not stop there, however. The Bulldogettes more than batted around in the inning. Gonzales reached

base with an RBI infield single and then New and Roberts both singled as well. Conley walk and then Rich, Sterling and Dunn all collected RBI doubles and Wells added an RBI single. Six of the eight batters crossed the plate. Wells was retired on the base paths and Roberts was pinch ran for by freshman Megan Conley. Megan Conley also scored though.

The hits kept on coming in the fourth inning. New, Roberts, Conley, Rich and freshman Shelbi Paige all reached base with hits and scored runs to start the inning. Wells and junior Ami Martinez singled and walked, respectively, and both scored runs and New, who reached on an error, crossed homeplate after an RBI fielder's choice by Roberts.

"You don't want to keep scoring runs, but there is not much else we could have done," said Dickenson. "You just hope the girls continue to have fun and keep doing things right."

Stamford got just one hit at the plate and reached base with a walk or hit by a pitch twice.

Roberts started and got

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Coahoma junior Ami Martinez steps on the first base bag for the out against Stamford Monday night in Coahoma. The Bulldogettes won the game, 21-0, in five innings.

Baylor cruises into women's Sweet 16

• Young scores 21 points as Lady Bears take down N.M.

By ANDREW BAGNATO

AP Sports Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Sophia Young scored 21 points and third-seeded Baylor beat No. 11 seed New Mexico 87-67 Monday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The defending NCAA champion Lady Bears (26-6) advanced to Saturday's semifinals of the Albuquerque Regional. They will play the winner of Tuesday's second-round game between second-seeded Maryland and No. 7 seed St. John's in University Park, Pa.

Sophomore forward Dionne Marsh led the Lobos (22-10) with 25 points.

Baylor's eighth straight NCAA touney victory was convincing, but it wasn't easy.

Midway through the first half, New Mexico opened up a 27-20 lead with a 10-3 run capped by a 3-pointer by Marsh, who buried a wide-open shot from the top of the key after Baylor coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson told one of her players to

"get off her."

The Lady Bears responded quickly. They reeled off 19 of the next 23 points, including 13 in a row, to take a 39-31 lead with 2:04 to play in the first half. Baylor dominated the backboards, with one basket by Jhasmin Player coming on the third offensive rebound of one possession.

At halftime, Young had five offensive rebounds. New Mexico had four. Baylor's strength on the boards translated into a 9-3 halftime edge in second-chance points and a 44-38 lead at the break.

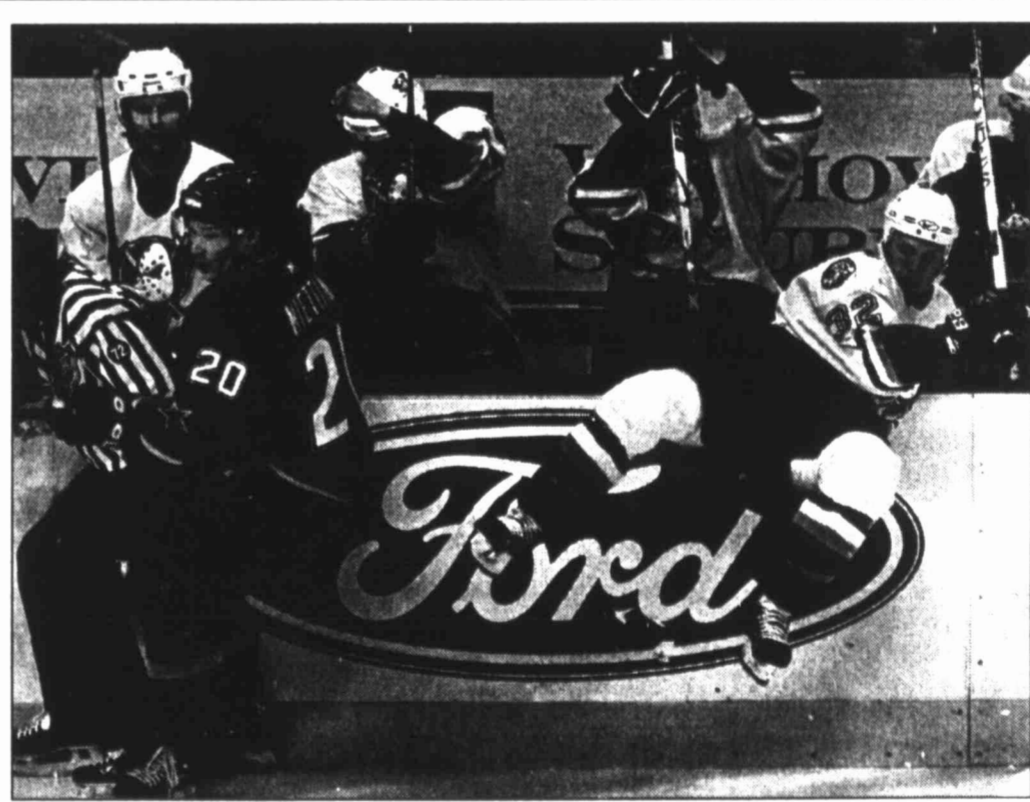
Two days after New Mexico senior center Jana Francis scored a career-high 25 points, the Lady Bears limited her to one field goal in the first half. She finished with two points on 1-of-5 shooting in her final career game.

Baylor opened the second half with a 9-2 run to take its biggest lead, 53-40.

Young, the Big 12 Conference player of the year, scored 15 in the second half for Baylor, which won for the ninth time in 10 games.

The Lobos trailed 60-47

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KRT photo/John F. Rhodes, Dallas Morning News

Dallas Stars' Antti Miettinen (20) spins Anaheim Mighty Ducks' Travis Moen (32) into the bench in the second period during the Mighty Ducks' 2-1 win over the Stars at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Monday.

Stars fall short against Ducks

DALLAS (AP) — Samuel Pahlsson's job is to bottle up the other team's top scorers. The Anaheim Mighty Ducks' checking specialist showed he can also come up with a timely goal.

Pahlsson's score the tiebreaker with 3:15 remaining and the Mighty Ducks ended Dallas' eight-game home winning streak with a 2-1

victory over the Stars. Pahlsson also turned in a strong effort on the defensive end, helping keep Dallas' high-scoring centers Mike Modano and Jason Arnott without a point.

"He's a pro," Anaheim coach Randy Carlyle said. "That's what he's here for... (he's) capable of doing those things."

With the score tied 1-1, Dallas defenseman

Janne Niinimaa turned the puck over to Pahlsson deep in the Dallas zone and Pahlsson got his sixth goal of the season past goalie Marty Turco from the left circle.

"There was a turnover there, I kind of came in at a bad angle," Pahlsson said. "There was no one with me-so I

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shot it. Luckily it found a hole."

Anaheim, winner of seven of its last nine, moved into a tie with Colorado for sixth place in the tight Western Conference, one point ahead of Los Angeles and Edmonton. The Avalanche and Kings played later Monday.

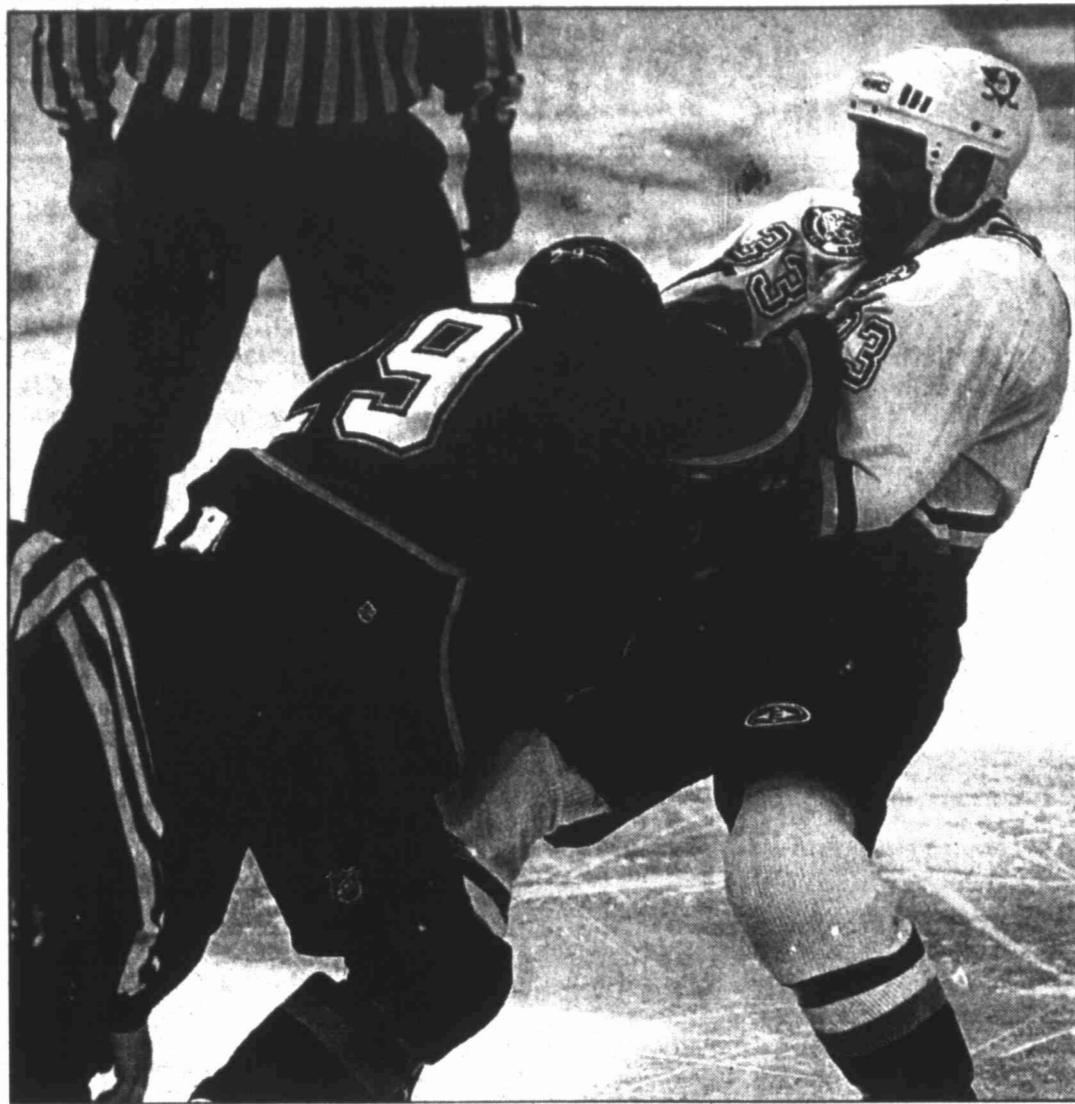
Antti Miettinen had a power-play goal for the Pacific Division-leading Stars, whose home streak matched the second-longest in franchise history. Miettinen's score on a rebound gave the Stars a 1-0 lead at 3:19 of the second period.

Andy McDonald tied it with his 25th goal of the season at 5:57 of the third period while the teams skated 4-on-4.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 24 saves for the Mighty Ducks, who won three times on the four-game road trip that ended Monday night.

Anaheim lost its first four meetings with the Stars and the Mighty Ducks were 5-2-2 all-time in Dallas.

Turco, who stopped 16 shots, came up with a key



KRT photo/John F. Rhodes, Dallas Morning News
Dallas Stars' Steve Ott (29) and the Anaheim Mighty Ducks' Joe DiPenta (33) fight in the second period during the Mighty Ducks' 2-1 win over the Stars at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Monday.

save on Rob Niedermayer's power-play deflection at 3:58 of

the second period. Dallas, which had won its previous four games,

held an 8-3 shots edge in a scoreless and listless opening period.

Tagliabue retires, leaves NFL in good shape

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer
NEW YORK — Paul Tagliabue is leaving the NFL, and he's leaving it both peaceful and prosperous.

The 65-year-old commissioner will step down in July after 16 years, his tenure marked by labor harmony and unprecedented riches through television deals.

Tagliabue has been in charge since 1989, when he succeeded Pete Rozelle, and agreed last March to stay to complete the TV deal and a long-term contract with players.

He finally got that done 12 days ago, finishing the most arduous labor negotiations since the league and union agreed on a free agency-salary cap deal in 1992.

"I really want to emphasize how much of a privi-

lege it is to spend most of your adult life with the NFL. This is not an easy decision for me," Tagliabue said on a conference call Monday.

"As difficult as this decision is, I also know it's the right decision. Right for me. Right for the league," he said.

Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer, and Atlanta general manager Rich McKay are the two leading candidates to succeed Tagliabue. Baltimore Ravens president Dick Cass also is considered to have an outside chance and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said she would like the job.

Tagliabue said the search is wide open and that he will stay on beyond July to avoid the kind of seven-month deadlock that occurred between him and the late

Jim Finks after Rozelle stepped down in March 1989.

Owners will begin to look for a new commissioner at their meetings next week in Orlando, Fla.

As for his own tenure, Tagliabue said, "Building a strong relationship with the NFL Players Association is the thing I'm most proud of."

More than anything else, Tagliabue took over a league that already had become America's game under Rozelle and took it to the next level, enriching it and restoring labor peace.

In many cases, he turned millionaire owners into billionaires. The value of many franchises has increased tenfold since 1989 — those worth \$70 million then are worth \$700 million now.

With the labor and TV deals done, Tagliabue made no secret that retirement was near.

Last week, he told players' union executive director Gene Upshaw that he would spend the weekend at his vacation home in Maine. Tagliabue also said he might look at buying a boat for retirement.

Tagliabue's first phone call with the news went to Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney, the NFL's senior owner. The other owners learned of it by e-mail.

"We've got the best labor deal in sports. We've got the best league. He's been our leader. The whole way he's done this has been wonderful," Rooney told The Associated Press.

Tagliabue will stay on with the NFL as a senior executive and a consultant through 2008.

Japan takes down Cuba in WBC championship

By BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer
SAN DIEGO — Forget baseball. This was yaku at its best, and the inaugural World Baseball Classic belongs to Japan.

Ichiro Suzuki and his less-famous countrymen beat Cuba 10-6 in the championship game Monday night, ripping a page out of Cuba's scorebook by winning a major

international tournament.

On a festive night when Cuban and Japanese fans danced to "Surf City" and Sadaharu Oh escorted Hank Aaron — there's 1,623 home runs between them — onto the field, Japan won the 16-nation tournament that showed baseball in March can matter.

The Classic's slogan is "Baseball Spoken Here." In this case, it's yaku,

which in Japanese means "field ball."

Suzuki doubled, singled and drove in a run. He also scored three times, including in a four-run first inning that proved Cuba's pitchers are vulnerable, after all.

When big league reliever Akinori Otsuka got the final out, he was mobbed near the mound by his teammates. The Japanese then tossed Oh, their

manager, into the air twice.

"I'm unbelievably happy," Suzuki said. "To be honest, I never imagined we'd get there. We had a great team, the best. I hope we showed everyone what a great sport baseball is."

Suzuki singled in the ninth to score Munenori Kawasaki on a close play at the plate and make it 7-5.

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Adams.

"We had a good workout today," he added. "We are not really looking to change much for the tournament and will try to keep things as normal as possible."



ADAMS

Howard may have to battle through depth issues as it moves toward a national championship.

The team already only goes seven deep with scholarship players, but two of those players will play through injuries. Freshman Bougari Konate is playing through a hyperextended elbow and sophomore Dezmon Harris re-

sprained his ankle during practice last week. Both players are expected to play, but neither will be 100 percent, according to Adams.

Of the eight first-round games being played Tuesday and Wednesday, only two games feature two ranked teams against each other.

Fourth-ranked Highland will take on No. 16 Southwest Tennessee, while No. 2 Northwest Mississippi will challenge No. 18 Iowa Western.

A Howard win in the first round would put the Hawks into the quarterfinals against either Tallahassee, which knocked off nationally-ranked Chipola on its way to nationals, or Texas' San Jacinto.

That game will be played Thursday at 8:30 p.m. If Howard loses, it will face the loser of the Tallahassee-San Jacinto game and play Thursday at 2 p.m.

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the win on the mound as she gave up no runs on no hits and struck out five and walked one in three innings. She struck out the side in the first inning.

Dunn pitched the fourth and fifth inning and gave up a hit and hit a batter, but didn't surrender a run. She recorded three strikeouts.

The Bulldogettes are currently ranked No. 8 in Class 2A, according to the rankings, but this could be the best team Dickenson has ever had in his nine years at the school. One of those years included a state championship.

"I tell them that all the time because I think they should know," said Dickenson. "Where we are ranked really doesn't matter to me. I just want to be playing in Austin at the end of the season."

Upcoming Area Lineup

Today

- Howard baseball vs. Barton County, 1 p.m.
- Big Spring softball vs. Andrews, 4 p.m.
- Big Spring baseball @ Hobbs, 4:30 p.m.
- Forsan softball vs. San Angelo Central JV, 5 p.m.
- Coahoma baseball vs. Stamford, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

- Coahoma/Forsan golf at Comanche Trail Golf Course, 9 a.m.
- Howard men's basketball vs. Sheridan, at the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., 1 p.m.
- Howard softball vs. Western Texas, 1 p.m.

Thursday

- Big Spring girl's golf @ Lamesa

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with 10:38 to go when Mulkey-Robertson was whistled for a technical foul for arguing a foul call on Lady Bears guard Jessica Morrow.

The Lobos' Julie Briody and Abbie Letz made four straight free throws, and New Mexico quickly trimmed the deficit to 85-80 with more than 8 minutes to play.

That's when Young went to work. She scored, drew a foul and hit the free throw to give Baylor a 68-60 lead.

Young's personal 6-0 run pushed Baylor's lead back to 71-60.

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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS In the first days following the vernal equinox, there's a crispness to the air. The atmosphere seems pregnant with possibility. To magnify the emotion, an expansive Sagittarius moon puts a pinch of adventure into the mix. What's old is new, and what's new is REALLY new! Accept the stars' gifts by making at least one fresh acquaintance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though you know yourself well, the stars suggest that you will deepen your knowledge today, enabling you to make choices that lead to your immediate satisfaction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's important to remember that it is more difficult to take criticism than give it. On a practical note, don't wait to return merchandise that is not satisfactory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sometimes the only mature way to handle serious matters is to laugh out loud. The stars support a big-belly laugh this afternoon. When you see the humor in the situation, others will, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Against all odds, you will succeed. If you're not against enough odds, you may not have enough will to succeed. So play the biggest game you can today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have done all you can do, and now it is decision-making time. Don't worry. Your fate is not hanging in the balance of someone else's opinion. You've already chosen your destiny.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you still find yourself excusing a lot of bad behavior from your partner, it may be time to move on. Friends spring exciting news on you. You play a key role in their plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People in your midst make a hobby out of attracting trouble. Sad stories circle, gain gravity and are unavoidable. Maybe all this drama is designed to help you expand your capacity to feel empathy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Communicating can be tricky. There are so many new rules lately. No worries. You're like a universal remote control - you fit into any situation, and even control it with a little well-timed button pushing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whether it's joy or sadness, you'll feel it fully, deeply, madly. Be on the lookout for energy-vampires, and don't let them near you. Emotions are too easily manipulated under these skies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When it's time to make a change, you'll be ready. In the meantime, stop obsessing. It only takes you away from the beauty right in front of you. Write a love letter tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Forgive a friend. Don't wait for this person to ask for forgiveness or even to realize the offense he or she made. You have a big, generous spirit, and you continue to be an inspiration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone who doesn't have too much going on is a drag to talk with these days. Take the whole story into consideration. There are low points in every life. Knowing this, be available and supportive for loved ones.

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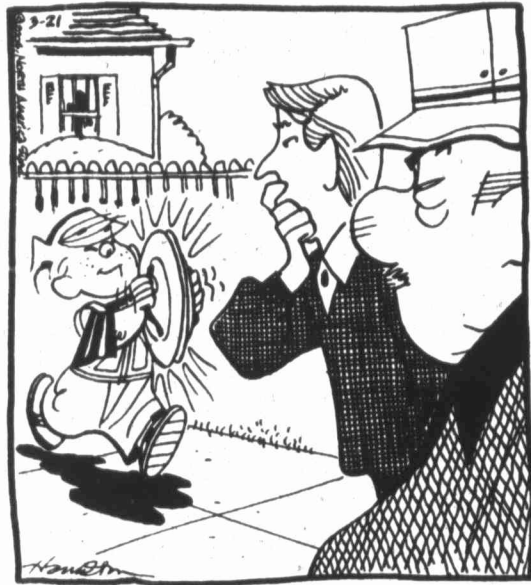
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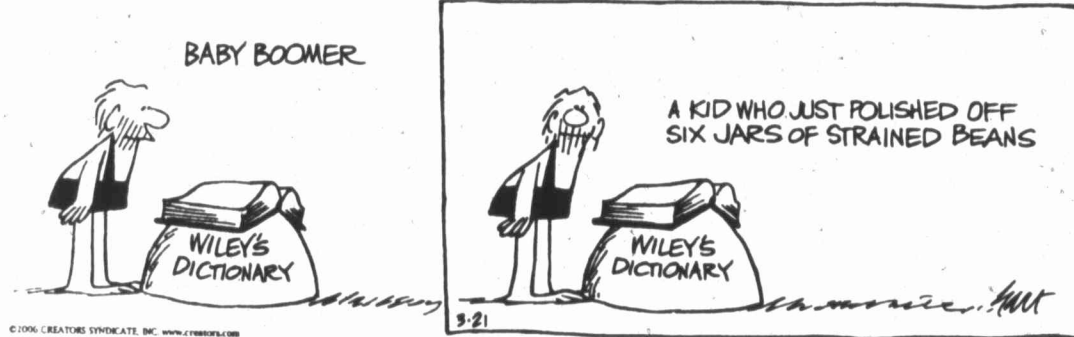
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THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 21, the 80th day of 2006. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on March 21, 1806, Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca.

On this date: In 1790, Thomas Jefferson reported to President Washington in New York as the new secretary of state.

In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1946, the United Nations set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in New York.

In 1960, some 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators.

In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators

led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

In 1979, the Egyptian Parliament unanimously approved a peace treaty with Israel.

In 1985, police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings, killing at least 21 demonstrators.

One year ago: Armed with a new law rushed through Congress and signed by President Bush, the attorney for Terri Schiavo's parents pleaded with a judge to order the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reinserted. (The judge ended up refusing.)

Birthdays: Violinist-conductor Joseph Silverstein is 74. Actor Al Freeman Jr. is 72. Actress Kathleen Widdoes is 67. Singer Solomon Burke is 66. Actress Marie-Christine Barrault is 62. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 61. Actor Timothy Dalton is 60. Singer Eddie Money is 57. Rock singer-musician Roger Hodgson (Supertramp) is 56. Rock musician Conrad

Lozano (Los Lobos) is 55: Rhythm-and-blues singer Russell Thompkins Jr. (The Stylistics) is 55. Actor Gary Oldman is 48. Actor Matthew Broderick is 44. Comedian Rosie O'Donnell is 44. Rock musician Jonas "Joker" Berggren (Ace of Base) is 39. Rock MC Maxim (Prodigy) is 39. Rock musician Andrew Copeland (Sister Hazel) is 38. "Hip-hop DJ" DJ Premier (Gang Starr) is 37.

Thought for Today: "Entre los individuos como entre las naciones, el respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz." (Among individuals, as among nations, peace is the respect of others' rights.) — Benito Juarez, Mexican statesman (1806-1872).

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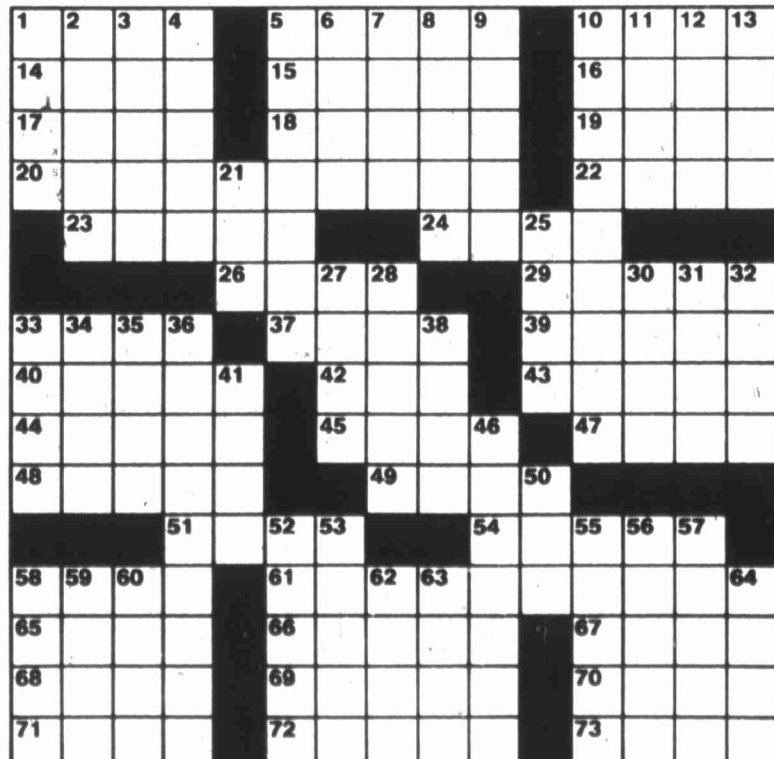
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Newsday Crossword

STUNNING by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Makes mistakes
 - 5 Ascend, as a ladder
 - 10 Short skirt
 - 14 Gather, as crops
 - 15 In a little while
 - 16 Spring flower
 - 17 Golda of Israel
 - 18 Houston baseballer
 - 19 Take it easy
 - 20 Earthquake postscript
 - 22 Leg joint
 - 23 Prepare, as tea
 - 24 Affirmative votes
 - 26 Bumper mishap
 - 29 Divide equally
 - 33 Office aide: Abbr.
 - 37 Song for two
 - 39 Eiffel Tower locale
 - 40 Elevator alternative
 - 42 Summer shirt
 - 43 Cut corners
 - 44 Phone answerer's word
 - 45 Nylon problem
 - 47 "Piece of cake!"
 - 48 Fencing blades
 - 49 Urban haze
 - 51 Dread
 - 54 Singer Midler
 - 58 List-ending abbr.
 - 61 Arkansas capital
 - 65 Folk singer Guthrie
 - 66 Like a lot
 - 67 Jane in a Brontë novel
- DOWN**
- 1 Author Bombeck
 - 2 Coral structures
 - 3 Singer Bonnie
 - 4 Shopping binge
 - 5 Held on to
 - 6 Eyelid attachment
 - 7 Leave Beaver
 - 8 "Heavens to Betsy!"
 - 9 Out of money
 - 10 Soda-fountain drink
 - 11 Golf club
 - 12 Cairo's river
 - 13 Spot in the ocean
 - 21 Stop-sign color
 - 25 Poisonous snakes
 - 27 Cashews, e.g.
 - 28 Most high schoolers
 - 30 Opera highlight
 - 31 Cup edges
 - 32 Catch sight of
 - 33 Tennis champ Arthur
 - 34 Dance move
 - 35 December 26th event
 - 36 Kitchen surface, perhaps
 - 38 Group of athletes
 - 41 Valentine flower
 - 46 Wine glasses
 - 50 "Golly!"
 - 52 Texas landmark
 - 53 Passenger
 - 55 Current fashion
 - 56 "Happy Birthday ____"
 - 57 Hosiery colors
 - 58 Marshal Wyatt
 - 59 Oak or apple
 - 60 Alan of M*A*S*H
 - 62 Pulled apart
 - 63 Threesome
 - 64 Daily Planet reporter Clark



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Wacky Facts

Chemist Gertrude Elion, who played a key role in developing drugs to treat leukemia and viral disease, won the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1988. She never even earned a Ph.D.
— World Almanac for Kids

KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"Many people worry so much about managing their careers, but rarely spend half that much energy managing their LIVES. I want to make my life, not just my job, the best it can be."
— Oscar winner Reese Witherspoon, on brainyquote.com.

In The News

Found: Statues of Ramses the Great

Below an outdoor market in Cairo, Egypt, archaeologists have uncovered the largest sun temple ever found. The site has huge statues that researchers believe are of the pharaoh King Ramses II.



WHO WAS RAMSES II?

Ramses II, also known as Ramses the Great, ruled Egypt for 66 years, from 1270 to 1213 B.C. Ramses II is known for his military battles against the Hittites and the Syrians. During his rule, Ramses II built monuments along the Nile River to mark his achievements. Ramses also built many temples. The most famous temple is at Abu Simbel, on Egypt's southern border.



BIG STATUES UNCOVERED

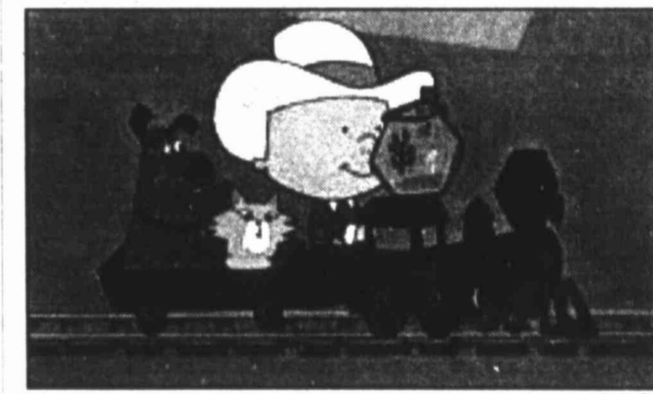
Archaeologists found huge artifacts at the site. The largest artifact is a pink granite statue that weighs 4 to 5 tons. Researchers say its features are similar to those of Ramses II. They also found a 5-foot-high statue of a seated figure. The statue has hieroglyphics that include three tablets with Ramses II's name. A 3-ton head of a royal statue was also found.

The statues were found under the Souq al-Kharnis market. Zahi Hawass, the head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said the market will have to be moved to a new location.

The market is in the area where the ancient city Heliopolis was located. The ancient city was once home to many temples built for Egypt's sun gods. — Jill Egan

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Rips & Raves



Dig some dino fun

Yee-haw!

Saddle up, pardner, and get ready for a hefty hoe-down of fun with the new film, "Stanley's Dinosaur Round-Up." In the Walt Disney film, lil' Stanley heads to his great-uncle's dude ranch for a family trip across the Wild West. His journey also includes some of his pals, as well as Dennis, his feisty talking goldfish.

At the ranch, Stanley discovers dinosaurs — a discovery that may come in handy when his uncle finds himself in trouble. It seems a local businessman wants to buy his uncle's ranch and turn it into a parking lot. But with Stanley's new find, the family hopes they'll be able to dig themselves out of this predicament.

The DVD, rated G, also includes two bonus features. You'll get "Stanley's Dino-Dig Game" and learn how to make your own "Great Big Book of Everything."

The DVD is available in stores. You also can order it online for \$13.99 from www.amazon.com.

— Karalee Miller

Big-league impact

BY ALYSON WARD
Knight Ridder Newspapers



Every year, the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., recognizes some of the sport's best players, coaches, managers and umpires by electing them to the Hall of Fame. It's a big honor to be named — of all the people who have ever been involved in baseball, fewer than 300 of them are Hall of Famers.

This year for the first time, a woman was added to the list of the greats. Effa Manley, above, a team owner who died in 1981, will be one of 18 people inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame this summer. She's the only woman — so far — to win membership in this elite group. But there's a long (and little-known) history of women being involved in baseball.

WHAT DID EFFA MANLEY DO FOR BASEBALL?

Manley and her husband co-owned the Newark Eagles, a team that was part of the Negro Leagues in the 1930s and 1940s, when baseball was racially segregated. She was, by all accounts, a great owner and manager — in a time when lots of people said baseball was no place for a woman. She made sure her players were paid well, and she provided them an air-conditioned bus for traveling (a \$15,000 investment that was unheard of in the Negro Leagues). She also fought for civil rights; in 1934, she staged a boycott of Harlem stores so they'd stop refusing to hire black sales clerks — and it worked.

Manley was white, but her stepfather and her husband were black, so she chose to live as a black woman. She was outspoken and high-spirited, and she hated — hated — to lose. Fortunately, her team didn't lose often; in fact, the Eagles won the league's championship and the Black World Series in 1946.

Manley's gravestone simply says "She Loved Baseball."

WHO WERE THE OTHER WOMEN OF BASEBALL?

Most women in baseball have been players. In 1866, students at Vassar College formed the first women's baseball team. It was 1875, though, before two professional women's teams faced off on the field. That's when a group of men decided that audiences might pay money to see women playing baseball. They formed a club in Springfield, Ill., and divided it into two teams called — get this — the

Hall of Fame pioneer Effa Manley and other women have made their mark on baseball

minor league Chattanooga Lookouts, pitched for part of an inning in an exhibition game against the New York Yankees. In that short time, she struck out two baseball greats: Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

During World War II, many minor league teams disbanded because of the draft. The owner of the Chicago Cubs worried that the draft would deplete the pro teams, as well — and interest in baseball would fade — so

he established a women's softball league. Approximately 60 women were selected to play for the four teams of what would become the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

These professional players were expected to be — above all — pretty, feminine, well-behaved and well-dressed. They attended etiquette classes, traveled with a chaperone and were required to carry a beauty kit when they traveled. Their uniforms had short, flared skirts.

But the women were good — very good — and soon they were drawing huge crowds because they played an exciting game. More teams formed. Attendance skyrocketed.

But then major league baseball got bigger — and when

television came along, people could watch the pro games on TV. As interest began to diminish, the women's league lost fans and money. The women's league ended in 1954. (The league was the subject of the 1992 movie "A League of Their Own.")

CAN WOMEN PLAY PRO BASEBALL TODAY?

Yes and no. There has never been a female player in the major leagues. In fact, in 1952, Major League Baseball declared that women could not sign contracts with professional teams. But since then, a few women have gotten in with the guys. In the 1980s, Julie Croteau played first base for St. Mary's College in Maryland — the first woman to play on a men's team at the college level. And in 1993, Carey Schueler was drafted by the Chicago White Sox. (The daughter of general manager Ron Schueler, she was picked in the 43rd round and never got to play with the pros.)

A handful of other women have owned major league teams. And in 1904, Amanda Clement became the first woman umpire in men's baseball — at age 16. Clement showed up at her brother's semi-pro game in Iowa, then offered to fill in when the umpire didn't show. She was hired on the spot.

SOURCES: ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA; NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME; THE EXPLORATORIUM MUSEUM'S "SCIENCE OF BASEBALL" EXHIBIT; ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE; MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL (WWW.MLB.COM)



MICHAEL HOGUE/KRT

Blondes and the Brunettes. Athleticism was not exactly a priority then; the main idea was for the women to look beautiful.

But eventually, women started insisting that their skills were important, too. Around the turn of the 20th century, women all over the country started to form "barnstorming" teams — they'd travel around and issue challenges so that men's teams (both amateur and semi-pro) would play against them. These teams disappeared by the mid-1930s, when minor league baseball teams, which gave men a shot at the major leagues, started edging them out.

There were still great moments for women, though. In 1931, Jackie Mitchell, a 17-year-old pitcher for the



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Jackie Mitchell, left, with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

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Veteran

Who: State and local veterans. Public

What: Lamun-Lusk State Veterans Honor anniversary celebration

When: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: At the veteran U.S. Highway 87.

How: Comments, photos, colors, tours and refreshments

It's just coming

New post office in Big Spring

By THOMAS JENNINGS
Staff Writer

For Gary Crittenden, newly appointed postmaster for the Big Spring Post Office, coming home to Big Spring City was a relief.

Crittenden, who was appointed to the position approximately two weeks ago, said Big Spring reminds him of his hometown of Berger, where he took the route there to here is making a difference at last.

"I've worked in the post office for a number of years. I started in Denver, Colo., and then in other places," said Crittenden. "I moved down to Big Spring, which is home to me. My parents were there and they were in bad health, so I came here. I got a transfer and where they sent me. Worked there a while."



Law enforcement accident at the scene, the driver right-of-way to a driver.

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